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Champoeg Cooperation Measure Will be Introduced in Legislature

A measure of vital importance to the people of Oregon, sponsored by the Champoeg Memorial association, will be introduced at the coming session of the legislature to secure an appropriation by the state to match an equal amount already appropriated by the federal government through the instrumentality of Senator McNary, for the purpose of erecting a memorial building at Champoeg.

This appropriation was made with the distinct understanding that the state of Oregon would provide an equal amount to cover the cost of said building in case the legislature does not make the appropriation, the federal appropriation will not be available.

Historic Day Recalled
The building, when completed, will be a fitting memorial to the sturdy and courageous pioneers who emphatically declared at the memorable meeting held at Champoeg May 2, 1843, that the Oregon country should and ought to be a part of the United States.

In addition to the honorary members, the board of control composed of Governor Patterson, Secretary Hoss and Treasurer Kay, who are ex-officio members of the Champoeg Memorial association, representatives have been selected from the Oregon Historical society, the Oregon Pioneer association and the Woman's auxiliary, the native Sons and Daughters of the Oregon Pioneers and the Champoeg Memorial association to aid in securing the appropriation from the state.

Ample acreage and suitable grounds have already been prepared for the building and park.

Twelve Make Purchase
In 1916, Joseph K. Buchtel, Ashael Bush, John Minto, P. H. D'Arcy, M. C. George, Frederick V. Holman, Richard Williams, E. B. Williams, G. A. Harding and W. H. Pope advanced the purchase price for twelve acres which were added to the site heretofore acquired by the state. Of this number the survivors are M. C. George, E. B. Williams and P. H. D'Arcy. During the present year due to the generosity of Governor Patterson, T. B. Kay and A. N. Bush, additional ground was purchased, so that Champoeg park now composes 41.73 acres.

Following is the complete list of the committees: United States Senators McNary and Steiwer, and Representatives Hawley, Korrell and Butler, honorary committee. From the Oregon Historical society: Charles H. Carey, B. D. Bookman, F. G. Young, Leslie M. Scott, George H. Himes, Lewis A. McArthur, Robert L. Bean, Cornelia Marvin, Ivan Humason, Mrs. Stegmann Frank, D. S. Stearns, John Gill, Mrs. I. L. Patterson, M. C. George, P. H. D'Arcy, T. C. Elliott, E. B. McNaughton and Robert W. Sawyer.

From the Oregon Pioneer association: J. O. Stearns, L. H. Baker, George H. Himes, Thomas A. McBride, Mary Barlow-Wilkins, C. H. Catfield, John W. Baker, J. D. Chitwood and Charles B. Moore.

From the Woman's auxiliary: Mrs. D. P. Thompson, Mrs. John W. Minto and Henrietta Failing.

From the native Sons and Daughters: E. W. Matthew, Lillian M. Hackleman, Rufus Holman, Daisy Scott-Bullock and J. U. Smith.

From the Champoeg Memorial association: E. B. Williams, A. N. Bush and J. B. Horner.

Americans spend \$55,000,000 each December for Christmas cards. Which should worry nobody, unless it is the mail carrier.

