

MT. JEFFERSON'S THERE BUT WHAT ELSE IS JUST THE SAME?



The earliest view of Salem now extant, so far as The Statesman knows, is the sketch made in 1858 by Kuchel & Dresel. A platform was built in a tree growing in the block where the Bonesteel Motor company is now located, corner Commercial and Bellevue streets, and the artist sketched the town which lay out before him.

In left foreground is the first bridge across the creek, built about 1857. This was lost in the flood of 1861 and replaced by a covered bridge still familiar to many Salem residents. The second bridge served until in the '90's. The business district extended north from the bridge three blocks to State street and east two blocks

on State street. There were few houses north of State street. **Rector's Hall Used For General Assembly** One of the buildings on the west side of State street was Rector's hall, a general assembly hall. The legislature held sessions there and the state library was housed there in the '50's.

Along State street, a little to the right of the center of the picture is the Bennett house, distinguished by the porch running the length of the front. This was the northwest corner of State and High streets. The next prominent building to the left was the first county court house, built in 1858. The two-story edifice on to the

left of the court house was the First Methodist church, the first one built, replaced in 1872 by the present brick. East of that is the two story Beers house, later the Capt. Miller home. The Oregon Institute building is scarcely discernible on the left margin of the picture.

Baker, Nesmith Doff Their Hats

"It was a shrewd scheme to import Baker to Oregon, to the honor of which Mr. A. Bush of Salem is entitled. He was then the nestor of Oregon democracy but he was loyal to the government. But Baker came and for the first time in their lives he and Col. J. W. Nesmith met. It was at old "Patcheye" Byrne's saloon in Salem, Hon. Ben Harding performed the ceremony of introducing them. They both took off their hats in fine military style and shook hands cordially."—From East Portland Vindicator reprinted in Statesman Jan. 2, 1885.

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"considerable excitement existed, and nearly every man within the limits of the 'city' corporation who had a right to vote did so, while quite a number of illegal votes were cast. Messrs. N. W. Colwell and Willie Kenyon were the candidates for 'mayor.' The vote stood as follows: 1st ward, Kenyon 39, Colwell 25, John V. Ramsey 1. 3rd ward, Colwell 15, Kenyon none. In the 2nd ward the poll books were abstracted on the night of the election and have not been recovered. It is said that in that ward Kenyon received 51 votes, and Colwell 19."

NEGROES BARRED

In 1857 Chief Justice Nelson held constitutional a law prohibiting negroes and mulattoes from coming into and residing in Oregon. The colored defendant was ordered to leave the territory within thirty days.

Nesmith ad for Sale of Flour On Mining Trip

Advertisers in the first issue of The Statesman included R. P. Boise, attorney, Portland; R. B. Short, surveyor, Yam Hill County; Dement and Winston, general store; The Highland Mills, Oregon City.

Nesmith and Owen had an ad telling persons going to the mines in the Klamath country to buy flour and bacon at Nesmith's Mills.

THE GOVERNOR'S PAY

"Mr. Watkins presented the following resolution: That in the opinion of this convention twelve dollars and fifty cents is an ample salary for governor, provided, that after the good old schoolmaster fashion, he boards around, and

that the committee of the whole be so instructed to report.

"Mr. Chadwick moved to include

washing with board — lost."—Proceedings, constitutional convention, reported in Statesman, 1857."

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Salem, Oregon

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