

OLD SALEM HOTEL WAS GRAND HOME

If Made Sentient and Vocal, Old Walls Could Tell Pioneer Stories

The old Salem hotel, to be torn down to make place for the new Elgin theater building, was at one time the grandest home in Salem.

It was built in 1862 by Judge Joseph G. Wilson, then one of the most prominent attorneys of Oregon; one Salem pioneer says the building was started in 1861.

There are men and women living in Salem who can remember brilliant social affairs at the Wilson home in the early sixties.

Judge Wilson became clerk of the supreme court. He was concerned in his law practice in Salem with some of the most notable litigation of those pioneer days, including the famous case of Boone and McClaine, who fought over the title to the land that is included in what is now North Salem.

Judge R. D. Bone was one of the attorneys in this case. After years in the courts, that case was compromised, the patent going to one of the litigants. The fee of the lawyers was taken in lots, and the attorneys divided the lots that went to them, and the last of these holdings were sold only a year or two ago.

Judge Wilson was elected to congress in 1872, but died in the last before he took his seat. The Wilson family moved to the Dalles from Salem, and Mrs. Wilson was for many years postmistress there. Judge Fred Wilson, a son, is a prominent lawyer there now.

The once grandest home in Salem became a hotel in the seventies, and it had many owners, before T. G. Bligh, father of the present owner, Frank Bligh, bought it; many owners and renters.

Bob Thompson ran that hotel, under the name of the Thompson house, in the eighties. But it had been a hotel long before that.

Mrs. Thompson was a daughter of Rev. J. D. Driver, famous pioneer minister, during whose pastorate of the First Methodist church of Salem the present building was erected.

Mr. Cook afterwards had the hotel, and in his time it was a popular place. It was the Cook hotel during his time. It was afterwards the Old Salem hotel, the Cherry City hotel, etc.

When Werner Breyman, new in Salem then, planned on building a home, he thought of a brick house, like he had been used to in his old home in Germany. He asked Judge Wilson how he liked a brick house. The reply was that they burned the brick in this country too soft, and a brick hotel was damp in this climate.

So Mr. Breyman built a wooden house. Mrs. Joseph G. Wilson was a second cousin of United States Senator Nesmith, who though elected as a Democrat, was one of the firmest supporters of Abraham Lincoln in his war policies.

Mr. Nesmith had been a New England school teacher, from the district that gave to Oregon so many of her pioneer state builders.

When the present big vote schedule will continue until Saturday night, Feb. 27. All subscriptions received at this office before 9 o'clock on that date will count.

And subscriptions mailed with remittance to cover, which are post-marked not later than 9 p. m., February 27, will count on the first period vote schedule. The big vote schedule will positively be discontinued at this time, in accordance with the rules and regulations, and will never be repeated.

The big vote schedule won't wait for you—you'll have to jump in and take advantage of it while you can. And it's mighty important that you do take advantage of it if you want to land one of the big prizes.

Marvin Shepard holds second place. Mr. Shepard has been a very hard worker from the beginning of this contest. He wishes his friends to help him win one of the prizes.

Mrs. Mary Reginald is another one who is climbing toward the top of the list. Miss Violet Snyder, Mrs. Ada Good, Mrs. Vera Kollogg, Mrs. Roy Snoderly and Miss Alta Wynn are others who are asking the support of their friends.

Miss Elizabeth Welch we find way to the top of the list. Miss Beulah Launer, another beginner in the contest, has crept clear to the top of the list. Miss Launer has been doing some wonderful campaign work this past week. We wish her success along with her friends.

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RESERVOIR CALLED FREAK OF NATURE

Lava Acted as a Dam for Water for Ages, Is Theory of Engineer

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It was explained in the report that the ridge of old acidic lava west of Benham Falls for ages as a dam for water and subsequent lava flows, with the result that the country above was built up until its surface was as flat as parts of the Willamette Valley.

It was believed, the report continued, that before the Deschutes river cut through the lava dike that a lake existed covering a large portion of the proposed reservoir basin. The evidences of this lake were accepted by engineers as positive proof that the reservoir will not be liable to an excess of water by seepage.

The report contained a complete survey of Lava River cave, a natural tunnel about 10 miles south of Bend. The tunnel is more than a mile in length and large enough to admit a railroad train.

The Benham Falls reservoir site is located on the upper Deschutes river. Eugene—Southern Pacific making great progress on \$1,250,000 terminal program.

Seaside spent more than \$500,000 on public and private building, in 1925.

L. G. Bulgin and W. L. Bulgin, both long associated with the development of the Salem district, have opened offices here under the firm name of Bulgin and Bulgin, and are now occupying the location formerly held by the Grabenhorst company at 275 State street. The company will deal in contracting, building, loans, real estate and insurance.

