

NEWBERG PIONEER ENTERS 91ST YEAR

Rev. George H. Greer Looks Back On Long Experience In Oregon Ministry

By Anna Elder
OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Dec. 19.—(Special).—Rev. George H. Greer of Newberg, a pioneer who came to Oregon in 1852 and who has spent sixty five years in the ministry, observed the 91st anniversary of his birth on the seventh day of December.

Rev. Greer's most outstanding and lifelong characteristic has been his fearless defense of his honest convictions, and because of this fidelity he has the unusual record of having served with high honor and efficiency as pastor for many years in both the Methodist and Unitarian churches of Oregon and Washington.

Originally a fundamentalist, he has grown through years of study and research into a clear-thinking modernist, "giving due credit to our infinite Creator for taking care of us from the early ages when it was every monkey for himself, down to the present day with comfort and civilization in prospect for all."

Ninety one years have failed to shake Rev. Greer's faith in God and his fellowman, who, he claims, "are just beginning to discover what they are and why they have been put in the universe."

Being a man of wide experience, he admits that "all is not ideal, and that those things seeming bad are not out of harmony with the divine scheme of life, but are not understood."

He has for himself, however, a satisfactory theory of the origin and use of evil, and his happy, optimistic outlook on life and his serene belief in the steady improvement of the human race is both refreshing and highly encouraging.

Rev. Greer has always been an admirer of Theodore Roosevelt, and strongly endorses the adoption of phonetics, seeing no satisfactory reason for keeping the silent letters in our language. He proph-

esies the day when everyone will use a universal system of shorthand for all purposes. Early in life he mastered the Pittman shorthand system, and, in keeping with his present schedule of study and reading, he each day writes something in shorthand in a journal which began its story when he started to Oregon on April 21, 1852.

George H. Greer was born in Philadelphia on December 7, 1836, of Wesleyan Scotch-Irish parents who came to America in 1831. His father moved to Indiana in 1839; then to Missouri; and in 1852 crossed the plains to Oregon. Their wagon passed through The Dalles August 31 and arrived at Kings Valley, Benton county, on the 25th day of October.

Here his father filed on a 320-acre donation land claim, where the family lived until 1871 when they moved to Corvallis. A final home was made at Dallas, where both of the parents died. A memorial window has been placed in the Methodist church of which they were members.

One of nine children, Rev. Greer received his education in the common schools of Missouri and Oregon when a boy, and after leaving the Methodist church attended a Unitarian theological college in Pennsylvania.

At the age of twenty he began teaching school in Benton county and later in California. While teaching school he pursued his religious studies and joined the Oregon conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1860, being made a deacon in 1862 and ordained elder in 1864.

His first charge was in Jackson county, Oregon, after which his work in Oregon included appointments in Douglas, Lane, Polk and Yamhill counties. In 1867 he was sent into the Puget Sound country, where his work was at Olympia, Seattle, Port Townsend and Whidby Island.

For fifteen years Rev. Greer was a member of the Methodist conference of Oregon. On account of a difference of opinion on theology he left the conference itinerancy in 1873 and worked with the American Bible society in western Washington for two years. In 1880 he became affiliated with the Unitarian church and four years later was appointed missionary of the Unitarian society for western Washington.

At the present Rev. Greer has his membership in the Unitarian church of Our Father in Portland, but because he wants to do all he can to "boost the kingdom of Christ" and because of his deep interest in the human race he attends the Methodist church at Newberg, and often speaks before the bible class of which he is a member. In speaking of his varied experiences in church work he expressed the following, "all I know about religion was learned in the Methodist church before I joined the conference, and most of what I know about theology I acquired since I became a Unitarian in 1880."

George Greer was married to Coraella J. Spencer in 1864, and all through his public life the rare personality of his wife has been a noticeable factor. Today, at ninety one, he is physically strong and mentally alert and is still a deep reader and clear thinker. His scholarly traits of character and mental ability are distinctly indicated by a splendidly shaped head, which fulfills every claim of the phrenologists. His conversation still sparkles with a caustic sense of humor, and he serenely enjoys a beautiful philosophy of life which keeps him young and endears him to his friends.

LEGION MEN ELECT

C. C. POWELL COMMANDER OF MONMOUTH POST

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Dec. 19.—(Special).—Youngest American Legion Post, recently organized at Monmouth, was given a full set of officers at a well attended meeting last week.

