

CHRISTIAN CHURCH AT HARRISBURG IS OLDEST IN VALLEY

HARRISBURG, April 11.—(Special.)—At the recent celebration held at the Christian church here on its fifty-fifth dedicational anniversary, many interesting facts of its early history were brought to light. The all-day meeting was largely attended and was a great home coming for many out of town members and specially invited guests. Entirely new furnishings, finest linoleum, remodeled balconies, mural and pulpit decorations were the most commendable feature of the most dedication. This began by one of the members suggesting an improvement here, another one there, resulting in Sunday's culmination. Last spring many fine young walnut trees were planted in the church grounds. The church itself is a Harrisburg landmark and the first church to be built here.

First Valley Church.

This church is also of the very first homes of any sect erected in the upper Willamette valley and stands today straight and true in a perfect state of preservation. Douglas Love, ex-marshal, recalls climbing when a child upon the loads of heavy timbers, hand hewn, which form the framework. These were donated by Charles Both, living a mile south of here. Incidentally, Love is perhaps the first male child born in Harrisburg.

Official church records were seemingly lost but when the old seats were torn out, on a board from the back of one of the seats was found the following inscription, written with a carpenter's heavy lead pencil: "Began to build this home in June, 1850, finished on the 17th day of March, 1870 and was dedicated on the first Sunday in April 1870. The builders were Alfred Simmons and John Martin and others who helped were Willoughby Churchill, Mr. Humphreys and Thomas Roach."

Board is Preserved.

The board held an honored place in last Sunday's celebration and is now carefully preserved in the archives of the edifice.

The Harrisburg Christian church organization was effected November 7, 1863, by Rev. John E. Murphy with 31 members. Meetings were held at the Alfred and the Harris school house as well as the one here prior to the building of the church. Two members subscribing to the articles of this organization were present Sunday and are Mr. and Mrs. William Davidson of Brownville, the latter then Miss Sarah R. Morris. They are the parents of Oral Davidson, at present the operator of the old home-stead and for many years superintendent of the Christian Sunday school, another son, Bruce, helped in the designing and reconstruction of the interior. At the original dedication in 1870, the names of Mrs. Margaret E. Carter, Miss America Hyde and Miss Maria Porter were added to the membership, all were present Sunday. Miss Hyde has long been Mrs. H. H. Sherrill. Mrs. Carter's husband, deceased, was one of the workmen carpenters employed on the building of the structure.

Reorganized in 1877.

The church was reorganized in 1877, two years later Walter Huston was chosen one of the deacons and about 12 years ago he was given this office for life. He and his wife, residing near the church, for the past 15 years, have been most faithful attendants. Special mention was made of the long and faithful services of A. M. Pryor, deceased since 1923, who with Mrs. Pryor became members in 1891. He was Sunday school superintendent for many years and often the only man present.

Dr. D. G. Clark, in reviewing the church history, gave a list of its early ministers. Of these mentioned, but one is living and is A. D. Skags of Vancouver, Wash. The first minister was Rev. Campbell, father of President P. L. Campbell of the University

of Oregon. Other early ministers were James Campbell, John Waller, J. B. McCorkle, John E. Harris, John Powell, Alfred Powell, L. N. Mulka, E. Barnes, Tom Hansaker, William Wilt-side, A. B. Wade.

Wrecked car Burns On Coos Highway

ROSEBURG, Ore., April 11.—An auto belonging to Miss Harriett L. Veazie, a school teacher of North Bend, was wrecked and burned yesterday evening on the Coos Bay highway near Camas valley. Miss Veazie and a lady companion escaped injury when they were thrown out of the somersaulting roadster into a pond at the base of a 10 foot embankment.

The car skidded over the grade, throwing out the two occupants and landing bottom side up in a ravine. The women were brought into town by a passing motorist, and when a service car was sent out to bring in the wrecked automobile the mechanics found it completely destroyed by fire.

ORATORIO WILL BE GIVEN MAY 15-16

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most beautiful of the arias in "The Creation." In the third part are many choruses and duets, by Adam and Eve praising God for the Creation of the world. "Sing the Lord, Ye Voices All" sung by the chorus and quartet is the closing aria of "The Creation."

Society is Active

The Oratorio society is for the purpose of bringing musical people together not only in Eugene, but by eventually organizing musical societies throughout the surrounding counties and combining them with the Eugene society in a large concert at least twice a year. Those that participate get pleasure as well as musical instruction. Rehearsals are held every Monday night in the auditorium of the school of music and at present there is a waiting list of 50 desiring membership.

