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rants; great in its influence upon the events that followed
The faithful little band headed by Jason Lee left for
the Willamette river and began building the first log houses
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on Mission Bottom below Salem in October-
eventful year of 1834. The centenary celebration of these
events is to be held in 1934.
The general committee that should te at work now ought
to represent the various conferences of the Methodist church; those of all the territory that was in 1834 the Ore
gon Country-from the crest of the Rockies to the Pacifi And it should represent the great Methodist church as a
whole, for all Methodism is interested in the epochal events
of 1834 and the results of the work of that period-
And Salem and Champoeg and the state of Oregon as a whole ought to be represented. And Willamette university
and Kimball college.
The Oregon Methodist conference at its session in Salem
last year took some prelimsury steps looking to the centenary celebration. It is time to follow these up.
Some funds ought to be provided. There should be some-
thing to work with. Subscription lists in Salem could be so
arranged as to receive small general (or large) contributions. arranged as to receive small general (or large) contributions.
If all who ought to be interested would each give a very
small sum, there would be something to work with. To pay small sum
postage. Some help might thus be given, if needed, to the effort
in congress to secure the $\$ 300,000$ asked for a memorial
building at Champoeg parkPerhaps some help to the movement for a highway be-
tween Portland and Salem by
 The New England people interested in the maple sugar
industry are asking for a 50 per cent increase in the protective tariff duty on foreign importations competing with
their products. In January 714,357 pounds of maple sugar mont, paying a duty of $\$ 28,574.52$ and making that the leadtariff law the import duty on maple sugar is 4 cents a pound a grade of Canadian sugar which can be put on the market at a price that it is hard for the Vermont and other New
England producers to meet. An investigation of the relative
production costs of maple sugar and syrup in the United Drodes
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