

Simcoe Camp Meeting

The persons who visited the camp meeting at Simcoe last week returned on Wednesday. They report the meeting a very interesting one, resulting in the conversion of quite a large number of Indians to the Christian faith, besides some whites.

-- The Dalles Mountaineer, June 25, 1869

Churches 1879

(North Pacific Rural Press made up a list of all churches in Northwest, but admitted in article that there might be some slipups in it. Among churches were the following)

Baptist - Goldendale

Catholic - Yakima Mission and Yakima City

(only ones listed in the Yakima valley, including Yakima and Kittitas counties)

--Portland Oregonian, April 17, 1879

Wenas Congregational Church

A Congregational church has been organized in the Wenass valley. It consists of 12 members.

--Portland Oregonian, Sept. 24, 1879

Articles of incorporation of the First Christian church of Yakima were drawn up and filed with the county auditor on Saturday last. Record, Nov. 20, 1880.

The bell lately placed in the spire of the Christian church has an excellent tone. Its loud ringing peals can be heard on a still day several miles. Record, Dec. 24, 1881.

Church gatherings in 1883 and 1884 were held in Centennial hall.

The first religious service in the new Congregational church will take place on Sunday. Mr. Dixon has had the lecture some time in preparations. Record, Jan 6, 1883.

Church notices: First congregational services every first Sunday, Rev. E.W. Dixon. Sunday school every Sabbath 10 am services Wenas 2nd Sunday, on Natches third Sunday; Antanum 4th Sunday.

First Christian church every Sunday, I.A. Flint, deacon.

First Methodist Episcopal church, first Sunday, Wenas; 2nd Sun. Cowyche & Yakima City; 3rd Sun. Lampico & Marks school-house; 4th Sun. two at Yakima city. record, Jan 6, 1883.

The Catholic Mission building 1 mile west of Yakima City is nearing completion. Record in Tacoma News, July 19, 1883.

Rev. S.W. Richards of Goldendale will preach in Centennial hall next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock and a cordial invitation is given to all. Record Dec. 29, 1883.

Methodist church 1st and 3rd Sundays in Centennial hall and Sunday school every Sunday. Record, Jan. 12, 1884.

The new Congregational church on the Antanum was dedicated on last Sabbath. Record in Tacoma Daily News Sept 22, 1884.

Church Directory

Congregational church-Rev. W.W. Dixon, pastor. Morning services at 11 o'clock a.m. evening services at 7 o'clock Sunday school every Sunday at 3 o'clock. Preaching at Antanum on the following Sundays, March 16 and April 13, May 11, June 8, July 6, August 3 and 31st.

Methodist church-G.W. Strong, pastor. Services in Centennial hall every first and third Sunday in each month at 11 o'clock. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a.m. Services every second Sunday on north fork of the Cowychee at 11 a.m. and on south fork at 7 p.m. Every fourth Sunday at the Wenas school house at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. At Tampico on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings after the first Sunday in each month.

Christian church.--I.A. Flint, pastor. Morning services at 11:30 ~~evening~~ evening services at 7 p.m. Sunday school every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.--The Signal, Nov. 8, 1884.

Rev. I.C. Baker of Salem, Ogn., superintendent of the Baptist missions of the Pacific coast has made arrangements to build a church at North Yakima.

This makes seven churches that have selected sites there.

The capital of Washington bids fair to earn the subriquet of "the city of Churches --". The Washington Farmer, Feb. 14, 1885.

Presbyterian

Rev. J.R. Thompson a very bright minister of the Presbyterian denomination has secured lots at New Yakima and will shortly erect a church and move from Olympia to edify us--The Washington Farmer, Feb. 14, 1885.

Rev. J.R. Thompson, general missionary of the Prebyterian church for Washington territory will conduct public services in Shull's big tent tomorrow, Sunday, morning at 11 o'clock

At the request of over twenty members and by order of the Presbytery Mr. Thompson will organize a church in connection with the preaching service. A number of friends from the surrounding valleys have promised to be present and the occasion will be one of marked importance in the development of the higher interests of our youthful city.

Measures will also be instituted looking towards the erection of a church building in North Yakima of which there is a great need. It is to be hoped that everybody interested in the growth of our town will be present at the service--The Washington Farmer, March 14, 1885.