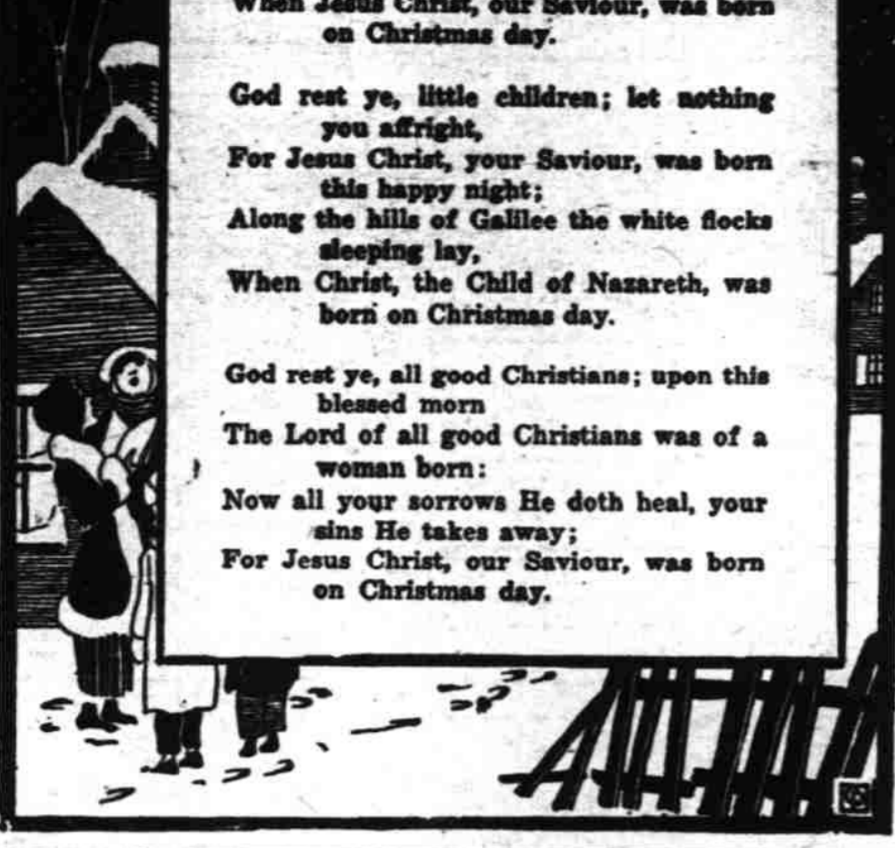
A Christmas Carol

By Dinah Maria Malock

GOD rest ye, merry gentlemen; let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas day.
The dawn rose red o'er Bethlehem, the stars shone through the gray,
When Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas day.

God rest ye, little children; let nothing you fright,
For Jesus Christ, your Saviour, was born this happy night;
Along the hills of Galilee the white flocks sleeping lay,
When Christ, the Child of Nazareth, was born on Christmas day.

God rest ye, all good Christians; upon this blessed morn
The Lord of all good Christians was of a woman born:
Now all your sorrows He doth heal, your sins He takes away;
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas day.



GOLDEN DAYS OF DRAMA IN SALEM ARE RECALLED

Legitimate Plays Offered Local Theatre Goers Now Few by Comparison

By RALPH CURTIS
Theatre goers in Salem who have been cheered by the recent developments in the realm of stage drama here, namely the establishment in Salem of a regular legitimate stock company, may be under the impression that it is something new.

But the older residents know better. Of course, anyone who has lived in Salem only 22 years isn't much of a pioneer, as compared to those who have rounded out half a century in this pleasant city; but even the 22-year residents, and those who came within a few years after that, can recall a time when the old Grand Opera house was seldom "dark" and its "props" didn't include a silver screen.

Before film invasion motion pictures had been invented then, but the popular "nickelodeon" was only beginning to penetrate to this part of the country to sound the first note of the spoken drama's death knell.

In 1907 the Grand Opera house opened its season August 21; the opening of the theatrical season was a big event in those days. The opening attraction was Ezra Kendall, heralded as the founder of the "Great American Gag," in "Swell Elegant Jones."

Other attractions which followed were Cyril Scott in "The Prince Chap;" the still popular Georgia Minstrels; "Mrs. Teple's Telegram;" the Allen Stock company starring Miss Verna Felton, who was leading lady for the Baker stock company in Portland a number of years later.

Joke Styles Differ
That was in the days when jokes like this were real jokes: "Ever been on the stage?" asked the corner grocery egg. "Sure answered the cabbage. 'I was once cast for the villain and made a great hit.'"

"In Old Kentucky" and "Checkers," favorites of a still earlier day, made their empty-umpty tours to the coast and played the opera house here. And the audiences did not despise to turn out for a melodrama, like "For Mother's Sake," but they also liked comic operas: "The Prince of Pilsen" was an early arrival. But oh, the dresses those chorus girls wore—they'd be conservative for a grandmother today.

