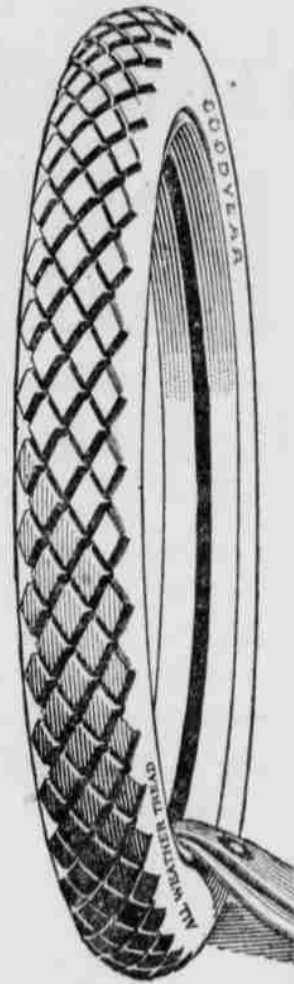


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### MANY PRESENT FOR GOLDEN WEDDING

Pioneer residents and those of more recent days joined Monday in paying a tribute to Rev. and Mrs. Troy Shelley, pioneers of the Odell district, in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. Brookings, as they named their forest-enclosed home in 1882, when they settled there, was the scene Monday morning of a family reunion, and in the afternoon friends from all parts of the valley motored to the pioneer home for a reception in charge of neighborhood women.

With M. D. Odell, neighbor and the oldest Oregonian born in Hood River county, presiding, the following program was rendered: Singing of "Auld Lang Syne" led by Mrs. E. O. Dutro; talk by Leslie Butler; reading, Miss Martha Ferguson; talk, Rev. W. S. Gleiser; song, "Silver Threads Among the Gold," Mrs. B. S. Caughey; song by Mrs. David Pence of Baker, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Shelley.

No Hood River valley couple is more beloved than Mr. and Mrs. Shelley. Mr. Shelley for 50 years has been a minister. He established the first union church in the valley. In the early days he and Fred H. Balch, the latter author of the "The Bridge of the Gods," conducted a revival meeting at Odell's first residence. Mr. Shelley made a living from the cultivation of his frontier ranch. He never drew any pay for his work of preaching the Gospel. His wife was his earnest partner in all of his endeavors, and they raised a family of children. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shelley. Seven survive. They are:

Mrs. O. L. Walter and Percy T. Shelley, of Hood River; Ralph S. Shelley, supervisor of the Siuslaw National Forest, of Eugene; Mrs. Pauline Talmadge, of Seattle; Albert B. Shelley, of The Dalles; J. M. Shelley, of Freewater, and Mrs. David Pence, of Portland. Twelve of 15 grandchildren were present.

Mr. Odell paid a touching eulogy to Rev. and Mrs. Shelley, as did Mr. Butler, declaring that they had performed a service, the value of which cannot be estimated, in directing the paths of young men and women of the community toward upright, Godly living. Mr. Gleiser compared them to the mountain peaks, sometimes hidden by the clouds and sometimes of their bases sometimes smitten by storms, but always shining forth with nobler effulgence when the troublous times were ended.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelley were presented by their friends and neighbors with a bag of gold coins and a luncheon of cake and ice cream and coffee, following the program, was served by young girls of the neighborhood. A huge wedding cake was presented by Mrs. G. E. Bowerman, while a bride's cake was baked for the occasion by Mrs. J. M. Taylor. The committee of women in charge of the reception included: Mrs. Bowerman, Mrs. M. D. Odell, Mrs. Will Kemp, Miss J. E. Ferguson; Mrs. J. M. Taylor, Mrs. Ben Krohn; Mrs. Harry Conaway.

For a half century the devotion of Mr. and Mrs. Shelley for each other has been an inspiration to their friends. No honeymoons ever appeared happier than did this bride and groom of 50 years Monday. Each them of gave advice that might well be heeded by young men and women of today.

"It appears to be the custom of young people today," said Mr. Shelley, "to have a good time and to play with the most sacred affections of the human heart. You cannot do this and live happy married lives afterward. Whatever the sorrows, that shelt thou also reap." My wife and I held our affections safe for each other."

Mr. Shelley told of his trip to Oregon with his parents in 1845 when he was not yet four years old. He declared that he was one of the first to travel over the Loop Highway, the old Barlow trail as it was then known.

"The wagon had to be let down Ball hill by ropes," said Mr. Shelley, "I remember that bit of the trip very well. My mother carried me down the dangerous grade in her arms."

Continuing Mr. Shelley told of his courtship. He went to California to attend normal school near San Francisco, and there met Mrs. Shelley, Annie H. Lewis, a schoolmate, who had come from Westfield, Mass., in 1866, making the trip by way of Panama, to make her home with an uncle, Albert Brayton.

"I returned to Oregon," he said, "and most of my courting was done by correspondence. Finally I reached a point where I gathered enough courage to ask the momentous question. The mails were poor in those days and slow. My letter went astray. Nine months after I had written it I got it back from the dead letter office. I'll bet those dead letter clerks had a good laugh at my expense. But I immediately readdressed it to Miss Lewis, and after another short wait I received a reply, a favorable reply. She came north and we were married at Rick-reall at a camp meeting."

Mr. Shelley paid a glowing tribute to his wife, declaring her truly his life's partner. He said that many times it was she who had held aloft his hands when he was tired and drooped from daily conflicts.

Mrs. Shelley urged young women contemplating matrimony to fully make up their minds that they were going to live with their husbands. "Divorce was something we didn't consider much when I was young," she said, "and then we thought of it as something terrible. It wasn't as fashionable then as now."

