

Thirteenth Annual Conference

First Meeting Held More Than Fifty Years Ago

OREGON HAS GROWN AND SO HAS THE CHURCH

Salem Feels Honored by the Visit and Hopes it May be Repeated Many Times

For the thirteenth time in the history of the Methodist Episcopal church in Oregon, the conference convenes in this city tonight, when matters of importance will come up for consideration. The first conference of this church in this city was held September 5, 1849, over 54 years ago. Bishop Wm. Roberts presided at the conference in that year, as he did at the one held here two years later, but since that time each meeting of the conference has been presided over by a different bishop.

This year's conference is a most important one, as it means encouragement for Willamette University, and substantial aid for that famous old institution of learning, for the conference came here uninvited, in order to be near the University, where the members could come in touch with the old school and study its needs to better advantage. Coming uninvited, however, does not make the members of the conference unwelcome, for the Salem members of last year's conference were delighted to have that body come here for this year's session, and they are leaving nothing undone that can in any way make the visitors comfortable during their stay here.

The conference opens this evening with a lecture by Rev. S. W. Gamble, while the business sessions proper begin at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, after the sacrament of the Lords' Supper is administered. Tomorrow's program is as follows:

9:00 a. m.—Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
10:00 a. m.—Business session.
3:00 p. m.—Anniversary W. H. M. S. Address. Rev. J. N. Beard, D. D.
7:30 p. m.—Church extension anniversary. Chairman, Rev. W. T. Kerr. Address, Rev. William D. Parr, D. D.

The conference will be attended by one of the largest delegations ever seen at that body in its past history. Among them are many notable churchmen, men of world-wide reputation, who are zealously working for the up-building of the church. Bishop J. W. Hamilton, D. D., one of the great men in Methodism, will preside, and others only second to him will be present, and their labors will be for the best interests of this conference, and what is more and better, for the best interests of the old pioneer institution of learning, Willamette University. The members of the conference that will be here are given below, together with their places of entertainment, so far as they have been selected:

Distinguished Guests.
Bishop J. W. Hamilton, D. D., and

wife; W. H. Odell, State and 15th.
Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D.; Mrs. Hughes, 47 High street.
Rev. Geo. P. Mains, D. D.; own arrangements.
Rev. Wm. D. Parr, D. D.; John Parsons, 226 Church.
Rev. Geo. B. Smythe, D. D.; Wm. P. Drew, 307 Oak.
Rev. S. W. Gamble; J. A. Norwood, Oak.
Rev. G. L. Tufts, Ph. D.; J. A. Norwood, Oak.
Rev. J. N. Beard, D. D.; John Parsons, 226 Church.
Rev. J. H. Coleman, D. D.; at home.
Hon. R. A. Booth; F. A. Moore, Court.
Mr. T. S. McDaniel, University hall.
Members of Conference.
Abbott, J. T., and wife; J. B. Conn, 247 Church.
Alderson, C.; at home.
Alford, E. C.; Mr. Botsford, South Commercial.
Atkinson, H. T.; W. A. Benedict, 249 15th.
Belknap, L. F., and wife; Dr. J. Reynolds, 178 Ferry.
Bennett, G. H.; Mrs. Pohle, 415 Court.
Blackwell, R. C.; at home.
Booth, R.
Bristol, B. A.; Mrs. Barker, 13th and Ferry.
Bryan, C. M.; Mrs. Scriber, South Commercial.
Clemo, S. F.; Mrs. Barker, 13th and Ferry.
Chan Sing Kai.
Cline, C. E.; Mrs. Bean, 197 Center, meals at Cottage, Mrs. Shipp.
Crandell, C. E., and wife; Mrs. Vandevort, 171 Church.
Driver, I. D.; Mrs. Thompson, 216 Ferry.
Dunlap, R. E., and wife; C. L. Johnson, South Commercial.
Fairchild, A. C.; Mrs. Bean, 197 Center; meals at Cottage, Mrs. Shipp.
Fisher, A. N., and wife; J. D. Lee, 21st near Ferry.
Ford, T. B., and wife; W. C. Hawley, 551 State.
Gardner, W. J.; L. E. Gardner.
Gittins, E.; J. M. Long, 496 State.
Gordon, W. S.; at home.
Gould, H., and wife; Stephen Jorey, South Commercial.
Greenlee, S. H., and wife; F. C. Butler, 328 Ferry.
Gregory, J. C., and wife; Mrs. Skinner, West Salem.
Grim, W. S., and wife; J. A. Goode, 494 Center.
Hamilton, C. L., and wife; Mrs. Cornell, 228 Trade.
Harbit, N. J.; Mrs. Bean, 197 Center,

