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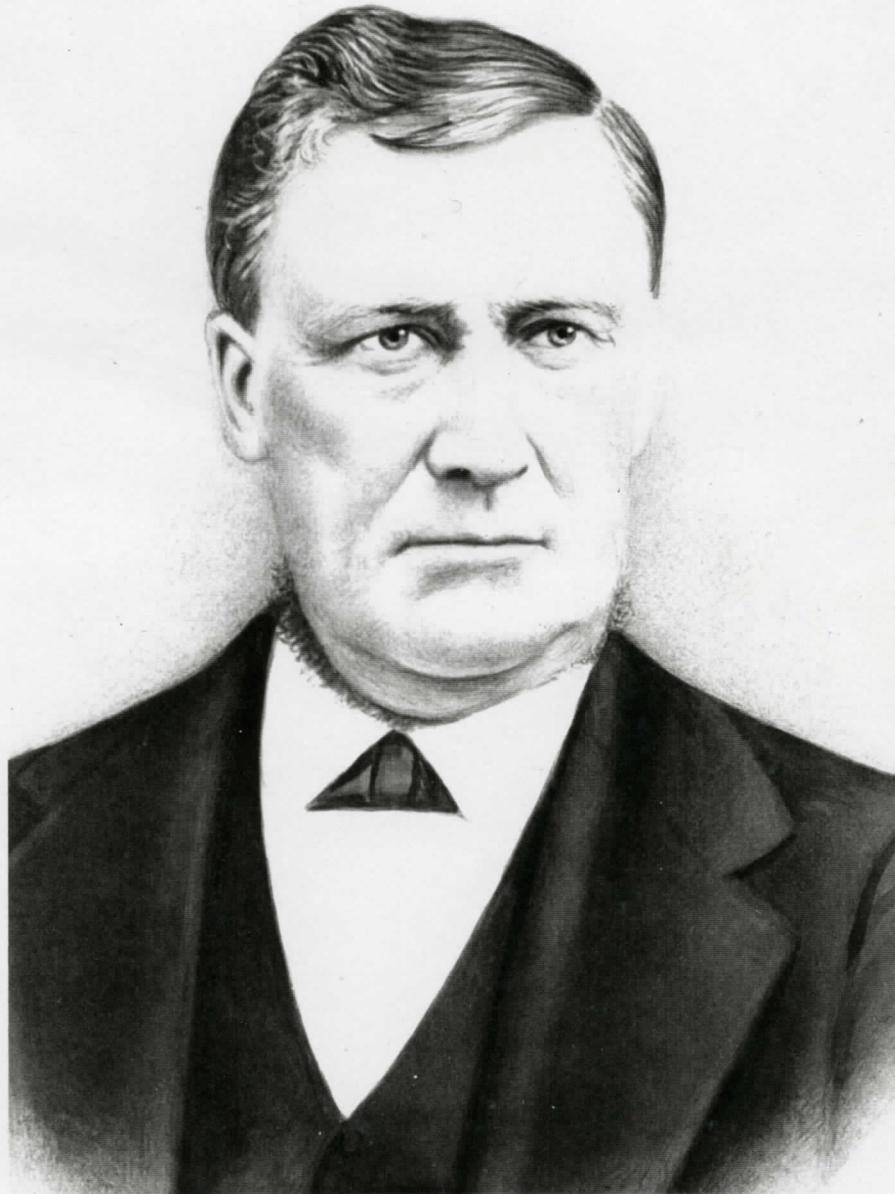
Captain Hall led the wagon train of 1845 to which Benj. Cornelius and his family belonged. At the Malheur river some forty wagons of the train followed Steve Meek, who, for a consideration of \$300 offered to pilot them by a shorter and better route to the Dalles. Meek proved totally ignorant of the country; led the train into sage-brush plains and alkali deserts without grass or water. Many died from exposure; cattle sank down and were left to perish. Finally, at a place called Last Hollow, the Cornelius family decided to go north to the Columbia. Followed by a few wagons they set course by the north star and by the next morning found water and grass. The wagons followed the river for several days till it became necessary to send nine men ahead to The Dalles for provisions. These nine were saved from starvation by meeting Indians who furnished dried salmon, and the emigrant party was finally brought safely through. Further hardships were endured before reaching Vancouver where happily met by Dr. McLoughlin.

