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## METHODIST CONFERENCE—1874.

### LIST OF APPOINTMENTS.

Portland District—Wm. Roberts, Presiding Elder.  
 Portland, Taylor Street, to be supplied, (J. Dillon, temporary supply.)  
 Portland, Hall Street and North Portland, W. C. Chattin.  
 East Portland.....N. Doane  
 East Portland circuit.....J. Hoberg  
 Oregon City.....N. A. Starr  
 Clear Creek.....J. H. B. Royal  
 Rock Creek.....Thos. L. Salls  
 Sheridan.....J. H. Adams  
 Tillamook.....W. Hurlbut  
 Dayton.....W. D. Nichols  
 McMinnville.....W. Butt  
 Hillsboro.....J. W. Miller  
 East Tualatin.....G. C. Roe  
 Astoria.....To be supplied  
 T. F. Royal, Principal of Portland Academy, member of Hall street and North Portland Quarterly Conference.  
 G. W. Roark, Agent State Bible Society, member of East Tualatin Quarterly Conference.  
 J. Dillon, editor of the *Pacific Christian Advocate*, member of Taylor street Quarterly Conference.  
 Salem District—L. D. Driver, P. E.  
 Salem.....P. M. Starr  
 Howell Prairie.....J. Flinn  
 Jefferson.....C. Derrick  
 Albany.....I. Wilson  
 Shedd.....N. Clark  
 Brownsville.....S. H. Mann  
 Crosswell.....H. Booth  
 Monroe.....D. L. Spaulding  
 Corvallis.....G. W. Day  
 Dallas.....H. C. Jenkins  
 Eugene City.....A. C. Fairchild  
 Springfield.....To be supplied  
 L. J. Powell, Professor in Willamette University, member of Salem Quarterly Conference.  
 C. W. Shaw, Agent Willamette University, member of Salem Quarterly Conference.  
 L. M. Nickerson, Principal of Santiam Academy, member of Shedd Quarterly Conference.  
 J. H. Roark, Financial Agent Conference Camp Meeting Association, member of Salem Quarterly Conference.  
 Umpqua District—S. H. Todd, P. E.  
 Wilbur.....H. Patterson  
 Roseburg.....J. Howard  
 Gardner.....S. H. Todd  
 Empire City.....James Matthews  
 Jacksonville.....J. S. McCain  
 Sam's Valley.....To be supplied  
 Coquille.....C. Alderson  
 Yocalla.....C. W. Todd  
 E. D. Curtis, Principal Umpqua Academy, member of Wilbur Quarterly Conference.  
 Puget Sound Dist.—L. T. Woodward, P. E.  
 Olympia.....J. T. Wolfe  
 Stellacoom.....C. H. Hoxie  
 Seattle.....A. Atwood  
 Skagit.....J. N. Dennison  
 Whidby's Island.....M. Judy  
 Tumwater.....T. M. Reece  
 Claquato.....Thos. McGill  
 Chehalis.....W. I. Cosper  
 Dungeness.....To be supplied  
 Oysterville.....To be supplied  
 Cowlitz.....B. J. Sharp  
 Vancouver.....J. F. DeVore  
 Lewis River.....S. Matthee  
 G. H. Greer, Agent Bible Society for Washington Territory, member of Seattle Quarterly Conference.  
 G. W. Izer, transferred to Central New York Conference.  
 W. McPheters, transferred to California Conference.  
 J. W. Turner, transferred to Eastern Oregon and Washington Conference.  
 J. W. Van Cleave, transferred to the Southern Illinois Conference.  
 After reading the appointments, the Bishop pronounced the Apostolic Benediction, and the Twenty-Second Session of the Oregon Conference of the M. E. Church came to an end.

## Oregon State Temperance Union.

SALEM, Ogn., Aug. 22, 1874.

