

## Duniway Seeks to Preserve Historical Salem Building

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Preservation of the Holman building, erected in pioneer times and used as Oregon's legislative hall from 1857 to 1876, is the objective of a local group led by David Duniway, state archivist.

Hawkins and Roberts, owners of the structure at the northwest corner of Commercial and Ferry streets, have informed the archivist that the old building may be removed within a year and the property used for a filling station and parking area.

## Wallace Chief Figure in Probe

Pittsburgh, Dec. 7 (AP)—A former member of the house un-American activities committee today said Henry Wallace was the "chief figure" identified during committee hearings a year ago with arranging atomic shipments to Russia.

Former Rep. John McDowell (R-Pa.) made the statement, he said, "In view of the recent broadcast of Fulton Lewis, Jr."

The ex-congressman also added he could not recall the name of Harry Hopkins being mentioned at any committee hearings.

McDowell referred to a broadcast made last night by radio commentator Fulton Lewis, Jr., in which the commentator said former Vice President Wallace was the government official who insisted that atomic materials and plans be sent to Russia during World War II.

The name of Hopkins, late adviser to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was also brought into current committee hearings when witnesses said he pushed the sending of atomic materials to Russia in 1943.

## 'Outstanding Doctor Of Year' Named

Washington, Dec. 7 (AP)—Dr. Andy Hall of Mount Vernon, Ill., today was named the "Outstanding General Practitioner of the Year" by the American Medical Association.

Dr. Hall, who will be 85 next January 8, is the father of three sons who are doctors.

The AMA house of delegates voted him a gold medal for having "Rendered exceptional service to his community."

## Wardens of District Lodges Entertained

Dayton—Joppa Lodge No. 51, AF&AM were hosts at a banquet served in the Masonic hall, in Lafayette for the Masters and Wardens of subordinate lodges in the district. The Grand Master of Masons in Oregon Scholor Eldridge, Portland, and many of the Grand family were present.

There were 22 members of Jacob Mayer Lodge No. 108, Dayton who attended the district meeting, following the banquet, which was held in the grade school gymnasium, for all masons in the District No. 4.

Archivist that the old building may be removed within a year and the property used for a filling station and parking area.

Duniway hopes to persuade the owners that their purpose might be fulfilled and the landmark retained to serve as a civic auditorium and historical museum.

Here is the chronology of events that led to the use by the legislature of the Holman building:

By act of the third territorial legislature the capitol of Oregon was moved from Oregon City to Salem and the session of 1851 was conducted in the basement of the Oregon Institute. This structure, occupying the site of the present Willamette university gymnasium, was destroyed by fire on the night of December 27, 1852.

Likewise, the session of 1852 was held at Oregon Institute. Came 1853 and the House conducted its meetings in the Nesmith-Wilson building located near the northeast corner of Front and Trade streets.

The council met in the W. H. Rector building (destroyed by fire June 3, 1885) on Commercial street immediately south of the Smith building.

Oregon's new statehouse, a massive wooden affair and located on the site of the present capitol, was not perhaps entirely finished in 1854 but the territorial legislature for that year conducted its business there.

Early in 1855 the legislature re-located the capitol in Corvallis. But the federal government ruled that Salem was the true capitol and refused to allow for salaries and expenses incurred elsewhere. Legislators quickly returned to Salem and resumed the 1855 session in the new statehouse.

Early Sunday morning, December 30, 1855, this building burned with astonishing rapidity and brilliance. Suspicion pointed to incendiarism but the insinuation was never proven. Again the legislature returned to the Rector building for the session of 1856.

Joseph Holman's three-story brick skyscraper, still standing at the northwest corner of Commercial and Trade streets, may not have been entirely finished when the day arrived for the session of 1857. Even so, it was far more commodious and imposing than the wooden Rector building built in 1851. The House established itself on the third floor, and the Council opened its session on the second.

And here the legislature conducted its business for nearly 20 years, until the second statehouse, though only partially finished, was occupied in 1876.



