

Salem Remembers Timeline 1875 - 1879

1875, February 12 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

The State Rights Democrat

The Editor of the Salem Record Celebrated

The editor of the Salem Record celebrated Chinese New Year with vigorous muchness. His Chinese washman presented him with six drawings of tea, half a dozen packs of fire crackers and a bundle of joss sticks, and Sam had an illumination and feast at his mansion that night.

1875, April 30 | Salem's Blind Heritage

Oregon City Enterprise

Summary of State News | The Present Term

The present term of the School for the Blind, at Salem, will close this week on account of the death of Mrs. Nesbitt, the late matron, and the pupils will leave for home as soon as possible.



The Oregon Institute for the Blind, at 12th and Ferry Streets 1892.

1876, March 3 | Salem's Blind Heritage | Article Contains Slurs

Willamette Farmer

Oregon State Institute for the Blind

To the Friends of the Unfortunate

The State Institution for the education of the blind, is located in Salem, and for the past year has enjoyed a period of unexampled prosperity and success, and it is for the purpose of extending its sphere of usefulness, that this circular is addressed to the people of the State. It is desirable that every blind person of suitable age should have the benefit of such an education as can only be obtained in institutions specially adapted to the peculiarities of that unfortunate class of persons.

The census returns do not give the names of blind persons, as such, and those in charge of the Blind School have no means of finding their addresses, except by circular, and it is especially and earnestly requested that everyone who receives this, will take pains to forward the name, age, condition in life, and post office address of every blind person within their knowledge, to the Superintendent, Rev. J. H. Babcock, of Salem, Oregon, without delay, or the blind person should himself make direct application for admission into the school, which it is expected will begin the first of next September, and last nine months.

It is necessary to apply thus early, as much has to be done —the Legislature to be memorialized for a suitable appropriation, the amount of which will depend upon the number of pupils to be provided for.

Information as to the conditions of admission and the probable amount of state aid that will be furnished to each individual, will be given to those who apply. Blind persons of suitable age, residing outside of the state of Oregon, can be admitted by special arrangement.

The facilities for instruction in this institution are not surpassed by any in the Union. The building (late residence of Hon. E. N. Cooke) is large and commodious, situated upon elevated ground upon the banks of the Willamette river. It is surrounded by shade trees and elegant grounds with beautiful shrubbery, and a profusion of flowers, it is one of the loveliest spot to be found anywhere. School room large, airy, well lighted and ventilated — dormitories ample, so that there need be no crowding. There are splendid musical instrument, a fine library in raised letters, and other appliances for instruction, all complete; and it speaks well for the helpfulness of the location, that during the past year, and notwithstanding the general prevalence of fevers, that not one case of sickness has occurred among the inmates of the house.

The instructor, professor Charles H. Kaiser, a graduate of the New York Institute for the blind, and himself a blind man, is a most accomplished gentleman and teacher, thoroughly well qualified in all branches, including vocal and instrumental music – in which latter he has probably no superior in the State.

Particular care is taken of the general deportment, morals, and cleanliness of pupils, and the public may rest assured that everything will be done that is possible for their improvement and happiness.

The institution is under the immediate charge of Dr. E. Y. Chase, formerly surgeon of the United States Army, and his estimable wife – with the Rev. J. H. Babcock as General Superintendent – to the latter of whom all letters of inquiry should be addressed, and they will receive a prompt response.

Persons visiting Salem are cordially invited to visit the institution at any time, and pains will be taken to show them it's working.

*By order of the General Superintendent of the Institution.
Salem, Oregon, February 1876.*

1876, August 10 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

Washington Independent

State and Territorial

Salem has a Chinese Population of only 65.

1876, September 22 | Salem's Blind Heritage

The New Northwest

The Blind School Near Railroad Track

The blind school, at Salem, is now located within about 100 feet of the railroad track.