To all whom it may concern:  
 The Third Regular Session of the Oregon State Temperance Union will be held at the City of Salem, on Tuesday, the 15th day of September, 1874, at 2 o'clock P. M. The following article of the Constitution indicates what Societies are entitled to representation in the Union, and how the delegates are to be chosen and accredited.  
 Art. 2. "The Union shall be composed of delegates duly elected and accredited from all Temperance Societies, Churches and Religious bodies within the State of Oregon which enjoin and enforce the duty of temperance upon their members as a rule of faith and practice; *Provided*, That no organization shall be entitled to representation in the Union unless it has a total abstinence provision in its constitution; *Provided, further*, that each organization represented shall furnish its delegate with proper credentials, certified by its chief officer and containing a copy of its total abstinence provision." In addition to the delegates chosen in accordance with the foregoing provision, all contributing and life-members of the Union in good standing, will be entitled to participate in the proceedings of the coming session.  
 All temperance societies and other organizations entitled to representation in the Union will have a right to choose one delegate for every twenty members in good standing, and for every fraction of twenty over ten. It is earnestly requested that all such societies and organizations send full delegations. Business of utmost importance to the temperance cause in Oregon, will be brought before the Union at this session. This meeting was appointed to be held during the session of the Legislature Assembly the members of the Union desire to do something effective towards securing the enactment of laws to protect the people against the evils of the liquor traffic. They "mean business."  
 The Oregon and California Railroad Company, the Oregon Steamship Company and the Oregon Steam Navigation Company have kindly consented to carry delegates and members to and from the session at reduced rates. Delegates can purchase tickets for the "round trip" at any ticket office of the O. & C. R. R. Co., by exhibiting to them certificates of election and paying full fare one way. Those who come on the boats of either of the companies above mentioned and pay full fare will be returned free upon presentation of proper certificates, from the presiding officer of the Union. The reduced rates allowed by the O. & C. R. Co., do not apply to boats plying between Portland and Astoria as those boats are already carrying passengers cheaply enough.  
 The various newspapers of the State will confer a great favor upon the members of the Union by copying this announcement.

W. R. DUNBAR, Secretary.  
 SYL. C. SIMPSON, President.

## FROM MINNESOTA.

HUTCHINSON, MINN., Aug. 12, 1874.  
 MR. EDITOR: Reading in an old "Patent Office Report" that the WILLAMETTE FARMER was published at Salem, Oregon, and being anxious to learn something about that State, and supposing that if the FARMER was yet in existence it had an editor, I enclosed one of "Uncle Sam's" promises to pay, in a letter, and directed it to that rather ubiquitous, personage. In due time, the WILLAMETTE FARMER made its appearance, and we like it. We knew but little about Oregon. Persons remove from our part of the world, to Texas, Kansas, California, and other States and move back and tell us about the country they visited. But nobody comes from Oregon. We infer they are either so poor they cannot get away, or that they like the country. Which is it?  
 I propose to tell your farmer readers how we winter stock in Minnesota, or how we did last winter, at least. The 23rd of October, winter set in, and from that day on for 200 consecutive days we foddered all our stock, and those that had much stock to winter did but little else than feed stock and clean stalls. Yet there might be a worse state of things. To have dairy cows out in slush, sleet, and mud, picking a bare living the best they can, it seems to me, would not be very conducive to profit, and it is on this point I wish to gain information; and if it is favorable and I can get enough to get away with, I am coming to Oregon to make butter and cheese. Will some of your FARMER readers tell me how you winter dairy cows?—How much hay do they eat, and how much ought they to eat? do you stable your cows? etc., etc. any information on this point (wintering stock) will greatly be received, as many of my neighbors are getting enough of our Minnesota winters.  
 In the field of Mr. Thomas Edwards, in the forks above Springfield, a bunch of oats was cut consisting of 69 stalks grown from one grain, which produced 7,027 grains, measuring nearly half a gallon. Next!

## Annual Report of the Oregon Children's Aid Society.

At the close of this, the eighth year of the Society's existence, I have the honor of submitting such statements in regard to its work as are due to the Board of Managers and the general public.

Viewing in retrospect the eight years that have elapsed since its organization, paramount to all others, is the feeling of gratitude to Him who is a "father to the fatherless," in that He has not withheld His blessing on the labors in behalf of the destitute waifs thrown from time to time upon its care.

These years have not failed to bring with them changes sad not only to the Society, but to the entire community. We refer to the departure hence of three of its most devoted members, in the persons of Mrs. Parrish, the first President, Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Woodard. These were pioneers in the work, and though they have passed away to be no more seen in our midst, they have left behind them a monument more enduring than that of marble, an unfading remembrance in the hearts of their co-workers and the orphans on whom their kindness was bestowed. They bravely bore their part in the burden and heat of the day, and their memory will be ever green. Only two of the original members remain on the Board, but the vacancies made by removals, resignations or other causes, have been filled by others of equal interest in the work. The first six years are a record of the closest economy, and nothing less than the most prudent and careful management of the limited resources at command, kept the Home supplied with the common necessities of maintenance, and at times it was less a home than a refuge from actual want. During the years mentioned, the entire pecuniary dependence was upon proceeds of membership fees, socials, fairs, and contributions. It is but just to remark that calls made upon our citizens, have ever been met in a responsive manner. In but few instances has assistance been received from other places. During one year boxes were received from Oregon City, Dallas, and from the ladies of Trinity Church, Portland.

