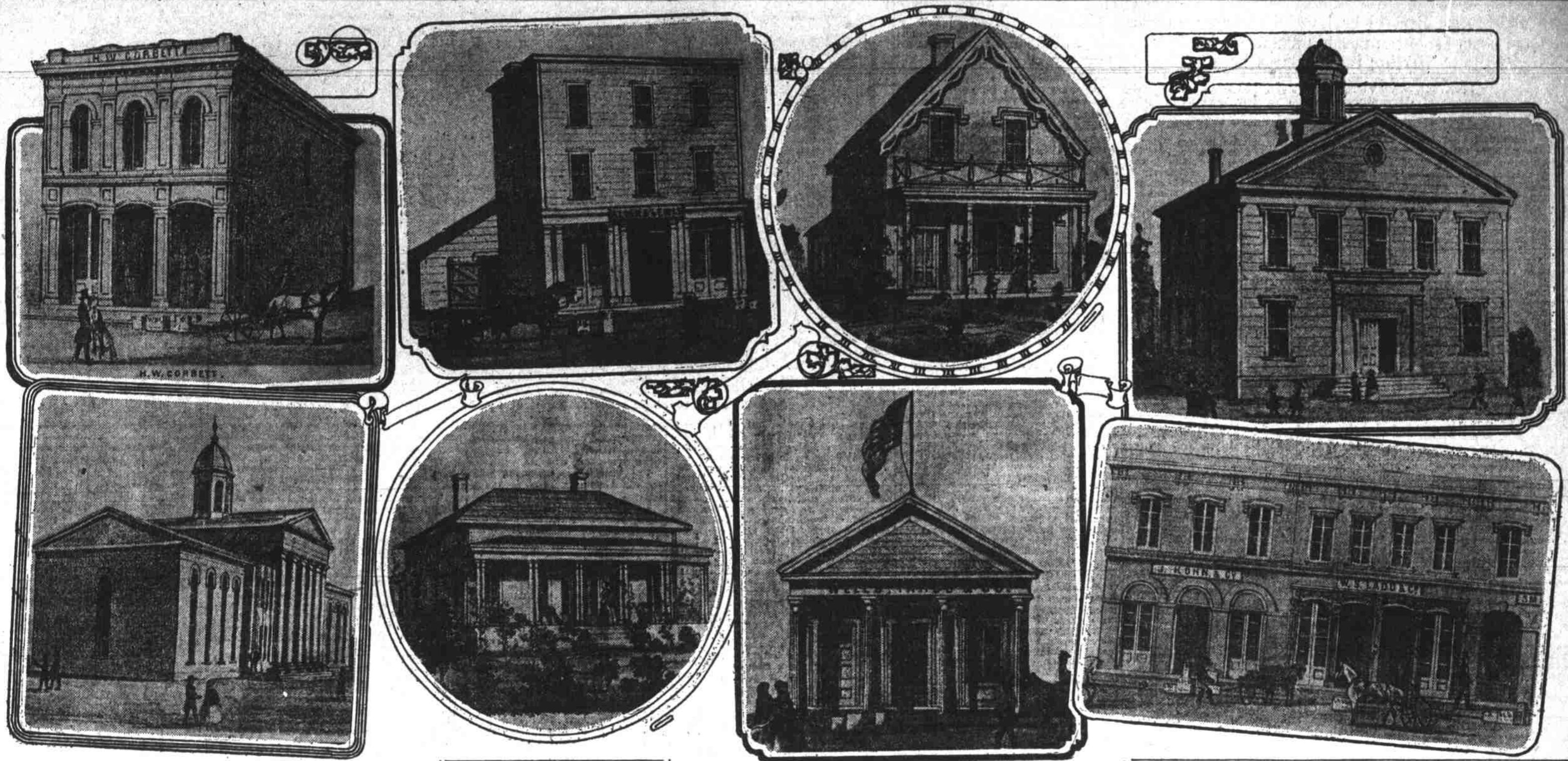


A GLANCE BACKWARD AT PORTLAND AS IT WAS 55 YEARS AGO



PICTURES TAKEN IN 1858 BRING TO MIND PLACES LONG GONE

Pioneer Resident Recalls the Town's Business and Social Life as It Was Before War.

By F. L.

YOU will often see on the street a gray-bearded, white-haired gentleman wearing a high silk hat and a Prince Albert coat. He is Dr. James R. Cardwell, and for more than 50 years he has been a resident of Portland.

Recently I showed him a number of photographs taken in Portland in 1858. "Do you remember these buildings?" I asked.