"It is our hope to make Eugene the musical center of the entire Northwest," said George H. McMorran, president of the society, "and this is not impossible considering the advantages this city possesses by having the University of Oregon school of music here, one of the best on the Pacific coast. We also are anticipating putting on a Musical Week in the near future, which will bring people from all over the northwest. It is my opinion that the Oratorio society will grow to be an organization of 200 or 250 in a very short time."

Soloists Coming

For the presentation of "The Creation" three well-known soloists will be brought from Portland. The organization is governed by an executive committee which is composed of the following: Mr. McMorran; C. D. Ross, president of the Bank of Commerce; John Landsbury, dean of the University of Oregon school of music, and Mrs. A. C. Dixon. Glen Morrow is secretary.

An Oratorio society such as this has been the dream of Dean Landsbury and John Stark Evans for many years. Not until the completion of the music auditorium and the installing of the new Tenor pipe organ recently, could this dream become a reality.

Many Take Part

Those who are taking part in the oratorio are:

Soprano—Achterman, Alden, Ashurst, Barker, Bayard, Beytlen, Butterworth, Berkley, Clark, Church, Coleman, Corey, Dawson, Ditto, Edmonds, Evans, Evans, Feil, Gale, Gardner, Graham, Green, Halverson, Halverson, Harver, Hazard, Hendershot, Hyatt, Inwood, Jewett, Jones, Johnson, Kennedy, Koke, Louche, Manchester, Marsters, Mater, McDuff, McKnight, McMullen, Miner, O'Farrell, Palmer, Palo, Parker, Pursey, Pearson, Rich, Richmond, Schaefer, Stacks, Smith, Stockdale, Tate, Temple, Teicher, Thorp, Thorne,

Blossoms Bring Memories of Japan Home



Madam Tamura, wife of the second secretary of the Japanese embassy, Teijiro Tamura, with her little daughter Sumi are carried back to old Japan with the aroma of their native blossoms which surround the Tidal Basin in Washington.

Watt, Whitten, Woodard, Young, Zimmerman, Stevens, Nelson, Booth, Haynie, Walker, Baldwin.

Altos—Agoe, Andrew, Baldwin, Booth, Boughey, Broders, Clark, Dixon, Duncan, Edwards, Enright, Fish, Franzwa, Gilman, Gilstrap, Hatt, Horzfall, Jones, Lang, McArrest, Mills, Morgan, Nash, Owens, Olsen, Powell, Parker, Pierce, Rae, Scott, Seougall, Simon, Winnard, Whitten, Williams, Wolf, Woffler, Phy, McCornack, Depmore, Winnard, Paulsen, Harvey, West.

Tenors—Adams, Caldwell, Chieh, Dawson, Gilstrap, Joe, Mack, Pen-gra, Petersmeyer, Pierce, Signor, Stevens, Temple, Tuttle, Christensen, Creter, Boardley, Rhoades, Ross, Stephens, Siefert, Rainey, Rowe, Cook, Moody.

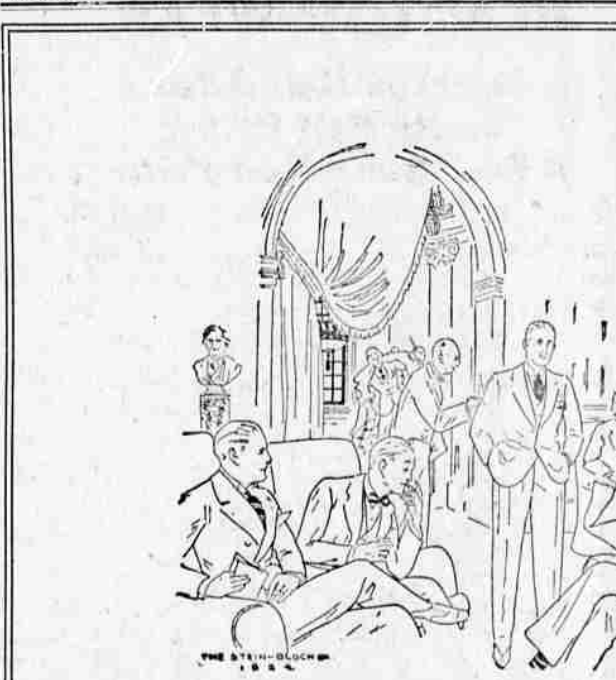
Basses—Alderman, Beattie, Blade, Cooley, Constance, Davis, Dart, Everett, Gardiner, Greens, Halstead, Hill, Howe, Hunt, Hulin, Kidwell, Lake, Leake, Maxwell, McMorran, McMullen, Miller, Morrow, Robe, Scott, Seougall, Stivers, Woods, Winder, Thompson, Wardner, Ruble, Jones, Edmisten, Dawson.