Presbyterian

Rev. J. R. Thompson of the Presbyterian church has been preaching and working in the interests of the denomination represented by him.

On Sunday last after due notice previously given in the presence of a large congregation assembled in Shull's big tent and after a practical sermon a church of 24 members was organized.

Hereafter a subscription list was started and nearly \$900 secured for erection of a house of worship.

It is intended to conduct an academy in connection with the church to which pupils of all religious denominations will be admitted without violence of their principals.

The Presbyterians intend to make North Yakima the center of operations in this and the neighboring valleys tributary hereto and with the encouragement which our citizens ought to extend to this first church enterprise of the city they should be able to put up a building which shall prove an ornament to our rapidly developing town.

It is expected that every man will do his duty in pushing along the good work.

Friends in Portland have furnished a number of hymn books and W. S. Ladd Esq. has signed \$100 to this work. The railroad company has donated two lots for the building and M. V. Stacey another lot--The Washington Farmer, March 21, 1885.

The new chapel of North Yakima was opened for public worship on Sunday last.

A good congregation attended and were both delighted and edified by the simple but solemn and impressive services of the Presbyterian church. The music was led by a well trained choir composed of some of our prominent citizens who have taken a praiseworthy interest in forwarding of church work in our town. It would have been considered excellent music even in a large metropolitan church.

Rev. J.R. Thompsey (cop) held his audience deeply interested to the end of a forty-five minutes sermon, both logical and impressive on "The Forgiveness of Sin."

A number of zealous Christians were present who had traveled a good many "long Scotch miles" to participate in the services of their "Ain Kirk" on this, to them, delightful occasion; presenting quite a pleasing contrast to the conduct of some people who pretend that a few city blocks is too far to walk to church on a fine Sunday morning. An interesting part of the service was election to the eldership of Mr. Hugh Sinclair. This gentleman had served in the office for some years in his home in Nova Scotia and his installation into the same position in this North Yakima church only to continue a course of good service will begun in a distant land.

The new chapel in which these services were held in a neat gothic structure capable of seating ~~220 persons~~ 120 persons in

comfort. When it is painted which will be done forthwith, it will present quite a tasteful appearance and prove one of the attractions of our rapidly growing town.

The church building committee consists of Paul Schulte,
A.M. Engle, R.B. Milrey, E. Ferguson and Hugh Sinclair, Esquires

They have adopted an outline plan for a fine building which
will be connected with the chapel just opened by sliding doors
so that the whole buildings can be thrown into one room should the
numbers attending church at any time demand the increased
accommodations.

Altogether this church has started out in a very conspicuous
manner. The chapel was erected in just one week. A force of nine
men were employed part of the time so as to insure its being
ready for last Sunday's service. The seats had been all made during
the preceding week and were ready to be put in the moment the build-
ing was completed. We venture the assertion that this
chapel was built quicker than any other such house in
Washington Territory. Much credit is due to all who have
in any manner helped on this good work, which we hope is
only the beginning of better things to come. The Washington
Farmer, April 4th, 1885.

Presbyterian

The Oregonian is really getting funny. Its last Sunday issue says:

It is said by an eye witnesses to be a beautiful and touching sight at North Yakima last Sunday morning when the hour of service arrived to see in front of the Presbyterian meeting tent Mr. Alfred Holman painfully supporting a triangle while Mr. Paul Schulze belabored the same in a passion of pious zeal with a railroad spike

Nobody, so our informant says, was unkind enough to note the trout flies hooked into the hat bands of those truly guileless young gentlemen--The Washington Farmer, April 4, 1886.

The sociable of the Episcopal Guild, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geor. W. Carey, Thursday evening, was participated in by a clever company, whomade the hours fly with the fun of dance, song, games and a very nice supper--The Washington Farmer, Dev. 14, 1885.

Saturday February 2, 1889

Churches

St Michael's church, which has been built within the last few months, by the Episcopal church of this place and which is under the pastoral charge of Rev. Dr. ^{R.D.} Nevius ^(C1), general missionary of the diocese, was opened on Christmas day for divine worship, though not formally consecrated. There was a good congregation though the number of persons connected with the mission is comparatively small. On this account, the singing which was very good, seemed rather thin. The whole service could not however had been otherwise than it was. The joyful feeling of thanksgiving which he felt effused throughout the sermon upon the text, "God with Us" and easily lent itself to his purpose of associating with the great doctrine of the Incarnation divine approach through the worship and sacraments of the church for which they now had the desired conveniences and opportunity.....