The family settled in Washington County. T.R. entered the service of his country in 1847 and again in 1855-56, joining the volunteers under Territorial Governor Curry. When the war ended Col. Cornelius returned to his family to resume farming but was shortly chosen to the Territorial Council (then the highest body of the legislature) to represent the counties of Washington, Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook. He remained in the legislature till the admission of the State to the Union; he was then chosen to the same district of the Senate which position he held till 1861 when military duty again interrupted. Cornelius served as commandant at Fort Walla Walla till summer of 1862 when he resigned, returned home, and was again elected to the legislature where he continued till 1876, being president of the Senate in 1866.

He established in the city, which was named for him, taking an interest in several lines of business.

Col. Cornelius married Florentine Wilkes in 1850 at Hillsboro. Six children were born to this union (twins arrived in 1858. Olive, one of the twins, on Dec. 17, 1891 gave birth to first triplets born in Oregon. Ruth Meek Gates suggested they might have been the first triplets born in Oregon Territory). Florentine passed away in 1864. In 1866 T.R. married Missouri Smith, daughter of W.E. Smith, judge, lawyer and minister. Col. Cornelius passed away in Cornelius June 24, 1899.

An "OLD TIMER", seeing the city logo, remarked "CORNELIUS REALLY WAS A FAMILY TOWN" as at least four more sets of twins were born 'at home' \_\_\_\_\_ before 1929.



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"Born of a Kentucky family of humble circumstances, Ben Holladay amassed more wealth and power than any other Westerner of his time.

Holladay was the greatest transportation tycoon our country has ever known. He developed the Overland Stage Lines across the plains; had steamships to the Orient, sternwheelers on the rivers, freighters rolling everywhere, a Pacific Northwest railroad. He carried mail to the frontier, keeping the stages rolling at great risk on President Lincoln's personal request; established hotels, towns, resorts. His investments mounted into the millions and he played Washington politics with magnificent vigor.

