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HISTORICAL SKETCH OF EARLY DAYS OF DIST. 5

Organized in 1854; It Has Had
An Interesting Era of
Development.

The school building would be a credit to any district in the state, and I feel sure that our citizens generally are happy over the fact that our school board was able to consummate the deal with the city officers and the college board; its splendid adaptation to the needs of the modern school; the commodious grounds in connection with it, make some of us think of the days gone by when the pupils attending school in district No. 5 were not so well taken care of, and I have been asked by the clerk of the board to tell you something of the old times by way of contrast.

This school district was first organized in 1854, and it may be of interest to some to know that this town of ours was at that time known as Takenah. It was only a village, containing a small frame court house, a flouring mill, a blacksmith shop, two stores and a few dwelling houses. One of these stores, located at the corner of Second and Washington, was owned by the Monteith brothers and J. M. McConnell. The other was situated on the bank of the river just east of the present site of the Red Crown Mills, and was owned by L. C. Burkhardt. There was a great rivalry between the two points, and the feeling between their partisans ran high. To cap the climax the people of the lower town in some way induced the territorial legislature to change the name of the town to Takenah.

The first meeting for the purpose of organizing the district was held at Takenah, October 31, 1854. John Conner, who afterwards founded the first bank in the city, presided over the deliberations of the meeting, and Anderson Cox, Jas. H. Foster, and George Cline were elected directors, and J. M. McConnell, clerk.

For some reason this election was declared null and void, and another was held on the 28th of the following November, resulting in the choice of Jas. H. Foster, J. G. Lincoln and Anderson Cox as directors, and J. M. McConnell, as clerk. At this last mentioned meeting a committee was appointed, consisting of Walter Monteith, Jas. H. Foster, and J. M. McConnell, to view the different sites offered for a new school building, and to report their findings and recommendations to the board. It may have been an extremely energetic committee, or it may have been that in those good old days they were just as prone to put up jobs on the public as are the people of today, but it is a fact that they submitted a written report at the same meeting. Nowadays if we felt that such practice as this was necessary we would probably go ahead, as they evidently did, and select our chairman beforehand, and would appoint a committee previously agreed upon, have a report already prepared, and do the work up very much in the same manner as they did, but there would be more care taken that the report should smooth the matter over to extent.

The report made by this committee recommended the selection of the north half of the block now occupied by the old Central school house, and the first public school house in what is now known as school district No. 5, the county school superintendent organized the district, and in his official notice proclaimed that "This District shall be known as Takenah district." This is the last official record I have been able to find where the name of Takenah was applied to this town, and from this fact I am lead to believe that during that year the legislature changed the name back to Albany.

I came to Albany in April, 1866, and immediately started to school in this same building that had been erected 11 years before. Judge Flinn afterwards so prominently identified with the business and educational interests of this city, emphyntwyp terests of this city, was the teacher, I recall to mind now the names of but four of the pupils that term besides myself who are now residents of Albany—D. D. Hackleman, now a member of the school board, his brother Thurston, Mrs. E. F. Sox, and Mrs. H. F. Merrill.

The building was frame, and consisted of just one main room and a small vestibule. During the summer and fall of 1866, a large addition was erected. At least we considered it large at that time—in size it was probably about 40 by 100 feet. This was divided into two rooms, one in either end, and a hall ran through the center of it the short way and connected with the front of the old building. This gave the school a great deal more room than was actually needed at that time, and served the necessities of the district until the present Central school building was erected.

When I attended the public school in the Spring of 1866, the attendance was probably about 60, although the enrollment was much larger. At that time there was no law requiring compulsory attendance, and the school was large sustained by rate bills paid by the pupils. My remembrance is that the amount charged each pupil was between \$4 and \$5 per term.

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact that these old buildings I have referred to are still in existence and are being used, but not for educational purposes. They have been torn apart and moved twice, but are at this date located on the same block. The oldest one, now 65 years old, is owned by Mrs. Peter Riley, and is at present used as a residence at the corner of Second and Jackson streets. The larger building of the

two is also owned by Mrs. Riley, is used as a barn, and is situated on the corner of Second and Jefferson streets.

The data I have used in the preparation of this short piece of school history was secured by me in 1878 from the original school record, then in the hands of the school clerk, and this old record book has since been lost.

It might be of some interest to tell you before I close just a little about the public school in 1878, the year in which I secured the data used above. The children from Ferry street went at that time attended the 7th Street school, and were taught by Miss Maggie Irvine. This building was afterwards sold to the Catholics, moved to the corner of Eighth and Ellsworth streets, and became the first church building. Those living between Ferry and Railroad streets attended the Central school building, which was taught by Prof. D. V. S. Reed, and Miss Estella Hunsaker. The pupils east of Railroad street attended what was then called "Disie School," taught by Miss Marie Irvine.

The number of pupils in the district at that time, between the ages of 4 and 20, was 878, and the number attending school was only 230.

The school board at that time was made up as follows: Directors—Dr. J. L. Hill, D. M. Thompson, and L. Flinn; clerk, John H. Burkhardt. C. H. STEWART.



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RAY.

Tale of a Hat.

Mrs. Carrie B. Adams has written the words and music of a song entitled "In Oregon" which will be sung

for the first time in public during the performance of "The Tale of a Hat" by the splendid men's quartet taking part in the entertainment: Messrs. M. L. Peters, Jay Palmer, J. C. Irvin and F. M. Powell. These members of the cast have a quartet in the operetta entitled "Sleep, ma L'il Kinky Haid," which they sing with such artistic feeling that Mrs. Adams has asked them to present her new state song to the public, feeling sure they

will do it creditably not only to themselves, but to the song, and the author as well. In Oregon" is not published yet, and an Albany audience will be the first to pass judgment upon it.

Daily Democrat by Carrier, \$4 Year.

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Girls' Bungalow aprons	39c	Khaki pants	98c
Ladies' Bungalow aprons	49c	Leather bound suit case	98c
Smith's Axminster rugs	98c	Trunks	\$2.49, \$2.98, \$3.98
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