In 1872, application was made to the Legislature, as the only means by which this Society could base its future continuance, and through that body an appropriation was made of \$1,000 yearly for two years to defray current expenses of the household, clothing and matron's salary, also \$500 yearly, for the improvement of buildings and grounds. The present time finds the Treasury in a reduced state of finances, but the many improvements on the premises bear testimony to the most judicious expenditure. The ten acres comprising the grounds have been cleared of the thick undergrowth; trees cut down, which were needed neither for ornament nor shade, and sufficient plowing and grubbing done for garden purposes. More of the latter work is to be accomplished this fall, and a large number of fruit trees have been engaged for planting. The house has been thoroughly repaired, the walls kalsomined, and the wood-work newly painted without and within—a substantial porch has been built upon the east, or front side. Some changes demanded by the wants of the Institution have been made in the interior arrangements, a bath-room, a new kitchen, (the old one being needed for a dining-room), and a large stove, render the domestic department complete—a new ingrain carpet and linen window shades, increase the homelike appearance of the parlor. A good sized piece of ground has been enclosed with a high paling—added to a building of suitable dimensions for the raising of poultry.

The Home is at present in charge of Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, and the Board of Managers have no reason to feel otherwise than satisfied with their management. A well regulated economy and neatness pervades the household, and to them is owing in a great measure the present attractive appearance of the entire establishment.

Thirty five children have at different periods been received and provided for, many of them having arrived in a most destitute condition. The greater number of these have been adopted by excellent families or claimed by relatives. Only one has been removed by death. Henrietta Redwell died Feb. 12, of this year, and was interred in the Mission Cemetery, aged six years.

The present number of inmates is seven—applications have just been received for the admission of five more. The average number in the family varies from seven to twelve. The society is prepared to receive homeless, friendless or orphan children from any part of the State, and letters of application or inquiry, addressed to the Secretary will command prompt attention.

All are cordially invited to visit the Home, which is open to visitors every day in the week. Thursday is named, however, as a special day for visits or inspection.  
 For the furtherance of this benevolent work an application for aid will be made to the Legislative body about to assemble. The appeal will be extended in full confidence and belief that a recognition of the Society's needs will secure an appropriation sufficient for the expenses of the two ensuing years.  
 Mrs. C. S. WOODWORTH, Secretary.

## WAY-SIDE MEMORANDA.

COTTAGE GROVE, AUGUST 21.

MR. EDITOR: The most noticeable feature of Albany, as the traveler passes through, is two or three canals of very muddy water running through it and pouring over the bank into the Willamette river. Going south from this place, the road to the Calapooia river is fine—the dust ditto, and in large quantity. The breeze "drawing aft," as a sailor would say, brought it up around me in dense clouds, through which objects appeared distinctly, like "the misty shadow of a dream." This condition of affairs was not altogether desirable, and I can't say that I enjoyed it.

On reaching the Calapooia river and proceeding across on an old shaky looking bridge, when about half way across, where I could not turn around, and going forward was a necessity, I discovered a board nailed up on a post bearing this inscription: "This bridge is a condemned bridge, and anyone that passes over it does so at their own risk." The idea was suggested to me that if this notice had been placed in such a position that it could have been read before going on the bridge, the information it contained would have been of more benefit to a passing stranger. From this river to Harrisburg the country is flat, and the soil is principally a white clay, and does not seem very productive. The grain (mostly spring) is small and short, but may yield better than it looks.

Heading seems to be the preferred mode of harvesting, and in some places sheep shears might be used to advantage. Away out in the prairie between the Calapooia river and Muddy creek, stands the village of Halsey. It is a neat looking place at a distance, but as the road does not pass through it, I was unable to ascertain if, or not, "distance lent enchantment to the view."

I stopped over night with a farmer from Illinois, who is only a year in the country. He expressed himself as pleased with things here; and the wife stated that they "made a living" easier here than there.  
 On the road again. What an awful dust; yet I reached Harrisburg during the forenoon. This place is pleasantly situated on the east bank of the Willamette river; contains about four hundred people, and some thirty odd business places of different kinds. It is a nice looking place; is in the midst of a rich, well improved agricultural country, and having communication by both river and railroad, would seem to have a future in store for it. The Christian denomination have a church house here.

Crossing the river at this point, the road runs through a wide bottom, wooded with splendid cottonwood (or balsam) trees, and rising into the prairie and passing through the dilapidated little village of Lancaster. At a distance of four miles from Harrisburg you arrive at Junction.

This place is supposed to be the metropolis of Lane county. It is a new town, full of young and vigorous life. It is yet building; hammers and saws are heard on every hand and the whole town smells of new paint. This place is being built here in anticipation of the west side railroad connection. The best laid schemes of mice and men, gang aft a-gle." Junction has a pleasant site, and contains about three hundred people. There are some thirty odd business places, a church, and a first-rate school house. There are several grain warehouses, and another one on a large scale is being built.

