

The new church will be dedicated by the Congregationalists and their friends on Sunday, May 9th. Addresses will be made by Supt. A.J. Bailey of Seattle and President Penrose of Whitman College, Walla Walla.

The other congregations of the city have been invited to participate in the exercises.

A committee is at work securing funds with which to meet a few remaining bills so that the church may be completed without debt. It is intended to have no special offering called for on dedication day.

In order that this may be the case, small sums are being donated by many of our citizens. The church costs about \$2,000, seats about 400 and is an admirable illustration of what a little money will do these hard times toward a beautiful building--Yakima Herald, April 20, 1897.

The handsome new church edifice of the Congregational society of this city was opened to the public on Sunday morning last.

The presentation of the keys from the building committee to the trustees was made by Mr. Brooker, who in the course of his remarks stated that the church was to be dedicated entirely free of debt.

C.M. Holton, on behalf of the trustees, received the keys, after which Rev. A.J. Bailey of Seattle, superintendent of congregational work preached an eloquent sermon. President Penrose of Whitman college, Walla Walla, was the next speaker.

George S. Vance rendered a number of appropriate anthems and the pastors of the several denominations of the city also participated.

The new church is valued at \$2000. Much of the lumber used in its erection was obtained in exchange for the old church property on the west side of the track while a considerable of the mechanical work was donated. The church has a seating capacity of about 400, together with a gallery which will be furnished with seats when the occasion requires.

Rev. Mr. Hassell, who in the face of trying circumstances accomplished that which many were loth to believe could not be done in these depressed times, is responsible for the work which speaks much for the society--Yakima Herald, May 13, 1897.

Rev. Leon Greene was on the streets yesterday after quite an absence from home.

He has planned to take his little folding organ into the hop fields and hold religious services in the evenings. The California Hop Company's yards are his first objective point and Eglin's yards at Timpico are number two on his list of appointments--Yakima Herald, Sept. 2, 1897.

Rev. N. Evans, who for the past two years has filled the pulpit of the M.E. church of this place left Wednesday morning overland for his new charge at Goldendale.

Mr. Evans leaves behind him many friends in the church and among the people of Yakima. Mrs. Evans and daughter, who are now visiting relatives in Walla Walla, will go to their new home about October 1st.

~~David and Mrs. Q~~

Rev. U.F. Hawk, the new pastor sent by the last M.E. conference to minister to the people of that denomination in this city arrived with his family and household goods on Tuesday and has taken possession of the parsonage.

The Goldendale Sentinel in speaking of his retirement at that place, has the following to say:

It was generally expected that Rev. Hawk was to be with us another year and we feel ~~quite~~ that many Methodists will be disappointed. We are glad that Yakima is not so far away so it is not like losing him entirely....Yakima Herald, Sept. 26, 1897.

Rev. R.B. Hassell offered his resignation as pastor of the Congregational church last Sunday and will move to Everett next month where he hopes his throat trouble will be relieved. The move is very much regretted by every member and adherent of the church and by hosts of other friends--Yakima Herald, Jan. 13, 1898.

The new Methodist church was dedicated on the 13th by Presiding Elder Warner. The church was in debt \$270 and that amount with \$17 surplus was promptly raised. The cost of the structure is \$1,388.15 - Yakima Herald, Nov. 17, 1898.

Rev. H.M. Bartlett--The plans are being made to build a rectory adjoining St Michael's church. The Mikado is being rehearsed right along, but the presentation of the opera which is for the purchase of a pipe organ, will not take place until after Lent--Yakima Herald, Feb. 9, 1899.

The directory recently issued by the Methodist church of this city contains some valuable and interesting facts regarding its growth in North Yakima.

A succinct history of the society appears and a roster of the various auxiliary orders. The first services of this now powerful and numerous denomination in North Yakima were held in 1885 by twelve persons in the old Centennial building, mentioned elsewhere in the Herald.

The Centennial had just been moved from Yakima City, a distance of four miles, to North Yakima. Father Wilbur, the Indian agent on the reservation and the patron saint of the tribe, used to preach to the then small congregation.

