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## Semi-Centennial Celebration.

Oldest Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Oregon or West of The Rocky Mountains.

The Cumberland Presbyterian church of McMinnville is this week observing the passing of its half-century mark. The program begins today, and in general outlines is as follows:

### PROGRAM.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

8 p. m.—Meeting will be presided over by the pastor. Musical numbers will be rendered by the choir, interspersed with informal addresses by former pastors and friends, followed by a social hour, in charge of the Ladies' Aid Society.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

9 a. m.—Workers' Conference.  
3 p. m.—Meeting of Woman's Missionary Society, presided over by Mrs. Elizabeth Mills, when papers will be read treating of the history of the Society by former officers.

8 p. m.—Sermon by Dr. J. J. Dalton.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

9:45 a. m.—Sunday School Decision Day, conducted by Rev. Elmer E. Thompson.  
11 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. C. A. Wooley, followed by communion service, conducted by Rev. W. R. Bishop.  
3 p. m.—Historical Service, participated in by visiting and local pastors.  
8 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. E. E. Thompson.

NOTE—A special musical program will be prepared by the choir for all of the above services, which will be an attractive feature.



CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, McMINNVILLE.

The local church was organized by Rev. Jos. A. Cornwall July 12, 1851, at the home of Uncle Jesse Henderson, three miles northwest of this city. From its organization until April, 1884, it was called the "Yamhill Congregation," after that date, the "McMinnville" church. Its first elders were Jesse Henderson, Hiram Foster and Richard Booth. Jesse Henderson was a delegate from the first presbytery in Oregon on November 3, 1851, at which meeting there were five churches represented.

January, 1867, J. W. Rogers and Robt. Henderson were ordained as elders. The first church building was erected in 1858, and stood on the present site. For several years it was used as a union "meeting house," other denominations being permitted to worship therein. When demand came for a larger structure, the old building was traded to Braman Clark for a new pulpit, which is still in use in the present church. Clark used the building for a furniture factory, moving it to the present location of Secular hall. Rev. Cornwall, the first pastor, and under whose ministrations the building was erected, is thus described:

"In personal appearance he was not very prepossessing. He was tall and rather slender, and just a little stoop-shouldered, had long arms, hands and feet; a small round head covered with straight black hair. His eyes and visage suggested that there might possibly be a few drops of the blood of Pocahontas, or of Ocoola, coursing through his veins. His gestures in the pulpit were not graceful, but awkward. His enunciation was decidedly southern, and his delivery was slow and sometimes positively tedious. He could preach two hours any time and then not tell the half of what he knew about the subject, especially if he were preaching upon 'water-baptism' or 'the final perseverance of the saints.' These were favorite themes with him, and upon which he was well posted and perfectly familiar. His mind worked slowly, but decidedly logically and forcibly. He was quite a writer, even when he was yet a candidate for the

ministry his written discourses usually covered eighteen or twenty pages of large sized foolscap." He became entirely blind before his death, which occurred in California.

Rev. Neill Johnson was a native of North Carolina, born in 1802, removed to Kentucky, and was inducted into the ministry by the Sangamon presbytery in Illinois, where the fruits of his labors are yet seen in the oldest and best organized churches in that state. He became interested in Oregon as early as 1848, and his plan was to collect a company of C. P. families in Illinois and Iowa, emigrate to Oregon and select a suitable location in some rich valley.



REV. WILEY B. KNOWLES.

He came to this state in 1851. He was an ordained preacher over 60 years. As a citizen of this city for 17 years, he wielded a strong influence, and served as justice of the peace a number of years. He died at the age of 88 years, and is buried at Woodburn, at which place one of his daughters resides. The second building was erected in 1887, and was a more imposing structure. It was consumed by fire in the spring of

1896, and on Oct. 24, 1897, the present edifice was dedicated. It cost about \$2,500. The dedicatory sermon was by Rev. R. F. Powell of Seattle. The old pulpit was one of the few articles rescued from the fire. The parsonage was constructed in 1893.

The pastors and terms of service are as follows:  
Jos. A. Cornwall.....1851 to 1867  
D. M. Keene, brief supply.

February 12th last, was the oldest surviving charter member, and was held in the highest esteem by all the members as long as she lived. The lack of a recent photograph was all that prevented her portrait appearing in this sketch. The clerk of the church is Charles P. Nelson, who has served in that capacity with great efficiency for a number of years. He has also been superintendent of the Sunday school for several years.



REV. GEO. W. FENDER, Pastor.

Neill Johnson.....1867 to 1884  
T. H. Henderson.....1884 to 1887  
P. F. Johnson.....Sept., 1887 to 1888  
W. W. Beck, brief supply.  
N. L. New.....July, 1888 to 1889  
Wiley B. Knowles.....1889 to 1892  
John R. Hume, brief supply.  
W. H. Jones.....1893  
Elmer E. Thompson.....1894 to 1898  
Geo. W. Fender.....1898 to 1901

Of these Cornwall, Keene and Neill Johnson are dead. Henderson is at Salem, Johnson at Rives, Tenn., Beck and Thompson at Seattle, New at Plainsboro, N. J., Knowles at Madera, Calif., Hume in Missouri and Jones at Mill City, Oregon.