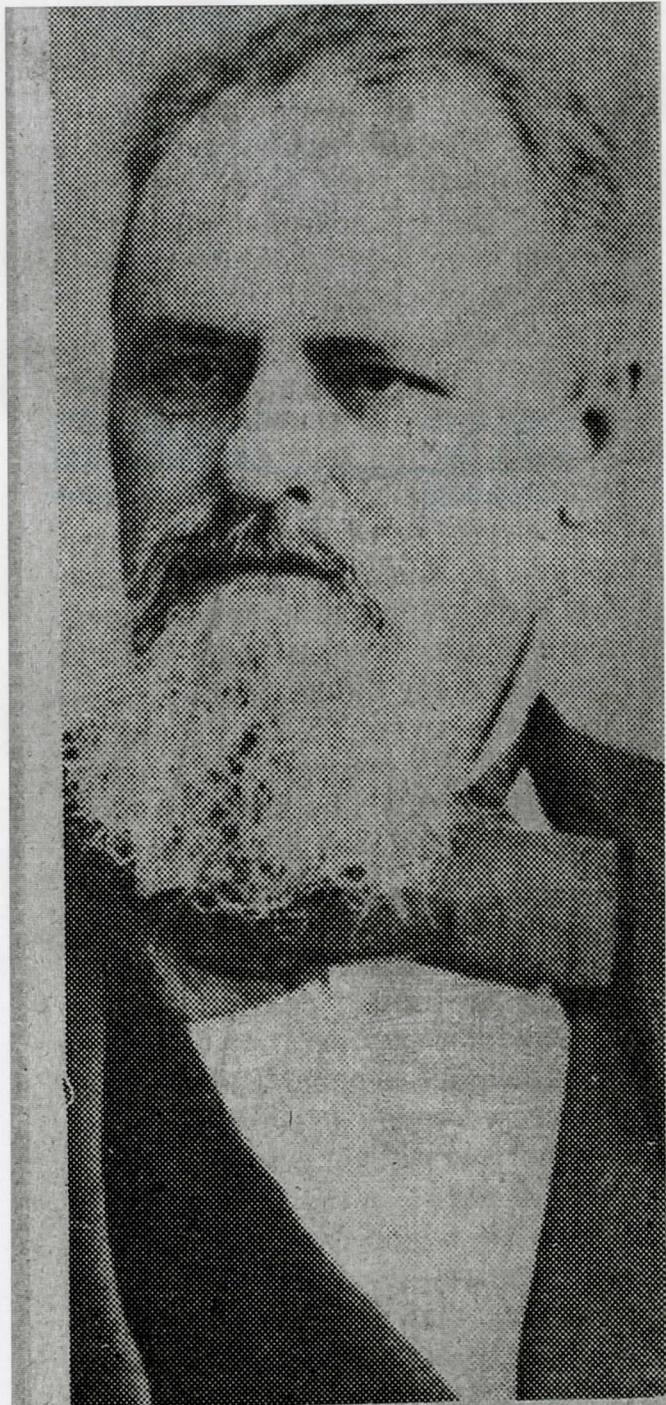
Holladay was Adventurer, trader, explorer, Indian fighter, builder and lord of most everything that rolled in the frontier West. A daring gambler, his bold operations were carried on in association with eminent characters as Brigham Young, Henry Wells and William Fargo, the nabobs of Comstock and the "Big Four" of the railroads. Buffalo Bill Cody, Wild Bill Hickok, Snowshoe Thompson were friends or employees of Ben Holladay.

His wife hated the West and its crudeness. For her he crashed Eastern society, built elaborate mansions from coast to coast, and married their daughters to European titles."  
(Ellis Lucia)

Holladay created an Oregon Landmark in Lobbying; entertained lawmakers and admitted his first example of paid lobbying cost him \$35,000. His opponents called it bribery.

Political guerrilla attacks eventually financially broke Holladay and those believing in him. Joe Gaston, who went to work for Holladay as a clerk, can be blamed primarily for tearing him down with several histories Gaston wrote portraying Ben as a villain and scoundrel. With the 'pen mightier than the sword' historians have condemned Holladay without looking beneath the surface at the jealousy involved.