meals at Dr. Eshelman's, 326 Liberty.
Hardingham, M. L., and wife; Mrs. Dimmitt, North Winter.
Hoadley, E. J.; E. J. Swafford, 16th and Ferry.
Hoberg, J. C., and wife, C. D. Minton, 491 Commercial.
Jones, T. L., and wife; C. Alderson corner 15th and Ferry.
Kerr, W. T.; Geo. Hatch, 46 Front.
Lathrop, J. R. T.; E. C. Cross, Chemeketa and 13th.
Lee, S. L., and wife, Mrs. Brown, South Commercial, meals at University hall.
Leech, D. H.; at home.
McDougall, J. W.; R. Goodin, 10 Capital.
Meminger, S. E.; Amelia Miller, South Commercial.
McPherson, C. T., and wife; A. A. Lee, 16th and Ferry.
Monroe, A.; Amelia Miller, South Commercial.
Miller, J. W.; Geo. Hatch, 466 Front.
Moore, F. L., and wife, Mrs. Flowers, 14 North State.
Moore, James; W. S. Gordon, South Commercial.
Moore, W. B.; R. C. Blackwell, South Commercial.
Myers, W. H.; Mrs. Burdick, 357 High.
Oberg, H., and wife; T. F. Royal.
Parsons, John; at home.
Peck, B. F.; Mrs. Schindler, South Salem.
Pederson, L. H.; Mrs. Cook, 268 State.
Rees, C. M.; C. B. Rees, Brooklyn addition.
Rockwell, L. E.; D. A. Watters, 14th and Court.
Rowland, B. F.; Mrs. Pohle, 415 Court.
Round, G. F., and wife; Mrs. Vandevort, 171 Church.
Royal, T. F.; at home.
Royal, J. H. B.; at home.
Skidmore, J. H., and wife; Mrs. Raymond, 480 Waller.
Snyder, S.; Mrs. Schindler, South Salem.
St. Clair, H. L.; A. E. Parker, Englewood.
Selleck, W. H., and wife; W. T. Rigdon, 19th and Mill.
Shrode, D. L.; Dr. Meredith, 172 Church.
Stephens, D. G., and wife; Thomas Shelley, 437 High.
Stockwell, C. A.; Dr. Meredith, 172 Church.
Sumnerville, D. T., and wife; C. A. Dawson, 17th and Court.
Sykes, G.; W. P. Drew, 307 Oak.
Sweeney, J. M.; James French, South Commercial.
Talbot, H. J.; F. A. Moore, Court.
Thompson, A., and wife; Mr. Tucker, 415 Capital.
Walter, J. J.
Waltz, W. J., and wife; rooms, Mrs. Pentland, 406 Court; meals, C. J. Atwood, 519 Court.
Watters, D. A.; at home.
Wire, M. C., and wife; W. H. Odell, State and 14th.
Young, F. L.; Robert Wiggins, 631 Court.
Zimmerman, E. F.; W. S. Gordon, South Commercial.
Zimmerman, L. C. W.; W. H. Hill, Broadway and Mill.
Lewis, C. A.; Mr. Roblin, 257 Center.
Fees, G. H.; Mr. Roblin, 257 Center.
Dennison, Gilbert W.; A. E. Parker, Englewood.
Sieeth, Asa; W. W. Hill, Broadway and Mill.
Snyder, S.; John Schunk; 366 13th.
Bryant, E. H., and wife; T. E. Cornelius, 548 State.
Davies, Leu; W. R. Winans, Winter.
Drew, W. P.; at home.
Edmondson, W. W., and wife; University hall.
Fields, D. L., and wife; Mr. Cooper, West Salem.
Hamilton, Roy R., and wife; Mr. O'Flyng, South Salem, meals at Mrs. Macey, South Salem.
Hawkins, J. K.; O. F. Royal, 21st and Center.
Lockhart, E. B.; C. Marsh, Englewood.
Pepper, W. B.; C. Marsh, Englewood.
Rogers, W. F., and wife; Dexter Field, Asylum avenue.
Stark, J. B.; Mrs. Lenon, Morning side.
Smith, Wilfred M.; Mrs. West, Union and Summer.
Wire, M. T.; J. S. Allison, 303 High, meals C. A. Clark, Winter.
Doran, John, and wife; James Fisher, State and 25th.
Putnam, I.; Mrs. R. T. Judson, Nob Hill annex.
Beatty, J. L.; Mrs. R. T. Judson, Nob Hill annex.
Moys, H., and wife; Mrs. Bellinger, 119 19th.
Thompson, F. C., and wife; A. C. Fleming, 495 Marion.
McDonald, C. A.; Dexter Field, Asylum avenue.
Stamp, Rev. Mr.; Miss Frickie, Asylum avenue.
Harwarth, L. M.; J. G. Riegetman, 155 Capital.
Alford, J. G.; J. E. Allison, 303 High, meals, C. A. Clark, Winter.
Hill, H. R.; Miss Frickie, Asylum avenue.

