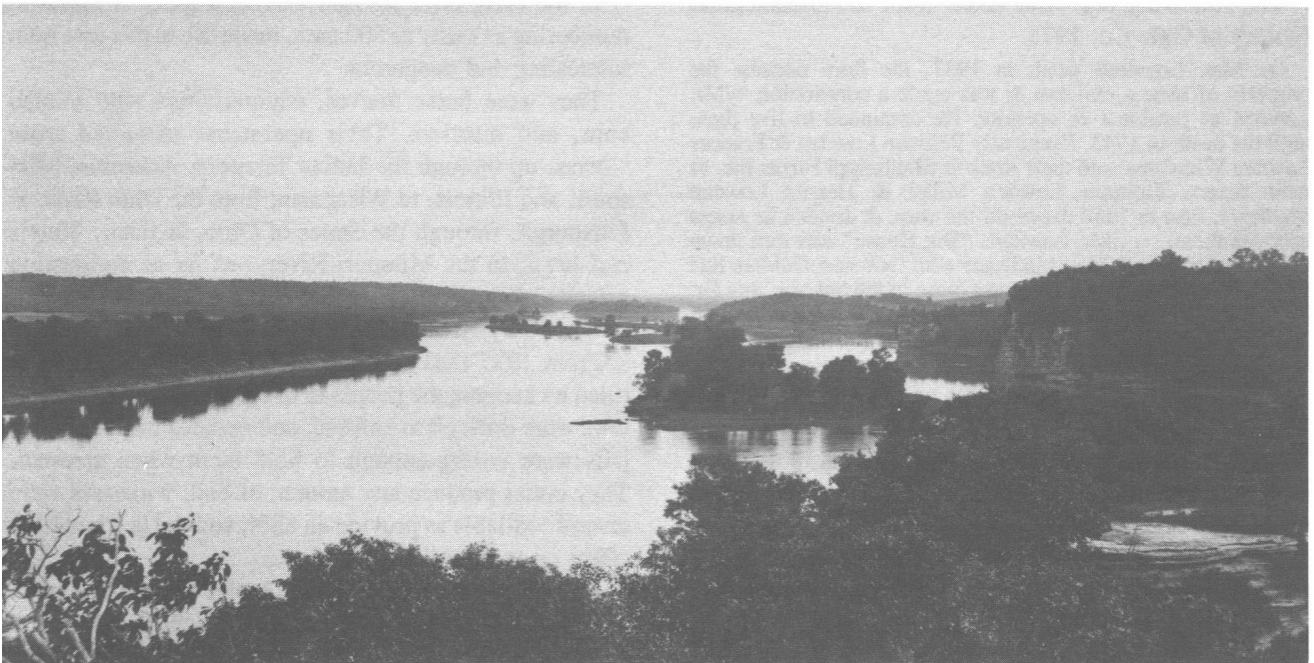


*Travel where you may, but few sections of the country can offer the traveler a more delightful and changing scenery than the Rock River Valley. Four miles south of Oregon on State Route 2, the Black Hawk Trail, is located Castle Rock, a huge formation of gray sandstone which rises abruptly from the river bank to a height of a hundred feet. Early residents named this "Castle Rock" and the name still stands. From its heights there is a view for miles of the island dotted Rock River, wooded hills and vast expanse of farm land. This picture was taken from the south of the Rock and gives a view upstream toward Oregon, a most delightful panorama of the Rock River as it courses on down to the Mississippi. Castle Rock is a favorite spot for picnickers, who often cook outdoor meals on the flat top of the rock, to eat in pleasant surroundings and with a view that is unsurpassed in the whole Rock River section. Caught at the correct angle, jutting from Castle Rock is a great stone face which is often featured in pictures taken in the Rock River section. (Courtesy Ogle Co. Republican Reporter)*



*View from top of "Castle Rock," South. (Courtesy E.G. Landers)*

to all the players. They were fond of horse racing, and always willing to back their judgment on a horse. Sometimes they lost. Mr. Asay lost forty cords of wood on one race.

They wanted to put a basement under one of their barns. When they had it raised ten or twelve feet on blocks, ready to receive the underpinning, a heavy wind arose, and blew it over. The barn was completely wrecked.

Afterwards, Mr. Asay built a large barn, sixty feet square. It was a fine structure, but one night there was a cry of "fire!" and it was seen to be in the barn. The building was burned to the ground. No live stock were burned, as all the cattle and horses were left in the fields that night.

The Asays lived on the farm for about ten years, but they found the place a great expense, and it was probably quite a relief to their finances when they sold it. They had made many improvements and were able to get a far higher price for the farm than they gave for it.

April 18, 1895, Lorenzo D. Kneeland bought Sinnissippi Farm of Emma O. Asay and Edward G. Asay for \$35,000.

Mr. Kneeland was a member of the Chicago Board of Trade. He is described by some of those who knew him, as being a self-important man with a large amount of assurance and conceit. After he purchased the farm, he thought that he owned everything above and below the ground, everything in the air, the fish in the river, and a large part of the river itself.

Mr. Kneeland went into the business of raising hogs, starting with the large herd of fifty-two pedigreed pigs. He brought two negro servants from Chicago to work on the place, and attend to the pigs.

One of the negroes tried to prevent Eri Bates, an old fisherman and hunter from fishing on Squaw Rock. He attempted to drive Bates away. Bates would not go, so the negro went into the house for a gun, and threatened to shoot him. The negro's ardor cooled a little, though, when he learned that on the opposite shore were two sons of Bates with loaded rifles, ready to defend their father.

Mr. Kneeland was not a success as a farmer, and his venture cost him a great deal. He owned the farm for less than four years; and on May 20, 1899, he sold the estate, consisting of the buildings and five hundred seventy-six acres of land to Hon. Frank Orren Lowden of Chicago. It was Mrs. Lowden who eventually renamed it "Sinnissippi Farm."

From "Sinnissippi Farm" by U. G. Willis, "A Little History of that part of Ogle County, Illinois, now known as Sinnissippi Farm From Prehistoric Times to May 20, 1899, the date when it was purchased by Hon. Frank O. Lowden; Including a few anecdotes about its former owners."

The following has been taken from the Bicentennial History of Ogle Co. 1976.

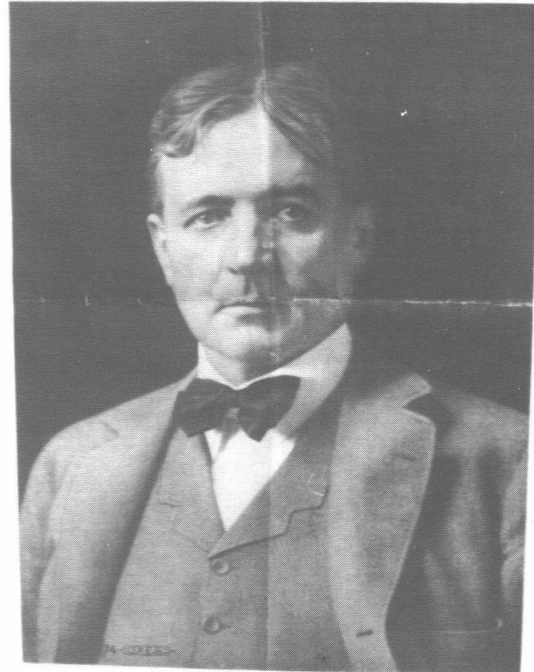
On Mrs. Lowden's death in 1937, the farm became the property of their 4 children & was made a corporation w/Mr. Lowden as president & operator. He continued to live there until his death in 1943. Eventually Pullman Lowden & Frances Lowden Wierdsma sold their stock in Sinnissippi Farms Inc. to their sisters, Florence Lowden Miller & Harriet Lowden Madlener, who in 1959 dissolved the corp. & divided its assets between them. . . . Mr. Lowden's "Big House" was torn down in 1949 after Mr. & Mrs. Madlener with their two children had moved into their newly built house close to the old one, and Dr. & Mrs. Miller with their two sons had settled themselves in a remodeled house. . . . Mrs. Madlener still lives at Sinnissippi."

Mrs. Miller's son Warren & his wife Nancy also live at Sinnissippi in their newly-built home near the river. Warren and Nancy actively manage Sinnissippi Forest Products, Inc. and its sawmill. They also produce and sell a large number of Christmas trees.

"Sinnissippi" is still a vital part of the area surrounding Oregon & is committed to helping Oregon remain a healthy, prosperous city.

Across the river, west from Sinnissippi land is the rock called "Castle Rock"

# FRANK O. LOWDEN



**For GOVERNOR**

Election November 7, 1916

(Courtesy Warren Shetter)

This area is now a state park and will be maintained as a scenic area for future generations.

## **Prairie Pirates—Once the Scourge of Oregon and Ogle County**

From a story by Barbara Weng

In the early days of Ogle County a gang of outlaws, numbering as many as 500 men, made life in this area both interesting and dangerous.

They were horse thieves, counterfeiters who minted coin, and murders. Their operations extended from "Texas, up through the Indian Territory, Arkansas, Missouri, and Illinois, to Wisconsin; from the Ohio River, at Pittsburgh, through the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, to the Missouri River—as far as civilization extended," according to the History of Ogle County, published by H. F. Kett & Company, Chicago, 1878.

From 1835-1841 the bandits controlled the area and ruled by keeping the people in terror. It was new territory, laws were difficult to enforce, and escapes were easy. No jails were strong enough to hold them when arrested. They could produce any amount of bail; witnesses were always available to provide an alibi; and the law had little effect on their marauding.

John Driscoll was recognized leader of the gang.

When the people found that the law could not defend them from the outlaws, they organized a vigilante band known as the "Regulators," in order to fight back the only

way they could. John Campbell, vigilante leader, was murdered by two of the Driscoll boys, David and Taylor. As they rode off, having shot John Campbell down, Mrs. Campbell cried out after them "Driscolls, you have murdered John Campbell."

On June 28, 1841, Campbell was buried. That same day indignant, angry men gathered from Sycamore, Oregon, and Rockford for revenge. The old history book says "Monday afternoon, Rockford was more like a deserted village than a bustling, busy little town. Every man that could go, went—all determined to avenge Campbell's death."

The "Regulators" had the evidence they needed to pin the murder on the Driscolls: a broken horse-shoe from the scene of the murder that matched perfectly with what was left of a shoe on one of the Driscoll horses.

Taking the Driscolls captive, the vigilantes held a kangaroo trial at Washington Grove. John and William Driscoll were found guilty. One hundred eleven men present divided into two firing squads and executed them on the spot.

For their participation in this execution, one hundred twelve men were indicted and put on trial. All were acquitted. It was called the most exciting trial ever held in the circuit court and "perhaps, embraced the largest number of persons ever arraigned under one indictment in the United States."

P. Knappen, editor of the Rockford Star, took exception to the popularity of the vigilantes' work. "We wash our hands clear from the blood of lynch law," he wrote. And a letter in the paper asked "Shall all Civil Law be sacrificed at the Shrine of Mobocracy?"

A few nights after this issue of the paper appeared, the Star office was raided and the type in forms and cases thrown helter-skelter on the floor. The office was reduced to ruins; and Knappen was forced to sell the paper as a result of the sacking of the office.

