

BAPTIST SEMI-CENTENNIAL
West Union Church Celebrates the
50th Anniversary of Its Dedication

Half a century and over of Baptist history in Washington county was recalled by the meeting at West Union Friday in the old church building which was dedicated fifty years ago, Dec. 25, 1853. It was the pioneer too, in the Oregon country where now over 22,000 communicants worship in more than 300 congregations.

Children and grandchildren of the founders and many interested friends were there to observe an anniversary of such interest. The morning sermon was by Rev. W. H. Latourette, from Isaiah LIII, and at noon a bountiful basket dinner was provided. In the afternoon Rev. J. F. Day, pastor of the Hillsboro First Baptist church, preached, with Matthew 11:2 as his text. At these services Prof. Sherrill acted as organist and the music was of high order.

At the log cabin home of David T. Lenox on Tualatin Plains the West Union Baptist church was organized May 25, 1844, when Oregon was debatable land and the settlers did not know whether they were British subjects or American citizens, by David T. Lenox, Henry Sewell, William Beagle, Alexander Blevins, Nineveh Ford, Louisa Lenox, Lucinda Beagle and Lavina Blevins. It was the first church of the faith of Roger Williams on the west coast. The pioneer pastor was Rev. Vincent Snelling who met with the church for the first time on the second Sunday in February, 1845, as the old church record declares "the first sermon preached to the church by a Baptist minister in Oregon," and Oregon then included the extensive domain now familiar as the Oregon country through the coming centennial of its exploration. Henry Sewell, the first church clerk, was afterward ordained and for many years was the faithful and beloved pastor there.

On Sept. 2, 1852, D. T. Lenox, Reuben W. Ford and Henry Sewell were appointed a building committee and on Dec. 24, 1853, the committee reported the building complete and clear of debt. Mr. Wm. Kane, now living at Forest Grove, was the contractor and the total cost was \$1500. Sunday, Dec. 25, 1853, occurred the dedication. Rev. Ezra Fisher preached the sermon and was assisted in the dedicatory service by Rev. R. Weston and a Congregational clergyman, Rev. Cushing Ellis, of Forest Grove.

The anniversary service was of especial interest in that Rev. W. H. Latourette who preached the morning sermon is a grandson of Rev. Ezra Fisher who preached the dedicatory sermon there in that same building fifty years ago, and Rev. J. F. Day who preached in the afternoon is a great nephew of the first pastor, Rev. Vincent Snelling, both of Friday's preachers being Native Sons of Oregon.

Among those present Friday were Robt. Imbric and family, Mrs. Letitia Mauzey Smith, of Portland, Jas. Imbric and family, J. J. Whitten and family, Claud Cate, Grover Cate, Mrs. Sarah M. Smith.

Washington county, besides the West Union church, has Baptist churches at Hillsboro, Bethany (German), Laurel and Middleton.

MASONIC INSTALLATION

Monday was installation day at Masonic hall and Past Master, E. W. Haines, also a past grand patron, installed these officers in due form:

Worthy Matron, Mrs. C. F. Miller; Worthy Patron, S. G. Hughes; Associate Matron, Mrs. C. N. Johnson; Secretary, Mrs. Lizzie Harris; Treasurer, C. N. Johnson; Chaplain, E. W. Haines; Warden, Mrs. Dilley; Sentinel, M. E. Dilley; Organist, Mrs. A. B. Todd; Ada, Mrs. Watrous; Ruth, Mrs. Kane; Esther, Mrs. Todd; Martha, Mrs. B. Laughlin; Electa, Mrs. Z. Large.

Holbrook Lodge: Master, J. S. Buxton; Senior Warden, M. J. Abbott; Junior Warden, C. N. Johnson; Treasurer, E. W. Haines; Secretary, J. C. Clark; Deacons, B. Laughlin and H. Naufts; Steward, H. H. Clark; Tyler, M. E. Dilley.

After an address on "Masonry and the Church" by Rev. A. Robinson, of Hillsboro, the Masons, and their families and guests, to the number of more than a hundred, sat down at well spread tables and closed the exercises with a social season.

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All round flour, a blend of Hard and Valley wheat. Be sure you get

Silver Dust Flour

Manufactured by the Aplin Mills Co., of Cornelius and sold by

Dugan & Watrous

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Wiley's saloon is \$50 poorer by the visit of some unknown person who in an equally mysterious way got inside early Thursday morning and relieved the till, cash register and slot machine of the contents. No breaking was done as the intruder evidently came through the door and found the keys in the drawer. Jack Ford and Hurley are under arrest on the charge.

D. J. Porter, of Gaston, is awaiting a hearing set for Wednesday in the county jail, charged with threatening to kill his divorced wife. Severe razor cuts in his throat and left wrist keep him under Dr. Tamiesie's care and were received early Christmas morning; whether self-inflicted or done by another will be told after his hearing. An examination as to his sanity is also a possibility.