1876, November 17 | Oregon's Chinese Heritage

Willamette Farmer

Chinese Laborers

[Advertisement]

Chinese laborers can be furnished, capable of grubbing, wood-cutting, etc. upon application to: J. McCracken & Co., 50, 52, 54, 56 N. Front St., Portland.

1877, November 3 | Salem's Blind Heritage

The Daily Astorian

Our Readers Have Perhaps Heard

Our readers have perhaps heard of the man who tried to buy a money purse on credit. The Mercury tells of a blind man buying a watch in Salem on tick. The Mercury says: "because of his physical misfortune, people gave him a hearty welcome and a liberal support. We have recently learned certain facts concerning him which caused us to believe him a fraud. A short time since he went into the jewelry store of Mr. J. H. Haas, on Commercial Street, and purchased a fine watch and chain amounting to \$60. He paid \$30 down, and informed Mr. Haas that he was going to Portland to give a musical concert and then on his return he would pay the balance. On arriving at Portland, instead of giving a concert, he boarded one of the outgoing steamers and sailed for California. We hear also that he has left a number of other creditors in the lurch, among whom are several saloon keepers of this city."

1878, January 18 | Salem's Black Heritage | Article Contains Slurs

Willamette Farmer

Last Tuesday Night's Adventure

Three of Salem's Colored Gents Play the Part of Detective— They Tackle the Wrong Man and are Forced to "Line Up" and Stand Inspection

Early in the evening last Tuesday, there were sitting around the stove in a certain hack and dray barn, three gentlemen of the African descent and were each narrating the different bloodcurdling adventures that they had encountered during their lives with burglars and robbers, and soon their bravery had reached to

The Highest Pitch

And they longed to add one more laurel sprig to their already full crown. That last one of them said: "Jes you look a heah, Gworge, de Councilum ob dis city will gibe one hundred dollars to de fust pussen dat will bring dem robbers to de justis; now, dar am three of us heah, 'sposen we go dis berry night and take dem fellers in, and den claim de 'ward in the mornin', dar will be a few bits over thirty dollars 'piece, and dat amount o' money you isn't gwine to be pick up ebery day in de week, dis chile feel jes big nuff to jes take 'bout foh ob dem scamps in before mornin'. The plans were agreed to and they prepared themselves for

The Night's Campaign

Armed with an old revolver and a dark lantern they loitered around the barn till the dead hour of night, when they sallied forth into the blackness of darkness, for the purpose of breaking up the band of robbers that are infesting the city. They roamed about till 1 o'clock when the sound of tramping in the distance was heard; bright anticipation of shining twenties that they were to receive, flitted through their minds, and what a glowing account the papers would have of the affair, and they would be lions of the day. As the funds came in nearer they secreted themselves at the corner on Commercial street opposite Captain Pratt's residence.

Nearer and Nearer

Came the sound, and at last was within a few feet of the crouching forms of our heroes, and one of them raised up and confronted his victim. The man stopped, and demanded, "Who vas dot?" Our hero, who of course did not want to reveal his true name until at a proper time, said: "my name am Smith, sah." "Yah", said the victim; "but vitch one of dem tain Schmidts you vas? Dar was more as two of dem in town." Our hero demanded of him if he was a resident of the city. "Vas a resident here?" said the victim; "I vas here more as five years before the first sidewalks vas built mit der town." Just then our other two heroes came up, and the victim began to recede from them. Then the dark lantern was brought in to play, and the light thrown upon the victim, who had clasped a

Revolver Within Each Hand

And presented them in anything but an inviting position for our heroes, who at that moment recognized him as Henry Jankosky, when one of them immediately sang out: "Foh God, Marse Henry, don't go foh to

shoot dis way. I'se not de burglar; jes put up dem 'volvers and dis chile won't play 'tective any moah, for de Lord, I won't." Henry made them step up in a line, and after satisfying himself that they were honest in their intentions, allowed them to depart in peace. George says he won't hanker after that hundred dollars anymore, and if dem udder fool niggahs ever want him to play 'tective again, he will "broke" dar jaw wid a barn shovel.