Those of us who lived in Oregon before 1954 remember the Spoor Hotel which stood on the corner of Washington & 5th St., where we now see Professor Scoop's Bakery & Eatery. From Jon Spoor of Oregon we have an account of the Spoor family from the early days of Oregon to the present time.

"The Spoor Family has been in the Northern Illinois area since the early 1800's. They settled primarily in the Polo area around 1829, starting out as farmers coming west from New York. Austin Spoor, my great great grandfather in 1861 joined the Illinois Infantry and was assigned to Company B 92nd Regiment. He served till the wars end finishing his time with General Sherman on his march to the sea. Austin returned to Polo after the wars end, but for a time in the 1880's he ran the Sinnissippi House in Oregon, IL.

James Albert Spoor, Austin's only son was born in 1872 in Polo, IL. He owned and ran a hotel in Polo called

the American House. His wife's father, John Perrine, my other great great grandfather was born in 1844 and also saw military action in the Civil War. He enlisted at the age of 18 and served with the 65th Regiment of the Illinois Infantry. He, too, survived the war and returned to Polo, where he died in 1919.

James Albert Spoor had two sons John Austin and Edmund Allen Spoor. Edmund was born in 1905 in Oregon, IL. He worked for a Rockford Newspaper in the late 1920's. My grandfather, Edmund through the depression and on into the 1950's ran the Spoor Hotel in Oregon.

This old frame hotel is another of the landmarks that has disappeared from our city. It served as a home for many—its long porch a place from which to sit and watch & ponder as the rest of the town went by.

Edmund's son, Richard Allen was born in 1928

Richard was the father of two sons Scott, born in 1950 and Jon, who has given us the Spoor history, in 1954. These two young Spoors are presently living in Oregon, in part of the building which was once the Spoor Hotel.

"The year I was born in 1954 the Spoor Hotel was partially torn down. The remainder was moved and remodeled into a home just south of the hotel site, where my grandmother now lives.

### **Albert J. Spoor Called From Life Tuesday Night (March 9, 1943)**

Death came Tuesday night to Albert James Spoor, resident of Oregon for the past sixty-four years, during much of the time he had been identified with the hotel business here. Suffering from a heart affliction since last December, he had shown no improvement, and passed away during the night. He had been up the evening previous and sat in the hotel lobby for a time, and his sudden passing came almost without warning.

Albert J. Spoor, familiarly known to hundreds of friends throughout Ogle and neighboring counties, as "Bert" Spoor was born at Polo May 18, 1872, the son of Austin W. and Anne Brand Spoor. The family came to Oregon in 1879 when he was seven years of age and engaged in the hotel business, the present Spoor Hotel being the family property.

He was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Perrine of Oregon, October 12, 1898 and to this union were born two sons, John Austin, serving with the United States forces at Boca Raton Field, Florida and Alan who resides in Oregon. One grandson, Richard Spoor and a brother Harry B. Spoor, also of Oregon survive.

Bert Spoor had a wide acquaintance through this section. He was interested in sports, particularly baseball and harness racing and greatly enjoying visiting the local racetrack of recent years to watch the horses in their workouts. He was a loyal friend and one of the best boosters Oregon ever had, and his passing brings sorrow

to a large number of people. He bore his suffering of recent months with fortitude and forbearance.

Funeral services are to be held from the late home Saturday afternoon at two o'clock in charge of Rev. Martin I. Prehn, pastor of the Oregon Presbyterian church.

**1850  
FEDERAL CENSUS  
of  
OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**Copied and Indexed  
by  
Mrs. Bernice C. Richard**

**OGLE COUNTY**

This large and excellent county located in northern Illinois is bounded on the north by parts of Stephenson and Winnebago Counties; on the east by DeKalb County; on the south by Lee County and the west by Carroll County and a small portion of Whiteside County just touching it on the southwest corner. It is 39 miles from east to west and about 21 miles from north to south, making 18 full townships of land and about 7 half townships, containing 757 sections or square miles. The Rock River flows in a diagonal direction across the county. Oregon is the County seat. The population in 1960 was 38,106.

Ogle County was erected by an act of the legislature, approved 16 January 1836. The name was suggested by the late Governor Ford and was intended to perpetuate the memory of Captain Ogle, a pioneer politician and Lt. of the Territorial Militia. A officer of courage at the seige of Fort Henry, during the early days of our countrys' history.

As originally organized Ogle County included the present day Lee County but rival interests led to the division of the territory and Lee County was formed 27 February 1839.

Prior to formation in 1836, Ogle County was part of Jo Daviess County (1827), Putnam County (1825), Fulton County (1823-1824), Pike County (1821), Bond County (1817-1819), Clark County (1817-1819), Crawford County (1816-1818), Mac-ison County (1812-1819), Edwards County (1814), St. Clair County (1801) and the Northwest Territory.

In the 1850 census there were 1678 dwellings, 1725 families and 1029 farms. There were 5360 white males, 4630 white females, 19 colored males and 11 colored females, for a total population of 10,020. Our enumerator, J. D. Stevenson, lists the following townships—Pine Creek Township, Mt. Morris Township, Oregon Township, Buffalo Township, Brookville Township, Flagg Township, Nashua Township, Taylor Township, Lafayette Township, Eagle Township, Lynville Township, Monroe Township, Scott Township, White Rock Township, Marion Township, Harrison Township, Brooklin Township, Byron Township, Leaf River Township and Grand Detour.

The following names appear as land owners in a 1876 Illinois atlas and also in the 1850 census :

ANDREWS, APPLINGTON, BAILEY, BOYCE, BROOKS, BROWN, CHANEY, CHAPMAN, COGSWELL, COOK, CRILL, CROWELL, DAVIS, DEANE, FAGER, FISHER, FROWE, GAFFIN, GOULD, HART, HEISTAND, HINKLE, HURD, JAMES, JONES, KENDALL, KING, KNOWLTON, LAWRENCE, LAWSON, MARKS, MARSHALL, MC NAIR, MIDDLEKAUFF, MOATS, PALMER, PATRICK, RICE, RODGERS, ROE, SANBORN, SMITH, SPALDING, STINSON, STODDARD, THOMPSON, TRUMBULL, WADSWORTH, WATERBURY, WILBER, WOODCOCK, WORTHINGTON, YOUNGS.

**RECORDED DATA**

The 1850 census of Ogle County, Illinois was taken during the months of August, September, October, November and December. J. D. Stevenson was the enumerator.

The common abbreviations are used for each State. The following have been used for other countries :

Can.—Canada  
Den.—Denmark  
Eng.—England  
Fran.—France  
Germ.—Germany  
Ire.—Ireland  
N. B.—New Brunswick  
N. S.—Nova Scotia  
Nor.—Norway  
Scot.—Scotland  
Swed.—Sweden  
Swit.—Switzerland  
Unk.—Unknown  
Wale.—Wales

The enumerators writing was not too difficult to read. He was not too consistent in his dates.

Here is material on Oregon Village only.

**Oregon Village, 3 September 1850**

FAMILY	AGE	SEX	BIRTHPLACE	REAL ESTATE VALUE	OCCUPATION
Moor, William	40	M.	Pa.	3892	Inn keeper
Elizabeth	40	F.	Pa.		
Sophia	18	F.	Pa.		
Lavinia	14	F.	Pa.		
Amanda	7	F.	Pa.		
Hopwood, Elizabeth	17	F.	Md.		
Mc Dowell, Amy	18	F.	N. Y.		
Ferguson, George	22	M.	Mich.		Farmer
Hoy, David	20	M.	N. Y.		Farmer
Whitehead, Dr.	29	M.	Eng.		Physician
Sample, Kirk J.	30	M.	Pa.	150	Wheelwright
Stratford, David	24	M.	Ind.		
Bennett, Phillip R. Jr.	25	M.	Mass.	4000	Merchant
Mary E.	21	F.	Pa.		
Frederick W.	1	M.	Ill.		
Bennett, Phillip R.	49	M.	Mass.	60	Watchmaker
Catherine	45	F.	Mass.		
William	14	M.	Mass.		
Mary E.	13	F.	Mass.		
John B.	3	M.	Ill.		
Bedford, William	22	M.	Eng.		Tailor

FAMILY	AGE	SEX	BIRTHPLACE	REAL ESTATE VALUE	OCCUPATION
Woolly, Isaac S.	45	M.	N.J.	4000	Justice of Peace
Elizabeth	48	F.	Ky.		
Mary E.	16	F.	Ohio		
Amanda J.	13	F.	Ohio		
John P.	9	M.	Ill.		
Light, M.B.	23	M.	N. Y.		Law Student
Potwin, Thomas	36	M.	Ct.	6000	Farmer
Melvina	31	F.	Ct.		
Porter, Mrs. A.	60	F.	Ct.		
Lacy, Mary	8	F.	Mich.		
Shipman, Mrs. M.	28	F.	Ct.		
George	4	M.	Ct.		
Edgar	2	M.	Ill.		
George M.	28	M.	Ct.		Farmer
Gale, James V.	43	M.	N.H.	1000	Farmer
Caroline	42	F.	N.H.		
George V.	17	M.	Mass.		Student
Mary J.	8	F.	Ill.		
James	3	M.	Ill.		
Austin, Eliza	18	F.	Ohio		
Hinkle, J. M.	32	M.	Pa.	1000	County Clerk
Sarah R.	25	F.	Pa.		
Hall, Lyman	32	M.	Mass.	1200	Physician
M. A.	32	F.	Mass.		
E. G.	7	F.	Ill.		
L. G.	5	F.	Ill.		
J. G.	3	F.	Ill.		
Eaton, Lydia	16	F.	N. Y.		
Chaney, Richard	32	M.	Va.	300	Merchant
Amanda	30	F.	Ohio		
Mary E.	5	F.	Ill.		
James E.	1	M.	Ill.		
Congdon, Almira	30	F.	N. Y.		
Chaney, William	23	M.	Va.	1000	Clerk
Potter, Elias S.	30	M.	Can.	2500	Physician
Alice	18	F.	Vt.		
Liffingwill, Alice	50	F.	Vt.	1200	
Ellen	12	F.	Vt.		
Julia	9	F.	Vt.		
Roat, Samuel	40	M.	Pa.	700	Saddler
Mary A.	36	F.	Pa.		
Daniel	15	M.	Pa.		
Margaret A.	12	F.	Pa.		
Louisa	10	F.	Ill.		
John	6	M.	Ill.		
Samuel	5	M.	Ill.		
Finley	3	M.	Ill.		
Buser, William	28	M.	Md.	200	Shoemaker
Lydia	32	F.	Md.		
Jacob	6	M.	Md.		
Elizabeth	1	F.	Ill.		
Fouch, Peter	20	M.	Md.		Shoemaker
Lehman, Christian	35	M.	Pa.	150	Wheelwright
Harriet	30	F.	Pa.		
Elizabeth J.	12	F.	Ill.		
Lydia C.	10	F.	Ill.		
Mary	8	F.	Ill.		
Catherine M.	6	F.	Ill.		
Acker, William	17	M.	Ill.		Apprentice
Eshbauch, Sol J.	30	M.	Pa.		Merchant
Sarah	23	F.	Pa.		
George	3	M.	N. Y.		
A. C.	9/12	F.	N. Y.		
Lelly, Jacob P.	25	M.	Pa.	120	Merchant
Lelly, Harriet M.	21	F.	N. Y.		
Crowill, Moses T.	44	M.	N.H.	800	Merchant
Mary H.	40	F.	N.H.		
William H.	19	M.	Mich.		Farmer
Charles D.	17	M.	N.H.		Farmer
George C.	14	M.	N.H.		
Sarah J.	8	F.	Ill.		
Wentworth P.	6	M.	Ill.		
Simon S.	4	M.	Ill.		

