

Next Oldest Church Building in Oregon Is the One at St. Louis

This Pioneer House of Worship Was Started in 1844 by a Jesuit Missionary; the First Building Was a Log Structure, With Seats Made From Logs

(The following was written by Cecil Vera Anbaugh of Brooks, and appeared in the Portland Oregonian some weeks ago, together with a picture of this beautiful church.)

A casual motorist, straying from the well-worn routes, in passing the church of St. Louis, which lies some three miles west of Gervais, would not suspect from its well-kept appearance that there is one of the pioneer churches of Oregon.

In 1844 a Jesuit missionary, Father Aloys Verucruyase, came to the settlement and between that time and 1847 built the first church. This was a log building and in its construction no nails were used. The first confirmation was given here by Archbishop Blanchet in 1848 to 35 communicants.

Later, about 1850, this building was enlarged and strengthened. This was accomplished by the first appointed pastor, Father B. Delorme, with the help of his parishioners. In his day the parish extended from Oregon City to beyond the California line as the church records show that Father Delorme baptized, married and buried people in California.

After journeys into California on missions of business and mercy Father Delorme went to St. Paul, eight miles to the north, leaving the parish of St. Louis all the lands he had acquired while there. These beautiful acres are still a part of the grounds.

Father Vermersch, a Belgian of noble birth, was appointed to take charge. He quickly won the hearts of his people, as he was an able leader. His unostentatious charity towards the less fortunate of his flock, which his estate in the old country made possible, made him loved and respected by all. In this quiet and out of the way place he lived and labored twenty years, and now rests in the old St. Louis cemetery.

These are the high lights of history told by some who yet remember and some from established records, but Grandma (Lizette) Gobie, who talks French fluently, though her English bothers her

expression, told other things; told how on Easter, to decorate the altar, the women brought their brightest shawls, woven of silk in the old country and sold to traders of the Hudson's Bay company. How she searched for flowers in the early spring to relieve the plainness of those log walls.

She old of the benches made from split logs with the bark left on their backs and auger holes made to set the heavy pins in that served for legs. She gave as the reason for establishing St. Louis that the homesteaders around where Salem now stands found it too far to travel to St. Paul with their very small infants for baptism and christening. Her father helped hew the logs for the old first church.

Bits For Breakfast

First car of walnuts—

It rolled out from Salem yesterday.

The Skyline Orchards produced this year 22 tons of walnuts. Nearly 20 tons of them are of the Jumbo grade, bringing 32 cents a pound.

How would you like to have a walnut orchard like that, just getting into good bearing? As yet, prunes are planted between the walnut trees, and there was also a good crop of prunes this year.

The Slogan man has to prove, next Thursday, that this is the best walnut country in the world. Which it is. But not enough people know it and are sure of it. Help the Slogan man, if you are walnut wise. It is your duty.

F. W. Sears, the printer, has a strawberry patch just beyond the Four Corners, east of the penitentiary, which has now a fine second crop. They are Treblas, and beauties, and well flavored and colored.

Young lady student at William-

Society 'Agog' as Senator Marries Vanderbilt Widow



Society's topic is marriage in London of Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, widow of the late George W. and Senator Peter G. Gerry (inset) of Rhode Island. He was divorced a year ago, and the former Mrs. Gerry now is wife of another.

ette says the increasing popularity of the dead languages awakens the hope that after English has been thoroughly murdered there will be more study of it.

Mr. Hughes again urges the United States to join the world court. Going to do better than that, in good time. Going to go into the League of Nations by the front door.

Evidently Caillaux needed a success in this country to tide him over troubles at home, and he didn't get it.

COURSE IS COMPLETED

FIREMEN TAKE FINAL LESSON AT KLETT POOL

All firemen in the city finished the Red Cross first aid course conducted by the YMCA in the last lesson of the course held last night at Klett's natatorium. In order that all the firemen might finish, they were divided into two groups, the one relieving the other after it had finished the course. Chet Lindley, master lifesaver, conducted the class and Lyle Shephard gave the demonstration. He demonstrated all kinds of towels, carries and methods of breaking holds. The firemen, in turn, performed the various tasks.

The class was the last of a series of ten conducted by the YMCA for the purpose of teaching first aid, and the firemen completing the course are to receive the Red Cross certificate.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

A delightful Halloween party enjoyed by a group of the younger set was that of Wednesday evening at which Miss Dorothy Bosshard, assisted by Miss Kathryn Elgin, was hostess at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bosshard. After a series of games, dancing was enjoyed.

