

History of Church of Christ

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The Church of Christ in Cottage Grove was organized Dec. 28, 1890, by A. D. Skaggs with 50 members. A church building was erected and dedicated in the fall of 1891. Jos. H. Sharp, O. F. Knox and C. E. Smith were its first trustees. The following men have served as regular ministers since the congregation was organized: Jos. H. Sharp, A. J. Armstrong, P. R. Burnett, R. A. Copple, F. E. Billington, D. E. Olson, W. A. Elkins, V. E. Hoven is the present minister and H. M. Fagan chorus director.

Through many difficulties, incident to church life, the congregation has grown until its present membership is 250. It has a church property worth \$6,000, a well equipped house of worship, is free from debt and is doing aggressive work through the following auxiliaries: Bible school with an enrollment of about 240 in all its departments, led by H. M. Fagan, superintendent, and Mrs. Ida Caldwell, superintendent of the primary department; Senior Endeavor, with a membership of 40, presided over by Ruth Woodard; Junior Endeavor, of 25 members, superintended by Mrs. Lora Robinson and Mrs. Jennie Spoelstra; Ladies' Aid, with 26 members, Mrs. Clara Young, president; C. W. B. M., with 21 members, Mrs. Ora Hemenway, president.

The early history of the Church of Christ is as follows:

In 1807 Thomas Campbell came from Ireland to America. He was a regular minister of that branch of the Presbyterian church known as Seceders. In his ministry for that church in Washington county, Pennsylvania, he exercised a spirit of fraternal feeling and good will toward other branches of the Presbyterian family who had no ministers. He preached and administered the Lord's Supper to those congregations as they were sheep without a shepherd, harassed and scattered. Because of this ministry outside of his own particular church, he was tried by the Synod of the Seceder church and condemned because he did not adhere strictly to the church's standard and usages. His view of the Bible in reference to believers was that all were brethren in the Lord and that there should be no difference. He was unwilling to acknowledge as obligatory upon himself, or to impose upon others, anything as of divine obligation for which he could not produce a "Thus saith the Lord." Because of this his loyalty to Christ and the Bible, he was compelled to withdraw from the Presbyterian church. In 1809 he delivered his famous "Declaration and Address," the spirit of which was: "Where the scriptures speak, we will speak; and where the scriptures are silent, we are silent." From that year dates the movement of the Church of Christ restored. It was not a reformation but a restoration; not the organizing of a new sect but a plea with all sects to drop their human names and practices attached to the body of Christ and return to the Apostolic church in doctrine, ordinances and life.



CHURCH OF CHRIST, COTTAGE GROVE

The principles of this address were cordially endorsed by Alexander Campbell, son of Thos. Campbell, and he soon became the leader of the Restoration of Primitive Christianity. He was a prolific writer, and through his periodicals opposition was aroused and his view denounced as heterodox, but a great number accepted them. At the same time O'Kelly and others in Virginia and North Carolina, Barton W. Stone in Kentucky, Walter Scott and others in Ohio, ministers of different denominations and unknown to each other, began to make a plea for

the Bible alone, without any addition in the form of creeds or confessions of faith. By means of Mr. Campbell's publications, these workers began to touch hands and blend in one common purpose and service. From that time great numbers, who took no authority but Christ and no rule of faith and practice but the Bible, were gathered from the world and all denominations, until today they number 1,500,000.

The objects of the church are as follows:

1. To restore the Church as given to the world by Christ and the apostles, and to unite all God's people on the one foundation (Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:18.)
2. To exalt Christ above party (Col. 1:18; 2:9, 10) and God's Word above all human creeds (Col. 2:8; 2 Tim. 4:2-4.)



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3. To demonstrate the practicability of Christian unity on new testament faith and practice (Eph. 2:19-22; 4:1-6.)

4. To plant Churches of Christ everywhere without human name, creed, or other barrier to Christian unity (1 Cor. 1:10-13; Gal. 1:8.)

5. To lead sinners to Christ by the identical methods of the apostles and new testament evangelists (Acts 16:31; 19:9; Rom. 10:9, 10; Acts 2:38.)

6. To work with all Christians in proclaiming Christ's gospel to men, and in seeking to secure the unity for which Christ prayed (John 17:17-21; Gal. 3:27, 28.)

In other words, the Church of Christ pleads for: "No book but the Bible, no creed but the Christ, no name but the divine." "In faith, unity; in opinion, liberty; in all things, charity."