Dr. Cardwell looked at them. His eyes sparkled and clapping me on the shoulder he said: "Why, bless your heart, my boy, I haven't seen anything for years that brings back the old times as do those old photographs. J. H. Couch's house looks just as natural as when I used to go there. It was on Knob Hill, or what would nowadays be called North Fourth street, between Gilsan and Hoyt. Captain Couch was a fine type of the old-time sea dog. He was gruff, but was absolutely honest and one of the most honorable men I ever knew.

"How well I remember George Collier Robbins' house. It was located on the southwest corner of what is now First and Davis streets. Mrs. Robbins was a very sociable person. She was a regular sister to all of us young fellows in those days. Both Mr. and Mrs. Robbins were charming people. Mr. Robbins had a jewelry store and used to buy gold dust. He made bars or slugs of the dust, stamped on them their weight and his name and they passed current everywhere. Robbins' slugs used to be well known in the early days. Mrs. Robbins was a great woman for shrubs and flowers. They were always in bloom here. I have always been fond of growing things, and I was anxious to get a sprout from the wistaria, but I couldn't make it grow. Mr. Robbins was mayor of Portland a few years after this picture was taken.

"That picture of Wells, Fargo & Co. brings back a host of recollections. The women with their hoop skirts, the city men with their stiff hats, the miners with their boots and slouch hats, take me back 50 years. J. M. Vansyckle was, at that time the agent for the Wells, Fargo. He was a small, blonde, wiry, active man, and quite nervous. He was something of a stump speaker and politician. His wife was very attractive and he had a daughter who was one of the most beautiful girls in Portland at that time. He went up to eastern Oregon. Vansyckle canyon, in Umatilla county, I believe, is named after him.

Pioneer Merchant Hard Worker.

"That picture of Allen & Lewis' store, the frame building with its wooded lean-to, looks wonderfully natural. It was on the northeast corner of Front and Burnside streets. Cicero Lewis was the resident partner, while Allen lived in San Francisco, where he kept a big jobbing stock. Cicero Lewis was a remarkable man. In all my life I never saw a man more devoted to business. He married one of Captain Couch's daughters. I never remember him indulging in any pleasure. His only pleasure seemed to be his business. He used to say that it was better to send word to him what you wanted than to go and select it yourself as he took pride in seeing that you got the best there was if you left it to his judgment.

"Benjamin Stark, who had a store here in this period, was one of the most courtly and elegant gentlemen in Portland. You couldn't see him without being impressed with his politeness and quietness. When he first came he bought a wedge of land about 23 acres between Pettysgrove's and Couch's claim. Stark street was about the

southern line of it and A street was the line on the north. He built a brick block on the corner of Front and Stark streets. I remember when Governor Whitaker appointed him to congress that everyone raised a great howl as he was a Democrat with southern sympathies.

"W. S. Ladd & Co. had their store between 'Puke' Smith's store and a store owned by a Jew named Kohn. In addition to his regular stock of goods he kept a big stock of supplies for the miners, in which line he had a very profitable trade. When Mr. Ladd had made about \$25,000 he went in with Mr. Tilton and started a bank on the same site. Mr. Ladd's store was the third store on Front street on the west side, south of Stark. He had a frontage of 25 feet. This was the first brick building in Portland. It was built in 1858, being built after I came to Portland. It was occupied in June of that year, and a year after this picture was taken, or in 1859, another story was put on, making it a three-story brick block. It is still standing.

Hallock & McMillan's store was on Front street, on the corner of Oak street. A. B. Hallock afterwards became an architect and builder. For years he ran the politics of Portland. He was an enthusiastic fireman in the early days of the volunteer fire departments. He finally went to Tillamook county. McMillan was very heavy-set and became more so as he grew older.

"J. W. Cleaver had a furniture store. He was very energetic and a good business man. Many years later, I believe, his sons went to Pendleton, where they were engaged in business, and later went to Chicago.

A Pioneer Livery Stable.

"Sherlock & Bacon's livery stable was on the southwest corner of Third and Oak. I used to keep my horse and buggy there. Sherlock was a great big good-hearted Irishman with light hair and a florid complexion, heavy set, and a great joker. I remember we were sitting in front of his stable once, when W. S. Ladd passed. Sherlock made some impudent remark to Mr. Ladd, as a joke, but which made Mr. Ladd angry. Mr. Ladd gave him a pretty sharp rebuke. Mr. Ladd had not gone far when he came back and said: 'I know you must have meant that as a joke. I am sorry I spoke so sharply to you.' His partner, Charley Bacon, was a different type of man entirely. He was very direct and gruff. He would talk awfully ugly to you if things didn't go to suit him, particularly if you ever came in with your horse sweaty or your buggy muddier than he thought it ought to be.

