

FIRST SCHOOL IN LOG HOUSE

Building Stood at Commercial and Marion Sts., Moved in 1855

Editor's Note: Cabin referred to in this article is to be seen in picture appearing on page 6 of this section.

The log house and history are strangely linked. For instance, early America: and then down to cases—Abraham Lincoln. It is not surprising that Salem's first public school classes were conducted in a log house. It stood at Commercial and Marion streets, the rough home of the city's early dissemination of erudition of several kinds.

It was here that the democratic party held its first primary meeting in Marion county, a meeting to organize that party preparatory to the first territorial election in 1851.

The building served as a voting place for general elections.

In it Rev. O. Dickinson preached his first sermon in Salem.

After the school district was organized, 1855, the log house had served its instructional purposes, and was moved to the site later occupied by the Capital National bank, where now stands the American Fidelity building. The log school house in its downtown location became a book store, continuing in a way its first functions.

Bush Repartee Ready as This Incident Shows

To illustrate the ready wit and repartee of Mr. Asahel Bush, the founder of the Oregon Statesman, I recall the following incident:

During the McKinley-Bryan presidential campaign of 1896, the great issue then agitating the American people was the question of free coinage of silver, 16 to 1. Our governor at that time, Sylvester Pennoyer, was the principal proprietor of the Portland Lumber Co. and a vociferous advocate of free silver. Mr. Bush was radically opposed to this heresy. Governor Pennoyer had shut down his saw-mill and declared he would not resume operations until we had free coinage of silver. Happening to be in the bank of Ladd & Bush, one day, I remarked to Mr. Bush, "Mr. Bush, you do not share the same opinion on the financial question as does our governor?" "No, indeed," he said. "If I was Sylvester I would run my mill more and my mouth less." Shortly afterwards I was in Portland on a business matter, in connection with our lumber mill. Calling at the Pennoyer mill, I there met the governor and ventured to repeat the remark of Mr. Bush concerning him. Mr. Pennoyer smiled and said "That remark is characteristic of Bush. There he is in Salem piling up his gold in his vaults, and what good is it going to do him. He cannot take it with him when he dies, if he could, it would all melt." When I returned to Salem and this rejoinder was told Mr. Bush, the latter said "Yes, and I should expect to find Sylvester down there, with a ladle, dipping it up."—A.N.M.

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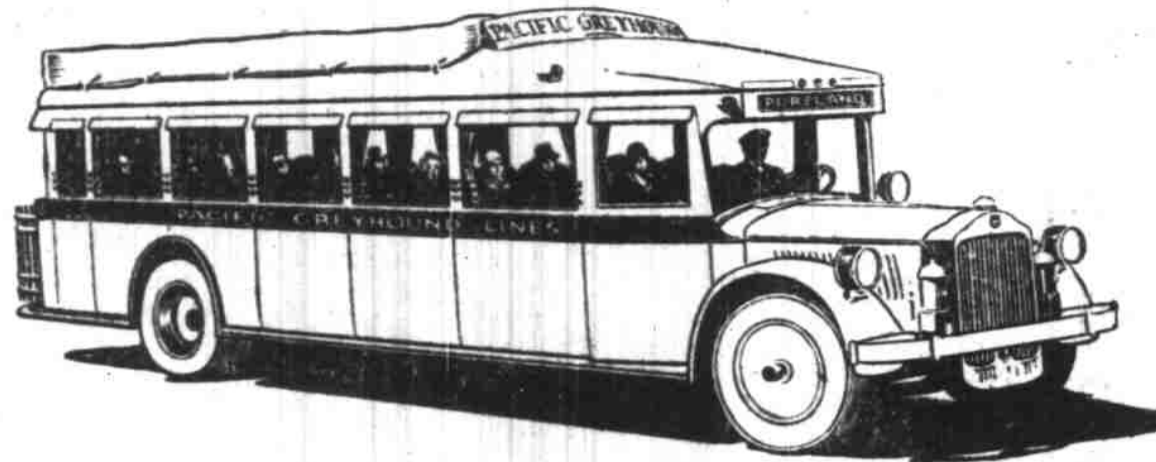
Letters in the Statesman of October 14, 1851, tell of the arrival "We learn from Mr. Compton, recently from The Dalles, that the Indian chief Stockotely at the head of his band lately captured a train of six government wagons near Fort Walla Walla, and that two U. S. dragoons were killed. Another report has it that three dragoons and twelve Indians were killed. The first report was brought in by a white man and the second by an Indian."—Statesman, May 19, 1857

FIRST LINCOLN MENTION
"Messrs. Douglas and Lincoln had a grand tilt at Ottawa, Ill., last week."—Statesman, Oct. 19, 1858.

SINGULAR COINCIDENCE
Charles Bennett, California argonaut, and founder of the Bennett house in Salem, as the first Mason initiated in Salem.

and the first Mason to be buried in Salem. The present Masonic temple stands on the site of his hotel.
Bennett was also elected cap-

tain of the first militia company organized in Salem, at the Daniel Waldo home in 1846. He had been a dragoon in the regular army.



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