The Grabenhorst offices have been moved to the new Steeves building. L. G. Bulgin has lived in Salem for over fourteen years. In that time he was field manager with the Phez company for five years, and he has been in the contracting and building business for nearly ten years.

W. L. Bulgin, L. G. Bulgin's nephew, is the first of the Florida real estate men to reach the Northwest. He, too, has been in Salem for nearly ten years, although recently he has been in Florida.

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The regular February meeting of the Six o'clock club of the First Methodist church meets on Monday evening at 6:30 at the church parlors. The club will have the pleasure of hearing Justice Rand of the state supreme court, on "Lincoln."

The purpose of setting aside Lincoln's birthday as a national holiday is that the spirit of the great emancipator might be broad cast throughout the conscience of the citizenship of America. This country never needed before as it needs now the spirit of Lincoln.

Justice Rand is known as a speaker of the highest order and promises the club a real message. The usual meal will be served by the ladies at 6:30.

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Twenty-Five Years Fortune In America Seen In Review

The turn of the first quarter of the twentieth century has brought to the United States "A material prosperity such as the world has never known," writes John W. O'Leary, president of the chamber of commerce of the United States, in an article in February Current History magazine. This prosperity is general in its application and significance. It has affected every branch of business, finance and affairs, and every strata of the social family in America, from the richest to the poorest.

Describing the country's progress, Mr. O'Leary writes: "Our national wealth was estimated by the bureau of census in 1900 at \$88,500,000,000; in 1922—the latest census estimate—it was put at nearly \$321,000,000,000, and it has grown greater since then." Today the United States dominates the world in finance. In 1914 this country owed \$4,500,000,000 abroad; today we are creditors to the extent of about \$16,000,000,000.

Mr. O'Leary urges that the nation recognize the responsibilities which such prosperity brings, and he concludes with this caution: "As the world's richest nation, we have a stewardship which we must face and of which we must acquit ourselves honorably."

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OREGON IS THE VALENTINE STATE

A Song Composed by Dr. W. C. Kantner for Oregon Day in 1889

Oregon is the Valentine state, admitted into the Union on St. Valentine's day, February 14, 1859.

The Oregon legislature was in session on this date in 1889, the thirteenth birthday of the state, and a joint session of the two houses was held, with appropriate exercises for Oregon day, on February 14 of that year. That was 37 years ago today, and this is the 67th anniversary of the day.

For that celebration, 37 years ago today, Dr. W. C. Kantner composed a song, and it was afterwards set to music by Prof. Clifford W. Kantner, his son, now prominent in Seattle musical circles. Rev. Kantner is yet a resident of Salem, and among our youngest men in spirit.

This song was sung at the Oregon day exercises of the Salem Woman's club, with the music arranged by Prof. Clifford Kantner yesterday afternoon. The following are the words of the song:

Oregon, thou peerless kingdom, Dwelling by the sunset sea, Matchless in thy worth and greatness, Deathless shall thy glory be.

Set with hills of gem-like beauty, Studded thick with wealth of forest, Treasures rich in thee abide. Reaching upward to the cloud land, Mighty mountains rise sublime; Crowned with diadem resplendent, Towering through the years of time.

Lordly rivers roll in grandeur, Coursing onward to the sea; Fertile prairies laugh with harvests; Fruits abundant bend the trees. Pioneers of bravest spirit, Led by Him who dwells on high,

REGISTERED VOTERS LIST SHOWS FALL

Republicans in Marion County, 14,334, Democrats Given 4,030 Total

Registered voters in the state of Oregon on January 16 of this year aggregated 270,810 as against 365,213 on January 1, 1925, according to a report prepared yesterday by Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state.

Republican voters topped the list with 184,714 registrations. Democratic registrations aggregated 71,997, Progressives 895, Prohibitionist 1221, Socialist 1856 and miscellaneous 10,127.

The following summary shows the comparative registrations on January 1, 1925, and January 16, 1926, by counties under each political party or designation:

Table with 3 columns: County, Republican, Democrat. Lists counties like Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson.

TINY GLAND MAKES MEN Get Up Nights

Do you know that a great percentage of all men of mature years are troubled with Urinary Irritations and disorders of a little gland—the Prostate? When this tiny but very vital gland begins to "show up" many distressing ailments may arise, such as nervousness, restlessness, frequent night rising, scanty, painful urinating, difficult urination—and sometimes lack of control. But now at last, there is a praiseworthy treatment for these annoying symptoms, that according to signed statements has brought sweet relief to many thousands. The treatment is pleasant and perfectly harmless and so seemingly remarkable in action that for a short time a liberal "proof of merit" trial size is being offered absolutely free to convince people of its amazing efficiency. ABSOLUTELY FREE. Just send your name, address and 10c to help pay postage and packing, and by return mail you will get the liberal trial package. Act at once, as the offer may be made for a short time only. Write today to The Palmco Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Dept. 3-224.

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