1878, August 22 | Salem's Blind Heritage

The New Northwest

The Blind School at Salem

The blind school at Salem will open on the first Monday in September under the efficient conduct of Mrs. E. J. Dawne. Eighteen pupils have applied for admission.



Students at the Indian Training School in Forest Grove, Oregon, 1882.

1879 | Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Training School

A Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Training School opened in Forest Grove. This was the third boarding school of its type and was designed to assimilate tribal children into white culture by teaching vocational skills.

1879, January 3 | Salem's Black Heritage

Willamette Farmer

Celebration

The colored citizens of Salem have determined to have a celebration on the anniversary of the emancipation of the colored people, and have invited their friends from Albany, who will come down and join in the festivities of the occasion, at Bayliss' house, on Piety Hill. The managers of the affair have

spared no pains to make the celebration pass off in good style. There will be a dance, supper, and, of course, toasts will be read and responded to with the happiness that such occasions engender.

1879, January 31 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

The Corvallis Gazette

The Salem Chinese Mission School

The Salem Chinese mission school is prosperous, and its friends claim that it is doing much good. Its students will soon give a public exhibition.

1879, March 21 | Salem's Irish Heritage

The Corvallis Gazette

From the Capital - Irish Citizens Celebrate [St. Patrick's Day]

Editor Gazette: This, among the Irish citizens, is "the day we celebrate," and its observance among that class of people is as universal and scarcely less enthusiastic than is that of the glorious Independence Day of American origin. True it is, that there are but few localities in Oregon where it is publicly observed; but, nevertheless, a thoroughbred son of Erin's Isle will remember the day in some manner — ostentatiously or otherwise — celebrate it. It is in our large cities, however, that we see it more generally observed, and an Irishman who, on that day, would do a stroke of work — save in cases of dire necessity — would endanger his reputation as a true born Celtic.

Here, women and children in Oregon's Metropolis, to-day are united in its celebration and the Irish heart rejoices at its annual recurrence. The Irish, as a class, are a mirth-loving — and we might, at the same time, add — a mirth provoking race, ever ready with a repartee and brimming full of wit and originality. The witticisms of the Celtic race are proverbial and any one to get ahead of a "bog-trotter" must wake up early in the morning. As citizens, we have few better. They have, indeed done more for us, as Americans, than any other race of foreigners, and all lovers of the Union bear in kindly remembrance their meritorious services during the late Civil War.

All honor, say we, to the sons of Erin. Their devotion to the mother country is commendable, and the heart of the average American would with them rejoice in their freedom from thralldom. We can but admire their adhesion to the time honored custom of celebrating the birth of their patron saint, and the soul stirring Irish airs played and sang throughout the country, to-day will, we feel assured cause the American heart to pulsate with renewed activity. The Irish citizens of Salem have never, we believe, united in any public observance of the day, a fact that we have often wondered at, as we have a number in our midst who could, were are they to combine forces, get up a celebration in every way worthy of the name.

1879, May 24 | Salem's Mexican Heritage

The Eugene City Guard

Veterans Mexican War to the Front!

EUGENE CITY, May 22, 1879

There will be a meeting of the surviving soldiers of the Mexican way held at Salem, June 17, 1879, at the same time and place of the meeting of the Oregon Pioneers Association, for the purpose of organizing a re-union, and devising means for their mutual interests. A full attendance is requested.

J. F. Amis.

1879, June 7 | Salem's Chinese Heritage

The Eugene City Guard

The Chinese Population of Salem

The Chinese population of Salem has increased 100 during the past month.

1879, June 13 | Salem's Mexican Heritage

The States Rights Democrat

The Last Brigadier

The death of General Shields a week or so ago leaves General Jo Lane the only surviving Brigadier General of the Mexican War. Although the aged hero is just recovering from a severe illness he will be in attendance at the re-union of the Mexican War Veterans at Salem on the 17th inst. General Lane was the most active officer in the U. S. Army in Mexico, and he is entitled to all the honors which his old comrades can confer upon him.