



DEDICATION OF CHURCH

Congregational Church to be Formally Dedicated Next Sunday and Monday

Many Prominent Preachers on the Program—Short History of the Church

Many invitations have been issued for the dedication of the new First Congregational church which has been under course of construction in this city the past year, on Sunday, April 2d and Monday the 3d.

The carpets and pews have arrived and are being placed, and everything will be in readiness at the appointed date.

Prominent preachers and others will be in attendance and help to celebrate the memorable occasion. A good program covering the dates mentioned is published in full as follows:

SUNDAY, APRIL 2.

10:00 A. M. Sunday School Hour. Dedication Exercises. 11:00 A. M. Preaching by the Rev. Austin Rice of Walla Walla, Washington. 7:00 P. M. Young People's Thanksgiving Service. Address by Mr. A. W. Brookings, of Portland Ladd, Tilton Bank. 8:00 P. M. Dedication of the Church; Sermon, Rev. William C. Kantner, Salem; Prayer, Rev. Daniel Staver; Address, Rev. Elwin L. House, of Portland.

MONDAY, APRIL 3.

2:00 P. M. Service in recognition of Rev. Herbert W. Boyd as pastor of the Church. Hymn 339. Statement by the Clerk of the Church, Prof. James R. Robertson. Paper "The Pastor and his Work," by Mr. Boyd. Rev. Jerome M. Barber takes the chair

and offers the greetings of the Local Association. Singing by the Choir; Scripture, Rev. L. F. Belknap; Prayer, Rev. Howard Gilpatrick, Cong., Hillsboro; Hymn 71. Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. John J. Staub, Sunnyside; Address to the Church, Rev. Daniel Staver; Charge to the Pastor, Rev. Charles E. Chase, Hassolo Street, Portland; Hymn 251; Benediction by the Pastor. 7:30 P. M., Service Celebrating the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Church. Voluntary. Hymn 350. Invocation, Rev. C. F. Sanderson; Scripture, Rev. Arden M. Rockwood, of Highland, Portland; Anthem by the Choir; Address, "Early Days" Hon. Alanson Hinman; Paper on the History of the Church to 1859, Mr. Cyrus Hamlin Walker, Albany; History of the Old Church, 1859-1901, Rev. Myron Eells, Twana, Wash.; Hymn 335; The New Church, Prin. Henry L. Bates; Address, "Pass it On" Rev. Plutarch S. Knight, of Salem; Hymn 329; Benediction.

The Congregational Church of this city is one of the oldest in the state and has had connected with it during its many years of existence, many prominent personages who have come and gone. We are, through the kindness of Prof. J. R. Robertson, permitted to print a brief history of this magnificent old church:

A Congregational church was formed at Forest Grove in 1845, of which Rev. Harvey Clark was pastor till 1854. It met in a log house on what is now the college campus. This building was also used as a schoolhouse. In 1851 the records of the church were burned with the house of Deacon T. G. Naylor. At the opening of the new record book about thirty persons claimed membership and were so acknowledged. In 1852 some division occurred and a Presbyterian church was organized from part of the membership which held services for three or four years after which most of the members joined this church. Rev. Thomas Condon acted as pastor for a year in 1854 and 1855, after which the resident ministers, Messrs. H. Clark, S. H. Marsh and E. Walker,

supplied the pulpit for a year. Rev. Elkanah Walker then became acting pastor. The church building recently burned, was erected in 1858 and 1859 costing about \$7000. Rev. S. Marsh and Rev. Cushing Eells with Rev. E. Walker occupied the pulpit till 1861. From 1856 till 1861 fifty united with the church, thirty two of them on profession, Rev. W. A. Tenney was pastor from May 1861 for about one and a half years. Then Revs. Walker, Horace Lyman and S. H. Marsh occupied the pulpit till 1867, and also from 1869 to 1875. Rev. D. A. Miles was pastor from 1867 to 1869. Rev. J. F. Ellis in 1875 and 1876, for one and a half years after which Rev. S. H. Marsh supplied for a year. Rev. S. S. Vandersal then for two years supplied both the Congregational and Methodist churches, preaching in the Congregational building; then, as the arrangement was not allowed by the Methodist conference to continue longer, he withdrew from the conference and continued pastor till July 1882. Rev. J. R. Herrick supplied for a few months after which Rev. H. S. Mills came from the East and acted as pastor until October 1885. He then resigned and the pulpit was supplied by Rev. J. F. Ellis, F. Crang, D. Bicknell and others till June 1887. Rev. C. F. Wood was then chosen pastor and remained one year. Rev. Daniel Staver then accepted a call and was pastor until August 1890. Rev. Alonso Rogers was pastor from October 1890 to April 1897. Rev. Austin Rice from September 1897 to September 1898. After an interval of ten months during which Rev. S. M. Freedland acted as supply. Rev. M. D. Dunning became pastor and served from September 1899 to November 1901. From January 1, 1902 until December 11 1904 Rev. Daniel Staver acted as pulpit supply. He was followed in December of 1904 by Rev. Herbert Boyd, the present pastor.

