LANDMARKS DISAPPEAR AS DEW DROPS BEFORE THE SUN

SAD THE HEART AS AT LOSS OF A FRIEND.

WAY FOR A NEW CHURCH EDIFICE

The removal from its long remembered corner of the old building, with its tall spire pointing heavenward, the silencing of its brazen bell, heard for so many years, its glorious tone filling the air and almost drowning the voices of all others, ringing out the glad tidings on Sunday mornings, summoning its almoners to the shrine, marks the passage of time, and its concommitant changes.

The Congregational church building which stood so many years that the memory of few of the present generation runneth not to the contrary, is now a thing of the past. It goes to make way for a newer, more modern, more up-to-date building to shelter its flock from the turbulent tides and storms of the world. One notes the passage of old landmarks with regret. One sees walls and roof and floor, filled with hallowed memories, disappear, with sadness in the heart while tears glisten in the eye.

To see the old familiar building was to remember "The loved ones were buried from there; the proudest day was that when you marched up the aisle to meet her who was to be your helpmeet and companion through life; and the child that was there christened." Then the building disappears the kindly gentle reminder of these events is gone. Memory yet remains green, but the absence is felt as of an old good friend.

To the old building one says "requiescat;" to the new "hail."

The following story of the church organization which occupied the old building so long was read at its 50th anniversary a couple of years ago. It is fitting that all should see it now, and the Statesman takes pleasure in reproducing it. Rev. Mr. W. C. Kantner, who prepared the sketch, has given Salem's readers good and interesting history.

First Congregational Church of Salem.

The planting of a Christian church is always a very significant undertaking. The possibilities that stretch away into the future of such an organization only the Infinite God can accurately measure. The sum total of helpful, reconstructive, uplifting, civilizing, sanctifying forces and influences going forth from one true church of the Lord Jesus Christ are such that no system of human mathematics is able to determine their volume or measure their results. Fifty years of church life, what does it all mean?

Truth emphasized, souls saved, hearts comforted, lives inspired, men and women lifted to higher planes of thinking and living, Jesus Christ presented as friend and brother, God glorified in the life of the community, reform influences set in motion, moral standards of higher character recognized and affecting the community for good, such are some of the fruits of a single vine of the Lord's planting.

And such have been some of the results of the organization of the First Congregational church of Salem, which now celebrates the completion of fifty years of life and work.

It appears that in November, 1851, Rev. D. R. Williams, a Congregational minister, began preaching in Salem, supporting himself at the same time by teaching school, but it was not until July, 1852, after Mr. Williams had returned to the East that the church was organized.

After reading carefully all the records and weighing all the evidence that has been in any way available, I am of the opinion that on Sunday, the 4th day of July, 1852, at a religious service held in the Central school house, then standing at the corner of Commercial and Marion streets, it was decided to organize the First Congregational church, and that Saturday, July 10, was set apart as the time for the more formal organization, the adoption of articles of faith and a covenant.

In the oldest record in our possession within nine months of the time of organization, in the handwriting of Rev. O. Dickinson, the first regular pastor, I find the mollowing minute:

"At a meeting convened for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of organizing a Congregational church, held at the Central school house, Salem, on Saturday, the 10th of July, A. D. 1852, the following named persons were present: I. N. Gilbert of the Congregational church of Oregon City, Albert Fellows of the Congregational church of Oregon City, Mrs. Marietta Gilbert of the M. E. church of Same, Mrs. L. L. Williams, Presbyterian church of Findlay, Ohio. After consultation and prayer for the divine blessing and remarks by Rev. G. W. Goodell, it was resolved that we now proceed to organize ourselves into a church of Jesus Christ, to maintain his worship and ordinances and to be called the First Congregational church of Salem, Oregon."

Then follows a minute of the adoption of the articles of Faith and Covenant.

July 10, 1873, in the handwriting of the late Hon. T. Mc F. Patton, the clerk of the church, there is entered upon the records the following minute:

"This being the 21st anniversary of the organization of this church, the occasion was remembered in an appropriate manner. A large proportion of the membership were in attendance, including three out of the four who were present at its organization. Very interesting remarks were made concerning the early history of the church and the success which attended the faithful labors of those in charge."

But in the year 1879, twenty-seven years after the organization, and twenty-six years after the original record had been entered on the books, there appears this minute:

"Having been reliably informed that the date of organization of this church was on the fourth day of July, 1852, instead of the tenth day, as appears on your record, we recommend that the correction of such error be ordered made."

There is evidently a case here for the Higher Critics. As a rule it is always best to accept the record rather than the tradition.

The little church, begun in faith and consecration, apparently continued for some time to hold their services in the school house.