FAMILY	AGE	SEX	BIRTHPLACE	REAL ESTATE VALUE	OCCUPATION
Bond, Mary	44	M.	Can.	4000	
Emily C.	14	F.	Ill.		
Jay C.	12	M.	Ill.		
James M.	11	M.	Ill.		
Judd L.	10	M.	Ill.		
John C.	5	M.	Ill.		
Evarts, Sarah A.	17	F.	N. Y.		
Emerson, Charles F.	33	M.	N. H.	2000	Merchant
Hawthorn, L. H.	24	M.	N. Y.		Clerk
Mulkins, Lemuel	23	M.	N. Y.		Teamster
Light, Ezra M.	25	M.	N. Y.		Student of Medicine
Miles B.	22	M.	N. Y.		Student of Law
Beckley, George W.	23	M.	N. Y.		Student of Law
Smith, Ezekiel	22	M.	N. Y.		Laborer
Riman, Ernst	37	M.	Germ.		Laborer
Mary	30	F.	Germ.		
William R.	8	M.	Ill.		
George W.	6	M.	Ill.		
Lucy A.	3	F.	Ill.		
Augustus C.	9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	M.	Ill.		
Light, R. B.	40	M.	N. Y.		Clerk of Circuit Court
Harriet	33	F.	N. Y.		
Mary E.	6	F.	N. Y.		
William D.	5	M.	Ill.		
Olive A.	3	F.	Ill.		
Frances A.	2	F.	Ill.		
Elbert H.	21	M.	N. Y.		Clerk
Williams, Ellen	18	F.	Ohio		
Broadstreet, Daniel M.	53	M.	Vt.	1500	Blacksmith
Clarissa	50	F.	Ct.		
John	18	M.	N. Y.		Farmer
Daniel	17	M.	N. Y.		Blacksmith
Martha	12	F.	N. Y.		
Mariah	10	F.	N. Y.		
Mary F.	9	F.	N. Y.		
Campbell, Mary J.	17	F.	Can.		
Davis, Robert	50	M.	Va.		Carpenter
Melinda	40	F.	Ohio		
James H.	12	M.	Ohio		
Alice M.	4	F.	Ill.		
Edward J.	19	M.	Ohio		Student
Lighthizer, Samuel F.	35	M.	Md.	1700	Blacksmith
Elizabeth	30	F.	Ohio		
Henry B.	11	M.	Ill.		
Ade, William	49	M.	Pa.		Plasterer
Martha A.	19	F.	Pa.		
Mary	18	F.	Pa.		
Franklin	16	M.	Pa.		
Nil---	12	M.	Pa.		
Oliver	7	M.	Iowa		
Harpham, Cusandra	31	F.	Ohio		
Elmina	11	F.	Ohio		
Mariah	8	F.	Ill.		
Anna	6	F.	Ill.		
William H.	3	M.	Ill.		
James	32	M.	Pa.		
Huffman, Henry	25	M.	N. Y.		Farmer
Sarah	20	F.	N. Y.		
Lacy, Eliza	38	F.	N. J.		
Alvia	17	M.	Mich.		Teamster
Harriet	16	F.	Mich.		
Jane	13	F.	Ind.		
Elizabeth M.	10	F.	Mich.		
James	6	M.	Mich.		
William	4	M.	Ill.		
Anderson, Jeremiah	28	M.	Can.		Teamster
Sarah J.	23	F.	Can.		
Martha J.	6	F.	Mich.		
Laura H.	3	F.	Ill.		
Mary E.	2	F.	Ill.		
Lucinda	1	F.	Ill.		
Anderson, Erastus	25	M.	Can.		Laborer
Mary	32	F.	Nor.		
Rhoda A.	1	F.	Ill.		

FAMILY	AGE	SEX	BIRTHPLACE	REAL ESTATE VALUE	OCCUPATION
Huffman, Aaron.	32	M.	Ky.		Deputy Sheriff
Martha	23	F.	Ind.		
John	2	M.	Ill.		
Patrick	6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>12</sub>	M.	Ill.		
Ferrill, Patrick	35	M.	Ire.		Tailor
Nohe, Michael	22	M.	Germ.		Grocer
Huffman, Elizabeth	3	F.	Wisc.		
Miles, Philo C.	28	M.	Ct.	1000	Farmer
Catherine E.	30	F.	Ct.		
Philo C.	5	M.	Ct.		
Catherine L.	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	F.	Ill.		
Hart, Stephen	44	M.	N. Y.		Tailor
Jane A. C.	43	F.	N. Y.		
Mary A.	7	F.	Ind.		
Mulkins, Allen	46	M.	N. Y.		Trader
Loanna	42	F.	N. Y.		
Mary	14	F.	Mich.		
Allen	9	M.	Ind.		
Clemency A.	5	F.	Ill.		
Josephine	2	F.	Ill.		
Grinus, Gilbert	31	M.	N.H.		Carpenter
Diana	19	F.	N. Y.		
Eliza	6	F.	Ill.		
Cynthia J.	2	F.	Ill.		
Grinus, John	55	M.	N.H.		Carpenter
Betsey	55	F.	Vt.		
Joseph	15	M.	N. Y.		
Susan	11	F.	N. Y.		
Wood, George	26	M.	Mich.		Carpenter
Pricilla	21	F.	N. Y.		
Betsey	2	F.	Ill.		
Townsend, Luther	25	M.	N. Y.		Laborer
Grinus, Patience	4	F.	N. Y.		
McNarnes, William	22	M.	Ohio		Laborer
Sarah	22	F.	Ohio		
Ellen	9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>12</sub>	F.	Ill.		
Gren, Henry	57	M.	Eng.		Laborer
Amanda	30	F.	Ohio		
Celesta	10	F.	Ohio		
Dudley	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>12</sub>	M.	Ill.		
Miller, Aby	40	F.	Md.		
Williams, Christopher	17	M.	Ill.		Laborer
Morton, Ambrose	37	M.	Mich.	400	Brick mason
Jane	25	F.	Pa.		
Crist, Elizabeth S.	40	F.	Pa.		
J. B.	50	M.	Pa.		
Ann	15	F.	Ohio		Agt. Education Soc.
Mary S. E.	13	F.	Ohio		
Etnire, John	31	M.	Md.	2000	Teamster
Mary L.	17	F.	Ind.		
Sophia	9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>12</sub>	F.	Ill.		
Etnure, Elias	35	M.	Md.	5200	Carpenter
Stroe, Luther M.	20	M.	Ind.		Apprentice
Williams, William	19	M.	Pa.		Apprentice
Williams, Caleb	34	M.	Ill.	500	Carpenter
Julia	33	F.	Md.		
Robert	10	M.	Ill.		
Mary A.	7	F.	Ill.		
William	6	M.	Ill.		
Milton M.	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>12</sub>	M.	Ill.		
Amanda	21	F.	Ohio		
Edmenster, John	29	M.	N. Y.		Clergyman N.S.B.
Ann M.	22	F.	Pa.		
Ellen B.	5	F.	Pa.		
Susan E.	3	F.	Pa.		
William L.	1	M.	Pa.		
Alford, Thomas J.	32	M.	Tenn.		Deputy Sheriff
Lavina	31	F.	Ind.		
Melissa E.	8	F.	Ind.		
Nancy J.	7	F.	Ind.		
Harriet A.	4	F.	Ill.		
Mary J.	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>12</sub>	F.	Ill.		

FAMILY	AGE	SEX	BIRTHPLACE	REAL ESTATE VALUE	OCCUPATION
Burchill, Robert C.	36	M.	D. C.		Attorney
Jane	37	F.	N. Y.		
Catherine	10	F.	Ind.		
Henry Clay	8	M.	Iowa		
Nancy	6	F.	Iowa		
Robert L.	4	M.	Iowa		
Virginia	1	F.	Ill.		
Dutchen, Edward F.	30	M.	Ct.	1520	Attorney
Elizabeth	21	F.	N. J.		
Norton, Sarah	20	F.	N. Y.		
Irvin, S. Addison	27	M.	Pa.	50	Attorney
Mary S. M.	26	F.	Md.		
Stoddard, William S.	24	M.	Pa.		Student
Bohm, James H.	7	M.	Ill.		
Cherny, J. B.	25	M.	Md.	520	Attorney
Susan C.	19	F.	Ohio		
Cole, Peter	50	M.	Germ.		Laborer
Margaret	36	F.	Germ.		
Leonard	16	M.	Germ.		Laborer
Elizabeth	14	F.	Germ.		
Catherine	12	F.	Germ.		
Henry	10	M.	Germ.		
Frank	8	M.	Germ.		
Barbara	6	F.	Germ.		
Mary	4	F.	Ill.		
Mix, Henry A.	29	M.	Vt.	10,000	Attorney
Mary J.	21	F.	Mass.		
King, Joshua	49	M.	N. Y.	1000	Farmer
Celista	43	F.	Ct.		
Clarinda	21	F.	N. Y.		
Delena	18	F.	N. Y.		
Arminda	16	F.	N. Y.		
Peter J.	15	M.	N. Y.		
Eikner, John	28	M.	NY.	300	Farmer
Kunan, James	34	M.	Ire.	2000	Farmer
Margaret	30	F.	Ire.		
Caroline	?	F.	Ill.		
George	?	M.	Ill.		
Francis	?	M.	Ill.		
Murphy, Catherine	50	F.	Ire.		
Robb, James	35	M.	Ohio		Carpenter
Eliza	30	F.	Ohio		
William	9	M.	Ohio		
Samuel C.	6	M.	Ohio		
Jane H.	4	F.	Ohio		
James	2	M.	Ohio		
Dulton, William	26	M.	Ohio		Butcher
Eliza	22	F.	Ohio		
Matilda	6	F.	Ohio		
Isabel	3	F.	Ohio		
Hitchcock, Freeman	21	M.	N. Y.		Farmer
Schnider, John M.	42	M.	Germ.	2000	Farmer
Rebecca	42	F.	Md.		
Charles	6	M.	Ill.		
Mary	4	F.	Ill.		
Ellen J.	1	F.	Ill.		
Patton, Sarah K.	4	F.	Pa.		
Bledson, Isaac	42	M.	Tenn.	1800	Farmer
Nancy	35	F.	Ind.		
David	21	M.	Tenn.		Farmer
Pleasant	17	M.	Tenn.		Farmer
Hugh	14	M.	Tenn.		Farmer
Mary E.	11	F.	Ill.		
Newton	9	M.	Ill.		
John R.	7	M.	Ill.		
Margaret	3	F.	Ill.		
William	1	M.	Ill.		
Johnston, Wesley	30	M.	N. Y.	4000	Merchant
Sarah L.	30	F.	Tenn.		
Thomas O.	1	M.	Wisc.		
Phelps, John	52	M.	Va.	1200	Merchant
Sarah	50	F.	Tenn.		
Napolean P.	16	M.	Ill.		Student