In the group for the evening were: Gertrude Gehler, Doris Hicks, Margaret Morehouse, Loretta Mathis, Henrietta Bishop, Bertha Babcock, Roy Maden, Kehne Wain, Dayle Jory, Kenneth Webb, Oscar Walker, Delbert Swabauer, Ruyeyen Hilliker, Gould Morehouse, and the hostesses, Kathryn Elgin and Dorothy Bosshard.

PORTLAND BRANCH VOTES

PARENT-TEACHERS ELECT STATE ASSOCIATION HEAD

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 29.—(By Associated Press.)—Mrs. W. W. Gabriel, president of the Irvington Parent-Teacher association and music chairman for the state Parent-Teacher organization was elected state president of the association at today's session of the four-day convention which closes tomorrow night. The convention also voted to amend its by-laws to change the name of "Oregon Con-

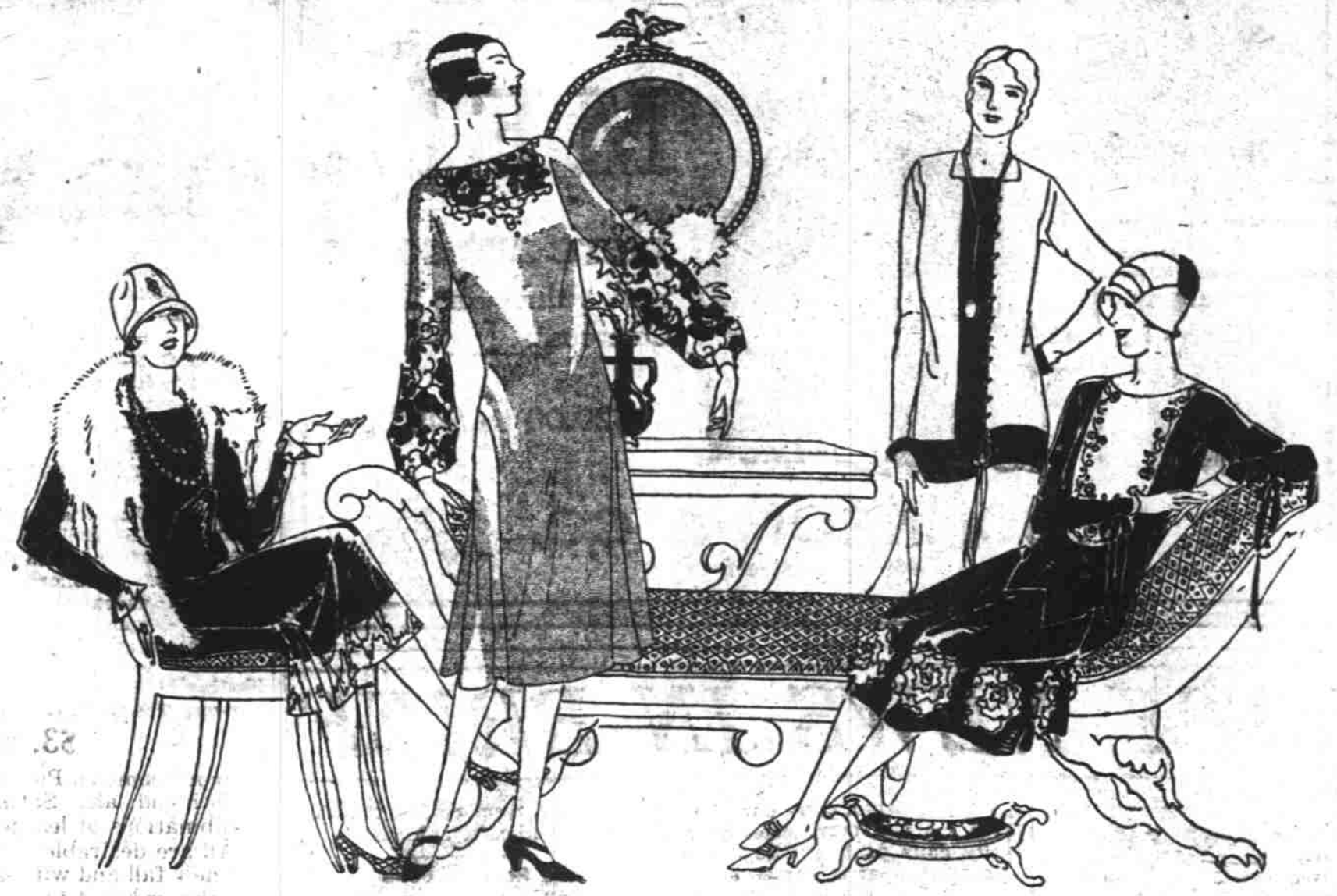
gress of Parents and Teachers," a branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Other officers, all re-elected are: Mrs. Louise Dodge, Ashland, vice president; Mrs. Lillie D.