At a meeting held April 30, 1853, it was decided to undertake the erection of a church edifice. Persons present offered large subscriptions and the pastor was appointed to circulate a paper for subscriptions, but May 1st at another church meeting it was decided to give up the project for the time. Later the site of the present edifice was secured. On this stood a building which was put into repair and arranged for church purposes, and was occupied until the present edifice took its place. I have been just informed that the house standing next door south is that old church remodeled for residence purposes.

In 1863 the church was dedicated. At the dedicatory services which took place August 30, 1863, Rev. Isaac Dillon of the M. E. church of Salem, Rev. D. Leslie of the same church, Rev. P. B. Chamberlin, pastor of the Congregational church of Portland, and the pastor of this church, Rev. O. Dickinson, took part, Rev. Mr. Chamberlain preaching the sermon.

These, with many who were then present, have ceased their labors, Dr. Dillon having but recently passed to the Beyond. The services of that day were made additionally significant by the public reception into the membership of the church at the evening service of C. N. Terry, Julia M. Terry, Elizabeth T. Boise, Louisa Beard, P. H. Hatch and Sarah Cornelia Hatch.

Three of the four original members lived to see this church home. Mrs. L. L. Williams was the first of the company to join the Church Triumphant. She died May 22, 1874. Mr. I. N. Gilbert was the next to go, dying March 20, 1879. Mrs. Gilbert lived a devoted member of the church until June 27, 1891. Mr. A. M. Fellows returned to the East in 1855 and the church has no further record of him. He was the first deacon of the church, elected July 17, 1853. Besides Mr. Fellows the goodly company of the deacons for the first twenty-seven years, at which point the second oldest record closes, includes Isaac N. Gilbert, Linus Brooks, Peter H. Hatch, Chester N. Terry, C. M. Parmenter, George H. Collier, George Weller, W. H. Adair and T. Mc F. Patton.

The first clerk of the church was Joseph Cooke; the first trustees, E. C. Adair, I. N. Gilbert, and Linus Brooks; the first treasurer, P. H. Hatch, was elected church treasurer September 12, 1863.

October 17, 1857, the church voted to join the Oregon Association of Congregational Churches, and at the same meeting also voted to support the benevolent and missionary organizations recommended by the Oregon Association. The organizations in question were the American Home Mission, the American Board of Congregational Foreign Missions, the American Bible Society and the America Tract Society.

The Oregon Pioneer Association includes all who came to Oregon prior to and including the year 1859. The close of that year saw an enrollment of twenty-nine members, among them being the names of the Brooks', the Cooke's, the Adair's and the Parmenter's, names well known to all of us, and representing in some cases persons still lingering on the shores of time.

The oldest record, closing with March 4, 1866, shows a total enrollment including all from the beginning, of ninety-three, the ninety-first name being that of Edna D. Dickinson. That particular day was one of the red-letter days in the early history of the chuch, twenty-two persons being received. Among them appear the names of Jennie Thatcher, Mary Cosper, George H. Jones, T. Mc F. Patton and Martha Gilbert. Sarah L. Thatcher, Amos B. Cosper and Mrs. A. B. Cosper had already previous to this joined the growing church.

As to the pastors of this church during these fifty years. Rev. O. Dickinson was the first regular pastor, a man true and devoted, full of good works and uncompromising in his convictions of truth and right. Beginning the work with but four members, his faith in God and the success of his kingdom led him nothing doubting to take hold of the undertaking with a courage that laughed at difficulties and said in God's name it must be done. Before a year of his pastorate had passed away the four had increased to fourteen, and so on during his entire pastorate the little flock continued to grow, so that by the time he resigned and his successor began his work the total enrollment had reached one hundred members. The pastorate of the beloved Dickinson began in March, 1853, and closed at the beginning of the year 1867, representing a pastorate of fourteen years.

Those were stirring times in the history of Oregon and the nation. During his pastorate Oregon was admitted into the Union and the Civil War wiped out the evil of slavery. Some interesting stories could be told of the relation of this church and its pastor to the national conflict.

In the spring of 1867 Rev. P. S. Knight, then of Oregon City, was called to take up the work laid down by Mr. Dickinson, and then began a pastorate reaching over seventeen years, years blessed and prosperous. He is still with us to tell the experiences of those days and recount the story of toil and success. His ministry opened very auspiciously, for at the very first communion twenty-four persons were received into the fellowship of the church, of which number Ida M. Pratt, Harriet B. Clarke and Abbie M. Hatch are at present still connected with the church. These were years of growth in numbers and influence, and their history reaches down so very close to the present that it is far more familiar to the membership than it is to the writer of this paper. After the resignation of Rev. Mr. Knight Rev. Frank McConaughy, now of Deer Park, Wash., was called, being elected pastor January 17, 1884, his pastorate ending with the close of the year 1885, and Rev. J. W. Harris of Albany was elected to succeed him. Mr. Harris began his work soon after his election and served until July 16, 1888, when failing health compelled him to resign his work. He closed his earthly career May 17, 1889, and passed from labor to reward. His ministry was blest to many souls who remember their sainted friend and pastor very gratefully.