STATISTICS

BORN

DEFOE—At the maternity hospital, 688 Sixth avenue west, Friday, April 10, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. Ross DeFoe, of motor route C, a daughter.

TERRY—At Pacific Christian hospital, Friday, April 10, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Terry of Eugene, a daughter.



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SECRETARY WORK BLINDED TO NEED, ATTORNEY STATES

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 11.—Charges that Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work has blinded his eyes to the true situation in the Klamath irrigation district, were voiced this morning by J. H. Carnahan, attorney for the district, at a final hearing before Reclamation Commissioner Elwood Mead. Dr. Work was not in attendance.

The irrigation attorney declared that the sale of the water rights of the irrigators to the California-Oregon Power company for \$120,000 was a "gigantic swindle," and called upon government officials to repudiate the contract.

"We have heard the charges repeatedly since we have been here," was Commissioner Mead's answer. "This contract was entered into under the regime of a former secretary of the interior. If it was simply a blunder, there is nothing we can do. If there was fraud as you men have alleged, then give us proof of such fraud in order that we might have something on which to base any investigation."

"I will furnish you evidence of fraud," retorted the irrigation district attorney.

At a public banquet last night, Secretary Work gave residents of Klamath county a figurative spanking when he pointed out that they were too embroiled in community wrangles and controversies to obtain the best result from what he asserted were among the most fertile acres of the west.

He referred to the famous court house controversy of a few years ago when Klamath county was at one time the possessor of three separate court houses. He said the farmers should attend to their crops and their irrigation projects and let the power companies develop the power possibilities of the district.

At Klamath Agency yesterday afternoon, the secretary met with the tribal council of the Klamath Indian reservation and listened to their plea for a government loan of \$5,000,000 to the Indians, although he held out man of the council, asserted the Indians of the council, asserted the Indians were facing bankruptcy because they were unable to make a living off their farm lands and said the loan was needed to tide them over. The secretary replied that if they couldn't make a living at present, they had no way of insuring the government that the loan ever would be repaid.

Secretary Work and party left here at 10:30 this morning for the south. They will go first to Stober, thence to San Francisco and Yosemite.

EUGENE PARK ELKS URGED FOR PARADE

Eugene's first elks, the forerunners of the herd now at Hendricks park, were brought here from Portland following the annual national convention of the B. P. O. E., it is recalled by many members of the Eugene lodge who took part in that convention. The elk were brought to the convention by a lodge in Washington state and they were one of the features of the big parade. The elk were given to the Eugene delegation who brought them here for Hendricks park.

The recollection of the 1912 parade has led to suggestion that a pair of the elk now at the park here be taken by the Eugene lodge to the national meeting to be held at Portland the week of July 10, according to J. S. Maglady, chairman in charge of the plans for the visit of the Eugene lodge. Mr. Maglady states that no definite plan for this has been made but that it has been suggested to the committee.

F. M. Wilkins, chairman of the park board, voices the belief that a pair of the elk here, of which there are eight in the herd now, might be induced to behave, wear harness, and add to the novelty of the Eugene participation in the Portland festival.

Many Farmers to Test out Alfalfa

About forty Lane county farmers are cooperating with County Agent Fletcher in growing small plots of Grimm alfalfa this year. The Eugene Farmers Creamery has furnished half the seed needed to start 25 of these demonstrations, which will be planted and grown according to procedure advocated by Mr. Fletcher and

Crater Lake Park Opening Hampered

That the snow is nearly 60 feet in depth on the rim road of Crater Lake national park and that there is a possibility the route may not be open before August is the report of local visitors from Medford who state that the park officials state that there is more snow at the lake now than in any year since 1921. It is not expected that the Lodge hotel will be opened before July at least, according to present plans.

SENTENCE IS GIVEN FORMER OFFICIAL

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A sentence of up to seven years on the second charge, which has its origin after disposal of the first case, Judge Kelly announced revocation of the parole granted in the first instance and in its stead the alternative of a state prison sentence of not more than two years.