FAMILY	AGE	SEX	BIRTHPLACE	REAL ESTATE VALUE	OCCUPATION
Cromley, James A.	42	M.	Pa.		Stage Inn
Etnyre, Daniel	34	M.	Md.	3000	Farmer
Mary	24	F.	Md.		
Loretta	6	F.	Ill.		
Sarah	4	F.	Ill.		
Augusta	1	F.	Ill.		
Catherine	69	F.	Pa.		
Daniel Jr.	24	M.	Md.		Farmer
Williams, Elizabeth	11	F.	Pa.		
Wagner, Joseph	34	M.	Md.	1000	Farmer
Susan	32	F.	Md.		
Jacob	11	M.	Ill.		
John H.	9	M.	Ill.		
Lydia C.	5	F.	Ill.		
Ann E.	2	F.	Ill.		
Joseph	7/12	M.	Ill.		
Henry, Patrick	26	M.	Ire.		Laborer
Stout, Emeline	13	F.	Md.		
Seyster, Mary	48	F.	Md.	8500	
Michael	24	M.	Md.	1000	Farmer
Daniel	23	M.	Md.	500	Farmer
Sarah A.	21	F.	Md.		
Jonas	20	M.	Md.		Clerk
Emeline	16	F.	Md.		
Jacob	14	M.	Md.		
Isaac	13	M.	Md.		
Daniel	11	M.	Ill.		
Joshua	9	M.	Ill.		
Young, William	45	M.	Md.	2000	Farmer
Nancy	31	F.	Md.		
Elizabeth	13	F.	Md.		
George	8	M.	Md.		
Worthington	5	M.	Ill.		
Henry	4	M.	Ill.		
Mary	7/12	F.	Ill.		
Jones, John	25	M.	Md.		Farmer
Mariah	19	F.	Md.		
William H.	1	M.	Ill.		
Fouch, John	62	M.	Md.	2455	Farmer
Mary	60	F.	Md.		
Daniel	25	M.	Md.		
Sarah	22	F.	Md.		
Susan	17	F.	Md.		
Gegons, George	42	M.	Md.	2000	Farmer
Rebecca	40	F.	Md.		
Anderson	8	M.	Ill.		
Elizabeth	6	F.	Ill.		
George B.	4	M.	Ill.		
Meddlekauff, Henry	26	M.	Md.	300	Carpenter
Elizabeth	22	F.	Md.		
Barker, Ira	47	M.	N.H.		Farmer
Margaret	42	F.	Ohio		
Leonard	22	M.	Ind.		Clerk
Eliza	17	F.	Ind.		
John	16	M.	Ind.		Farmer
Charles	14	M.	Ind.		
Alfred	12	M.	Ind.		
Clay	7	M.	Ind.		
Oran	3	M.	Ind.		
Browning, Sarah	75	F.	Mass.		
Nells, George	26	M.	Ohio		Laborer
Nood, Samuel	29	M.	N. Y.	400	Farmer
Isabell	22	F.	Pa.		
Laonna	1	F.	Ill.		
Williams, Mary	13	F.	Pa.		
Martha	7	F.	Pa.		
Fuller, Almira	27	F.	N. Y.	3000	
Roheback, Daniel	35	M.	Md.		Farmer
Mary	31	F.	Md.		
Washington	8	M.	Md.		
Henry C.	5	M.	Md.		
Isabel	2	F.	Ill.		

FAMILY	AGE	SEX	BIRTHPLACE	REAL ESTATE VALUE	OCCUPATION
Cyster, Simon	25	M.	Md.		Carpenter
Mary	22	F.	Md.		
Mary	2	F.	Ill.		
Martha	1	F.	Ill.		
Mc Kenady, John	25	M.	Md.		Farmer
Eliza	24	F.	Md.		
Mary	1	F.	Ill.		
Hofewood, William	42	M.	Md.	520	Farmer
Aaron	41	M.	Va.		
Juliann	19	F.	Md.		
Mariah	17	F.	Md.		
Elizabeth	16	F.	Md.		
George W.	14	M.	Md.		
Catherine	13	F.	Md.		
Ellen	10	F.	Md.		
Andrew	8	M.	Ill.		
Sarah	4	F.	Ill.		
John	1	M.	Ill.		
Herbert, John	40	M.	Md.		Stone mason
Mary A.	38	F.	Md.		
Martha L.	13	F.	Md.		
Henry C.	11	M.	Md.		
Ann C.	9	F.	Md.		
Elizabeth A.	6	F.	Ill.		
Margaret A.	4	F.	Ill.		
John D.	1	M.	Ill.		
Chown, Robert	40	M.	Eng.		Farmer
Margaret A.	38	F.	Eng.		
John	16	M.	Can.		Farmer
Thomas	14	M.	Can.		
Joseph	10	M.	Can.		
Mary J.	8	F.	Can.		
Rachael	5	F.	Can.		
Charles	3	M.	Can.		
Malone, Susan	62	F.	Md.		
Elias	37	M.	Md.		Farmer
Ann M.	27	F.	Md.		
Sidney J.	24	M.	Md.		
Elizabeth M.	17	F.	Md.		
Poffrutrigger, Margaret E.	14	F.	Md.		
James	14	M.	Md.		
Fudley, John	53	M.	Pa.	3000	Farmer
Nancy	45	F.	Pa.		
Elizabeth	21	F.	Md.		
Jacob	19	F.	Md.		Farmer
Benjamin	17	M.	Md.		Farmer
Nancy	15	F.	Md.		
Sarah	13	F.	Md.		
John	11	M.	Ill.		
Andrew	10	M.	Ill.		
David	15	M.	Ill.		
Mc Cagin, John	45	M.	Ire.		Day laborer
Mary	36	F.	Scot.		
Daniel	13	M.	Can.		
William	11	M.	Can.		
Sarah J.	7	F.	Can.		
John	5	M.	Can.		
Daniel	1	M.	Ill.		
Franklin, Samuel	57	M.	Vt.	250	Farmer
Abigail	60	F.	Vt.		
Chancy	32	M.	Vt.		Farmer
Dana	18	M.	N.Y.		Farmer
Rutledge, William	39	M.	N.Y.	2000	Farmer
Sarah	35	F.	Ire.		
Allice	16	F.	Can.		
Elizabeth	15	F.	Can.		
Jacob	10	M.	Can.		
William	9	M.	Can.		
Mary J.	6	F.	Can.		
Rutledge, John H.	21	M.	Can.		Farmer
Mary	22	F.	N.Y.		
Frank	5/12	M.	Ill.		
Bascom, Joel	18	M.	N.Y.		

FAMILY	AGE	SEX	BIRTHPLACE	REAL ESTATE VALUE	OCCUPATION
Rutledge, Robert	68	M.	Ire.	5000	Farmer
Mary	63	F	N. Y.		
Catherine	22	F	Can.		
Adaline	2	F	Ill.		
Wadsworth, Erastus	39	M.	N. Y.	2520	Farmer
Mary	35	F	N. Y.		
Carney, Morris	6	M.	Ill.		
Whitson, John	30	M.	N. C.		Farmer
Johnston, James W.	30	M.	N. Y.	4000	Farmer
Margaret J.	26	F	Can.		
Henry	9	M.	Ill.		
Harriet	7	F	Ill.		
James A.	5	M.	Ill.		
Allice S.	2	F	Ill.		
Hickey, James	50	M.	Ire.		Farmer
Rhodes, George	33	M.	N. Y.	4000	Farmer
Liggett, Edward H.	21	M.	N. Y.		
Woolley, William P.	35	M.	Pa.		Farmer
Eliza	20	F	Pa.		
Mary S.	16	F	Ohio		
Sarah	12	F	Ohio		
Rachael	5	F	Ill.		
Daniel	4	M.	Ohio		
Emma	1	F	Ill.		
Naylor, George	40	M.	Ire.		Blacksmith
Sally	35	F	Eng.		
George	10	M.	Eng.		
Mary	8	F	Ill.		
Phebe	6	F	Ill.		
Emma	6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	F	Ill.		
Acker, John	49	M.	N. Y.	1000	Ferryman
Eliza	43	F	Va.		
William C.	17	M.	Ill.		Wheelwright
John	15	M.	Ill.		
Nathaniel	12	M.	Ill.		
Jacob M.	9	M.	Ill.		
Mary E.	7	F	Ill.		
Samuel B.	5	M.	Ill.		
Sarah	2	F	Ill.		
Elmon, David A.	20	M.	Ohio		Ferryman
Jenkins, Jonathon	47	M.	Pa.	2000	Farmer
Emeline	19	F	Ohio		
Almiron	15	M.	Ohio		
Samuel	12	M.	Ill.		
Chester	10	M.	Ill.		
Rebecca	4	F	Ill.		
Henkle, Thomas	61	M.	Pa.	1000	Farmer
Elizabeth	61	F	Pa.		
Belinda	34	F	Pa.		
Elizabeth	23	F	Pa.		
Edwin A.	22	M.	Pa.		Farmer
Margaret	18	F	Pa.		
Beaman, Dexter	39	M.	Vt.	2000	Farmer
Sophia	34	F	Vt.		
Mary A.	14	F	N. Y.		
George W.	13	M.	Ohio		
Hellen C.	8	F	Ill.		
Julia L.	5	F	Ill.		
Charles F.	1	M.	Ill.		
Middlekauff, Elias	32	M.	Md.	400	Farmer
Elizabeth	32	F	Md.		
Hezakiah	9	M.	Md.		
Elvin	8	M.	Md.		
Jonah	7	M.	Md.		
Margaret	19	F	Md.		
Pond, Marcellus	40	M.	N. Y.		Farmer
Emeline	35	F	Md.		
James	11	M.	Ohio		
George	9	M.	Ohio		
Mary	7	F	Ohio		
Susan	5	F	Ill.		
Robert	3	M.	Ill.		

FAMILY	AGE	SEX	BIRTHPLACE	REAL ESTATE VALUE	OCCUPATION
Carpenter, Deming	28	M.	Ohio	250	Farmer
Esther	25	F.	Pa.		
Esmir	6	M.	Ohio		
William J.	4	M.	Ohio		
*Catherine	2	F.	Ohio		
*Ira A.	2	M.	Ohio	250	Farmer
Carpenter, Hulbert	31	M.	Ohio		
Elizabeth	30	F.	Ohio		
Joseph	5	M.	Ohio		
E. J.	3	F.	Ohio		

\*Twins

An interesting article giving us insight into the building activity in Oregon in 1903 & 1904. Notice how many names are familiar. Can you identify any of these buildings?

### PROSPERITY AT OREGON

#### The Year 1903 was Unprecedented in Building Activity

The addition of a number of industries at Oregon in 1903 stimulated building in an unusual manner. Buildings for business enterprises were built to the value of \$50,000, and the total value of all improvements made foots up to about \$130,000. Thirty new houses were built, varying in cost from \$2,000 to \$6,000.