The name Holladay is still evident from Portland to Seaside.



BEN HOLLADAY

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**CORNELIUS.** A post village on the W. S. div. of the O. & C. R. R., in precinct of same name, Washington county, 27 miles west of Portland, and 3 west of Hillsboro, the county seat. Portland is the nearest banking point. Settled in 1869, it contains a steam saw mill, a grain elevator, a Methodist church and public school. Grain, lumber and farm produce form the shipments. Population, 200. Tel., W. U. Exp., W. F. & Co. Mail, daily. R. W. McNutt, postmaster.

Bradley Isham F, railroad and express agent.

Cornelius Thomas R, grain elevator.

Cornelius T R & Co (Thomas R and Thomas S Cornelius, Geo. H Shaw). gen store and grain.

Elworthy Rev H B (Methodist).

Emrick Thomas, saloon.

Goodin R B, contractor and builder.

Hartman & Couture, cider mnfrs.

Hermann Rev J E (Catholic).

Hoopengartner G M, teacher.

Johnson George E, bridge builder.

Keim J, grocer and confectioner.

Keim Jacob, shoemaker.

**McNutt Robert W**, General Store.

Milner Adam K, insurance and justice.

Milner A K & Co, real estate agents.

Neep Albert, livery stable.

Pauli F C, butcher and constable.

Phillips Daniel T, brick manufacturer.