Efforts Made to Preserve Historic Landmark — Holman building at the northwest corner of Commercial and Trade streets serving as the legislative hall and state office building from 1857 to 1876 may be preserved for civic usage. David Duniway, state archivist who would preserve the pioneer structure, proposes that upper floors be remodeled for civic usage.

This structure, burned April 25, 1935, was located on the site of the present capitol building.

Besides the legislature offices of the secretary of state, the treasurer, adjutant general and the school land commissioner were located in the Holman building. Here Col. E. D. Baker, the celebrated orator, was elected senator in 1860 and "Fighting Joe" Hooker, a distinguished Civil war commander, had his headquarters here while he was building the government road from Wilbur to Scottsburg.

Various tenants occupied the ground floor of the Holman building. Oldtimers may recall that Weller Brothers conducted their grocery at the corner in the 1880's and 1890's and that Shafer's harness shop was there at a later date.

On the second floor of the two-story structure immediately to the north was located what may have been the second theater in Salem.

Joseph Holman, builder of the block that has carried his name through more than 90 years, was among Salem's first and more outstanding pioneers. He was born in England in 1815, the year of Waterloo, and came to America at the age of 19. He was a carpenter by trade.

Holman started for the Oregon country with the Peoria party in 1839 and arrived at Fort Vancouver June 1, 1840, the same day the Bausanne anchored here.

Soon thereafter Holman came to the site of Salem with Methodist missionaries. Years later he stated that he was the first white man to cut a stick of wood in this locality. His son, George P., born here February 6, 1842, was the first male white child at the Mills that ultimately became Salem. Holman's claim, a mile square, was located immediately east of the state hospital.

Holman, associated with David Carter, opened the third store in Salem near the northeast corner of Commercial and Trade streets in 1849. He continued as a merchant until 1853.

Holman was also a director in the Willamette Woolen Manufacturing company and was active in organizing the flax industry and Pioneer Oil works in 1887.

Joseph Holman died June 25, 1880, and his grave is located in the IOOF cemetery in Salem.

## Birthdays Observed

Lincoln — A birthday party honoring the anniversaries of Mrs. Fannie Emel, Mrs. Leo White, Claude Mix and Jeannie Smith was an event for which Mr. and Mrs. Leo White were hosts. Additional guests included Mrs. Claude Mix, Mrs. El-nora Mickey, Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Mickey, Mr. and Mrs. Hale Mickey and Sharon, Jimmy Mickey, Marvin Webster, David and Kathleen Mix, Leo White, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Libby.

## Farley Depicted As Errand Boy

Chicago, Dec. 7 (AP)—Elliott Roosevelt thinks Jim Farley—generally credited with master-minding Franklin D. Roosevelt's political career—"was usually the errand boy for Louie Howe."

In a radio interview, young Roosevelt said: "The one person who stands out in my mind as having played a far greater part than most people give him credit for in my father's career is Louie Howe."

"He is what might be termed a president maker. He did the master-minding and all the intense work that went into the years of building my father's political career."

"While Jim Farley gets most of the credit today, he was usually the errand boy for Louie Howe."

Farley formerly was chairman of the democratic party and was postmaster general under the late president. Howe was one of Roosevelt's secretaries.

Young Roosevelt made his observations on Bob Elson's 20th Century Limited transcribed interview over ABC.

## Farm Building Loans To Farmers Available

Portland, Dec. 7 (AP)—Loan applications for farm building construction and repair are now being received at county offices of the farm home administration.

State Director Walter A. Duffy reported the money comes from the fund provided by the last congress. Oregon has been allocated \$317,190 for the period ending June 30.

Duffy explained the loans are available to farmers unable to obtain private financing.

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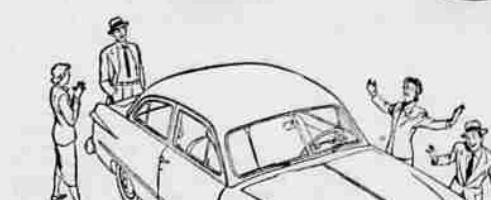
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