The Ogle County Reporter makes an estimate of these various improvements and gives the following items with their respective values:

Masonic Temple, three-story double business block, built by Chas. D. Etnyre & Co., F. G. Emerson and Oregon Masonic Lodge, . . . . .	\$14,000
Oregon Foundry and Machine Company, shops, . . . . .	22,000
Schiller Piano Company, three-story addition, . . . . .	15,000
Oregon Cereal Company, remodeling elevator building and addition, . . . . .	3,000
City of Oregon, water and sewer extensions, . . . . .	3,500
Geo. B. Hiestand, house, including heating and plumbing, about . . . . .	2,400
T. J. Fearer, house, oak finish, hot water heat, about . . . . .	3,000
W. L. Taylor, house, including heating and plumbing, about . . . . .	3,000
J. J. Etnyre, house, . . . . .	1,200
Lutheran Parsonage, oak finish, . . . . .	2,700
Frank Seibert, house, . . . . .	1,900
George Jones, porch, . . . . .	500
R. F. Adams, house, oak finish, . . . . .	2,800
Jesse Little, house . . . . .	1,300
W. E. Cleveland, house, including heating and plumbing, . . . . .	2,600
Porter Esbaugh, house, . . . . .	2,250
Theo. Johnson, house, including heating and plumbing, . . . . .	2,400
J. C. Lyons, house, including heating and plumbing . . . . .	3,100
Mrs. Ella Ray, house, oak and cherry finish, . . . . .	3,350
Edgar B. Jones, house, including heating, plumbing, sewer, walks, etc., . . . . .	5,700
Rev. Ford, house, . . . . .	1,600
John Purvis, house, including heating, plumbing, sewer, walks, etc., . . . . .	5,700
George Ormsbee, house, including plumbing and heating, . . . . .	3,000
Charles Schneider, house, oak finish, hot water heat, . . . . .	3,150
John Grant, house, including heating and barn, . . . . .	2,700
H. B. Fahrney, house, . . . . .	1,800
Charles Alexander, house, . . . . .	1,200
Henry Bemis, house, . . . . .	2,000
Charles Wilson, house, . . . . .	1,425
Mattie Welty, house, . . . . .	800
Benj. Chaney, house, including plumbing and barn, . . . . .	2,500
Carl Walbom, house, . . . . .	1,425
A. W. Youngren, house, . . . . .	1,750
Arthur Redfern, house, . . . . .	1,700
Arthur Redfern, remodeled house, . . . . .	1,000
Jun Johnson, house, . . . . .	500
A. W. Johnson, porch . . . . .	140
W. H. Waldie, addition to house, . . . . .	500
Geo. A. Mix, addition to Welty store, . . . . .	200
Carlson Flower, house, . . . . .	350

#### Buildings Erected in Oregon During 1904.

#### BUILDING DONE BY MATTISON & BECKER.

Carl Walbom, residence . . . . .	\$1,425
Ralph Millman, residence . . . . .	1,275

Chas. Eigenbrode, residence . . . . .	1,325
V. E. Eastman, residence . . . . .	1,490
Martin Eshbaugh, residence . . . . .	2,200
J. Y. Zeigler, residence . . . . .	925
Misses Nohe, residence, including plumbing . . . . .	2,020
R. F. Sheets, residence . . . . .	1,650
Ed. Murdock, residence . . . . .	1,600
P. E. Hastings, residence . . . . .	2,000
Asa Bewley, residence . . . . .	2,000
Dr. J. B. Roe, residence . . . . .	2,700
E. F. Rippberger, residence . . . . .	2,000
J. H. Tice, residence . . . . .	1,700
Martin Alter, residence . . . . .	1,500
D. B. Welty, livery barn . . . . .	2,650
Ed. Connor, addition and porch . . . . .	760
Frank Nohe, addition and porch . . . . .	400
Mrs. Stouffer, addition and porch . . . . .	300
Mrs. Kelley, addition and porch . . . . .	210
Chas. Gilbert, addition and porch . . . . .	500
Ed. Plum, addition . . . . .	150
Gifas. Dugdale, addition . . . . .	350
Geo. Hopkins, addition . . . . .	100
Arzy Elliott, porches . . . . .	125
H. H. Hopkins & Co., coal house . . . . .	40

#### BUILDING DONE BY JOHN REED.

Mrs. Lydia Bachman, residence . . . . .	1,800
Fred Roat, residence . . . . .	1,400
Wm. Trafford, residence . . . . .	1,200
Jas. Barden, addition and porch . . . . .	500

#### BUILDING DONE BY JOHN WALDIE.

James Harshman, residence . . . . .	2,200
James Riley, residence . . . . .	800
G. A. Brown, residence . . . . .	1,750
B. F. Sheets, residence . . . . .	2,886
S. H. Burns, residence . . . . .	2,400
Scott Gale, residence . . . . .	1,200
Geo. H. Andrew, residence, including plumbing and heating . . . . .	3,500
A. VanHettinga, residence . . . . .	1,700
I. A. Worfolk, residence . . . . .	1,800
F. G. Jones, repairs on house . . . . .	400
Mrs. H. A. Mix, repairs on house . . . . .	300
John Duck, remodeling residence . . . . .	900
T. J. Morris, remodeling residence . . . . .	600
H. H. Hopkins & Co., addition . . . . .	500
Mrs. Bissel, repairs . . . . .	200
Mrs. Anne Spoor, repairs, etc. . . . .	300
Oregon Nickel Plating & Manufacturing Co., office . . . . .	200
Geo. Bemis, repairs . . . . .	150
M. E. Church, repairs . . . . .	200
J. H. Cartwright, addition . . . . .	200
School House, new room . . . . .	600
Mrs. R. Etnyre, porch and repairs . . . . .	250
M. Burright, porch . . . . .	40
J. R. Perrine, porch . . . . .	150

#### OTHER BUILDINGS.

Albert Bissell, residence . . . . .	3,500
Samuel W. Smith, residence . . . . .	3,500
Benj. Chaney, residence . . . . .	2,300
A. Knornschild, residence . . . . .	1,500
Norm Wade, residence . . . . .	700
Scott Gale, addition and porch . . . . .	580
Byron Chamberlain, residence . . . . .	300

Helen Mead Jones has written some of her recollections of the Jones family in Oregon.

Regarding some of the early settlers and businessmen of Oregon, I have been asked to write something about the Jones family. My husband was Frederick W. Jones, whose grandfather, Frederick G. Jones, founded the Schiller Piano Factory. F. G. Jones came to this community when he was a young man. I can remember the family saying he used to skate on the river to Oregon from Rockford (where he worked) to see the girl he later married—Chloe Brockway. He had great interest in Oregon and participated in many business ventures. He owned and at one time operated a general store on the north side of Washington Street between Third and Fourth Streets. The building is still there with the name F. G. JONES on the top of the building. I don't believe he operated it himself for so very long as he became interested in so many other things. It was a sort of department store, though, for many years, operated by members of his family—lastly, an elderly Aunt, Fannie Jones, together with her sister Edith Jones Dutcher.

At one time F. G. Jones owned the foundry—which may have been after he founded the Schiller Piano Factory. He also owned & operated a Coal Yard in back of the factory. He owned many pieces of property in Oregon, as well as many tracts of land around Oregon. He owned the land where Stronghold is now located and had even planned on subdividing the property. However, it was sold before this was accomplished. At the time of his death he owned property west of Highway 2 through the cut in the rock south of Oregon, and had previously owned all of the property east of that to the river. That area is shown as belonging to him in one of the old County plat books. He owned and operated a cereal mill north of the piano factory.

For many years the Schiller Piano Factory employed a good number of men and could always seem to find a place for someone needing to work. As a matter of fact, a well-known Dr. in Rockford asked me when Conover Square was first named why it wasn't called Schiller Square—for the Schiller had always hired any high-school boy who wanted to work during the summer, and the Jones family, although being retiring and unassuming, had always done so much for the community. F. G. Jones was strong on sprinkler systems and the factory was well equipped, since with the varnish and lacquer used, it was a fire hazard. The factory had its own water tower just north of the building.

Just before 1900 he built, or re-built the old dam, and put in a power plant to furnish power for heat and light for the piano factory. He then sold electricity to people in Oregon for \$1 a month. When that company was later sold to the Illinois Northern Utilities Company, they reserved the power for the factory as long as the Jones family owned the factory.

F. G. and Chloe Jones had five children—George

Henry, Edith Jones Scott, Edgar, Mildred Jones Shelly and Cyrus, the youngest. The boys all were a part of the factory. George and later Edgar were both President of the factory after their father died, and Cyrus was always Superintendent. The Joneses, F. G. and Chloe, were staunch Methodists and supported the church to a great extent—Mrs. Jones continuing after the death of F. G. Jones. They were narrow-minded to our way of thinking now—not believing in dancing or card playing and their children always respected their parents' beliefs after they were married and had homes of their own by not doing any of these things in their parents presence.

F. G. Jones lived at 301 S. Third Street and his parents lived in a house just South of him. He also had a brother Stanley who was very unusual. Stan had a shoe store for many years in different places. He would buy bankrupt stocks of shoes and the store would be completely full of shoes. When he would open the door they would even tumble out, the building was so full. The first store I remember he operated was next to (or near) where the Senior Citizens' building is now on Washington St. People came from all around to buy shoes at very reasonable prices. He was really a character in that—if you did anything to offend him, he would just say he didn't have anything to fit you.



*Four Generations: F. G. Jones, George H. Jones, John H. Jones, and Fred W. Jones who was two or three years old. 1901 or 1902. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Fred W. Jones)*

And if he had something to fit you, you'd better buy it (even if it didn't happen to fit your eye) or he wouldn't look for anything else. The shoes were not in boxes and most of them were tied together in pairs—but not always, and if you found one shoe you liked he could always find the mate. It was really miraculous how he did know his stock. You just sat out on the curb and tried them on. I don't remember reading anything about "Stan" in any of the history books but it is too bad for this business venture to not go down in history as being almost unbelievable even at that time. I remember in the early 1900's the store on Washington Street, and Stan seemed very elderly at that time (to me, that is). The building became in such a poor state that he moved the shoes over to a frame building south of where the City Hall now stands on Third St. By that time his business was not as popular as it had been in the past. I guess there wasn't a curb to sit on to try on the shoes! That building became in very poor repair and he finally moved his remaining stock to a barn in back of his own house, at 210 N. Third Street.

The 1878 Ogle County History book shows F. G. Jones coming to this community in 1865, having been born in Canada West, March 19, 1846. He later brought his parents John H. & Rachel Jones, and brother and sisters to this county, where they continued to live the rest of their lives.

The Schiller piano was a good piano and was sold all over the United States. During World War II there was not the need for pianos and the two older brothers agreed to disagree and the company was sold to the Cable Piano Company, which later became the Con-over-Cable Piano Company.

**Information provided by: William Wilde and his sister, Margaret (Kenneth) Gearhart**

Samuel Roat, a harness maker, was born April 5, 1810 and died February 25, 1893.

He married Mary Ann Hinkle who was the oldest sister of John M. Hinkle. They had four children. One, whose name was Louise B., married Jonas Seyster the son of Michael Seyster.

Mr. Roat worked with his son-in-law in the "Jonas Seyster Livery Barn".

John Hinkle, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Metson Hinkle, and a brother to Edwain A. and Catherine (who later became the third wife of Harvey Jewett) was born in 1818 in Pennsylvania. He died sometime after 1870. The whole family came to Ogle County in 1838.

Following is the Newspaper notice of his father's death which occurred February 9, 1884.