Reeves Miss Mary, teacher.

St Joseph Hotel, D L Turpin propr.

Schmitt Charles, saw mill.

Schmitt John, pottery.

**CORNUCOPIA.** Union county. An important mining camp on Pine creek, 45 miles from Union, the county seat, and 40 from Baker City, the nearest railroad station and bank location. Stage tri-weekly to Baker City; fare, \$6. M. Duffy, postmaster.

Bennett M, butcher.

Dray S, saloon.

Galloup Ira, hotel.

Glenn Robert, general store.

Neimer C, agent.

Oregon Gold Mining Co.

Pelton Joseph, shoemaker.

**E. R. BEHLOW, Importer of Skins, Manufacturer of FANCY FURS. 29 Washington St., Portland, Or.**

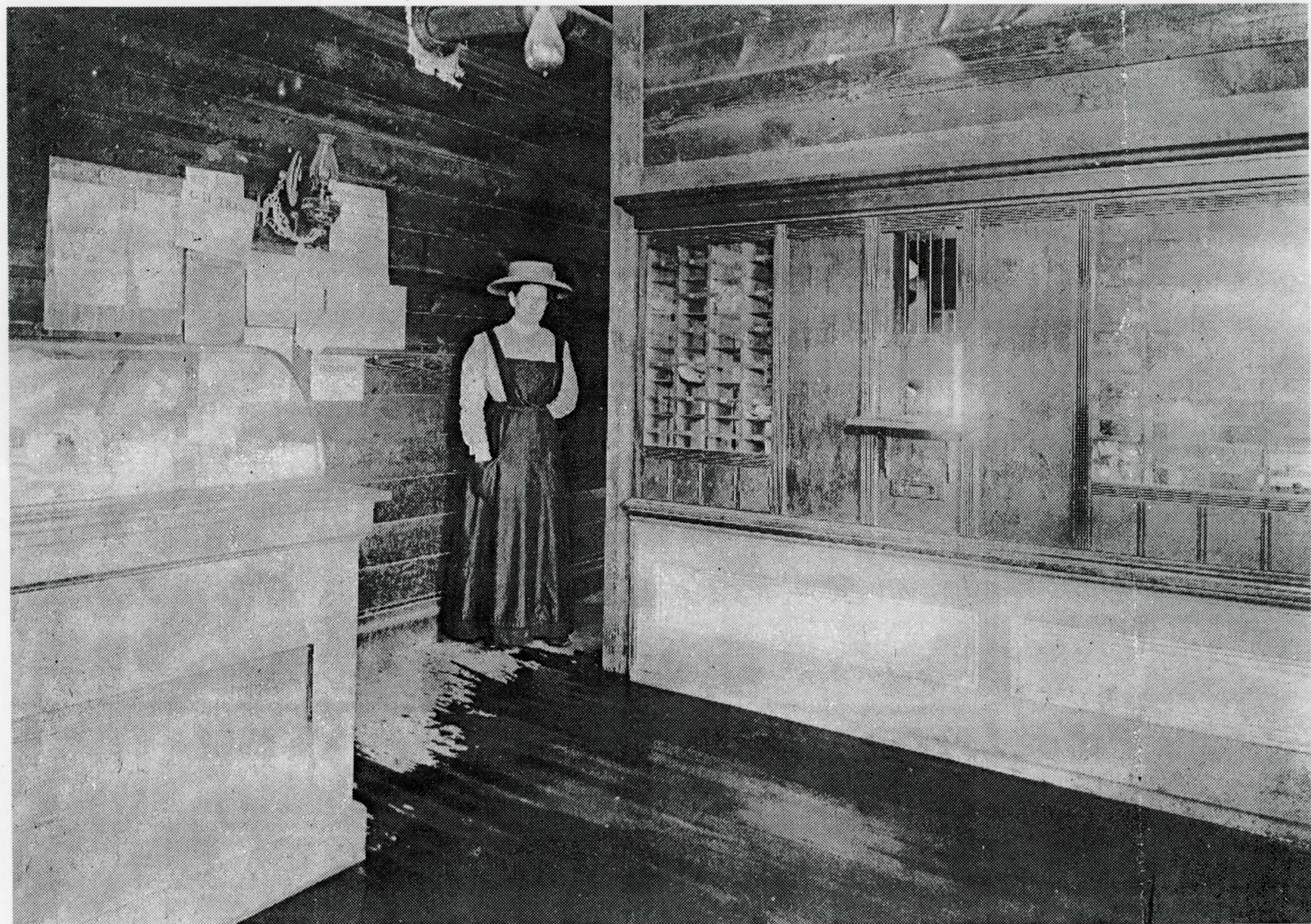


CORNELIUS

SOUTHERN PACIFIC DEPOT. WW I period. note sanitary facility in right background; also corner of C.C. Hancock store in left background.

Elsie Cornelius, acting postmistress until official appointment arrived for Sarah Montgomery, distributed mail from this depot.

Last passenger car of the Southern Pacific left Cornelius late one fall evening in 1929. Many people wakened their children to see the final episode of early history pass before their eyes.

