

Wash. Co.'s First Newspaper Financed Delivery of Mail

**STRONG FAITH GUIDED EARLY SETTLERS TO
DETERMINED EFFORT IN PROGRESS MARCH**

By Hervey S. Robinson

(continued from last week)

Probably nowhere in the records of early Washington county settlers is there a more revealing indication of the spirit and faith of the retired mountain men and independent Protestant missionaries than in the files of the "Oregon American and Evangelical Unionist," bi-weekly magazine-newspaper and third publication in all of the Oregon country.

Pioneering, under whatever circumstance, is a process of continual struggle. When a man comes into a virgin country, with his family and humble belongings, there is uppermost in his mind the quest for food, an ever-extending demand that will brook not too much indifference.

Almost of equal importance is shelter for his family and livestock. Yet, when these two needs are met, there are dangers that must be warded off on one hand while the ever pressing struggle for existence seems always near by.

The Tualatin plains, in the days of 1848, were like a state of its own. Narrow, winding roadways and trails connected it with the communities outside its confines. But in the valley, itself, life was generally prosperous and intense.

Religion was one of the important issues of the day. Such was the case throughout the entire Oregon country with very few Presbyterians and Congregationalists in the upper Willamette country; Catholics and Methodists at Champego, Campbellites in Yamhill and Cumberlands, Campbellites, Baptists, Methodists and Congregationalists represented in other counties.

Conflicts between and antagonisms against various sects were sharp and deep-seated. Though most of the pioneers were staunch Christians, interdenominational tolerance was, to put it mildly, not of universal acceptance.

Washington county's pioneer newspaper illustrates the sharp feeling.

The "Oregon American and Evangelical Unionist" was begun by its editor, Reverend J. S. Griffin, and printed by C. F. Putnam. The fourth issue of Volume I is dated July 18, 1848 and its frequency was set at "Issued Once in Two Weeks."

Whatever else might be said of Reverend Griffin, he is labeled as anti-Catholic and anti-British. With all the customary fanfare as to his publication's purposes, such as being devoted to "American principles and interests, evangelical religion and morals, general intelligence, temperance, moral instrumentalities, science, literature and the arts, etc., the driving force behind his valiant effort seemed to be an urge to expose and attack the British and the Roman Catholics.

Life being elemental, of course.

KANSAS PICNIC

On July 25, in Bryant Park, Albany, Oregon, the annual Kansas picnic will invite the presence of all former residents of that state.

Interesting events for all members of the family are scheduled. Contests for ladies, games and foot races for the children and the customary privileges of re-living the days in the wheat country are available for those who come.

While the picnickers are asked to bring their own lunches, free coffee will be furnished by the picnic committee.

It obviously required a compelling motive to encourage the effort that such publication involved. And the fact that feeling on religion was so intense gave to the Tualatin area its first privately sponsored mail delivery system as well as its first publication.

Reverend Atkinson, on his trip from Oregon City into the Tualatin district, in 1848, described the fire-eating editor's home as he approached it, between the present communities of Beaverton and Hillsboro.

"His white, unfinished house was in the edge of a grove of oaks. Fine cattle were lying about. And though Mr. Griffin was absent from home, attending a camp meeting, Mrs. Griffin received us kindly and gave us a good bowl of milk."

Mr. Atkinson reported that he saw a copy of the "Oregon American" lying on a table and that the printer, in another room, was apparently busy on making up the next issue.

So typical of men who are obsessed with a secular or a political effort, Brother Griffin, by this mention, shouldered the burden of his publication as a spiritual necessity, even though it necessitated his leaving the house unfinished and embarking on long trips by horseback to attend such functions as were surely a close second to meat and drink in his requirements.

After a man had made the recognized sacrifices that the magazine-newspaper required, it is not surprising to learn that he was faced with a problem of circulation. A man's views, particularly when they are designed to influence the thoughts of others, are of no avail unless and until they are in the hands of readers.

Griffin's problem was not so easily solved then as it would be today. No transcontinental bus, airplane or train facilities were at hand. Even the system of roads was sketchy and undeveloped. Here again, falling back upon his own resources, the pioneering editor found an answer to his problem.

The area had no regular mail delivery. He had no channel through which his publication could reach his readers. To meet both needs of the situation, he solicited support and backing from his followers and, as a result, regular mail delivery began.

Conditioned somewhat by the date of publication, the delivery of the "Oregon American" was an accomplished fact, as was the receipt and the sending out of letters and articles between the Oregon settlers and folks scattered east of the Continental Divide.

Travel from the district into Oregon City took one through various Tualatin plains upon which flourished fields of grain, over rolling country and sparse groves of red, yellow and white fir, occasional oak groves and on, over steep and winding hills into the thriving Linn City, founded by Robert Moore in 1840.