Dr. Norman L. Lee, a young physician of first-class ability, is located here. He has an enviable reputation in the community, and a corresponding business.

"Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth," saith the scripture. Could it be taken for an evidence of Divine favor for a traveler to be enveloped in clouds of stifling dust all day? If so, Providence frowns upon me today, for the wind is from the south, it is cloudy and cool, and the driving is correspondingly pleasant.

From Junction south to Eugene City the road is through a splendid agricultural country.  
 "Deep fields of grain the reaper mows—  
 "In pastures green the heifer lows."  
 And the passerby on this road knows, by these tokens that this is an enterprising, thrifty community.  
 Harvesting and threshing is in full blast, and everyone is as busy as the oft-quoted bee.

I did not stop to interview the town of Eugene City. It is a beautiful place at the extreme southern end of the Willamette Valley; it looks business like, has water power, mills and machinery, and will "make a place." The State University building is just on the south edge of the town, on a raised and very fine site. The building is creditable to look at from the road. M.

## FROM OHIO.

An old subscriber of the Willamette Farmer in Ohio Preparing to start for the Willamette Valley—Etc.

NEW RICHMOND, OHIO, Aug. 10, 1874.

MR. EDITOR:—I have long since contemplated writing to you, and enclosing with the same money enough to pay one year's subscription, but have not done so from neglect and partly from the crowd of business. Your valuable paper has been a regular and welcome visitor, until the last two or three weeks, and here let me say that for the last two years I have been trying to sell my farm in Ohio, with a fixed determination to make my home in the Willamette valley, Oregon, if possible. I have made the sale; the next move is to muster courage to make the journey. I wish you would request some one of your responsible Real Estate Agents to send to my address a list of their lands, quality, etc. All necessary information, I suppose, is given in their circulars. If I can make my arrangements to suit, and nothing unforeseen intervenes, I expect to be in your city as early in the Spring as the nature of the weather will permit, and perhaps some of my family will be in Salem this Fall.

You will please find enclosed three dollars, to finish up the present year's subscription to the WILLAMETTE FARMER.

Yours,  
 C. J. HARTMAN.

## FROM ARKANSAS.

A Letter to Governor Grover asking for Information—Over three hundred families want to come to Oregon.

Below we give one of the many letters that are daily coming to the Governor, of the character, all of which are promptly answered by him, giving such information as lays in his power. It is evident, with little encouragement and by the orientation of proper and correct information among the southern and southwestern States that next season the emigration from those States to Oregon will be very large.

GREENWOOD, ARKANSAS, }  
 July 23, 1874.

To His Excellency, the Governor of the State of Oregon: RESPECTED SIR—I by this, wish information as to your country. There are some three or four hundred families here that want to emigrate next spring, and talk of your State. The most of those families are by occupation farmers and mechanics. They want agricultural lands. These families are coming by land in a train of wagons. So please give us by mail all the advice as to the best part to locate in and where lands suitable can be purchased cheapest, and all other information of interest. This train expects to start about the 1st of April, 1875, from near Fort Smith, Arkansas. Send statistics of your agricultural experience in your State.

Please let us hear from you at earliest convenience as the sooner we hear from you the better for us.  
 Address, Greenwood, Sebastian county, Arkansas. Very respectfully yours,  
 J. R. PRATT, et al.

## SUPREME COURT.

NINTH DAY.—FORENOON SESSION.  
 AUGUST 28th, '74.

Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present same as yesterday.  
 State of Oregon vs. Thomas Gerrard; motion heretofore filed by counsel for the State to strike out the bill of exceptions. Overruled.  
 Benj. Stark plaintiff, vs. Jacob Kamn defendant; ordered that a mandate be issued for plaintiff.  
 Ben Holladay vs. J. H. D. Henderson, and Ben Holladay vs. A. W. Patterson, and the O. & C. R. R. vs. J. J. Comstock. Cause argued and submitted.  
 Ordered that the Court stand adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The various organizations are requested to send the names of the delegates elected to attend the "State Temperance Union," to be held in this city next month.

We note in the proceedings of the Rocky Mountain conference that Rev. C. C. Stratton, formerly of this city, has again been stationed at Salt Lake city.

C. W. Thomas brought in yesterday from the foot of the mountains on the Quartzville road, a load of venison. He disposed of his cargo in short metre.

Herman & Hirsch are having their store kalsomined and painted up ready to receive their new stock.

The WILLAMETTE FARMER is undoubtedly the best weekly newspaper in Oregon.

The 8 odebaker wagon manufactory at Southbend, Ind., was burned August 24th.