In the fall of '97 the present pastor, Rev. Vlysses F. Hawk took hold and it is to his splendid executive ability that it is in its present prosperous condition.

Since Rev. Hawk assumed charge of the church the entire property, including a new parsonage, has undergone a transformation. An air of prosperity and thrift and go-ahead activity is apparent.

The church from its apostolic number 12 in the beginning has now a membership of 275. The directory in all well appointed churches in the east is generally used and live congregations in the west are gradually adopting the plan as a feature of church work-- Yakima Herald, April 6, 1899.

(Contains line drawing of church)

Rev. J.H. Condit of Juneau, Alaska, was here several days recently.
On Sunday he preached at the Presbyterian church.

He has been asked to assume the pastoral by that congregation. He left here Wednesday night for his former home in Iowa. He will probably accept the call within a few days. Mr. Condit was very much pleased with Yakima--The Yakima Republic, May 5, 1899.

Rev. Ulysses F. Hawk, who has been in charge of the M.E. church here for two years has been assigned by the conference to The Dalles, Ore. His successor here will be Rev. J.H. Wood of The Dalles.

The transfer of Mr. Hawk was against those of the congregation that he has served so ably for the past two years. The people of Yakima generally will regret to lose him as he has been one of the most agreeable and useful ministers the town has had in late years.

His successor is spoken of as one of the best preachers in the district. He has been at The Dalles five years which we believe is, except in extraordinary cases the limit of time that a Methodist minister may serve in one place. Mr. Hawk will go to The Dalles the first of next week.

Rev. Mr. Baker of Yakima City was transferred by the conference to Arlington, Ore. Through the efforts of Rev. Mr. Hawk North Yakima was selected as the place for holding the next meeting of the conference.

The following assignments of ministers in this district of interest to Republic readers was made:

Bickleton, Henry Mays; Ellensburg, J.S. Smith; Fort Simcoe, J.W. Helm, Prosser, supplied by A.C. Brackenburg; Toppenish, B.L. Burrill; Yakima City, supplied by C.E. Campbell- The Yakima Republic, September 15, 1899.

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W.W. Felton has been awarded the contract for building the new rectory. The structure will cost about \$4,000. The size is 33 feet six inches by 36 feet, two stories, eight rooms, besides hall, pantry bath rooms etc.

The first story is to be stone like the church adjoining and the second will be frame. The style is colonial. The structure is to be completed by next April. Work will commence on the foundation and basement right away. It is financed by local Episcopalians--Yakima Herald, Oct 5, 1899.

The installation of Rev. J.H. Condit as pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city will occur Thursday evening, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. J.M. Thompson of this city will preside and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. J.V. Milligan of Ellensburg will make the installation prayer and give the charge to the pastor and Rev. Hugh Gilchrist of Seattle will preach the sermon and give the charge to the people--Yakima Herald, Oct. 18, 1899.

On Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the cornerstone of St Michael's rectory will be laid with appropriate service. The public are cordially invited to attend the service, consisting of singing by the vested choir, prayers and a brief address-Yakima Herald, Nov. 9, 1899/

Last Saturday in the presence of quite a company Rev. H.M. Bartlett performed the ceremony of the laying of the corner Stone of St Michael's rectory. This was the formal beginning of the building which will be one of the finest parsonages in the state. In fact when it is finished there will be but one church residence in the state that surpasses it and that is the Episcopal bishop's home at Spokane.

The services Saturday were quite simple and impressive. Leaflets had been prepared on which were printed a special service in which the assemblage participated. The close of the responsive service was the reading by all present of a beautiful prayer composed by the pastor for the occasion. Mr. Bartlett then delivered a brief address.

Encased in the corner stone were several manuscripts. There is a list of all the rectors of St Michael's church to date; a list of the officers and members of the Woman's Build, the names of the organist, the choir master and choir boys, the contractor and contract price of the rectory, copy of the service and current issues of The Republic, Herald, Democrat and Post-Intelligencer.

...The main feature of the rooms on the first floor is the parlor, library and reception hall, each a spacious room itself but all connected by archways affording splendid facilities for the entertainment of large companies--The interior will be finished in native fir, hard oiled. The building will be ready for occupancy April 1. The Yakima Republic, November 17, 1899.