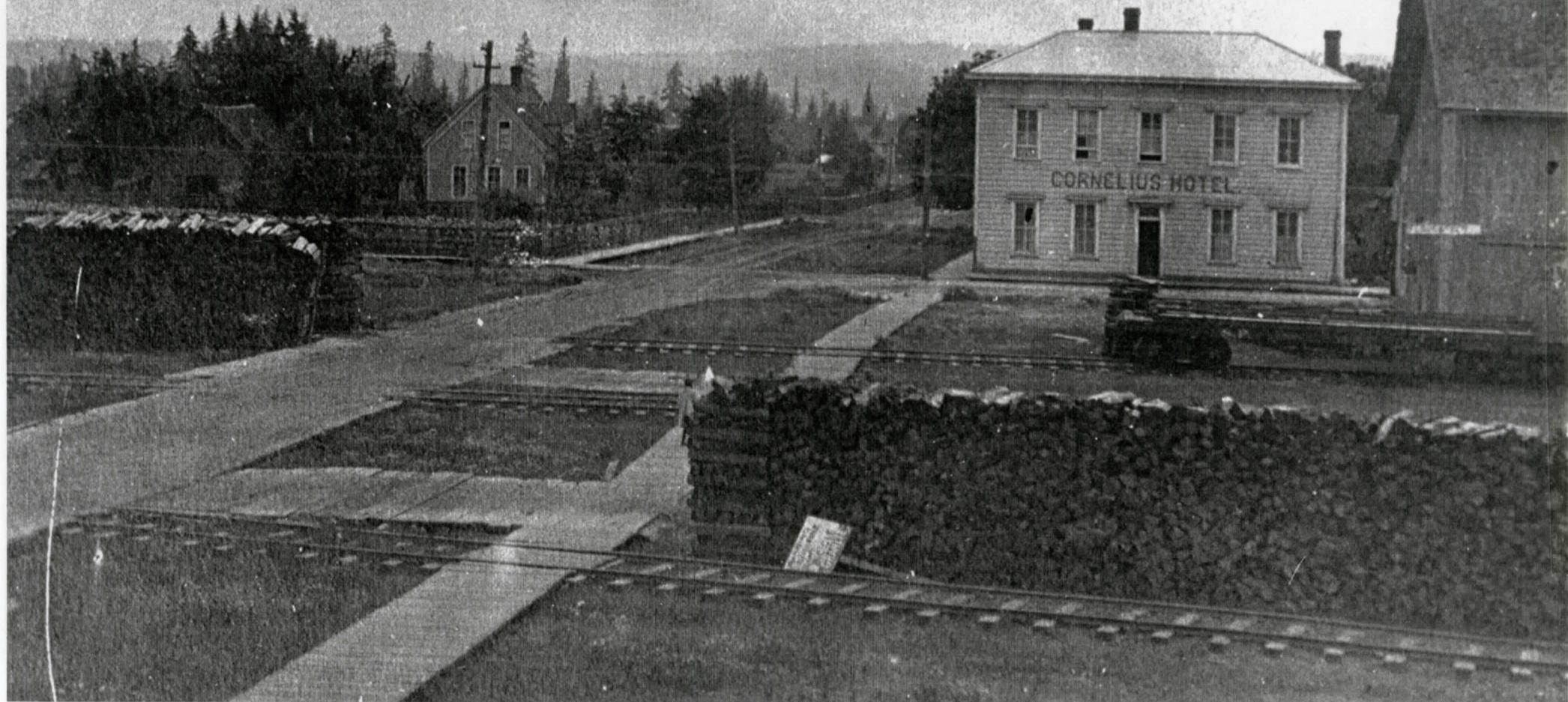


Early day Post Office in home of Sarah Montgomery

It is thought she was first official postmistress.



View to west (now 12 and Alpine) about 1890. Original business street of city. Joseph hotel was later known as the Cornelius hotel. The building next to the hotel was a drug store. The warehouse on the north side of street belonged to T.R. Cornelius. T.R.'s store was one of these buildings and another building was a candy store run by C.C. Hancock.



Looking south on 12th. from T.V. Hwy. Cross street, in front of hotel, is Alpine. Col. Cornelius home is across street left of hotel. Cords of wood stacked both sides of track are for steam train. Building to right is warehouse.

Originally Joseph Hotel prior to being purchased by Col. Cornelius and renamed. Hotel is shown as still standing in Sanborn 1912 map. Cornelius house had been replaced earlier.



Sawmill at Cornelius

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Looking S.E. at Baseline Lumber Co. mill which was located near the present cite of public works dept. The name comes from the first location of the mill near the head waters of Scoggins Creek.

It was located on the Base Line (survey line on which Cornelius' east-bound highway is located). It was originally built and operated by T.R. Cornelius but was later owned by George Holscher who moved it to the Cornelius site.

Geo  
Halscher  
my father



Cornelius Mill Crew  
Scrappias Valley

Cornelius Base Line Mill located in Scoggins Valley. The pictures were donated by Evelyn Holscher Turk who's father worked at the mill and later was in partnership of the mill at Cornelius.