"Thomas Hinkle, aged 94, died at Oregon, Ill. yesterday. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and came to Oregon in 1838."

John M. Hinkle was married to Sarah Riddlesbarger.

They had four children, two sons who died in infancy and two daughters. Emma J. married James C. Thomas and Annie E. who married George W. Bemis on December 23, 1876.

After Sarah's death John M. married Mary Ann Hastings on September 20, 1855. They had four children.

John M. Hinkle was the Oregon Coroner in 1846-1847, the Oregon Recorder in 1848-50, the County Clerk in 1850-53, and the Nashua Supervisor in 1863. After that he left Oregon for Washington D.C.

His nephew was Edwin W. Hinkle. Bertha Bellis, an Oregon Grade School teacher, was his granddaughter. The material on the Roat & Hinkle families was written by Viola Myers.

The following information has been gathered through phone calls, memory, and other devious methods:

John Schneider was a clothing dealer in the early days of Oregon. He and Michael Nohe, another civic-minded gentleman of those days, purchased the land for the first Catholic Church in Oregon and collected subscriptions to help build the church. This building later became the Church of God.

John Schneider's son, Charles Schneider Sr., was connected with the First National Bank. The sons of Charles Sr. were Dr. Les Schneider of Oregon, Bert Schneider who was manager of the Carnation plant in Amboy, George Schneider who worked in the bank in Oregon, Charles Jr., a grocer in Oregon, and a handicapped son, Willie, who was the receptionist for Dr. Schneider. He also had a daughter, Nellie, who married Emil Rippberger (pronounced Rā'-barger) who was employed at the piano factory and in later years tuned pianos for many Oregon residents. Nellie passed away at Pinecrest Manor as did her brothers George & Bert. All three were in their 90's at the time of their passing.

Another of Oregon's early merchants was Philip R. Bennett. He was in the banking business under the firm name of Wagner, Bennett & Artz. He was also a probate



*This is the way it used to be done—a far cry from today's farm operations! John Reiken 55 years old; Judge Jacobs farm (Courtesy Ogle Co. Republican Reporter)*

judge, County Treasurer and Postmaster. He was elected President of the First National Bank. Mr. Bennett passed away sometime after 1870.

Daniel Etnyre was an early settler of the Oregon area. He came to this area from the state of Maryland. His son, Edward Daniel, founded the E. D. Etnyre Co. in 1895.

At first the business manufactured hog waterers, then thresher tanks used for hauling water to threshing machines & also to sprinkle streets. Gradually the product changed until at present the asphalt distributor is the main product. Descendants of Daniel still operate the business.

We do know that Daniel was one of the early leaders in the Lutheran Church founded in Oregon by Rev. Stroh and the Etnyre name is still found on the membership roll at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

We have not been able to tell the life stories of many early Oregon area settlers; partly because the people helping to compile this book were unable to find information on these families, and partly, perhaps, because no information exists. Some of these families may have moved on, lured by tales of greater fortunes to be made or by grander dreams to be realized in far away places. We can only speculate as to the whereabouts of the descendants of names such as:

The early families include, with the numbers in the household; Saul Petersen (4), John Keefers (3), Samuel Roat (10), James V. Gale (7), John Wilkinson (6), John Copper (6), C. Williamson (6), P. R. Bennett (5), H. A. Mix (6), John Hinkle (2), Jno. Culbertson (2), Harry Robert (5), N. J. Stroh (10), Wm. Moore (8), A. Morton (3), I. S. Wooley (7), Mix's Office (2), T. Potwin (3), R. Phelps (7), E. Bond (7), C. Lehman (6), Wm. Russell (6), M. C. Hill (4), J. Schneider (5), Widow Forbush (5), A. Lacey (9), Allen Malkins (7), Jas. Harpham (6), Jno. Smith (4), Jno. Beard (5), Jno. Chaney (1), E. J. Potter (8), B. Phelps (6), S. N. Sampsell (5), E. J. Reiman (5), Allen Foot (3), C. B. Artz (3), S. B. Lightizer (4), Samuel Chaney (3), R. Davis (6), C. F. Emerson (2), M. T. Crowell (7), Schoolmaster (1), and Jno. Russell (1).

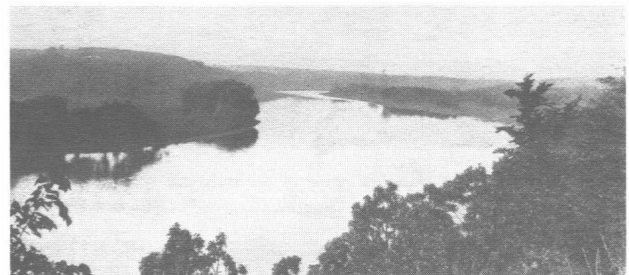
This picture taken back some 45 years is of the father of Thomas Goings, colored livery barn owner of Oregon, and Miss Edna Becker. It appears from the recollection of the owner of the picture, that a traveling photographer came to Oregon and becoming acquainted with the senior Goings, wished to photograph him as "Uncle Tom" of Uncle Tom's Cabin fame, along with a small girl to represent "Eva," who also was a prominent character in the book.

Mr. Goings and the photographer came to the door of the Thomas Becker home and inquired if Mrs. Becker's little girl could be in the picture as "Eva." Permission granted, they persuaded Mary Nelson to stand in the doorway. It was wash day and she felt that she wasn't dressed up for the occasion, but not wishing to throw cold water on the project she agreed.

At that time Third Street east side from Washington to



*(Courtesy Ogle Co. Republican Reporter)*



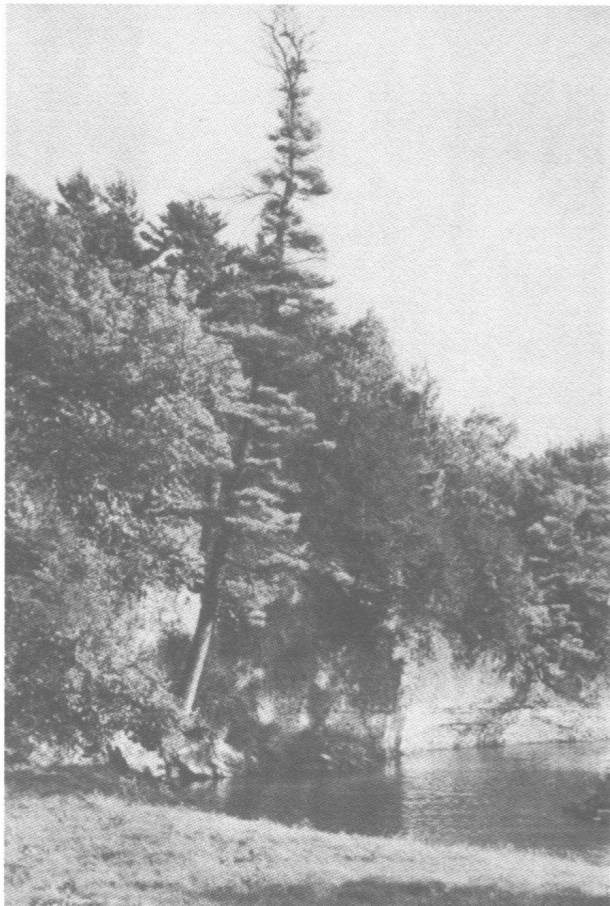
*View from Eagles Nest Bluff, Oregon, Ill. along Rock River. This area is now part of Lowden State Park. (Courtesy-Remour)*



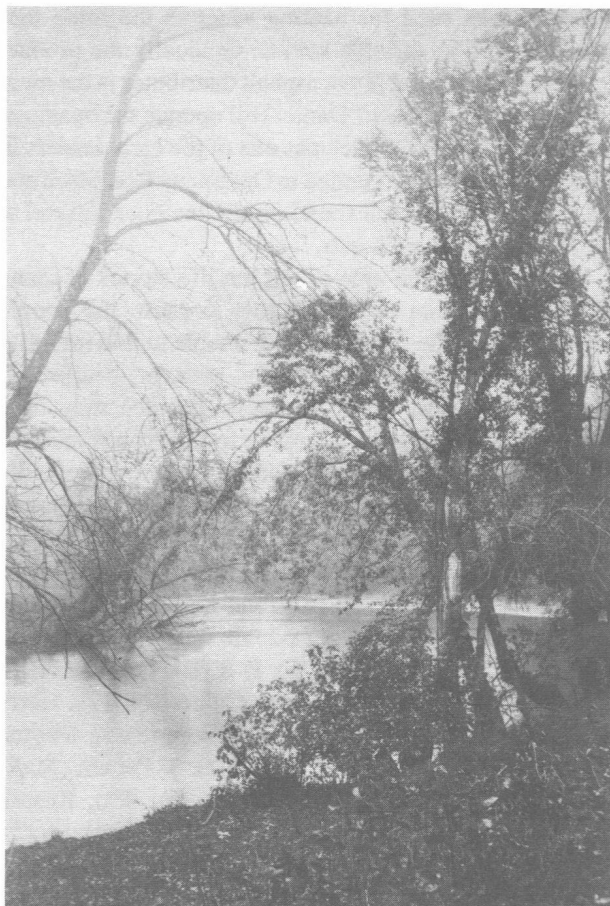
*A picture of J. C. Seyster's sully at the Seyster farm. (Courtesy Ogle County Republican Reporter)*

Franklin was well fitted with small frame buildings, in one of which the Goings family resided. Nearly all of that side of the street from the old corner Gitchell building to the then City Hall structure, with exception of John T. Bowler's marble works and the blacksmith shop of Emerson Grow and George Perry was lined with dwellings, which have long since passed from the picture.

In 1901 Thomas Goings built the brick building located on Fourth Street across from the theater. Thomas Goings was a good citizen, and especially was his wife well thought of by the earlier residents. All of the Goings family have now passed from life, the days of the livery barns are over, and the old structures of that day have been torn down.



*Here we see a scene showing some of the majestic splendor of White Pines Forest State Park, west of Oregon. (Courtesy Gretchen Warmolts)*



*Kyte River (or Creek) which empties into the Rock River a short distance south of Oregon. (Courtesy Ogle Co. Republican Reporter)*



*Kyte River (Courtesy E. G. Landers)*



# Education



*Oregon High School Classes—1920.*

*Photo courtesy of Charles Mongan*



*Typing Classes—1920 Style.*

*Edith Fridley photo*

**Education From the Beginning—1837**

Do you realize the first school in Oregon was a subscription school located on Fifth Street between Washington and Jefferson Streets? It was started in 1837-38 by Dr. Adams with Winnifred Marks as the teacher. The building later became the home of Jonas Seyster.

The second school, also a subscription school, was located in a log house south of the present Coliseum. Mr. White, a teacher from New York taught 40 students. Population of the city was 450.

Later private schools offered education opportunities to the students. The first one was built in 1839 where the local Post Office is now located. The sills were hewn from trees cut on the farm of Michael Seyster's, close relative of the late J.C. Seyster; boards used were from the Phelps Sawmill in Pine Creek Township. The last teacher was D.C. Sears, father of George Sears who taught at the Stone School east of Oregon. Our ancestors did not believe in separation of church and state—as the building was open to anyone who wished to preach the gospel.

A bronze plaque commemorating the first Public School's stone step was dedicated on its site near the Post Office terrace on July 28, 1940.