C. C. Powell was elected commander; Barner Howard, first vice commander; Jennings Lorence, second vice commander; James Tilton, adjutant; Earl Partlow, sergeant at arms; and Bliss Byers, chaplain. Standing committees appointed were: Charles Atwater, executive; Jeff Ayres, Americanization; C. B. Grund, child welfare; Howard Morland, legislative; Arthur Miller, aeronautics; E. A. Roseboom, boy scouts; F. B. McClelland, community service; W. A. Young, trophy and awards; Robert Orr, land; Walter Smith, public office; P. M. Switzer, service office; F. B. McClelland, legal; O. C. Christensen, finance; Bliss Byers, visiting; L. B. Howard, membership; Oscar Zook, house.

Y QUINT BEATS MONMOUTH HIGH

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Dec. 19.—(Special).—With the prettiest teamwork seen on the local floor this season the Salem Y. M. C. A. basketball squad defeated Monmouth high school Saturday night with a final score of 48 to 23. The local boys outweighed the Y team, whose teamwork was remarkable. The Seigmund brothers scored high for Salem, Bond and Langley for Monmouth.

The lineup: (23) Monmouth Perrin F. Langley D. Siegmund F. Davis E. Siegmund C. Gough Balderae G. Riddell Kantola G. Bond Salem sub: Colgan, Monmouth sub: Taylor. Referee: Phillips.

A Washington writer says "a majority of the 'national associations' in the capital are lobbies, pure and simple," which is certainly a very charitable thing to say about a lobby.—Detroit News.

THE STAR BOTTLING WORKS WILL BUILD

New Plant Will Be Located On North Liberty; Work To Start Soon

The Star Bottling Works, 647 Market street, announces that construction work will commence shortly on a new plant on the east side of North Liberty, diagonally across the street from the new Lurmer warehouse. The main building will be 50x50, of reinforced concrete construction, and additional space will be provided for cars and trucks. Work will commence some time this week, and the company hopes to be able to occupy the new quarters early in the coming year.

New Lines Taken On L. M. Ramage, owner and manager, came to Salem four years ago from Roseman, Montana, and since that time has operated the bottling works at the present location. In addition to the manufacture of carbonated beverages of all kinds, the company has an extensive business in crushed fruits and syrups, which are distributed to the soda fountains throughout Marion, Polk and Linn counties. This year the company installed a modern bottle washing and sterilizing machine, and additional machinery has been purchased for the new plant.

HONEY INDUSTRY SHOWN AS WINNER IN VALLEY

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subject to the criticism against the use of sugar as a disease developer. Efforts to perfect a cooperative marketing agency for honey producers have failed, said Mr. Mead, but they will be continued. Too many of the bee farmers have the notion that honey is a get-rich-quick product, which is not the case. Hence, they are discouraged when big returns do not come in promptly.

Fireweed, explained Mr. Mead in answer to a query, is the same as elkweed. It follows in the path of forest fires, the seed having been previously spread, germinating in the heat.

LINDY HONORED AT BIG PICNIC IN MEXICO CITY

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after the middle of this week and afford Colonel Lindbergh an opportunity to devote himself to plans for his Central American

tour which he is to undertake shortly after Christmas.

FACE BEGINS TO SLACKEN

Abatement of the strenuous pace through which government officials have conducted Colonel Lindbergh since his arrival will be welcomed by heads of the various governmental departments who have been occupied both day and night with the entertainment program of the "lone eagle." Even President Calles himself, his close associates say, has put official business aside with the comment: "The government can be a secondary consideration for a little while as Lindbergh is the biggest thing in the world for us now."

Both the Mexican executive and the American ambassador, Dwight W. Morrow, are expected to face the necessity of putting in many an hour overtime to catch up with the accumulation of correspondence and other official business.

MOTHER ON WAY

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Herself her son's own best Christmas, Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh arrived in her Yuletide journey from Detroit to Mexico City, long enough to pay Indianapolis her second brief visit within the few months since her distinguished son spanned the Atlantic.

The giant tri-motored Ford passenger plane, carrying Mrs. Lindbergh to the Christmas reunion with Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh left Detroit at 10:15 eastern time this morning. It appeared over the city shortly after noon and landed at the municipal airport west of the city.

BEARKITS OPEN SEASON TONIGHT

The Willamette university freshman basketball team will engage in its first game tonight at Dallas, against the Dallas high school hoopers.

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CONGRESS TACKLES SERVICE GRID ROW

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One came from Hamilton Fish, a New York republican, who in his younger days won for himself a berth on Walter Camp's All-American eleven as a tackle at Harvard and the other from Fred K. Britten of Illinois, the senior republican on the house naval committee who was influential in taking the 1926 service battle to Soldiers field, Chicago.

Fish introduced a resolution to request the secretaries of war and navy to endeavor to work out an agreement that would be satisfactory to both schools, while Britten, in another resolution demanded that the army be compelled to adopt eligibility rules enforced by "principal American universities."

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