"Strong & Co.'s bakery was on the southeast corner of First and Morrison streets.

"Northrup & Blossom, whose store was on the corner of Front and Yamhill streets, used to do a big business in hardware. Northrup was a strong Methodist. He was tall, slender and looked a good deal like W. F. Woodard, of Woodard & Clark. He married Job McNamee's daughter. He died as a result of falling through a trap door in their store. His partner, Mr. Blossom, had a son who is still living in Portland.

"H. W. Corbett's store was on the southwest corner of Front and Oak streets. Mr. Corbett started his fortune in hardware. He was a shrewd and successful merchant and by the purchase of real estate and being here on the ground floor in early days, laid the foundation for a large fortune."

Treasury Department Has Paper.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The treasury department boasts of a daily paper, published solely for the benefit of Secretary McAdoo and his assistants. The editor of this unique daily is the department librarian. Each morning she goes through a large number of exchanges, clips currency news, and features of interest to the department heads, rewrites them into two or three line items, and sends them over with the clippings to the composing room, where they are put into good reading form. In 10 minutes' time Secretary McAdoo can get the news of the world, as it affects him and his department, from all the papers, and he can devote the rest of the day to doing up business that will make more 'stories' for his newspaper.

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MILLION DOLLARS IS ASKED FOR WORK AT MOUTH OF COLUMBIA

Other Appropriations Affecting Oregon Included in Report of Chief of Army Engineers.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Dec. 20.—Request for expenditure of \$41,655,155 for river and harbor improvements—361 different projects—was submitted to the house last week by the chief of the army engineers. The biggest single project in the report was the recommendation of an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for general improvement of the Missouri river. An appropriation of \$5,000,000 for various projects connected with the Ohio river improvement scheme was stated as being necessary within the next few years. One million and a half was asked for improvement of the Mississippi river between the Missouri river and St. Paul, Minn., and \$1,000,000 for preservation and repair of fortifications. Recommendation was also made for construction of a sea wall at Fort San Jacinto.

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Fifteen thousand dollars was asked to continue the work of the California debris commission.

Following are all of the projects for which appropriations were recommended in California, Oregon and Washington:

- Los Angeles harbor, Cal., \$25,000.
- Harbor at San Francisco, Cal., \$900,000.
- Oakland harbor, Cal., \$98,000.
- San Pablo bay, Cal., \$40,000.
- Humboldt harbor and bay, Cal., \$25,000.
- Sacramento and Feather rivers, Cal., \$25,000.
- Coquille river, Or., \$49,000.
- Entrance to Coos bay and harbor, Or., \$50,000.
- Coos river, Or., \$300,000.
- Tillamook bay and bar, Or., \$207,000.
- Nehalem bay and entrance to Nehalem bay, Or., \$115,175.
- Snake river, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, \$10,000.
- Columbia river and tributaries above Celilo falls to the mouth of Snake river, Oregon and Washington, \$20,000.
- Columbia river between the foot of The Dalles rapids and the head of Celilo falls, Oregon and Washington, \$425,000.
- Canal at the Cascades, Columbia river, Or., \$10,000.
- Willamette above Portland and Yamhill river, Or., \$30,000.
- Columbia and lower Willamette rivers, below Portland, Or., \$300,000.
- Mouth of Columbia river, Oregon and Washington, \$1,000,000.
- Clatskanie river, Or., \$100,000.
- Cowlitz and Lewis rivers, Wash., \$15,000.
- Grays river, Wash., \$50,000.
- Puget sound and its tributary waters, \$25,000.
- Waterway connecting Puget sound with the Lakes Union and Washington, Wash., \$375,000.
- Skagit river, Wash., \$10,000.
- Columbia river between Bridgeport and Kettle falls, Wash., \$25,000.

—Photographs by courtesy of Oregon Historical Society.

Public buildings, stores and residences in Portland in 1858. Top, left to right—Store of H. W. Corbett, southwest corner Front and Oak streets; Allen & Lewis' store, northeast corner Front and Burnside streets; residence of G. Collier Robbins, northwest corner of First and Davis streets; public school on the site now occupied by the Portland hotel.

Bottom, left to right—Oregon state penitentiary, southeast corner Front and Harrison streets; residence of J. H. Couch, Fourth street, between Gilsan and Hoyt streets; Wells-Fargo & Co.'s office, Front street, between Stark and Oak streets; stores of J. Kohn & Co. and W. S. Ladd & Co. on Front street, between Washington and Stark.