Other elders who have served the church are: J. T. Gowdy, J. J. Henderson, John Narver, A. Washburne, C. P. Bishop and J. W. Ballinger. The present eldership is: R. Nelson, J. M. Fink, J. B. Gardner, F. E. Rogers, Wm. Gunning and J. G. Eckman.

Rev. Geo. W. Fender will close his pastorate August 1st, 1901, and will go to the Walla Walla church. There have been 51 additions during his service here, and the total roll now aggregates 161 members. The church property is

in which capacity he has been diligent and tactful.

A good likeness is presented this week



REV. ELMER E. THOMPSON.

of F. E. Rogers, church treasurer, elder, and choir manager. He has managed the finances of the church with decided

### GOPHER.

D. M. Kirby and family of Bellevue visited with Mrs. Cronin Sunday.

John Eborall and Jasper Agee are among the number now at Salmon river putting their ranches in order.

The citizens are all suffering from that tired feeling which usually follows the celebration of the 4th of July.

Frank and Leander Johnson came from Hoquiam to spend a few weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Johnson.

A fair sized congregation listened to the interesting sermon delivered by Mr. Deibel of McMinnville Sunday morning.

Hay harvest is in full blast. On every side the mower can be heard and men can be seen handling pitchforks as only farmers can.

Mark Agee, who has employment near Blalock, came down to spend the week with relatives. He returned to Blalock Monday morning.

Mr. Don Lewis of Monmouth visited from Friday until Monday with his schoolmates, Sam Evenden and Miss Olive Lambright.

Miss Mollie Thompson has returned home from a long visit in McMinnville and Portland. She was accompanied by Mrs. Renzenback, who will spend two weeks with relatives and friends in this place.

Most of our people celebrated at Sheridan and report a very enjoyable affair. We are pleased to say that Gopher carried off two of the prizes. Mrs. M. Potter was the best lady rider and Mrs. J. Eborall's baby daughter won the prize for best looking baby.

### AMITY.

Quite a lot of oak wood is being hauled here for shipment.

Amity people mostly celebrated the national day at Sheridan.

J. B. Williams moved to Salem last Friday, where he has a position in a drug store.

The Rev. Douglas has leased the Jeffries residence and will occupy same in a few days.

M. E. Holmes went to Salem the first of the week to do a job of paper hanging for Mr. Williams.

Mr. Smith, the S. P. agent, will move to the building occupied by Rev. Douglas as soon as vacated by him.

The Putnam boys took their famous bucking mule to Sheridan the 4th to help out with the celebration.

J. W. Booth and sons went to Eugene last Wednesday to visit relatives and to help along the celebration at that place.

Rev. Claud Lemasters of Williams, California, preached at the Christian church last Sunday at 11 a. m. Claud is an Amity boy that we feel proud of.

J. W. Roth went to Portland Saturday last to purchase a threshing outfit with which to help save the big crop of grain that is rapidly maturing.

J. W. Briedwell, Jr., returned from his eastern trip last Wednesday. He visited Chicago, New York, and many other points, including the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo.

Now that the weather has become settled, the good old Oregon dust is once more with us. It is the same old mud we had last winter, only it comes this time of year in a different shape. But aside from the dust and mud we have many things to be thankful for in this beautiful old Oregon of ours.

### CARLTON.

Dr. Coffeen and wife went to Tillamook on Monday.

The celebration of the 4th of July at this place was a success in every way, and all who were present went home feeling glad that they had spent the 4th at Carlton. The fire works in the evening were especially enjoyed and would have been a credit to a larger town.

Mr. George Roberts lost a valuable cow this week by foundering.

Miss May Caldwell and Mr. Hoffman spent Sunday at Meadow Lake.

Miss Della Messenger is sick with measles.

The potatoes that were dried during the winter are being canned at the present time.

Miss Maggie Fouts returned home from Albany on Tuesday after an extended visit.

Misses Alice Kidder and Nellie and Jessie Findley are among Portland visitors this week.

Mr. Lee Peters spent Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Portland.

Mr. Charley Converse of Eugene was a visitor at his Grandmother's, Mrs. Blood, on Sunday.

Mr. W. A. Howe returned home from the east on Monday.

Rev. Day is acting as druggist during the absence of the doctor.

### Heartburn.

When the quantity of food taken is too large or the quality too rich, heartburn is likely to follow, and especially so if the digestion has been weakened by constipation. Eat slowly and not too freely of easily digested food. Masticate the food thoroughly. Let six hours elapse between meals and when you feel a fullness and weight in the region of the stomach after eating, indicating that you have eaten too much, take one of Chamberlain's stomach and liver tablets and the heartburn may be avoided. For sale by Howorth & Co.

When you want a modern, up-to-date physic try Chamberlain's stomach and liver tablets. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at Howorth & Co's drug store.

### DAYTON.

Miss Mary Simler of Tillamook is visiting here with her mother.