Rev. Anselm Brown was called to the pastorate as successor to Mr. Harris and served for one year. Then followed the pastorate of Rev. C. L. Corwin, beginning in 1889 and closing in 1892.

From October 2, 1893, until July 5, 1894, Rev. S. M. Freeland supplied the pulpit with great acceptance. The present pastorate began October 1, 1894. Of those who at any time held the pastorate of the church all are living except Rev. O. Dickinson and Rev. J. W. Harris.

Rev. Mr. Dickinson died November 27, 1892, honored by all who knew him. His life companion who shared with him the trials and triumphs of a minister's life on the frontier survived him almost a year. October 12, 1893, she joined the company of the redeemed in the heavenly kingdom.

There is always an added significance attached to the departure of Mr. Dickinson because of the very unexpected death on the day of his burial of one of the pall-bearers, a most faithful, honored worker in the church and for many years the superintendent of the Sunday school, Thomas Mc F. Patton of blessed memory.

And then we must not forget that February 10, 1890, is marked in the history of this church by the translation of an honored mother in Israel, one whose life was full of good deeds, upon whose character was stamped the image of her glorious Lord and Master, whose memory is fragrant—Mrs. Sarah Cornelia Hatch. Amos B. Cosper, who in his day was one of the pillars in the church, left the earthly for the heavenly so early as 1877, to the great loss of the little flock, while his companion lingered with us until within the beginning of the present pastorate, when she too passed to the company with whom she on earth toiled and worshipped in the First Congregational church.

Fifty years ago gone; fifty years of toil and achievement, of sorrow and gladness, of seed-sowing and reaping, of weeping and rejoicing. Their truest record is written in the lives of men and women bettered and strengthened to do the right, to be helpers, joy-bringers to others, leading them to know the Christ and follow where he leads.

This record is most perfectly known to the Great Head of the Church.

W. C. KANTNER.

STILL GROWING

MORE FARM SEPARATORS THAN EVER BEFORE ARE BEING SOLD.

The Commercial Cream Company Alone Has Already This Year Disposed of Eighty of Them—Some Figures That Speak Volumes For Development and Thrift.

There are probably very few people here in Salem, or in the Willamette valley, who have much of an idea of the growth of the dairy and creamery business—and especially of its continued growth. Most people knew it grew last year and the year before, but this writer imagines that the majority of them have come to the conclusion that it was through growing.

It has only started.

The present Commercial Cream Company, operating large plants here in Salem and at Lyons, and turning out about as much butter as the largest of them in Oregon, is the outgrowth of the business of Geo. D. Goodhue & Co., which opened up several years ago on Court street, in the building now occupied by Jos. Meyers & Sons. The growth of the business is pretty well told in the sales of separators. In the year 1900, when they were first introduced here, two separators were sold; and no doubt their neighbors laughed at the farmers who were so foolish as to invest in such contraptions. Now take the sales of separators by years, as follows:

1900	2
1901	7
1902	35
1903	60
1904	80

And it must be remembered that 1904 is not yet done. In fact, it is only a little more than half gone. So it may be seen that the creamery and dairy business is growing faster than ever, and that it will continue to grow there will be no question. Nearly every one of these eighty farm separators sold by the Commercial Cream Company this year has meant a new farmer going into dairying. And the Commercial Cream Company is not the only concern operating in this territory. There are a great many concerns, local and otherwise, selling farm separators, and they have all sold machines. Some farmers fancy one kind of separator and some another kind, and others still other kinds. They are all good—at least for the country.

There is no other one thing that is adding as much to the prosperity and solid advancement of this section as the growth of the dairy and creamery business.

PRUNE ASSOCIATION.

Had Regular Meeting Yesterday to Consider Routine Matters.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The stockholders of the Willamette Valley Prune Association had an interesting meeting yesterday and adjourned until August 13th for the election of new directors. This was done with a view to giving the present directors time and opportunity to close up the present season's business before retiring. Mr. Gile in referring to the work of the meeting yesterday said the question of crop ratio was not discussed. He said, however, that a number of the members spoke of the general results of the present rain, saying they were sure to be of great value to the fruit growers. They expect the rain to set the fruit harder and faster on the trees at least.

