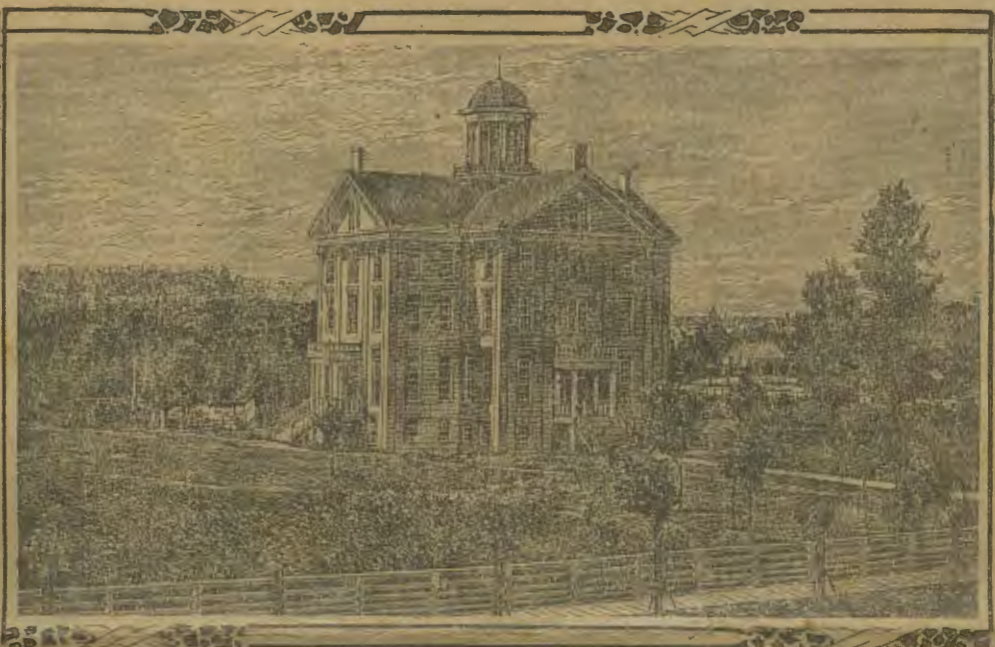


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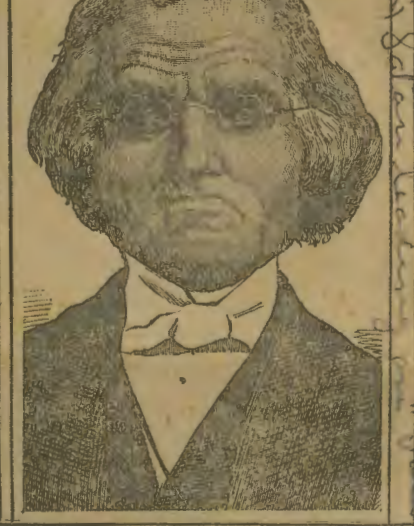
WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY HISTORY DATES BACK TO EARLY PIONEER DAYS

First Graduate, Who Got Diploma in 1859, Is Emily York Moore, Now Resident of Portland—Establishment of Institution Result of Service on Ship Lausanne in 1839, When Jason Lee Makes Plea for Oregon.



The First University Building, Whose Cornerstone Was Laid In Here is where one morning in 1864 June 15th 2, at Chapel yard

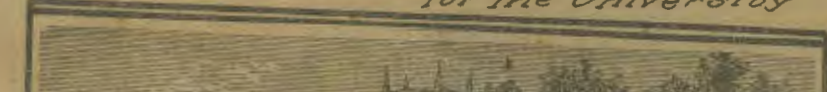
While this sketch was being done a copy of the door to the chapel, the drawing of Lee brought to light



Pres. T.M. Gatch, As He Looked In The 60's. A Life Long Worker

Rev. A. F. Walker, For The University

Rev. David Leslie, Member of The Committee of 1842 that Decided To Establish The Oregon Institute



For The University
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 Institute



*Spent a night or two here in fall 1848
 'Old Institute'*

BY FRED LOCKLEY.