"Girls should demand that their future husbands be honorable, honest and God fearing. And another thing to remember, when you start to keeping house you must have a menagerie; you must have bear and forbear. Never get angry, at least, not both of you at the same time."

Mr. Shelley is a native of Iowa, born January 6, 1845. His wife was born February 15, 1857, at Westfield, Mass. The family of the time settled on Pleasant Hill, ten miles southeast of Eugene. Later they moved to Mouth. Following the return of Mr. Shelley from California normal school he settled in eastern Oregon. He preached his first sermon November 28, 1863. He was ordained as a minister in June, 1870. He was elected Wasco county school superintendent in 1890, serving for three consecutive terms.

Mrs. Shelley is a cousin of General Joe Hooker, of Civil war fame. She and the noted general were born in the same house. Among the Portland folk here for the golden wedding celebration were: Mrs. E. H. Pence, Mrs. J. Mackay, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hayes and Henry Lewis, the latter a brother of Mrs. Shelley.

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(By S. F. Blythe)

The Hood River delegation to the Department encampment, G. A. R., at Pendleton, consisting of G. R. Castner, S. F. Blythe and H. C. Rush, returned Friday. Of the Relief Corps, Mrs. Jennie Herdley, past president of the Department of Oregon, W. R. C., Mrs. J. C. Meyer, president of Canby Corps, Mrs. Alida Shoemaker and Mrs. D. E. Stanton.

The good people of the Round-Up City were generous in their hospitality, as always is the case wherever the Grand Army pitches tent within the confines of patriotic Oregon. Two hundred autos were at the command of the veterans during the three days of the conventions were in session, and the visitors generally availed themselves of the opportunity to see the big wheat fields and other attractions of the surrounding country. After the camp fires at night the visitors were taken to their respective lodgings.

Attendance of G. A. R. comrades was less than at any previous encampment for years. Feelsness from advancing years and long distance from the center of population were the chief causes for the light attendance.

A man whom the department of Oregon delights to honor was elected Department Commander. He is C. A. Williams, of Gladstone. For 14 years he was assistant adjutant general of the department.

The parade was one of the best and most satisfactory the department has ever taken part in. Its success is to be attributed to Col. Micah Evans, Commander of Lincoln-Garfield Post of Portland, who was Marshal. The parade formed near the court house.

Promptly, as the clock of the steeple struck 10 the parade moved—the first time in the history of the Department of Oregon that a parade moved on time. The weather was cool and delightful for marching, and unencumbered by their less fortunate and decrepit comrades, the old boys marched with as firm a step as they did in the days of '61. The department drum corps furnished music for the parade. Several former Hood River residents were found, among them Mrs. L. L. Forrest and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bishop. Mr. Bishop is chief clerk at the agency for Umatilla Indians, six miles east of Pendleton. Comrades Castner and Blythe were taken by Mr. Bishop in his auto to the agency, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bishop from Thursday noon until train time Friday, at 12:20 p. m.

In the afternoon of Thursday the guests were taken on a drive of 18 miles to the top of a mountain called Cabbage Hill. No cabbage was found, but green fields fifteen hundred or more feet above the valley, where no irrigation system could reach, were to be seen. Here the Indians from the reservation had built a large corral of fine logs and the visitors saw them round up about one hundred horses. When driven into the corral the horses were lassoed, thrown to the ground, saddles put on them, and then, with only the halter, young Indians would mount and the fun of bucking commenced.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop wished to be remembered to their many friends in Hood River. They are happily situated and blessed with good health.

D. E. Stanton, G. A. R. veteran of Hood River, was visited at the state hospital and found to be a very sick man. His mind was clear but he is confined to his bed, not able to walk. His wife visited him. She found him anxious to come home. He expressed the wish to come so that he might die at home.

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#### Mrs. Gilmore Buried Tuesday

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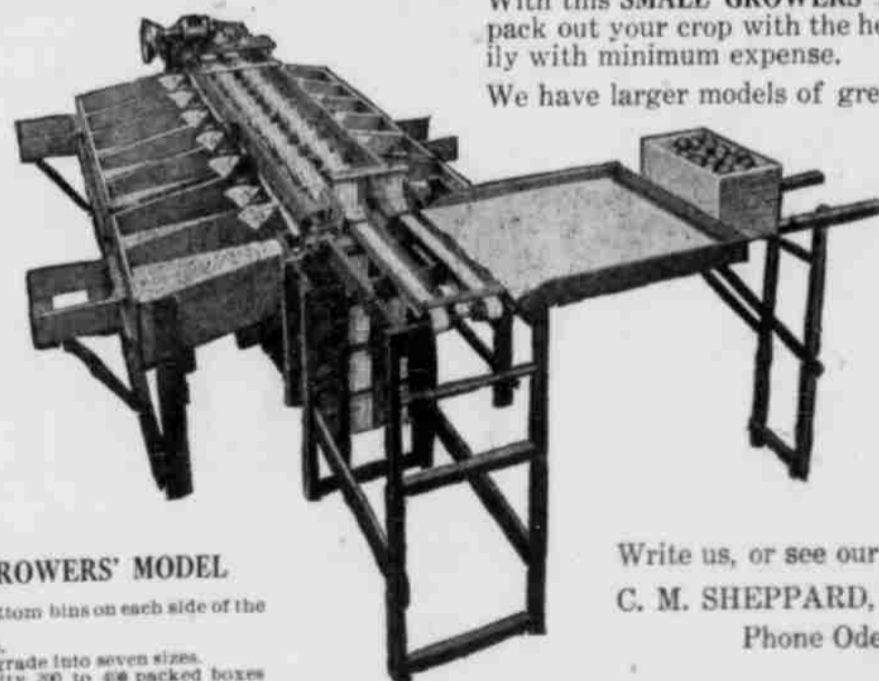
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