Mrs. E. E. Martin sold her stock of millinery to Mrs. Pearl Crabtree and expects to move at once to Seattle, Wash.

Miss Ida Trobridge has gone to Trask toll gate to take care of her father, who was badly injured a short time ago on the North Yamhill toll road.

Jno. Fletcher and family expect soon to go to the coast for an outing.

### NEWBERG.

Many went from here to Dayton on the Fourth of July.

Miss Ina Gould is with her parents for the summer, having closed her school near Lebanon.

Clarence Butt leaves for the east on Thursday, where his wife and children are visiting. He will be away two months.

Miss Elinora Satchwell, and Mrs. Ida Hall were in Portland a few days last week visiting friends.

A wheeling party went to Lafayette on Monday evening and attended the meeting of the Artisan lodge.

On Tuesday evening the following were installed officers of Vesta Rebekah lodge of Newberg: N. G., Mrs. Adelle F. Story; V. G., Mrs. Prudy C. Mount; treasurer, May Bond; conductor, Mrs. Mary Evans; warden, Mrs. Mary Keller. Quite a number from Lafayette were in attendance. A very bountiful lunch was served.

Miss Mabel Hale of Portland is in town, the guest of Mrs. W. N. Sutton.

### The Spirit of Patriotism.

Away up in the Coast mountains west of McMinnville the people held an enjoyable celebration on the 4th, in which about 100 people took part. The meeting place was on Deer creek, and this year marked the beginning of patriotic demonstration in that place. Chas. Galloway was the orator, and Chas. Grissen read an original poem for the occasion. Miss E. Edmiston read the declaration of independence, and Miss Gill, school teacher of the district, arranged a program which was rendered by the school children. W. W. Walker was president of the day. Mr. Osborn and Mr. Wanless had prepared arborous stage, and plenty of seats, and John Wortman furnished gunpowder enough to blow down the mountains. Enthusiasm was immense, appetite great, and the supply of good things to eat and the purest of mountain water being abundant, everybody was happy.

### A Good Cough Medicine.

Many thousands have been restored to health and happiness by the use of Chamberlain's cough remedy. If afflicted with any throat or lung trouble, give it a trial, for it is certain to prove beneficial. Coughs that have resisted all other treatment for years, have yielded to this remedy, and perfect health been restored. Cases that seemed hopeless, that the climate of famous health resorts failed to benefit, have been permanently cured by its use. For sale by Howorth & Co.

### Capital Summer Normal.

The second term of the Capital Summer Normal opens July 1st, to continue until the August examination. Classes will be formed in all branches required for state and county papers. Tuition \$5 for the term. The prospect is good for a large attendance. Address: J. J. Kraps, Salem, Or.

### Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold.

Laxative Bro-mo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

The directors of the White Mountain Oil Co. have secured by perpetual lease 448 acres of land in Polk county, three miles south of McCoy, which the directors have added to the company's California property, and have such confidence in the Oregon holdings that they have ordered the standard rig from the east and will put down a well just as soon as the machinery can be placed in position. This action on their part is significant of a great oil boom in this part of the valley, for oil companies do not usually bore wells unless the geological formation favors their line of business.

In the write-up of the pioneer reunion in the Oregonian of June 14th the statement was made that Mrs. Mary Gilkey of Webfoot was the first white child born in Yamhill county. This is incorrect as will be seen by comparing dates. Mrs. Gilkey's parents, Benjamin Robinson and Elizabeth Christian, reached Oregon in 1844 and were married April 22, 1845. Francis Fletcher, pioneer of 1840, and Elizabeth Smith, pioneer of 1842, were married Dec. 28th, 1843. Their eldest child, John W. Fletcher, now of Dayton, Oregon, was born near Lafayette, Yamhill county, Dec. 4th, 1844, this being before Mrs. Gilkey's parents were married.

Charles Grissen left Wednesday morning, clad in umbrageous straw hat, low-necked shirt and corked shoes, for "Solitude" or "Marathon" his mountain ranch, where he is summing with his family. He calls it Marathon because, as the Greeks had all they could do to defeat the Persians, so it is an Herculesian task to clear up a mountain ranch. However, he seems to regard it as the best thing in life.

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*Chas. H. Pritchett*

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F. E. ROGERS, Treasurer.

Mrs. Rhoda Henderson, who died

ability. No one knows the degree of attention necessary to the successful conduct of this branch of church work until he has tried it. Mr. Rogers' records are models, and in all his official relations he is a worthy scion of his father.

McMinnville has had few citizens, who for real personal worth, fund of general information, and quiet, unobtrusive and kindly demeanor, ranked as high as Rev. Wiley Knowles. He is now of Madera, Calif., and his enfeebled health prevented his attending this anniversary, much to the regret of his many friends.

The familiar and classic face of ex-Pastor Thompson will be recognized by all former acquaintances. He will arrive in the city today, with his estimable family, from Seattle, and will preach next Sunday evening. Rev. Thompson is preeminently a social character, and a profound theological student thoroughly consecrated to his work. His many friends will take pleasure in welcoming him on this occasion.