THE first graduate of the Willamette University, Emily York Moore, lives in Portland. She graduated in 1859. Recently she told me of the early days of this pioneer school. To go back to the very beginning of its history takes us to a Sunday service aboard the ship *Lausanne*, October 25, 1839. The "Great Reinforcement" was coming out to help Jason Lee establish the Methodist mission in Oregon. Rev. Gustavus Hines preached a sermon to the missionaries and laymen which was in the nature of a celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the founding of Methodism. No religious service in the Methodist church is complete without the taking up of a collection, so Jason Lee announced that, as a fitting memorial of the occasion, a collection would be taken up to found a school in the Willamette Valley.

These pioneer missionaries to Oregon proved they were willing to back their convictions with their cash. Although less than 20 families were represented, the collection amounted to \$650. And so, as their ship was spearing southward toward Cape Horn, the Sandwich Islands and the mouth of the Columbia, the foundations of the Willamette University were laid.

stitute was formally transferred to the Methodist Church. Although work was well under way on the building of the Oregon Institute when Rev. George Gary, who had been sent out by the missionary board to close up the work of the Methodist mission to the Indians, offered the Indian Mission Manual Labor School at Salem, which had cost \$10,000, to the trustees of the Oregon Institute for \$4000, the offer was accepted. The first board of trustees were Jason Lee, David Leslie, Gustavus Hines, J. L. Parrish, L. H. Judson, George Abernethy, Alanson Beers, Hamilton Campbell and Dr. J. L. Babcock.

Miss Chloe A. Clark had come to Oregon aboard the missionary ship *Lausanne* with the Great Reinforcement to teach the children of the missionaries, so when the Oregon Institute opened its doors in the Fall of 1844 she was installed as its first teacher. She was no longer Miss Clark, however, as she had married Dr. W. H. Wilson, who was secretary of the board of trustees of the Oregon Institute.

The school was taken under the wing of the Oregon and California Mission Conference of the Methodist Church and this organization some years later appointed Rev. F. S. Hoyt and Rev. Nehemiah Doane teachers of the Oregon Institute. On January 12, 1853,



Pres. F. S. Hoyt, D.D.

ner, Edgar B. Piper—how familiar those names are. We know them best as Supreme Court judges, editors, orators, Congressmen, attorneys, physicians, teachers or capitalists.

Class of 10 Graduates in 1866.

One of the largest classes ever graduated from the university was the class of 1866, of which Samuel L. Simpson, the poet, and Henry H. Gilfrey, the reading clerk of the United States Senate, were members. There were 19 in the class.

Willamette University's new school year has started off under auspicious circumstances, both in interest and attendance. Rev. Carl Gregg Doney, Ph. D., LL. D., the new president, is greatly pleased by the outlook for the future. From the frame building and the single teacher of 70 years ago the university has grown to a stately group of buildings, with a larger faculty than there were students in the early years of the university's history.

CHIC GOULD FOR BUREAU

sity were laid.

First Site on French Prairie.

The next step occurred when Jason Lee held a meeting on January 17, 1842, at his home in what is now called North Salem, but which was then known as Chemeketa, to discuss plans for the proposed school. A committee consisting of Dr. J. L. Babcock, Rev. David Leslie and Rev. Gustavus Hines was appointed and they announced that a meeting would be held on February 1 to further consider the subject. At the meeting on February 1, 1842, it was decided to select a site, raise additional money and found a school. Rev. Gustavus Hines' suggestion that it be called the Oregon Institute was adopted. The committee on location selected a site on French Prairie.

This was abandoned in favor of Wallace Prairie two and a half miles north of Salem. Subscriptions were taken until the original sum had been increased to \$4000. On March, 15, 1842, a constitution and bylaws for the Oregon Institute were adopted. Article I of the constitution stated:

"Whereas, the Oregon Institute is designed not only to promote science, but morality and piety; therefore this institution shall always be under the supervision of some evangelical branch of the Protestant Church."