[Note.—This is the second of the series of feature stories about Cottage Grove churches.—Ed.]

Resolution By Cottage Grove Grange.

Whereas, There is a proposition before the people to shift the burden of taxation from personal property to real property; and

Whereas, We believe that method of taxation to be unjust, unfair and inequitable; and

Whereas, We believe that the method of single tax would hamper our industries in almost every line and vastly increase the burden of taxation on the farmer and land owners of the country;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, by Cottage Grove Grange No. 443, that we are unalterably opposed to such methods of taxation, and pledge ourselves to use all honorable means in our power to prevent such a system being adopted in the State of Oregon; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our town and county papers and to the leading papers of Portland.

G. W. MCFARLAND, Master.

Rooster Acts as Mother of Brood.

In the show window of a West Eighth street market a "gentleman hen" is performing all the functions of motherhood to a brood of little chicks just out of the shell. The once proud and haughty chanteuse, rendered meek and matronly by the responsibilities of so large a family, seeks vainly to imitate the cluck of a hen while he earnestly claws the sawdust covering the show window and pecks at an imaginary worm. No doubt this is to develop the instinct of the wee fowl to forage for itself. But the most comical incident which made the straggling spectators grin broadly was the ludicrous attempts of the big ungainly bird to double his long legs under him in order to hover his tiny feathered charges.—Eugene Register.

"The Shop" where good printing is done—The Sentinel.

HOME ENDORSEMENT.

Hundreds of Cottage Grove Citizens Can Tell You All About It.

Home endorsement, the public expression of Cottage Grove people, should be evidence beyond dispute for every Cottage Grove reader. Surely the experience of friends and neighbors, cheerfully given by them, will carry more weight than the utterances of strangers residing in faraway places. Read the following:

Mrs. J. H. Shortridge, Cottage Grove, Ore., says: "Since I publicly recommended Doan's Kidney Pills two years ago, I have taken them off and on and they have always benefited me. I was all run down from kidney and bladder trouble and often my back was so weak and lame that I could hardly get around. I had headaches and the kidney secretions annoyed me. After I had taken a number of remedies without benefit, I was told about Doan's Kidney Pills and deciding to try them, I procured a supply at Benson's Drug Store. The contents of three boxes improved my condition in every way. I have often told other persons how effective Doan's Kidney Pills are in cases of kidney complaint."

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The best 2 for 25c collar made. A trial will convince you.



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This has been fully demonstrated in the past few days by the enormous sale of sample Waists and Muslin Underwear. One lady said I can buy two waists here for the price of one anywhere else in town.

We have hundreds of Waists to select from, ranging in price from

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Try our Hog Skin glove. War- ranted to give absolute satisfaction at 85c

10 Per Cent Cash Discount Coupon

This coupon will be accepted as 10% payment on any cash purchase of Laces, Embroideries and Ribbons if presented before May 10, 1912

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COLONISTS HEADED WEST

THOUSANDS NOW BOUND FOR PORTLAND AND VICINITY.

Small Tracts Near City at Reasonable Price in Big Demand, Says Immigration Agent.

Thousands of Eastern farmers in search of low-priced land near Portland, will pour into the city during the remaining few days of the low-priced one-way colonist period, is the information coming from railroad offices in close touch with the situation.

The cold weather in the East and Middle West had retarded the movement since the colonist season opened on March 1, but with the arrival of pleasanter weather, making travel more convenient, many of those who have hesitated about leaving home will be on their way to Oregon and other parts of the Northwest. Indicative of the situation is the following telegram received by Fred W. Graham, Western industrial an immigration agent of the Great Northern Railway, from H. A. Nobel, general passenger agent at St. Paul:

"Colonist movement to the Pacific Northwest did not open up as briskly this year as we anticipated, due undoubtedly to the fact that cold weather and snowstorms in the Central States continued nearly a month later than usual. Up to date, the figures available would indicate a larger number of colonists moved this year than for same period last year. Reports from immigration agents in the East indicate that the balance of the season will be heavy, as the past few days of warm weather have created a heavier demand for information regarding tickets and movement of immigrants' possessions.

"The first half of the colonist season shows upwards of 6,000 people already moved over our lines, and with anticipated increase for the latter part of the period we hope to break last year's record. Inquiries continue to pour in heavily and reports from immigration agents in charge of Oregon and Washington exhibition cars are very encouraging.