Tilly Olson, too
As the season advanced, road attractions came thick and fast: "Uncle Josh Perkins," "The College Widow," "The Yankee Regiment," "The Denver Express," "The Royal Chef," "The Cow

Note Given by Abbey Is Crux of \$10,800 Suit on File in Circuit Court

One of the most unusual situations in the annals of the circuit court of this county will be presented when the case Martin Ferrey vs. St. Benedict's Abbey comes up for trial during its January term. The plaintiff is pastor of the Salem Unitarian church, situated just across Cottage street from the Catholic church. He is also active as an attorney in this city.

The defendant is a religious corporation situated at Mt. Angel and one of the oldest Catholic institutions in the west. Both sides have gone to Portland for their legal counsel, the abbey employing Judge J. P. Cavanaugh and Ferrey obtaining the services of Day, Hampson and Nelson.

Ferrey is demanding \$10,800 from the abbey. Litigation has been pending for approximately a year, and a brief outline of the facts leading up to the action is as follows:

Large Amount Loaned
Gearhardt Rosenbaum died some two years ago, leaving as his heirs at law Gearhardt Rosenbaum, a nephew who had been named for him, and Henry Klein, another relative. Both are residents of Spokane. After the death of Rosenbaum it developed that he had loaned, from time to time, some \$13,550 to St. Benedict's abbey. Notes were duly made out by abbey officials, and were to bear interest at the rate of six per cent. Approximately \$2,750 had been repaid before Rosenbaum died. On all these facts both sides are agreed, except for a few minor differences in amounts.

Martin Burchholz of Mt. Angel was duly appointed administrator of the estate, and on June 21, 1927, rendered his final account. Following this account the heirs raised the objection that no mention was made of the notes Rosenbaum had held against the abbey.

The upshot of the whole thing was that Martin Ferrey was appointed administrator de bonis non of the estate. During the course of his dealings with the abbey authorities he was told that Rosenbaum had "given the notes to them shortly before his death, with the understanding that they were to be cancelled. The man, a member of the church, had desired to make a gift to the abbey, they said, and had done so. The two heirs, also members of the church, deny this, and the indications are that here will be one of the main points on which the case will hinge when it comes to trial. The notes are not in the possession of Ferrey or of the heirs he represents, they admit.

Along with other legal maneuvers a subpoena was served by the plaintiffs on the bookkeeper of the abbey, demanding that he bring his books to court and give an accounting at the time of trial.

Skjold—Will you join me in a bowl of soup?
Bjorn—Do you think there'd be room for both of us?
—The Pathfinder.



And all the Bells on Earth shall Ring on Christmas Day in the Morning

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Fancher." Not Wills in "A Lucky Dog," S. Kent Miller in "Raffles, the Amateur Cracksman," "Human Hearts," Mary Cahill in "Marrying Mary," with her famous long skirted chorus; and one of these famous Scandinavian comedies, "Tilly Olson."
Well remembered plays include "The Lion and the Mouse," "The Holy City," "The Man on the Box," and veteran theatre goers may recall that in those days "Strongheart" was a play and not a dog. Other relationship of the drama of that day to the present day cinema may be glimpsed in

the showing here of "Why Girls Leave Home," and "Girl of the Streets."
Salem did have one "cinema palace" in 1907; it was called "The Vaudeville," which featured moving pictures and illustrated songs, a typical part of the early screen show program.

Mrs. Meddler (to actor's wife)
—What is your husband like in private life?
Wife (indignantly)—He's never had one.
—The Pathfinder.

Chimney Blaze Causes Damage

SILVERTON, Ore., Dec. 24.—(Special)—A chimney fire in the Lester Geer home on East Hill did considerable damage Thursday night. Casings on two doors were burned, canned fruit stored in the upstairs was destroyed, and other damages done before the fire department was able to put out the blaze.



Best wishes for a very merry Christmas

Belcrest Memorial Park
Salem, Oregon

Christmas Greetings



To Our Many Patrons:

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