The constitution continued:

"This institution shall be an academic boarding school as soon as practicable; and whenever it shall be deemed expedient by the proper authorities to make it a university it shall be so constituted. The primary object of this institution is to educate the children of white men; but no person shall be excluded on account of color, provided their character and qualifications be such as are required in the bylaws of the institution."

Contributors Receive Voice.

Any person who contributed \$50 was allowed "a voice in all business during his natural life." Any person who contributed \$500 received a certificate which entitled him or his heirs to the tuition of one scholar perpetually in the institution.

On October 26, 1842, the Oregon In-

gon Institute. On January 12, 1853, the Territorial Legislature gave it a new charter under the name of the Willamette University.

Rev. F. S. Hoyt First President.

Rev. F. S. Hoyt was made president of the Willamette University at the first Methodist Episcopal conference following the obtaining of the charter. Rev. Hoyt continued as president till 1860, when he was succeeded by President T. M. Gatch, who resigned in 1865 and was succeeded by Rev. J. H. Wythe, who served two years. Rev. L. T. Woodward was president for one year and was succeeded by Rev. Nelson Rounds, who served till 1870, when Professor T. M. Gatch returned.

The cornerstone of the university building had been laid on July 24, 1864, and on October 21, 1867, the building, though not quite completed, was occupied. Dr. Gatch remained as president till 1879.

The first class to graduate from the university, with the exception of Emily York Moore, in 1859, was the class of 1863. There were 12 in the class, six young men and six young women. The graduates were Thomas H. Crawford, now a resident of the Oddfellows' Home, of this city; Francis H. Grubbs, John C. Grubbs, Colin T. Finlayson, John B. Waldo, Alva McWhorter, Emily N. Belt, Angelina Robb, Nellie J. Stipp, Mary McGhee and Lucy A. M. Lee, the only daughter of Jason Lee, the founder of the school.

To look over the list of the alumni of Willamette University is like looking over a copy of "Who's Who in Oregon." Among the names best known are Professor T. H. Crawford, for 11 years City Superintendent of Portland schools; John B. Waldo, C. W. Parrish, Sylvester C. Simpson, Presley M. Denney and F. L. Willis, all of whom are attorneys and all of whom graduated more than 50 years ago.

J. K. Buff, C. H. Hall, J. L. Carter, W. A. Cusick, B. F. Bond, William Gallo-way, C. C. Stratton, M. T. Crawford, H. H. Hewitt, C. B. Moores, Til Ford, Robert Eakin, Wiley B. Allen, T. C. Jory, B. F. Irvine, Charles A. Johns, Robert A. Miller, Willis C. Hawley, J. B. Hor-

OHIO SOLID FOR BURTON

Willis Decision to Stay Out of Race

Hailed With Pleasure.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 6.—Ex-Senator Burton will carry a solid delegation from Ohio to the Republican National convention next Summer, it has been learned. Governor Willis has decided to forego his own Presidential ambitions and will throw his support to Mr. Burton. It is understood that the Governor will be a candidate for renomination, and will be practically unopposed.

Governor Willis is expected to issue a statement along these lines. Mr. Burton has already been informed of his intentions. The Republican leaders and state officials express themselves as greatly pleased at this adjustment of rival ambitions, which it had been feared would weaken the state, both at the convention and in the campaign.

One result of the adjustment is expected to be an announcement of the candidacy of ex-Representative Ralph D. Cole for the Senatorial nomination against Pomerene, who, it is conceded, will be the Democratic nominee. If Governor Willis had held to his Presidential aspirations, Mr. Cole had expected to be a candidate for Governor. In the Senatorial primaries he is likely to meet the opposition of Harry N. Daugherty, who headed the Taft delegation in 1912, and is known to have been awaiting a favorable opportunity to test his strength for the Senatorship.

Woman Is Champion Applepicker.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Nov. 5.—Miss Susan Everett, of Hubbard, state champion apple grower, demonstrated her ability as an applepicker on the farm of Norman E. Tully. Miss Everett picked 50 bushels of Newtown pippins in three hours and 30 minutes, and said she was just getting warmed up when she quit.