"There is an unusual demand for information regarding small farms in territory adjacent to large cities. The very high prices of these lands is preventing many good settlers from going, as the impression prevails that there are no available low-priced lands.

"I believe that Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane and other cities in Oregon and Washington should get out immediately literature showing exact prices of land available within a radius of 25 or 40 miles for diversified farming, poultry, small fruit and garden truck. Publicity stories on low-priced lands sent to Eastern papers would prove helpful.

"Some plan must be figured out for the small farmer and city man with a capital of only a few hundred dollars. Western activity has aroused Eastern states to advertise their own cheap lands, making it more difficult to get people to leave those sections."

J. M. Hannaford, second vice-president of the Northern Pacific, who has been spending the past few days in Portland, likewise predicts a steady flow of immigrants to Oregon and Washington throughout the remaining days of the colonist period. He has repeatedly sounded the warning of the Eastern land agent, pointing out the possibilities of obtaining land in the East and Middle West at prices probably below those prevailing in the Northwest.

Officials of the O. W. R. & N. Company and of the Southern Pacific are in receipt of information that predicts a healthy movement of desirable settlers in the next two weeks. Most of those now coming into the state are in search of land that can be devoted to diversified farming and at prices that will make their location here an economic success.

Call for City Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that all registered warrants on the Water Fund, and including register number 88, registered April 2, 1912; and all registered warrants on the Rock Quarry Fund and including number 155, registered March 23, 1912, will be paid at the First National Bank April 10, 1912. Interest will cease on that date.

HERBERT EAKIN, City Treasurer.

COTTAGE GROVE DRUG-GIST DESERVES PRAISE

The New Era Drug Co. deserves praise from Cottage Grove people for introducing there the simple buckthorn bark and glycerine mixture, known as Adlerika. This simple German remedy first became famous by curing appendicitis and it has now been discovered that a single dose relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation instantly. It is the only remedy which never fails.

INCREASE IN SAFETY

Southern Pacific Has 3,000 Miles of Road Protected by Automatic Block System.

From 102½ miles of road protected by automatic block signals in 1902, to more than 3,000 miles so protected today, is one of the safety appliance records of the Southern Pacific Company, according to statistics recently compiled in the offices of the general manager of the company in San Francisco. This mileage of more than 3,000 miles includes only main line and second track.

More than seventy per cent of the main line mileage of the Southern Pacific is protected by block signals. Approximately 100 miles are protected by the manual block signal system, the remainder being under the protection of the automatic system. Less than three per cent of the Southern Pacific lines were equipped with block signals in 1902. In 1903 this percentage had climbed to a little more than six per cent. From that year up to the present time these safety devices have been steadily installed until today these automatic blocks extend over nearly three-quarters of the entire system's main line.

Imagine the feeling of safety enjoyed by the passenger who travels over a railroad where every mile is protected by an automatic signal. He feels that his train cannot collide with the rear of a train ahead, because his engineer is not allowed to go closer to the train ahead than the distance between two block signals. The protection is good for both night and day. In the daylight the position of the semaphore arm gives the engineer his instructions, and at night the color of the light tells him how to proceed. Forty per cent of the block signals in operation on the railroads of the United States are on the Southern Pacific.

Moving Picture Films for Sale. Notice is hereby given, that two reels of moving picture films given to Hotel Oregon by Oscar Peters to secure a bill of \$10.00, will be sold to satisfy the claim, unless account is liquidated within 10 days.

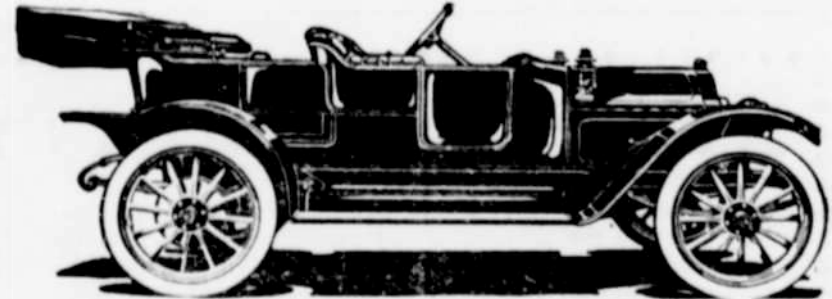
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