METHODIST CHURCH - 1881

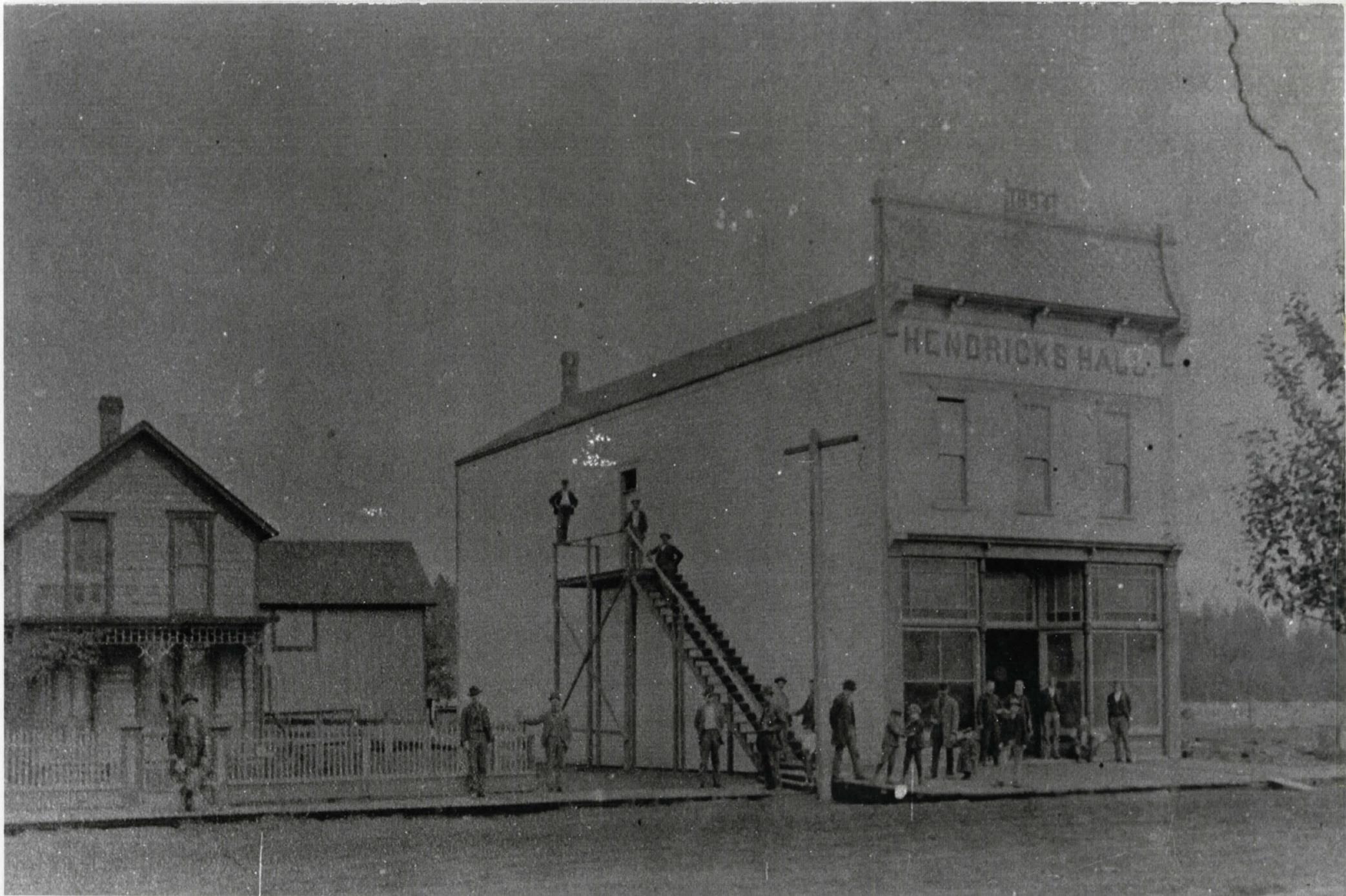
Prior to building, preaching services were held at the schoolhouse;  
shown below is original construction before 1921 remodeling.





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C.W. James log cabin. Said to be the last log cabin in Tualatin Valley. It was located about where the present house stands, south of highway and just east of Cook Road. Echo J. Shaw born here. 1881