Here was a busy little town which boasted a lumber and flour mill, a chair factory, tavern, wagon shop and gunsmith. S. H. L. Meek, one of the colorful characters of the time, operated an "Eight Ox Power Express," twice a week, "Rain or no rain; mud or no mud; load or no load," into the Tualatin plains.

Moore, founder of the settlement, operated a ferry boat and his was a necessary medium of transportation into the comparative metropolis of Oregon City.

By Forest Road Or Highway Are Ready Campsites

Ready campsites maintained by the forest service for the use of the general public, are available to residents within the Willamette basin, by forest road or highway.

All facilities for cooking and picnicking are maintained, though some might seem a little on the "pioneer" side. And also available are opportunities to fish, swim, boat, hike or otherwise generally relax and find enjoyment.

Although picnickers are not required to get a permit for building campfires, the forest service urges those who use and enjoy public camping grounds to use care in disposing of cigarettes and other burning materials.

Clip the following campsite listing, for reference when planning a vacation trip of any length:

BIG POOL—On Fall Cr Forest Rd 35 mi SE of Eugene. El 940'.

Space 2 trailers, parking 3 cars, 4 camps, 2 shelters, 3 stoves, 4 tables, 2 toilets, str water. Supplies at Lowell 15 mi. Fishing, hunting, swimming, playground equip.

BIG SPRINGS—On N Santiam Hy (St-222) 10 mi E of Detroit. El. 2100'. Space 4 trailers, 10 camps, 2 shelters, 10 stoves, 11 tables, 2 toilets, str water. Supplies at Detroit. Fishing, hunting.

BLUE POOL—On Willamette Hy (St-58) 9 mi E of Oakridge. El. 2000'. Parking 40 cars and 6 trailers, 14 camps, 16 stoves, 24 tables, 2 toilets, str water. Supplies at McCredie Spr Resort 1-8 mi. Fishing, swimming, game preserve, playground area, hot spr resort nearby.

BREITENBUSH—On Breitenbush Forest Rd 68 mi E of Salem, (Via St. Hy 222 for 57 mi) 11 mi NE of Detroit. El 3200'. Space 10 trailers, parking 30 cars, 16 camps, 3 shelters, 23 stoves, 18 tables, 3 toilets, piped str water. Supplies at Breitenbush Spr 1 mi. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, playground, 2 hot mineral spr resorts nearby.

CAMPERS FLAT—On Willamette Forest Rd 21 mi S of Oakridge. El 2030'. 4 camps, 3 stoves, 3 tables, 2 toilets, str water. Supplies at Oakridge. Fishing, hunting.

CLEAR LAKE—Approach from Eugene (Via US-28), Albany or Bend (Via St. Hy 54). On Clear L Loop Rd at headwaters of McKenzie Riv 23 mi NE of McKenzie Bridge. El 3012'. Space 5 trailers, parking 100 cars, 26 camps, comm kitchen, 26 stoves, 2 fireplaces, 35 tables, 8 toilets, piped str water. Boat landing. Supplies at Clear L Resort. Boating, fishing, hunting, playground equip. Boatman's overnight camp on E side of L.

COLD SPRINGS—On Willamette Rd 10 mi S of Oakridge. El 1498'. Space 4 trailers, 7 camps, 2 shelters, 7 stoves, 7 tables, 3 toilets, spr and str water. Supplies at Oakridge. Fishing, hunting.

COUGAR CREEK—On Box Canyon Rd 6 mi SW of McKenzie Bridge (off US-28). El 1300'. Space 1 trailer, 1 shelter, 3 stoves, 4 tables, 2 toilets, str water. Supplies Rainbow Store 3 mi. Fishing, hunting.

College Studies Not Interrupted By Conscription

Men of draft age planning to enter college this fall need have no fear of having their work interrupted before the end of the school year, if they do satisfactory work, reports President A. L. Strand in a brief analysis of provisions of the selective service law as they affect students.

President Strand recently returned from a meeting of the executive committee of the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities where the matter was discussed in considerable detail. He learned also that the military authorities are planning to increase the size of ROTC units in colleges and depend on them as the primary source of officer material.

Oregon State and many other colleges open this fall before the selective service act becomes effective. Any students enrolled at that time are exempt under the

act until the college year is completed—assuming good scholastic work.

Those enrolled in advanced ROTC units, as juniors and seniors, are exempt, as they qualify for reserve commissions on graduation. The army is also starting a new plan this fall whereby freshmen in basic ROTC courses will have opportunity to sign an agreement to continue through advanced work to a commission and then serve two years in active duty if called. Those signing the agreement would not be subject to selective service.

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