Beckman, C. O., and wife; C. W. Boeschman, 14th and Ferry; meals Mrs. Flowers.
Lay Delegates.
Allen, Robert.
Arthur, D. B.
Baughman, J. H.
Bethers, George.
Blackberly, P. L.
Bradley, Thomas.
Bryant, Mrs. Agnes; T. E. Cornelius, 548 State.
Bushnell, Martin.
Butler, Mrs. Eleanor.
Clark, H. H.
Cook, Mrs. Mary J.; Wm. Fisher, 363 Capital.
Connell, Samuel.
Cobb, G. M.
Dimmitt, Geo. W.
Edwards, J. N.
Forbes, Mrs. Ida R.
Geiger, Dr. C. E.; Mrs. Shirley, 357 Capital.
Goltra, J. O.
Goyno, T. H.
Graves, G. W.
Hampton, J. L.
Hall, Dr. J. E.
Hennenger, Mrs. Hattie M.
Hillegas, Mary S.
Howard, Mary S.
Holt, Grant.
Herbert, A. W.
Jones, J. P.
Kirk, Jessie.
Kennedy, P. L.
Kyle, Robert.
Lewton, J. C.
Little, J. C.; Mrs. Leech, State near 19th.
Mandeville, W. H.
McLaughlin, Geo. W.
Mills, C. F.; J. A. Mills.
Miller, E. O.
Moore, G. A. G.
Moore, L. F.
Moys, Mrs. V. F.; Mrs. Bellinger, 119 19th.
Miller, Mrs. Amelia.
Newell, J. P.
Noon, W. C.
Odell, W. H.
Olson, O. F.
Peters, J. W.
Pearl, J. R.
Pjune, W. H.
Powell, Frank W.
Ridings, P. J.
Rey, J. E.
Smith, Mrs. R. M.
Stafford, B. A.
Surrey, Wm. H.
Umpire, E. E.
Van Valzah, Mrs. R. G.
Wade, H.

John H. Tilly's big 188-pound squash did not win the prize at the state fair, as it was delayed in shipment, and did not arrive at the ground until after the prizes had been awarded. But it was placed on exhibition in a prominent place by the fair board, where it was eyed with wonder by probably 100,000 people, and by its side the prize squash, which was raised in the valley, and weighed 66 pounds, looked like a baby beside its mother. John says he will raise a bigger one next year, just to show 'em what Wheeler county's fertile soil is capable of, and that he will have it at Salem a week or two ahead of time. It may interest the public to know that the mammoth 188-pounder was only one of fifteen squashes that grew on the same vine this year, the average weight of which was 80 pounds, the total being 1200 pounds. Mr. Tilly brought in two of them yesterday, which weighed 80 and 77 pounds, respectively, which he sold to George Clark.

It is commonly reported that a squash can be grown to an enormous size by feeding it milk, but Mr. Tilly let his big squashes do their own rustling for subsistence. He simply planted them on his homestead and nature did the rest. He did not even put an ounce of fertilizer on the ground.

Mr. Tilly has a brother or sister to the big squash that he estimates weighs about 110 pounds, and this one he is advised to send to the permanent exhibit in Portland, and may yet conclude to do so. He had hardly thought his biggest one would be big enough to win a prize at the state fair, and only sent it at last after much persuasion by his friends, who had been at former fairs, and never seen anything approaching the Tilly squash in size. The vine containing the 15 big squashes is over 100 feet long, and still growing.

Final Account.

T. S. Shanks, as executor of the will of his father, Abner Shanks, of Turner, has today filed his final account, through his attorney, John Bayne. The property was worth about \$1000.

Filed Their Report.

John Scholl, A. Coyle and Wm. Platts, appraisers of the estate of Young Chung, deceased, this afternoon filed their report in the county clerk's office, showing the property to be valued at \$3094.12.

To Meet in Portland.

County Judge Scott, president of the Oregon Good Roads Association, has issued a call to the members of the executive committee for a meeting to be held in Portland next Saturday, when the matter of changing the date of the state convention will come up for discussion, and a change in the present arrangements will doubtless be made.

Willamette Weather

General Summary.

Light rains fell in the Willamette valley and along the coast during the early part of the week, but otherwise the weather throughout the state was dry and pleasant. The days were warm, but the nights, as a rule, were cool, and frost occurred in Eastern Oregon and in scattered localities of Southern Oregon on one or two mornings; they did no damage of consequence.

The weather was very favorable for threshing, and this work was actively pushed to completion. Prune picking and drying also made satisfactory progress. It will require about a week or ten days more to complete the prune harvest; the crop this year is an excellent one, both in quality and quantity. But little plowing or seeding has been done yet west of the Cascade mountains, owing to the dry condition of the soil. In the Columbia river valley, and in some sections of the Grande Ronde valley, the seeding of fall grain has progressed rapidly. More rain is needed in Western Oregon before fall plowing will become general.

The corn crop continues to do nicely, and some fields are now ready for the silo. Potato digging has begun, with variable yields. In some sections the crop is turning out well, while in others, especially along the coast, the average yield will be very light, owing to blight and rot.

Stock is doing well, and is generally in fine condition. A good rain would benefit pastures, but, as a rule, feed is plentiful, especially on the ranges. Some green feeding is being done in the dairy districts to keep up the supply of milk.

Beans are being harvested with good results. The third crop of alfalfa turned out well, and was secured in good condition.

Pears and plums continue to yield satisfactorily, and are being marketed as rapidly as possible. Apples are only fair, and in some counties they are dropping badly.

A Few Pointers.

The recent statistics of the number of deaths show that the large majority die with consumption. This disease may commence with an apparently harmless cough which can be cured instantly by Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs, which is guaranteed to cure and relieve all cases. Price 25c and 50 cents. For sale by all druggists.

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