"The church has been mainly self-supporting. The Sunday school has been carefully kept up and among its superintendents may be named Messrs. Cushing Eells, Myron Eells, E. A. Tanner, J. E. Walker, who in 1872 was ordained as a missionary and left for China soon after, C. H. Walker, John R. Walker, S. T. Walker, Joseph W. Marsh, L. C. Walker, J. D. Robb, Wm. P. Marsh, J. R. Robertson, H. L. Bates, and W. T. Fletcher.

The contributions for home and foreign missions for the A. N. A., the College and Education Society and the Bible Society have been regularly taken up and many other benevolent objects have received help from time to time. Latterly the Building Society and the Ministerial Relief have been added to the benevolences.

A Ladies Working Society was organized in 1875 which has aided much in the harmony and the benevolences of the church.

The membership of the church at the end of the year 1904 is 203 of which 78 are counted as absentees. The large proportion of absentees is due in large part to the fact that many of the members have been students who made a profession of religion while here and soon after removed.

As a civil organization this church was fully incorporated in May 1882 with three Trustees of whom one is elected each year. Its property consists of two acres of land where the building stands, given by Rev. Cushing Eells and four acres now used as a cemetery, given by Henry Buxton, and T. G. Naylor. Lately something over two acres have been added by purchase from Mr. T. G. Todd.

The Church is a member of the West Willamette Association of Congregational churches and ministers. The pastors of the Church have recognized their duties to neighboring communities and much valuable work has been done in this direction, in which the lay members have also assisted.

The loss of the church building by fire in July 1901 made a temporary arrangement necessary. The use of the College building was secured from the Trustees at a nominal expense. In the spring of 1904 the contract was let for the erection of a new church to cost, all complete about \$10,000.

Laundry Changes Monday

Emerson & Dodson, the purchasers of the City Laundry mentioned in last week's News, will take charge of the plant next Monday. Both these gentlemen are experienced laundrymen having been connected with the City Laundry of Portland, and come highly recommended. More new machinery has been installed and more will be as necessity demands, and in every way this Laundry will be made the highest standard.

Oscar Shogren, of Portland, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Shogren, here on Sunday.

BUY AT HOME ALWAYS

Good Reasons Why You Should Stand By The Home Merchants At All Times

Mail Order Houses Don't Pay Your Taxes Nor Enhance The Value Of Your Farms

(Chariton, Iowa, Herald)

A man went into one of the Chariton stores the other day and asked if the merchant would oblige him by exchanging an article that he had bought from a mail order house for a similar article of another size from the merchant's stock. The merchant almost fainted at the man's gall, but he was an obliging merchant, so he did not get angry. He asked the man why he did not return the article to the mail order house and have it exchanged.

"Because I have to return it at my expense," said the man, "and even then I stand a chance of not getting what I want. The cost of returning it would be considerable, and it might get lost or broken on the trip, and I just thought maybe you could sell it to some one else, and could let me have one that fits me out of your stock."

The merchant looked sharply at the man to see if he was joking or really didn't know any better, and seeing that it was only the latter, he told him he would exchange the article for him. And he did, and the man was profuse in his thanks for the accommodation. And then the merchant told the man, in a gentlemanly way, just what he had done. He said:

"My friend, you live in this community. You have lived here for a good many years. You own a farm that cost you perhaps \$15 or \$20 per acre, and it is now worth \$75 to \$100 per acre and yet the land is not as good as it was when you bought it. What has made it worth more? It is because it is near a good town—to this town that you and your neighbors helped to build up by patronage. While you were helping the town with your patronage, you were unconsciously doubling and trebling the value of your farm. The rule works both ways. The growth of the town increases the value of your farm, and the deterioration of the town injures the value of your farm. If you buy your goods in Chariton, you help to make Chariton a larger city, and help to make your land worth more. If you buy your goods in Chicago, you help to make Chicago a larger city, and you leave to other people the burden of building up your home community and increasing the value of your land. If you help to build up Chicago, how much will it increase the value of your farm?"