He said he imagined from all he had heard incidentally that the crop would be a fair average, and no doubt of good quality.

AT CHAUTAUQUA

RUSSIA WANTS TO TURN PROGRESS WHEELS BACKWARD SIX CENTURIES.

So Said Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson in His Lecture—Jefferson Had Ideas of Exploring Oregon Twenty Years Before Expedition of Lewis and Clark.

GLADSTONE, Or., July 16.—(Special.)—The heavy rains which occured last night and this morning rather dampened the ardor of Chautauqua visitors but when the hour arrived for the lecture of Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson in the afternoon, on "America Mistress of the Seas," 2000 people gathered to hear the hero of the Merrimac give what he esteems the greatest of his lectures.

It is the belief of Capt. Hobson that America has a mighty mission to perform, and that is to preserve the peace and promote the happiness of the world. In order to do this this country must have absolute dominion on the seas. His scheme would virtually make America the arbitrator or court of appeal for every nation on earth. All questions of peace and war in the world would be settled at the mouth of the guns of the American navy.

In the course of his address this afternoon on "America the Mistress of the Sea," he declared that when he was in the Orient three years ago Russia had then 150,000 troops in Manchuria and at the present time more than 500,000. Yet in no battle had over 20,000 Russians been engaged with the Japanese and that Russia had planned every victory for the Mikado's troops. He says the whole campaign so far is the part of a scheme of the European powers to stir up a contest in the East in which China would soon be embroiled and would give an excuse for the powers to step in and dismember the Celestial Empire. He also said that England was in all probabilities a party to the scheme. The final outcome of the whole affair, he predicted, would be that Russia would drive out the other nations, and in a burst of oratory pictured the world under the dominion of Russia and civilization stopped in its progress and rolled back six hundred years.

Gladstone, Or., July 16.—(Special.)—The pleasant weather Pres. Hawley has so faithfully promised the vistors to Chautauqua has not yet been realized, as the rain continues to fall in generous showers, but all wear a pleasant smile and the discomforture of the weather does not seem to interfere very seriously with the attendance. The program is so superior in character that crowds are not deterred by a little dampness.

This morning Dr. Shaefer of the University of Oregon, delivered a lecture on the Lewis and Clark expedition, being the fourth of a series of ten lectures on Northwest History. He brought out a good deal of new material heretofore unpublished in connection with the history of the expedition. He read a letter written by Jefferson in 1782 making inquiries about the Pacific slope which shows that Jefferson had entertained notions of exploration of this region more than twenty years before he sent out the expedition under Lewis and Clark.

Today is woman's day at the Chautauqua, the afternoon program being under their direction. Mrs. Eva Emmery Dye, the author of McLaughlin and Old Oregon, and The Conquest, was the presiding officer and in her introductory remarks she sketched pioneer education in Oregon and delighted the audience by saying she would soon give to the publishers a new book which would tell the story of the life of an Oregon boy who was cast ashore on the Japanese islands and taught the first English school in Japan. The pupils from this school gave Commodore Perry great assistance as interpreters when he led the first expedition to Japan in 1854.

The principal speaker of the afternoon was Mr. Marian A. White, of Chicago, who gave a highly appreciated address on "American Art."

This evening Prof. Robinson gave the cantata, Queen Esther, with his Portland chorus. It was well attended notwithstanding the very unfavorable weather.

NO MORE FOOLING

COMMITTEE ON PARKS DECIDES TO TAKE THE BIT IN ITS TEETH.

Engage County Surveyor Herrick to Establish Grade, After Which Willson Avenue Cement Walk and Curb Will Be Constructed.

Acting under the instructions given them by the council on last Monday evening, the committee on parks yesterday afternoon authorized County Surveyor B. B. Herrick to establish the grade for the east side of Cottage street, along the west end of Willson Avenue, in order that the cement walk may be laid and the curb built, to admit of the placing of the Breyman memorial fountain, which has been donated to the city in honor of the early Oregon pioneers, and for the beautifying of Willson Avenue.

As soon as the grade is established and the fill made the work of laying cement sidewalk and curbing will at once be begun, an indenture or about thirty feet deep to be made in the center of the end of the avenue wide enough to allow teams to be driven up to the fountain to slake their thirst. The sidewalk will be laid in a graceful curve around the fountain site. Immediately this work is completed the installation of the fountain will take place.

Under the auspices of the park commission a roller was put to work yesterday morning to pack down the gravel upon the foot-walk which has been put lengthwise through the avenue. This being completed, a heavy course of decomposed granite will be spread thereon. This is the preliminary work toward the beautifying of Willson Avenue which has so long been an eyesore to the people of Salem and the Oregon public generally, and will meet with general approval.