The church is surprisingly attractive considering its simple construction without ornament of any kind and the material of which it is built--common field stone from the break down of the basaltic bluff. The stone is used as it came to hand and is uncut throughout even to the arch stones which are the only chosen for three places and properly laid like all the rest in mortar and painted deep with dark cement. ...At the Herald's request Dr. ^{SIC} Nevius gives the following description:

"St Michael's church of North Yakima is Gothic in style, is built of rough stone and is a part of the nave of the greater church for which we have the plans and which will be built in sections as needed in the future.

For this reason the chancel end is built of wood and will be removed as the church is extended.

The building is 48 by 25 feet with 12 foot walls and high pitched roof. The chancel is 18 feet wide by 16 feet deep, including the sanctuary and its apsidal with three windows, the center of which is a figure of the crucifixion. The front bable of the church (west end) is carried up above the planes of the roof in three equal stages of six feet each and is surmounted with a large stone cross and has three long narrow

windows. The windows are all of cathedral glass from Coulter & Sons , Cincinnati. The outer wall of the chancel is covered with shingles in chevron on tongue and grooved casing.....

The church is seated for a congregation of 125 persons.

The building has cost about \$4,000 exclusive of two beautiful lots which were given by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. Of this amount \$450 was supplied by the Women's Guild of the mission. About \$600 has been given by personal friends (non-resident) of the members of the mission and the minister in charge. Five hundred dollars \$500 will be carried by the mission on a long loan from our church building fund. Seven hundred and fifty dollars, yet due, we hope to raise. The minister in charge and the building committee, Col. Prosser, Mr. Scudder and Mr. Steinweg , take this opportunity to most heartily and sincerely thank all friends and home and abroad.....

Brick Church for the Methodists

The trustees of the Methodist church held a meeting last week and decided to put up a church building on the lots owned by the society opposite the court house on Second street. Plans have been received from the Church Extension board which employs an architect and work will be commenced early in the spring. The building will be of brick with Sabbath school and class rooms in the basement and the auditorium above. The structure is to cost \$5,000.-Yakima Herald, North Yakima, W.T., February 14, 1889.

Congregational

The congregational church is at last to have a pastor in the person of Rev. S.H. Cheadle of Tacoma, who is now here. The church is to be painted and otherwise renovated; new seats are to be put in, and a bell purchased. When this work is done the church is to be opened for services. Mr. Cheadle leaves for Tacoma Monday for his family and expects to return in about two weeks. The Yakima Herald, North Yakima, W.T. April 4, 1889.

The children of the M.E. Sunday school under the care of their energetic superintendent Mr. Morgan enjoyed a picnic, Aug. 21st, long to be remembered.

They assembled at the M.E. House of worship at 10 a.m. where conveyances were provided to take them to the residence of Captain and Mrs. Thomas near the southeast suburbs of the city. There the house, porches, easy chairs, hammocks and shade trees were all at the disposal of the little people.

The pleasure of the crowd was enhanced by having Mrs. Uren, the pastor's wife, with them--a rare treat as being an invalid, she seldom gets out.

Mr. Pierce, the artist, was busy sketching.--Herald , August 29, 1889.

Methodist

A.F. Switzer has secured the contract for building the new Methodist church which is to be located on the southeast corner of Chestnut and Third streets. The plans adopted indicate a handsome structure of wood, the cost of which according to Mr. Switzer's bid will be \$3,249--Yakima Herald, April 17, 1890.

Episcopal church

Rev. R.D. Nevius will deliver his farewell sermon at the Episcopal church Sunday, having arranged to remove to Grays Harbor the coming week. An effort will be made by the trustees of the church to supply the pulpit at once and the names ~~000~~ of several ministers are now under consideration--Yakima Herald, May 8, 1890.

Rev. Dr. Nevius left today for Montesano to take charge of the mission embracing the cities on and near Gray's Harbor. Dr. Nevius was the founder of the Episcopal congregation in this city and it was through his energy that the handsome stone church on Natcheez avenue was built. During his stay here Dr. Nevius has made many warm friends in and out of his church, who are greatly regretting that he is called to another field and who will always be pleased to hear of his well being and prosperity--Herald, May 15, 1890.