Thomas, recording secretary; Mrs. B. I. Elliot, treasurer; Mrs. H. W. Hawkins, secretary, all of Portland. The post of corresponding secretary, at present held by Mrs. E. B. Merry is appointive.

Amendments to the by-laws, included adoption of a provision for the districting of the state, sections to be directed by the district vice presidents; and a provision making the Parent-Teacher service

shop a successful money making venture established by Mrs. D. B. Kelly, state chairman of the ways and means a part of the state association's activities under the by-laws.



NEW DRESSES ARRIVE AND GO ON SALE!

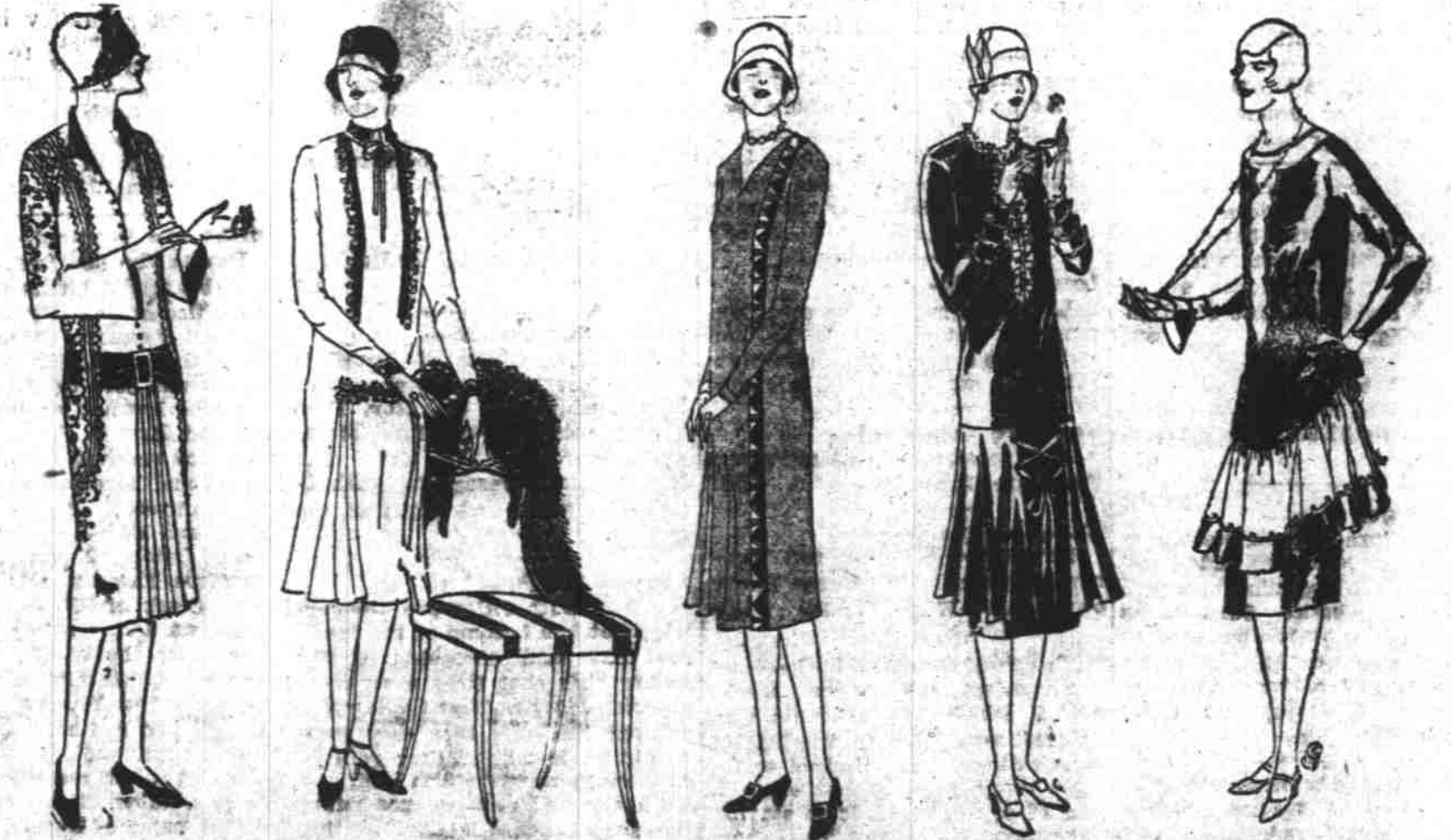
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