CLOSED DOWN YESTERDAY.

The Salem Cannery Through With Fruit and Brries and Will Await Corn.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The Salem cannery after a very prosperous canning season, as regards small fruits and berries, closed down yesterday and will rest idle until the corn crop comes in. This will be in about six weeks from the present time.

The corn crop promises to be of very good quality, for canning, and also very abundant, one grower being reported yesterday as saying that it was never so full of prospect in this district before.

Following the corn crop will come pears and apples, but it is not known if much will be done in these lines. The local cannery desired to purchase the fruits and vegetables and ship them to Portland to be canned there, but there was a good deal of fault found with this project, and as it did not meet with the approval of the fruit growers it was largely abandoned.

IT LOOKS GOOD

ELECTRIC LINE EXTENSION TO LIBERTY AND ROSEDALE SEEMS ASSURED.

Committee Makes Preliminary Canvass and Feels Very Hopeful—Meeting at Liberty Tonight—All Possible Encouragement Should be Given.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The committee of seven members, constituting the investigating committee upon the Liberty-Rosedale rural electric line extension, and consisting of three citizens of this city, two of Liberty and two of Rosedale, after having made a preliminary canvass of their respective territories, will hold a meeting at the Liberty school house tonight and compare notes and draw conclusions upon the possibilities of the carrying out of the enterprise. This meeting, it is understood, will be quite liberally attended by the interested residents of those two rural communities and also by the management of the Citizens Light & Traction Company, which proposes to make the extension if their proposition is satisfactorily met by the prospective patrons thereof.

A considerable amount of interest has been aroused in the project and the prospects at the present time, for the realization of the extension are very flattering to those who have the matter in hand. Mayor Waters and J. M. Kyle, two of the city's members of the committee, made a sort of preliminary canvass of the business men of the city yesterday afternoon, and, while they did not secure a very large amount of subscriptions to the list, what they have accomplished has had a tendency to give them more encouragement, and they have no fears of failing to accomplish the end they seek. They will continue their canvass today, and, as the project, if carried out, will be of great benefit to this city as well as to the country which it will tap, and much interest has been taken in the matter on the part of the Salem business men, the committee thinks, at least hopes that all necesssary encouragement will be given to the movement.

The Liberty and Rosedale members of the committee, too, were out upon a canvass yesterday, of the farmers in their respective communities, and the reports from these sources, especially those members from the latter place, are also encouraging. Mr. L. M. Gilbert, of the Rosedale neighborhood, says that, while not very many names were secured, all of those who did sign subscribed in amounts ranging from $50 to $100, and that the most of those already visited appreciate the fact that they are likely to be seen again. He feels confident that a reasonable portion of the amount asked for by the electric company will be realized and that the extension will be made. He says that the farmers of his neighborhood are all interested in the enterprise, are anxious to demonstrate this interest and will allow nothing within reason to stand in the way of its success. Important developments are expected to transpire at the meeting tonight.

NOTED SINGER COMING.

Mme. Johanna Gadski will make her first American transcontinental tour in concert and song recital this coming season under the management of Loudon G. Charlton. Mme. Gadski has hoped for a number of years to devote one season to concert work, but her operatic engagements have prevented. This spring by reason of what she believed to be a breach of contract on Mr. Conried's part, Mme. Gadski cancelled her association with the Metropolitan Opera Company, and refused a brilliant offer from H. W. Savage to sing Kundry in his English production of Parsifal, in order that nothing might interfere with the plan for an entire season of concerts. Beginning in November with an engagement with the Boston Symphony orchestra, Mme. Gadski will give recitals in New York and Boston, then go direct to the Pacific coast by way of the Northwestern cities. She will fill twelve or fifteen dates from Vancouver, B. C., to San Diego, Cal., and return by way of Texas and all the principal cities in the intervening territory. Her tour will comprise about eighty concerts and extend through April, 1905.

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RICH DISCOVERY.

Reports From Bohemia District Show Recent Find in Golden Rule Mine.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

News came yesterday from the Bohemia district, beyond Cottage Grove, in Lane county, that a new discovery had been made on the Robin claim of the Annex mine, belonging to the Golden Rule Company, of this city. It is stated that the richness of the new ore uncovered on this claim is beyond the dreams of the managers and stockholders here, and they are consequently very much elated, and feeling a great deal richer than they were before the Robin claim showed such wealth.

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WITH BIG RAFT IN TOW.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—The steamer Leggett arrived from Astoria towing an immense log raft.