

CORNELIA S. GREER OBSERVES BIRTHDAY

Seventy-five Active Years In West Recalled By Woman At Newberg

By Anna Elder.

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Newberg, Dec. 8.—(Special).—Mrs. Cornelia Spencer Greer, one of Oregon's most versatile and cultured women and the wife of Rev. George H. Greer, passed her 75th birthday last week at her home in Newberg. During the 75 years Mrs. Greer has spent on the Pacific coast her life has been closely identified with the development of educational and religious activities.

With snow white hair, a high intellectual forehead and the kindest of brown eyes, Mrs. Greer carries herself very erect, walks with a quiet step, and in spite of her 75 years claims she is just as interested in life and feels no older than she did half a century ago.

Cornelia Spencer Greer is a descendant of an illustrious line of Englishmen whose lineage dates back to "a person called John Spencer who was librarian of Stion college in England in 1657 during the protectorate of Oliver Cromwell," according to a book in her library published in 1813 entitled "A History of Wesleyan Methodists."

From an ancestry of scholarly men and women traced back through many generations Mrs. Greer inherited her literary tastes and from intimate association with her beloved circuit-riding father and her talented husband, each of whom devoted his life to the cause of humanity, she received inspiration for her public career, her verse and prose.

The history of the Spencer family is as fascinating as a novel, and a glimpse at the rare library in Mrs. Greer's sitting room and which was collected for generations by this family, would delight the heart of any booklover.

The announcement of the advent of little Cornelia into the family was made by her father in a very quaint manner, and the letter, now in her possession, which he wrote to his father several months after her birth is a story in itself.

At this time her father, the Rev. John Spencer, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Pittsburg Conference and was stationed at Wellsville, Ohio. This letter, which is one of many such, was written in a fine hand in black ink on two ruled sheets, and being before the days of envelopes, had been folded

and sealed with a red wax, with the address on the outside.

Dated February 5, 1842, it read in part:

"I do not remember to have written to you since we had an increase in our family. On the 29th of November Julia had a daughter. We talk of calling her Cornelia."

Typical of the religious zeal of her father we quote another interesting paragraph from this same letter:

"Religion moves slowly. Since I came here I have received upward of 70 names for membership. We have some good meetings."

"The devil has been playing rather an odd game here lately. The minister has fallen on us, and abused us horribly. He spoke of our way of doing business as leading women to lying, tattling, impudence, immorality, and sometimes loss of virtue! He said many more dreadful things. I replied to him. Since my reply he wrote to me. This has led to a correspondence between us. We have written several letters. The town is in a wonderful hubbub."

The baby whom they "talked of calling Cornelia" was duly christened Cornelia Jane, and at the age of eleven made the long trip across the plains from Ohio to Oregon with her parents and six brothers and sisters. The family lived in Portland part of the year 1852 and then took up a donation land claim in Yamhill county near the present town of Dundee. The farm, named "Otterbrook" due to a family of otters living in the small stream, is now the property of Rev. and Mrs. Greer.

Here Cornelia Jane received her education in the public schools and under the tutoring of her father, who was a man of broad education, deeply interested in science and theology and who spoke four languages with fluency. Later Mrs. Greer taught school in both Oregon and Washington, six years in the Tacoma schools, and also served as county school superintendent of Pierce county, Washington.

The Spencer library was left in Ohio when the family pioneered by covered wagon to Oregon, but shortly after becoming located at "Otterbrook" farm, Rev. Spencer had his cherished books sent by rail to New York City and thence shipped via the sailing vessel the "Bark Columna" around Cape Horn to the Pacific coast.

The trip took more than a year during which the children's anxiety for the safety of the books became intense, but the delight of the family when the library finally arrived marked one of the happiest events in Mrs. Greer's memory. Part of this library is now in Mrs. Greer's possession, but in her collection are also several hundred old leatherbound volumes,

many of them dating back to the eighteenth century.

The oldest book is a brown leather bound copy of "Letters of Lord Chesterfield to his Son Philip Stanfield," dated 1774. Another treasure is a beautiful bound hymn book with two metal clasps carried by her grandmother, Susanna Spencer, in 1815.

A first edition copy of "The American War of 1812" published in Philadelphia in 1816 belonged to her grandfather and bears the year 1817. According to her father's practice of filing all useful information, the Rev. Spencer had kept and bound many copies of the old publication "The Methodist Almanac" beginning with the year 1845.

To an outsider perhaps the most fascinating volume in the entire collection is a hand bound, unruled diary, kept by her father through the 15 years he was a circuit rider in the western Pennsylvania conference. The first entry dated September 8, 1828, written in a fine eligible hand, reads:

"With hundreds of thoughts revolving in my mind and a heart melted with sympathy, I started to go to my circuit. I feel like trusting in David's Lord."

Mrs. Greer, however, claims as her highest prized book a small green-gold leather bound Greek bible, a "Novum Testamentum," published in 1844 and which her gifted father carried in his saddle bags during the many years he was an itinerant preacher in the Pittsburg conference.

The saddle bags used by Rev. Spencer are now in the keeping of the Oregon Pioneer society at Portland, in care of Geo. H. Himes, with many other articles belonging to this pioneer family.

Copies of Oregon publications to which the Spencer family subscribed and of which she owns some old issues include a copy of the Oregon Statesman, dated Salem, Monday, December 19, 1844; also a Pacific Christian Advocate issued at Portland, Thursday, November 8, 1877, when Rev. J. H. Acton was editor. Mrs. Greer remembers reading the Oregonian as early as 1856, but her father was a subscriber even before that date.