The Congregational church last Thursday evening reelected their old officers for the ensuing year.

Rev. T.J. Dent tendered his resignation which was accepted. He will preach his first sermon in Aberdeen, S.D. under his new call on the first Sunday in February.

After the meeting the ladies of the church served a lunch for the benefit of the members attending from the country--Yakima Herald, Dec. 14, 1899.

The reception was tendered to the Rev. Walter Crockett and wife by the congregation of the Christian church and ministers of the other denominations Tuesday night.

The Christian church has been without a pastor for several months until the arrival of Rev. Crockett, hence the welcome extended them was a glad and hearty one. ... Rev. Walter Crockett comes here from New Whatcom, where he has successfully labored in the ministry for several years. He will reside on Sixth street between Yakima avenue and A street in what is known as the Scott residence--
The Yakima Republic, January 12, 1900.

The annual Congregational meeting of the members of the First Presbyterian church was held Thursday evening, January 11. After the business session there was a social at which refreshments were served by the ladies.

Reports showed that after all expenses of the year were paid a surplus of \$60 was found in the church treasury. The Christian Endeavor Society reported double membership of one year ago.

Twenty-four new members have been added to the church since the beginning of the pastorate of J.H. Condit. Messrs H.K. Sinclair and J.D. Cornett were elected elders for a term of three years. Messrs John Porter and Chas. Perry were elected trustees for a like term. Clifford Wright and Bert Stewart were elected members of the finance committee for the coming year--The Yakima Republic, January 19, 1900

The Presbyterian church held its meeting last Thursday marking the beginning of the new fiscal year which has been changed from January to April 1.

The most important action taken was the appointment of J.D. Cornett, F.C. Hall, J.J. McDonald, H.K. Sinclair and W.B. Dudley as a committee to create a sinking fund for the purpose of building a new church. The Presbyterian lot is within the fire limits and when they build the fire ordinance must be complied with.

It is the intention to erect a stone fireproof church as soon as the funds are in sight.

During the past year 28 additions have been made to the church, making the church membership now a total of 143. The Sunday school numbers 170. Contributions to missions amounted to \$147 and money raised by congregational was \$1,500. The Yakima Republic, April 13, 1900.

A second meeting of the Methodist church congregation last Tuesday night resulted in the appointment of a committee to secure funds for the proposed extension of the church building.

The mass meeting was well attended and all present voiced one sentiment. Unless the ardor of the members cools down before the committee reaches them, the money for a new church will be in sight shortly. D.L. Druse was around with the subscription paper Wednesday and by evening had secured almost \$1,000-The Yakima Republic, May 4, 1900.

Rev. J.S. Budlong , wife and two children spent several days in this city during the past week.

Rev. Budlong has been selected by Bishop Wells as rector of the Episcopalian church of Sunnyside and will officiate at Wallah--
Yakima Herald, Jan. 3, 1901.

Sunnyside--Rev. J.S. Budlong , the new Episcopal clergyman expresses himself as much pleased with the valley. He preached his first sermon here last Sunday morning to a large audience and was well received. He preached at Wallah in the evening. Yakima Herald, Jan. 17, 1901.

Sunnyside--The men turned out well on Thursday and much stone was hauled for the new Episcopal church, but much more is needed and we will be thankful to any one who will assist us in the hauling. This building will be one of the first in the county and one of which we will all be proud--Yakima Herald, Jan. 17, 1901.

The new minister for the Congregational church to succeed Rev. P.B. Jackson, resigned, is Rev. H.P. James of Colfax, Wash.,

He was called by the church last Sunday after the regular morning services and has accepted. Mr. James came here from Colfax to attend the thirteenth annual state convention of the Congregational church and remained over to preach last Sunday and Sunday week.

It had practically been decided to call Mr. James so at a meeting of the church just after the morning services formal action was taken. Mr. James left here Monday for his home and will return again to take up his new charge in about four weeks--
The Yakima Herald, Oct. 24, 1901.

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