"You are interested in the town as much as are the people who live in it. You trade your produce here for things that you want, you sell your stock and farm products here (or at some other town near here), and if you are unfortunate and need financial help, the business man here, and no one but the business men, are solicited to raise a purse for you. And they always do it, whether you have helped them or not. If you are short of cash, or your crops or stock are not yet sold, you ask credit at the stores here, and you get it, which is a favor to you, though you may not know it. If you buy something at any store here that does not prove as good as was claimed for it, you can bring it back and exchange it, or get your money back. In these and a hundred other ways you are under obligations to this town and the merchants here to trade with them, and yet you have sent your cash to this mail order house to buy what you want, and have not gotten what you want at all."

The merchant paused for breath, and the man mumbled something about getting cheaper prices at the mail order houses.

"If that were true," said the merchant, "I wouldn't complain a bit. If you could save money by ordering of the mail order houses, which are the bitterest enemies of this town, I wouldn't say a word. Not counting all I have said—the fact that you are hurting the value of your own farm when you hurt this town; the fact that the merchants here (or at whatever town you trade), take your produce and lose money on it, and give you goods in exchange; the fact that you can get credit here when you haven't the cash, and can always bring goods back and exchange them when they are not satisfactory;

and the fact that you or any of your neighbors who are in hard luck can always get financial help from the merchants here; in spite of all these things, if you could get goods cheaper of the mail order house than you can here, I wouldn't complain. But you can't. You have a catalogue that you can sit around and study in the evenings, and the prices in it look cheap because you have plenty of time to study them, and the descriptions are written in fine language. But if you will bring in the catalogue and look through my store, and compare prices right through, and if I don't furnish you the same articles, quality considered, cheaper than the mail order house does, I will give them to you. And you will not be buying anything by a book description, either. You will see the goods, try them on, and inspect the quality, and get whatever guarantee there is on them, and if they don't suit you afterwards, there will be no trouble or risk in exchanging or replacing them."

"Well, I guess you're about right," said the man, thoughtfully.

"Of course I'm right, and the more you think about it the more you believe what I've said. Here you come into my store asking me to favor you by exchanging goods that you have bought from a mail order house. They made the profit on the sale, they ran no risk, they will not exchange it for you unless you pay all charges of return shipment and prove that it is not satisfactory, and even if they exchange it for you, you may and you not get what you want. They pay no taxes here to help run the county expenses and educate your children. They do nothing to help this town or this county or you. And their prices are not as cheap, everything considered, as those of the home merchant. If you really knew how to save money and help yourself you would never spend a cent with them. They make a profit on their goods, or they would not be in business. And if anybody is to get the profit, why not give it to the merchant at home?"

"I really never thought of it that way," said the man, "and I see how you're right. And you've sure treated me white in exchanging this, and I'll remember it."

And as he walked slowly out of the store, the merchant gazed thoughtfully after him, and wondered if he really would remember it.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT.

Local Talent will Present "Tatters, The Pet of Squatters' Gulch."

The Home Dramatic company which has been organized by several of the theatrically inclined persons of this city for the purpose of presenting a number of popular plays at the local playhouse, will offer at their first performance tonight the comedy-drama, "Tatters, the Pet of Squatter's Gulch." This is a play which is quite difficult to produce and it is a matter of congratulation that home talent will present it here. Moreover, the proceeds of the play are to be applied to the purchasing of scenery, so much needed to render the Verts stage more convenient for the presentation of plays and more attractive for the social gatherings held there from time to time. Abe Teegarden, the local artist, has prepared some special scenery for the initial performance. The players have rehearsed faithfully and the indications point to a splendid production. Mr. Teegarden will appear in a rapid scene painting specialty stunt. The seats are selling rapidly and a large audience is anticipated.

The cast of characters is as follows: Titinia Timberlake, nicknamed, "Tatters," the pet of squatter's gulch, Mrs. C. McNutt. Major Timberlake, hotel proprietor, Oscar Baldwin; Robert Ferris, a half-breed Indian, Herbert McNutt; John Marston, a landowner from the East, Ralph Kenton; Phil Dolan, squatter, Merle Markee; Abe Witherspoon, squatter, Charley L. Walker; Moses Lillyblossom, colored servant, G. H. Baldwin; Jacob Kent, land speculator, Lowell Markee; Sheriff Gorgass, Sam Todd; Mrs. Timothy Timberlake, Emma Stuehr; Clementina Fairlace, young lady from Boston, Mabel Wirtz. The presentation of the play will occupy something like two hours and the scene is laid in Nevada.

Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Belknap and daughter, Miss Nettie, went to Portland Monday to attend the great gospel meetings which are being held there by Dr. W. Chapman and his associates. They returned Wednesday having enjoyed their stay very much.

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