Of the two sons born to Rev. and Mrs. Greer, the elder, Elwin, has been dead many years, and the younger, Medorem, is now located in Chicago. Mrs. Greer has one brother, Theodore Spencer, living on Blakely Island, Washington, also several nieces and nephews. One niece, Cornelia J. Spencer, has been associated with the Portland school system for a number

LEGAL GROUNDWORK LAID OUT, OIL CASE

Trial of Harry F. Sinclair and William J. Burns Gets Under Way

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Ground work for the testimony by which the government hopes to convict Harry F. Sinclair, wealthy oil operator, William J. Burns, famous detective, and their associates of criminal contempt of court, has been laid before Justice Frederick L. Siddons in the supreme court, of the District of Columbia.

Calling Charles G. Ruddy, Burns' Philadelphia manager, who had charge of the Fall-Sinclair oil conspiracy jury surveillance, as his first witness, District Attorney Gordon introduced reports made by the detectives to Harry Mason Day, vice president of the Sinclair Exploration company and one of the defendants in the contempt action. These reports showed the jurors had been subjected to intensive shadowing.

Before the reports were introduced Ruddy was questioned by Gordon. Through him it was shown that the detectives had been hired by Day and that Day instructed Ruddy to investigate the financial standing of John P. Kern, a member of the oil trial jury. Day, the witnesses said, asked him to learn whether there were mortgages on the juror's home, and if any of the mortgages had recently been paid.

Ruddy said efforts were made to follow these orders, but that his operatives had been unable to discover any facts with respect to such mortgages. Ruddy explained his instructions in detail, proving a willing witness thought the government had expected he would testify reluctantly.

Ruddy, in detailing his instructions when ordered to Washington to take charge of the jury surveillance, said that W. Sherman Burns had told him that the operatives must use the utmost care not to come into contact with or annoy any of the jurors. If any man disobeyed these orders, Ruddy said, Burns instructed him to send that man home.

In this connection the government brought out that all except six of the Burns men were sent home after the trial had been under way for a short time.

GOAT Baffles Vets

BREAKFAST FOR MASCOT RAISES NICE QUESTION

PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Does a goat need his rolled oats for breakfast, and if so, how much?

A lone goat, the mascot of the drum corps of the American Legion Post No. 1, nearly upset a meeting here of the executive committee of the post when the bill, came in for his feeding. The bill amounted to about \$19, and the secretary wanted to know why. The itemized statement of expenses included \$1.60 for rolled oats.

"What are they feeding that goat?" demanded the secretary. "Here they want \$19 for 44 days and I could feed myself for less money than that for that time. We must tell the drum corps that this goat is not going to get any fancy menus just because he happens to be the drum corps mascot, and they will have to figure out some way for him to have plain living like the rest of us. How's the chances to get the \$1.60 for rolled oats knocked off for cash?"

There didn't seem to be any chance, so the executive committee ordered the bill paid.

Prohibition Officer—Sonny d'ya wants make \$5?

Mountaineer Boy—Sure. How?

Officer—I'll give you five to take me up this creek to the whiskey still.

Mountaineer—All right. Give me the five.

Officer—Oh, I'll pay you when we come back.

INSPECTION OF LOWER COLUMBIA RIVER SLATED

PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—(AP)—An inspection of dredging operations and other activities having to do with channel maintenance on the lower Columbia river, was made here today by Lieutenant Colonel Gustave R. Lukash, corps of engineers, United States army, district engineer of Portland and division engineer of the northern Pacific division.

Captain Levy and R. E. Hickop, assistant engineer, also will make the trip, which is to be carried out aboard the government tug George H. Mendel. It is expected the tour will take the party to Astoria, but if time is limited the men will at least proceed as far as Brookfield.

ROCKS REACH MARK

SCHOOL WINDOWS SUFFER; WATCH TO BE KEPT

Unpaned windows make cold buildings, and glass costs money. With these indisputable facts in mind, the caretaker at the Leslie Junior high school has employed a neighbor to watch the building in an attempt to discover who is tossing rocks through the windows.

Seven window panes were broken sometime over the week-end, and in each case a big rock was found right inside.

Recreant pupils are believed to be responsible for the damage.

WOODMEN OF WORLD PLAN ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT

An entertainment for men, including both members of the lodge and guests, is to be held by the local branch of Woodmen of the World at Fraternal Temple at 8:15 tonight.

Announcement to this effect was made last night by those in charge of arrangements. A number of lodge officials from places outside Salem will be present at the meeting, including Frank B. Pichenor, deputy head council, who will make the principal speech. He comes here from Boise, Idaho, where he attended an affair staged by the Woodmen. His home is in Portland.

PORTLAND WOMAN DIES AS RESULT OF AUTO ACCIDENT

PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Mrs. Elva J. Roberts, 65, wife of Captain John Roberts, died at hospital Wednesday from injuries received last night when she was struck by an automobile driven by Charles H. Smith, a neighbor living in the same block.

Smith was backing his car out of his garage when the machine struck Mrs. Roberts. He was not held by police, who declared he was not at fault. Mrs. Roberts died from a fractured skull.

AYD-A-LOT MUSICIANS COME HERE UNDER C.E. AUSPICES

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