THIS ASPIRANT BACKS UP CLAIMS WITH AFFIDAVITS

Secretary McAdoo Hears of a Man Eminently Qualified for Any Sort of Job; Garrison Evades Correspondents; Other Capital Stories.

By Burton K. Standish. (United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Dec. 20.—Of all the strange letters that reach the government daily, none is stranger than the affidavit of a New York man as to his qualifications for office under the Wilson administration. This letter has just come to the attention of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

The gentleman, calmly and confidently let Secretary McAdoo into the dark secret that the United States government is losing money in losing the services of a thoroughly competent man every day that it neglects to put him on its payroll. He spared nothing in his modest appraisal of his own virtues. In fact, he was just the man for almost any job that the secretary might have at his disposal.

And lest someone should think that his fulsome praise came from an exaggerated or untruthful source, Mr. New Yorker calmly put it all down in black and white, swore to it in the presence of witnesses, and had a notary public examine it, and then put on his big official seal.

All the paths of life isn't huddled up in the alums of a big city, reports from field agents of the department of agriculture show. Here's the story of a little cripple, whose only joy in life is watching tomatoes grow. She lives in Alabama, and the field agent writes: "Two young girl members of a tomato club, with four friends, set out the tomato plants for the little sick girl. She was carried out in a chair to see the fruiting plants, and with tears streaming down her face tried to extend her thanks."

Then there's another girl "whose father is so contrary" that he makes her do all the cooking and washing for four laborers, and won't reward her with even a few cents or new tops so that she may help do some washing with the other girls in the cannery club. And a little 12-year-old girl in South Carolina is running a small farm—not much more than a garden patch—because her father's crippled. She even has to follow the plow. Another girl and her grandmother had to clear and fence a "farm" on an Alabama mountain top.

A number of newspaper correspondents were trying to get a statement on the present situation in Mexico from Secretary of War Garrison. "Can you tell us how things stand in Mexico today?" one of them asked.

"Yes, I can," Garrison replied, with customary frankness. There was a long wait.

"Well, will you tell us?" finally asked one of the reporters.

"No, I won't," was the frank answer. Then after a moment, the secretary said: "I guess you boys must feel as the little boy did who asked his mother if he could go to the circus. 'Can I go to the circus?' he asked, and his mother replied that she supposed he could. 'May I go to the circus?' the boy then asked.

"You may go," mother told him,

more costly system of telegraphing, according to the observation of Representative Mann of Illinois, Republican leader of the house.

"It's a peculiar thing," Mann relates, "that capitalists and other wealthy men almost uniformly seek the attention of congressmen through the mails, while labor unions often use the telegraph."

Mann believes, at least so far as he is concerned, that a letter received more careful consideration by a congressman than a telegram in Washington. Telegrams here are often delivered to a member's home, instead of to his office. They lose their "punch" thereby, securing less concentrated attention. Brief, hasty, noncommittal replies are often made also to telegrams, when a letter would receive more painstaking consideration.

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For further details of the uncomfortable situation, call upon Charlie Pope, 911 Josephine street, and Clyde Ashmore, 708 Arlington street. Likewise, Mrs. Charlie Pope and Mrs. Clyde Ashmore, both of 1825 Water street.

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went to Cleburne, were married and returned to Fort Worth. The husbands kissed their brides good night. Business called Ashmore out of town and he has been away from his wife most of their wedded life, but Pope has been a constant visitor at his wife's house. Every night he has been there at the usual time and every night he has left at the usual time.

Ashmore and Pope got their heads together late Monday and decided with the same inspiration, "What's the use?" Eleven o'clock no longer has any terrors for them. Everybody knows all about it now.

MARRIED COUPLE HAD TO PART AT 11 SHARP

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Old Settlers Predict A Mild, Open Winter

Janesville, Wis., Dec. 20.—Pioneer residents are firm in the belief that the coming winter will be extremely mild. Looking back over 40 years or more, old settlers find that Mother Nature has but twice been as fickle as this season. In each case the winter was open, say these aged weather prophets.

All indications were for a severe season. A plentiful crop of nuts, heavy fur on the animals, ants building their homes deeper underground, bones of geese thicker and heavier, and the muskrat houses higher, were the early signs of a cold, hard winter.

Now all these signs are left without meaning, new indications taking their place. Lilacs are sprouting, early shrubs budding, squirrels and rabbits making and other signs peculiar to spring are here.

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