

WILLAMETTE MAY NAME CHAPEL "WALLER HALL"

Movement on Foot to Honor Man Who Gave Much Time Toward Securing First Good Building at University.



OLD MAIN BUILDING OF WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO CHRISTEN WALLER HALL.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., March 2.—(Special.)—At the exercises held here upon Founders' and Benefactors' day, President Homan spoke of calling the building, now vaguely alluded to as the chapel, the old main building and several other designations, "Waller Hall." Dr. Homan said that the matter would come before the university board of trustees in June, and that the action would be taken toward naming it.

Within the chapel, in plain view of all entering, is a tablet, erected years ago by Willamette alumni, containing the following inscription:

"In memoriam, Alvan F. Waller, born 1803, died 1872. In the Master's name he gave our university the best years of his honorable and useful life."

The history of the building would seem eminently to justify the naming of it "Waller Hall." In Oregon and its institutions," published late in the 40s, the following story of the erection of this building and much that is new to most of the friends of old Willamette appears:

For some years previous to 1860 the trustees and friends of the institution generally had felt the need of a more commodious building for the accommodation of the school. The old building had been constructed with view to its occupancy for a short period, and that of a college edifice, and though it answered a very good purpose for many years, yet the rooms were low and uncomfortable, the roof was becoming dilapidated, the roof being scarcely a protection from the storm, as the shingles in many places were worn literally through to the sheathing, and the whole building had become so weakened by age and decay that the winter winds would shake it from cupola to foundation. Besides the old building was becoming too small for the school. The inability of the community to meet the expenses of such an undertaking, however, had the board for several times been making the attempt to erect a new college edifice, but the increasingly dilapidated condition of the old building rendered it absolutely necessary for them either to build or abandon the whole enterprise.

Abandonment Not Thought Of.

The latter idea, however, did not belong to the board. The building and commodious building had become an absolute necessity for the interests and perpetuity of the institution and the Providence had smiled upon our efforts thus far, and conducted us safely through every trying emergency, guiding our bark in the midst of storms and breakers on every hand, we decided to venture upon another sea of uncertainty, so far as human view could determine results, not doubting but that the same good God who had sustained and prospered us thus far on our voyage would bring us safe to land.

Consequently, influenced by these considerations, at a meeting held October 3, 1860, the board resolved to take immediate measures to prepare for the erection of a new college edifice, and the agent, Rev. A. F. Waller, was instructed to raise subscriptions for that purpose. The necessities of the hour prompted this action for the board at this time more than the prospect of immediate success. The action was found to be a little premature, however, as the board had not yet made a little progress was made, except that the subject of building during that time was thoroughly canvassed by the agent and others at the board's meeting, and the building became more and more apparent.

Question Is Revived.

Again, November 19, 1862, the question of a new college edifice was introduced before the board by the secretary, Rev. William Roberts, and, on motion of J. L. Parrish, it was again resolved that the board now proceed to take measures for the erection of a new college building some time during the ensuing year. Pursuant to this, for the purpose of setting the wheels in motion, a committee, consisting of J. H. Moore, J. Lamson, G. Hines, A. F. Waller and J. L. Parrish, was appointed to prepare and submit plans of a new building to the board at the next meeting.

The committee thus appointed reported a number of plans at a meeting held December 2, 1862, and on motion of Gustavus Hines the board instructed the agent to solicit subscriptions for the building. The agent was further instructed to call a public meeting at the Methodist Episcopal Church for the purpose of raising funds to aid in the erection of the building. The agent was further instructed to solicit subscriptions, to the amount of \$20,000 or more, for this purpose, and the subscribers were made liable for their respective subscriptions when the amount of \$10,000 was subscribed, the money to be paid in gold or silver coin or its equivalent.

"To bring the matter properly before the public the substance of the above decision was published in the Oregon Statesman and the Pacific Christian Advocate. For their respective subscriptions by the board of trustees, entered upon his work of soliciting subscriptions, but found it to be a slow and tedious process, for, five months after commencing, at a meeting of the board held May 25, 1863, he reported that \$12,836 only had been subscribed. Such, however, were the encouragements for an increase of subscriptions that the board proceeded to appoint a building committee, consisting of J. H. Moore, A. F. Waller and E. N. Cooke, in which was added subsequently the names of T. M. Gatch and G. Hines.

Plans Are Adopted.

"As yet no particular plan of building had been adopted by the board, and a somewhat warm and lengthened



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Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of March 2, 1862. Balloon Reconnaissance—This efficient modern improvement in the art of war seems to be kept in constant requisition on the Potomac and with great advantage to our army.

Corner-Stone Is Laid.—The corner-stone of the university was laid July 24, 1864, with somewhat of a flourish. Governor Gibbs delivered an address on the occasion and a historical sketch of the institution was read before a very large assembly.

James G. Swan, in the Northwest, states that there are gold deposits in the Olympia range of mountains. He has seen specimens of quartz gold found on the Quinalt.

CITY COUNCIL.—Petition of E. G. Randall and others praying that an auction shop on First street between Washington and Alder, be suppressed as a nuisance, was read and referred to committee on health and police.

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