The County Court at its February term will act on the petition of J. L. Banks, H. David and others for a 40 foot public road near "Fruit Hill Homes" in the Mulkey donation in road district 14 to connect with the Forest Grove-Thatcher road.

The Bazaar at Forest Grove is probably the only place of business in the county that do not need to have a clearance sale at New Years as their sales before Xmas were so tremendous that they are very nearly out of goods altogether.

Archbishop Christie with several other Catholic dignitaries visited St. Mary's Home at Beaverton Sunday and were greatly pleased with the excellent work being done there.

NOTICE FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Administratrix of the estate of Asa Williams, deceased, has filed her final account as such Administratrix in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, in the matter of the Estate of Asa Williams, deceased, and the Hon. L. A. Rood, Judge of said Court has set Monday the 25th day of January, 1904, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the County Court room in Hillsboro, Washington County, State of Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections if any to said final account, and for the final settlement and distribution of said estate.

The Order of Publication being dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, the 18th day of December, 1903.

The first publication of this notice is made the 25th day of December, 1903.

Sarah E. Crow,
Administratrix of the Estate of Asa Williams, deceased.

J. N. Hoffman, Attorney.

WOODMAN OF THE WORLD CAMP NO 98. FOREST GROVE.

Meet every Saturday evening at 7.30 P. M. All neighbors are cordially invited to visit with us.

JOHN ANDERSON, Clerk
JOHN STRIMICH, C. C.

SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution, decree and order of sale issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Washington, dated the 17th day of December, 1903 in favor of J. W. Shute and E. B. Tongue, Administrators of the Estate of Thos. H. Tongue, deceased, plaintiffs and against George W. Miller, defendant for the sum of \$44.80 cost and the further sum of \$900.00 with interest thereon from the 1st day of April, 1901, at the rate of eight per cent per annum, to me directed and delivered, commanding me to make sale of the real property hereinafter described, I have levied upon and pursuant to said execution decree and order of sale I will on Monday, the 25th day of January, 1904, at the South door of the Courthouse in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. of said day, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all of the following described real property, lying, being and situate in Washington County, Oregon, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Block numbered thirteen (13) of and in Oak Grove Addition to the Town of Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, as the same is marked and designated upon the plot of said addition of record in the office of the Recorder of Conveyances of Washington County, Oregon, containing two acres more or less, to satisfy the hereinbefore named sums and for the costs and expenses of sale and said writ.

Said sale will be made subject to redemption as per statute of Oregon. Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, this 24th day of December, 1903.

J. W. SEWELL,
Sheriff of Washington County, Oregon.
E. B. Tongue, Attorney for Plaintiff.

SUMMONS.
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

Joseph S. Lilly, Plaintiff
vs
Martha L. Lilly, Defendant
To Martha L. Lilly, the above named defendant:

In the name of the state of Oregon: You are hereby commanded and required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, in the above entitled court, on or before the expiration of six weeks next from, and after, the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: The first publication of said summons being on December 18, 1903, and if you fail so to appear and answer said complaint for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for and demanded in his said complaint, to-wit: For a decree dissolving and annulling the marriage and marriage contract now and heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem just and equitable in the premises.

This summons is served on you by publication by order of Hon. T. A. McBride, Judge of the above entitled court, which said order was made and dated at Hillsboro Oregon, on December 12, 1903, and directs that this summons be published for six successive and consecutive weeks in the Hillsboro Independent.

H. T. BAGLEY,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

HOLLY CIRCLE, NO. 185, W. O. W., Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month in Odd Fellows' hall, Forest Grove. All members and visiting members are invited to attend.

LILLIAN BUNTON,
Guardian Neighbor.
SARAH C. SMITH, Clerk.

Forest Grove's assessed valuation is \$199745 for the city and for school district 15 is \$201225.

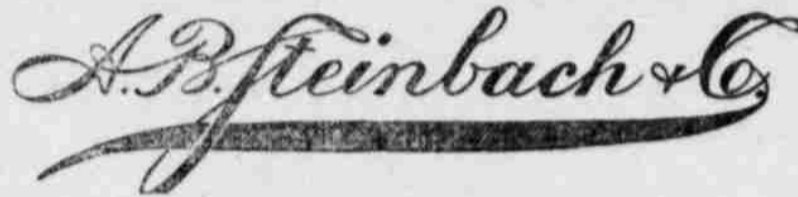
Notice the color! Everybody likes good Carnation, and this is one.

\$1,000 Given Away

Rieger, the California perfumer, is paying \$1,000 for Mother Goose Rhymes describing California perfumes. Dr. Hines' Drug Store sells these perfumes. Ask the clerk about it.

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