*A Dedication—Miss Ruby Nash and Mayor Frank Rogers*

The Phelps school was burned on November 11, 1918 as the city celebrated the end of World War I.

In 1859, Union School was built for \$2,000—located on Washington Street near Third Street. When the school became over crowded, classes were held in a stone house near "Sand Hill" and in a brick house on Seventh and

Franklin Streets. The property is now owned by the Oregon Bible College. This weekly report card was issued to George Mix on October 18, 1863 from the Union School.

OREGON DISTRICT SCHOOL				
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WEEK ENDING	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.
October 18, 1863				
PRESENT .....	1	1	1	1
ABSENT .....				
TARDY .....				
DEPARTMENT .....	7	6	5	8
READING .....	7	8	9	8
SPELLING .....	8	8 1/2	9 1/2	1 1/2
ARITHMETIC .....	9	9	10	9
ALGEBRA .....	7	6	4	6
GRAMMAR .....	9	11	9	9

*1863 Report Card!*

*Jan Stilson photo*

Two story frame building was built for a school south of the present Library. It was later moved to the Union School site and then sold to be used as a farm house.

By 1873 the schools were divided into ten grades and in 1875 a two year high school was added. In 1877 the first graduates were Mary J. Mix and Helen A. Mix. Miss Laura Middlekauf, one of the early teachers served under Professor S. B. Wadsworth, principal and teacher.

In the 1880's, the pupil population was 325 and a room in the Methodist Church were used for the overflow. These facilities were used until 1893.

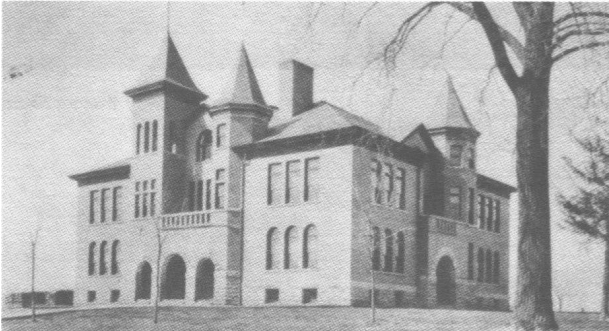
**Nash School—the Three Stages**

In 1896, the Oregon School was built at Madison and Fifth Streets for \$20,000. W.I. Sutherland, Supt. expanded the high school to four years. In 1913 and 1949 additions were erected. It was the only educational facility serving both grade and high school. The Oregon School was known as Madison School and later was named Nash Elementary School in honor of Miss Ruby Nash who taught first grade for many years.

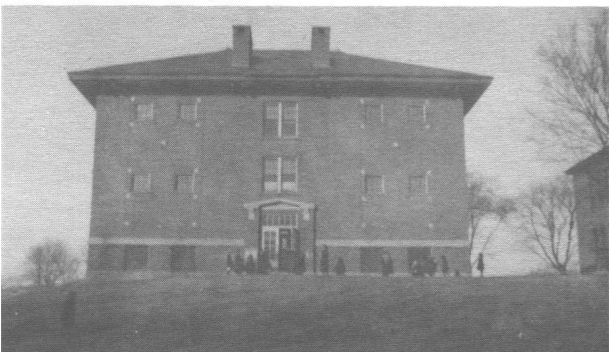


Miss Laura Middlekauf—teacher

Charles Mongan photo



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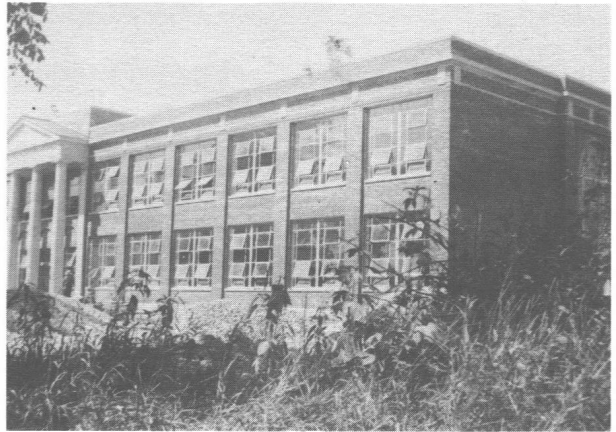


#2—Edith Fridley pic



#3—E.G. Landers pic

In 1936, the Oregon High School was built at Tent and Madison Streets for \$158,182. A \$750,000 addition was added in 1961 and a Special Education Annex in 1975. The Oregon High School District No. 218 graduated their first class in 1938.



1936—Oregon Community High School.  
(Photo Courtesy Jim Chasm)

In 1939 a new brick school for Pleasant Hill District #87 was built. It included two large classrooms, library large basement and a well with water pumped by electricity for drinking water and sanitary system. Additions were added in 1951 and 1963. In August of 1963 the Pleasant Hill had petitions for annexing to the Oregon Elementary School District #88 which were presented to the Ogle County of School Trustees. The annexation was approved and Pleasant Hill became part of District #88. For several years it was used as a school but on November 23, 1971 it was sold at public auction to D Dean Dye of Oregon for \$29,500. Mr. Dye converted it into Countryside East Apartments. The frontage was sold to the State of Illinois for \$6000.

In 1957 the Jefferson Elementary School was built. Four classrooms were added in 1982 and in 1986 six additional rooms were built. The Jefferson School now houses the District Central Office.



Oregon Community Unit School District #220—1986.

Photo Courtesy Warren Shetter

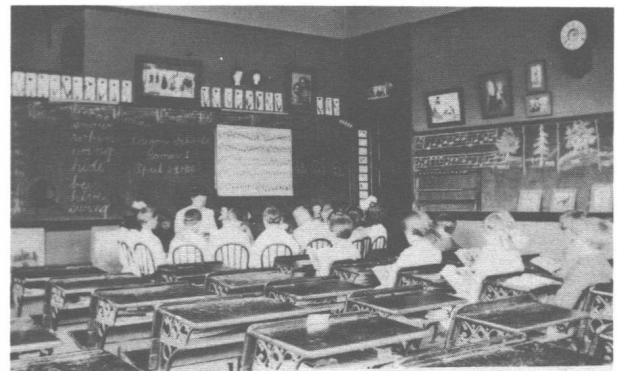
On July 1, 1968, the Oregon Community Unit School District became a reality. The Unit included Oregon High School District #218, Oregon Elementary District #88 and Chana School District #113.

On May 31, 1970 ground was broken for the Etnyre Middle School which cost \$1,979,032.46. The Nash School was sold to the Oregon Park District on October 4, 1982 for \$100,000. The Chana School was sold at auction on November 21, 1986 for \$19,000 to Roy Ballard and Patrick Riley.

Now in 1986, we enter the computer age in our schools. The 1200 students in grades K - 12 have advantages in many areas. Computers are available from Kindergarten through High School. Art, music, athletics, special programs are available to those who wish to participate.

There have been six superintendents since the Unit, namely Warren McCarten, Dr. W.F. Urbanek, Dr. Harold Richards as an interim administrator, Dr. Larry L. Beckley and Dr. R.D. Lovelace.

Miss Ruby Nash's first grade class of 1926-27. The class had 55 students. (Could this been the beginning of the baby boom?) Three years later an annex was constructed directly behind this building and the first and second grade classes were divided into two sections each.



A Circle—Reading Classes—Elementary Grades. Edith Fridley pic



*First row seated: Daniel Lewandowski; ?; Harry Hardesty; Helen Sanford; Jacob Ulferts; Florence Steffey; Ralph Brown; ?; Charles Seigler.  
 Second row: Mary Stout; ?; ?; ?; ?; ?; Helen Young; ?; Edward Dvorak; Donald Beck.  
 Third row; ?; Mary Jane Sharick; Edward Buse; ?; Glen Dew; ?; Robert Wilde; ?; ?.  
 Fourth row: Merle Moore; Lillian Corcoran; Marvin Schindle; Robert Gantz; Juanita Leddy; Donald Eckert; Mervin Yetter; Austin Railton.  
 Standing: ?; Donald Gruber; James Chasm; ?; Glen Haye; Henry Noslick; Norman Frebel; Tony Bylinowski; Robert Ulferts; Robert Speed; Ruby Nash, teacher; in front of Miss Nash, Lucille Jones; Ralph Jones; Elizabeth Harnish; John Oblack; Robert Warnerka; ?; Madeleine Weyrauch and Charles Koontz. (Photo Courtesy James E. Chasm)*



*The 1924 Graduating Class of Oregon High School—Do You Remember. (Photo courtesy Charles Mongan) Back Row: George Mosteller, Ernest Flick, Charles Mongan, Robert Banning, Franklin Carl Lundstrom, Benjamin Roe, Edward Thomas, Clyde Wilde, Leo Curtis, Leon Jourden, Roland Maysilles. Middle Row: Helen Beveridge, Salome Marshall, Clarence Kinn, Grover Stroh (class adviser), Jennie Stouffer, Helen Thomas, Geraldine Fouch. Front Row: Tamar McCullough, Elsie Cirksena, Jeanette Rumery, Laverne Wernick, Eloise Shelly, Helen Cirksena, Leila Mae Siple.*



**These Days Are Gone—Forever!**

Eighth Grade pupils in rural schools took state prep exams and all who passed were graduated in a ceremony held at the County Courthouse in Oregon.

**And then there are SPORTS!**

Oregon fielded the 1908 Champion Secondary Team of Illinois in football.

**Champion Secondary Team of Illinois**

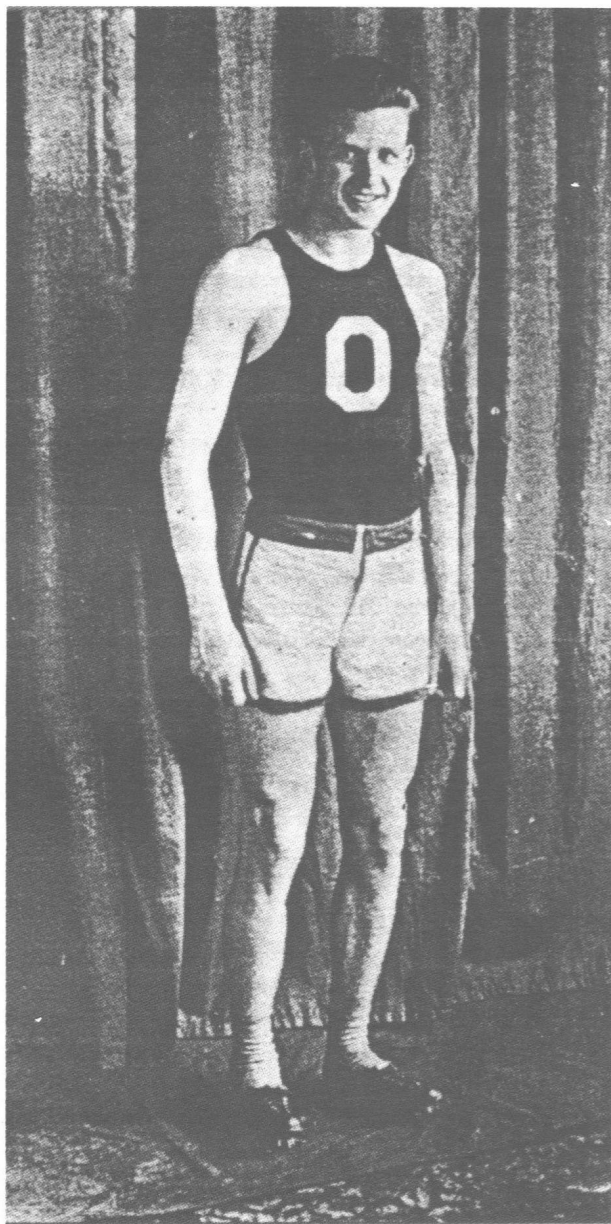


*Top row: Hawn, l.g. Logan, c. Hawn l.h.b. [Capt.] Reed, r.e. [Mgr.] Emerson, q.b. Taylor, Supt. Powell, r.g. Chamberlain, sub. Stanton, r.h.b. Wade, f.b. Moore l.e. Wood, l.t. Davis, r.t.*