"This case," said Judge Kelly in explaining his previous parole of Thompson, "first appealed to the court as that of a young man with an invalid wife who had taken about \$1000 of state funds. He said he had intended to repay it, and showing was made that he had repaid in that amount. The court believed the case at that time showed absence of venality on the part of the defendant. Since that time it has been disclosed that the defendant actually took more than three times the amount that he swore he had taken. It is the judgment of this court that the parole previously granted be revoked and that you be sentenced to the state penitentiary without limitation of time, with a maximum of seven years, this sentence to begin upon termination of the previous sentence."

MRS. W. F. OSBURN BUYS BUILDINGS

Mrs. W. F. Osburn has purchased the Luckey block at Tenth avenue east and Oak street, from Schaefer brothers. It was announced yesterday. Mrs. Osburn's house at 255 Eighth avenue east has been sold to Charles Schaefer of the firm of Schaefer brothers. It is estimated that the consideration involved was \$40,000.

Mrs. Osburn is buying the property as an investment. She plans to give up her home May 1, and spend a fortnight in California with her husband. Upon returning to Eugene they will erect a home in the Fairmount district.

The Luckey property includes a two-story brick building on the corner, a one-story brick building immediately west, and a one-story frame structure to the south, occupied by the Sweet-Drain auto company, which uses the brick building as a garage. Mack's Auto Supply house is in the corner on the lower floor.

Educator Will go To School in East

Rollen S. Dickerson, for five years head of the department of history and social sciences at the University high school has been offered a similar position on the faculty of Ethical Culture School of New York City. The Ethical Culture school is a private

school of very high standing maintained by tuition and an endowment from a number of wealthy New York business men headed by Felix Adler. Mr. Dickerson was principal of the Campus high school for two years, resigning to become head of the department of social science in order to devote himself to the study of civic and social education. He has just returned from a visit to New York City where he was called to confer with the officials of the school. The attention of these people was called to Mr. Dickerson's work through the initiative of Dr. Edgar Dawson of Hunter college who visited the University high school last year. Mr. Dickerson expects to accept the offer and to begin work there next fall.

DR. JOHN SIMONS
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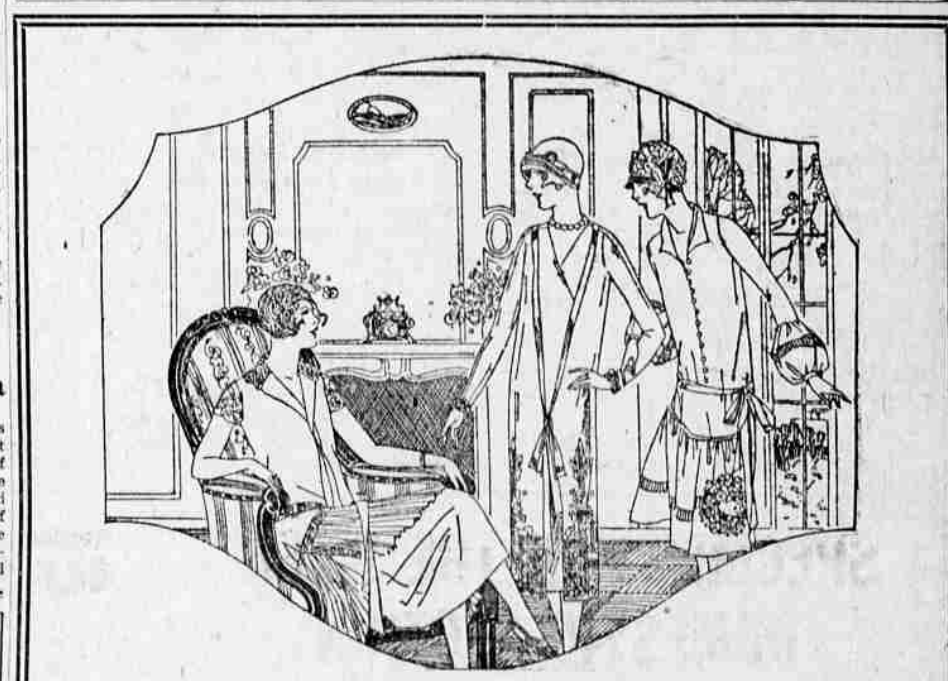
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