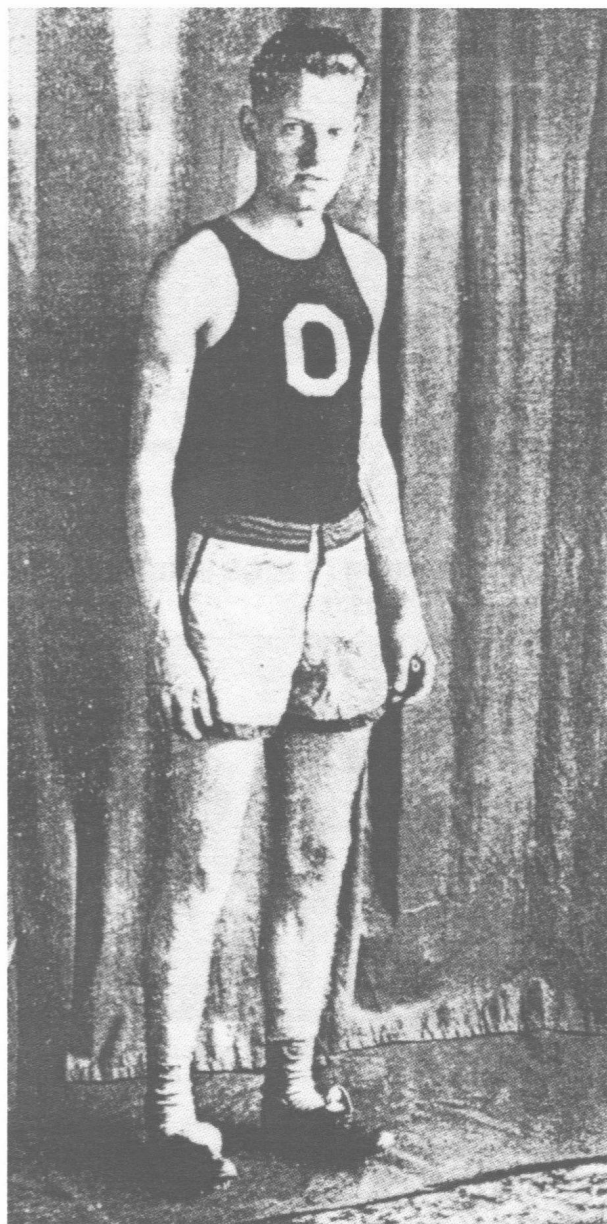
Oregon had two outstanding athletes in 1916. Sherman Landers who set the world's record in the pole vault at the University of Minnesota Interscholastic Meet on May

27, 1916 with the height of 12 feet and 8 inches.

Frank Loomis won world renown in the hurdles, high jump and fifty and four hundred forty yard dashes.



Sherman Landers



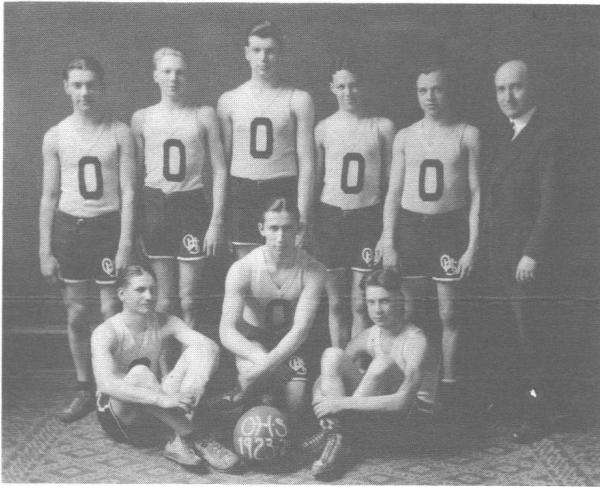
Frank Loomis



*This team, during the 1935-36 season, was the first to ever win a Regional Basketball Championship for what was then Oregon Community High School. The championship game, as were all home games at that time, was played in the Oregon Coliseum. Their opponent was Polo High. The school in those years was a member of the Rock River Valley Conference.*

*Tournament squad members were, front row seated left to right: Bill Etnyre; Tom Holman; Merv Rhodes; Pete Reid; Harry Wade; Sam Jenkin.*

*Back row: Art Driver, coach; Bob Gantz; Frank Benesh; Jim Chasm, mgr.; Bob Mattison; Don Mattison; Maurice Seibert, assistant coach. (Photo Courtesy James E. Chasm)*



Chas. Mongan, Burton Haas, Benjamin Roe, Gerald Fearer,—Prof. Grigsby (principal of H.S. & basketball coach). Willard Burrignt, Clarence Kinn, Harry Messenger. Chas. Curtis photographer. Photo Courtesy Charles Mongan.

## OREGON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR VARSITY 1937



Front row: Arthur Bergner; Billy Jim Emerson; Edward Gecan; Edward (Ape) Hardesty; Thomas Polum; Richard Brown; Horace Chasm; Frank Szymanski.

Middle row: Jack Burroughs; Walter Berg; David Dale; Rene Zumhagen; Charles Ferguson; Crawford Spoor; Joseph Sauer.

Back row: Robert Pelsma; David Maxwell; Richard Smith; Hadden Burroughs; William Jones; Richard Ferguson; William Abbott and Coach Maurice Seibert.

This photo was taken on the practice field located south of the Dr. Sheets residence on South 6th street. The reason being the field at the new high school at 10th and Madison streets, which was first occupied in the fall of 1937, was not yet in playing condition. All home games that year were played on the Mt. Morris High School Field. (Photo Courtesy James E. Chasm)

### School Days—Memories from Miss Gertrude Cann

Can you remember?

When a penny would buy a “Penny Pencil?”

When 5¢ would buy a pencil tablet. We never used ink paper.

When you always walked to school.

When country pupils drove a horse and buggy or walked to school.

When there was no “gym” so you did exercises in your school room.

When there was no inside plumbing.

When ink came in bottles and you used a dip pen.

When you sat in double seats.

When you took turns cleaning the blackboards and clapped the erasers outside to clean them.

When the students wondered how old their teacher was and what about her love life.

When a teacher was dismissed if she got married.

When a teacher must give community three weekends out of four.

When girls couldn't wear slacks to school or the boys leave their shirt tails out.

When mothers had long hair done up in a braid or a French twist and their daughters wore long braids or long curls with big bows.

When there were no electric lights in the schools, just lamps.

When teachers provided clothes for the needy and provided a haircut for the boys.

When parents often visited their children's classes. They begged their mothers to come to school.

When boys played marbles and girls jumped rope or played Pump, Pump, Pull Away.

When boys who wore overalls didn't feel right and teachers felt sorry for them.

Miss Cann is speaking from experience—she taught in rural and town schools for many years!

*The material for this section was sorted and organized by Doris Hendricks, teacher in the Oregon school system for many years, and now retired. Doris did not provide any biographical material but she is easy to recognize because of her consistently cheerful demeanor. Thank you, Doris.*

*Next Lila Heuerman agreed to help us with this section. Fortunately, Lila provided some personal information as follows:*

*“My first and prime interest is my family; five daughters, Wynne Hegland, Anne Jones, Christine Johnson, Sharon Barger, Sheila Humble and one son, Richard Sr., thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.*

*“I am also interested in communications and education. I have worked as a correspondent for several area newspapers. I served terms as an elected member of the Board of Education of Oregon Elementary District No. 88. Since September, 1970, I have been the secretary to the Superintendent of the Oregon Community Unit School District No. 220 and Clerk of the Board of Education. I like people!*

*“My hobbies are reading, good music, my doll collection, and all kinds of amateur and professional sports—especially pro-football.”*



Several copies of the 1911 "Annual" were received. These several pages are typical.



## Foreword

This, the first volume of the Oregon High School Annual, is presented as the composite effort of the Oregon High School with the two-fold hope that it may be the path-finder, the fore-runner of a regular annual production, and that it may portray life in our High School as it really is, and not as some people think it is. To Mr. Landers, also to Miss Waite and Mr. C. L. Curtis, photographer, and the other members of the faculty who have stood by us, is due credit for that interest and assistance which has made this book possible.

The Editors.



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## Freshmen Dell

Cardinal and cream!  
This we scream!  
We are the class of fourteen!  
Some of us are lean,  
Some of us are mean,  
But thanks to the Faculty,  
Not many are green.

## The Freshmen

B is for Bill, in the Senior row,  
Who's fond of Dorothy, a Sophie, you  
know.  
C is for Cecil, a wise little man,  
Who reads all the magazines he possi-  
bly can.  
M is for Marie, our Algebra star;  
Nothing, it seems, can her happiness  
mar.  
M is for Meg, a wily coquette;  
The time spent with Mac she'll never  
regret.

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## High School Song of 1910

We are the Oregon High School,  
Of lessons, we've a score,  
But we could learn them just as well  
If there were a dozen more.  
There's English, Latin, History  
And mathematics four,  
But we could learn them just as well  
If there were a dozen more.  
There is a class in our High School,  
Composed of members four,  
But we would love them just as well  
If there were a dozen more.  
There's Mark and Ernest, Florence,  
too.  
And Ruth, our visitor.  
But we could love them just as well  
If there were a dozen more.  
Of other classes in our school,  
Their number reaches four.  
But what would become of the  
Faculty  
If there were a dozen more?  
The Preps and Sophies, Freshmen too,  
And lofty Juniors tall,  
If there were a dozen more of them,  
We'd surely need a new hall.  
In our High School is a faculty,  
Their number reaches four.  
Oh, what a High School we should  
have,  
If there were a dozen more.  
The Principal, assistants three,  
You've heard of them before.  
But think what would become of us,  
If there were a dozen more!

# Religion



This section on Religion in Oregon, Illinois, was compiled by Mrs. Eugene (Janet) Stilson. She did a lot of research on her own, as well as using materials submitted by various churches.

## *DO YOU*

*Do you have an old shawl  
Which is tattered and torn,  
Which your grandmother owned  
And at church was worn?*

*If you do, hang it where  
The colors will show  
The warmth it once gave  
To candlelight glow.*

*Old Bibles and shawls  
And old candlesticks, too,  
Belong to a church  
Which our grandmothers knew.*

*—Dedicated to my two grandmothers, Jane Woodard  
Eddy and Margaret Eychaner Andrew.*

*(From Blueberry Moon by Edith Andrew Burchell)*