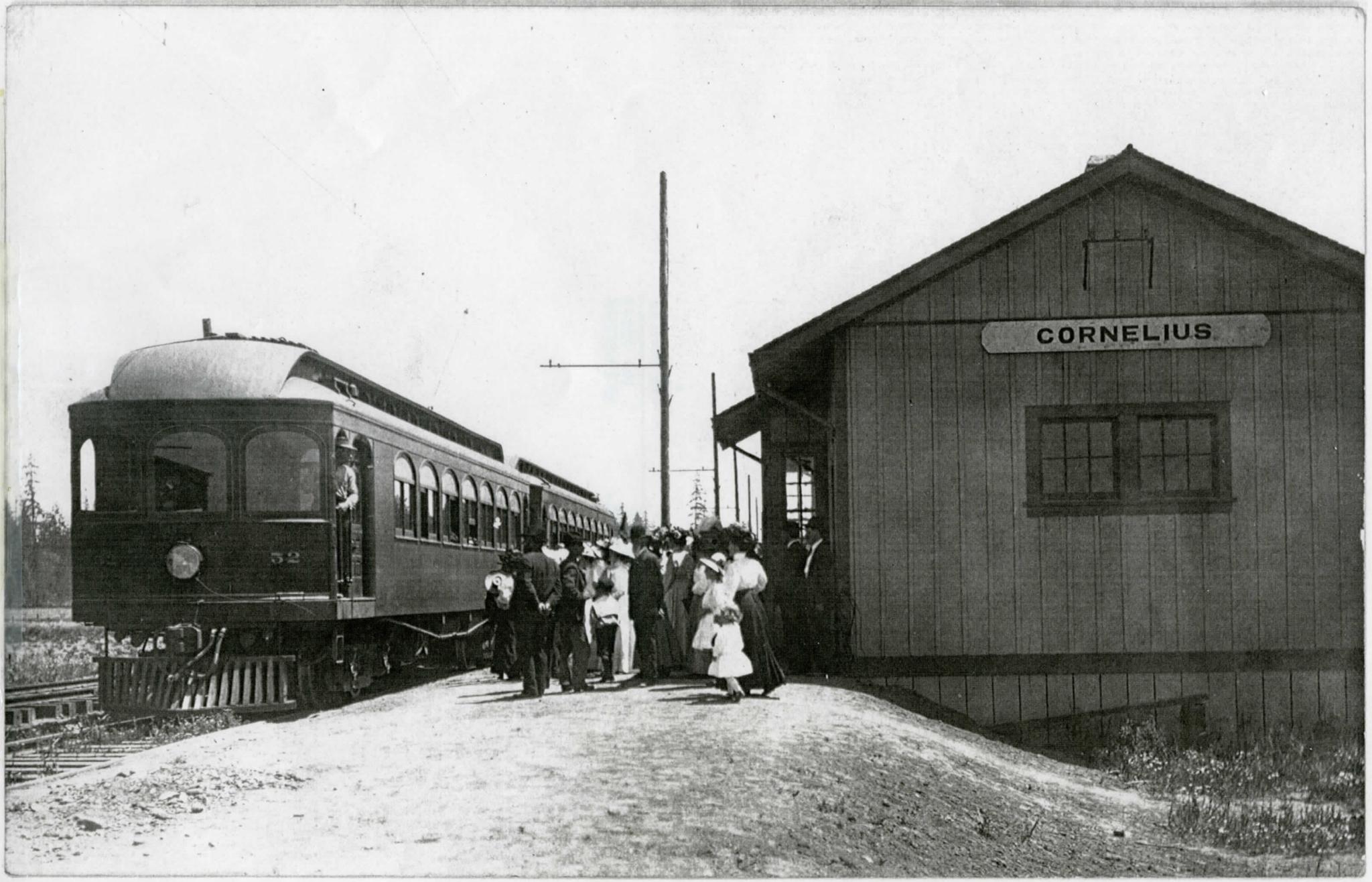


Building on the right is the first unit of the larger building known as Oregon Hotel and Hendricks Hall. Built in 1894. Sometime before 1915 a sort of lean-to was constructed where the stairway is on this building and was occupied by Ward Varley as a barber shop. Later the lean-to became the telephone exchange.

Looking east....Wilkins and Challacombe General Merchandise is false front building at left. On the 3 tier window of the near corner of the building the original picture shows ....IUS STATE BANK. Below that in smaller letters "Grangers - we pay 4% on savings". The post office is hidden behind tree, next is Hancock's General Merchandise; in next block is Bunnings Livery, then Alpha Hall, then Bunning's Hall. The City Hall-Library had not been built when this was taken.



Looking West Cornelius Ore



CORNELIUS

In 1908 the Oregon Electric came to Cornelius and Forest Grove. Holiday's railway remained the conveyance for passengers coming from south in the valley; people would ride Holiday's train to Cornelius, walk across town to the Oregon Electric station for the ride to Portland.



Oregon Electric  
Cornelius, Or

The OREGON ELECTRIC came to this area in 1908. The route ran as far west as Forest Grove.

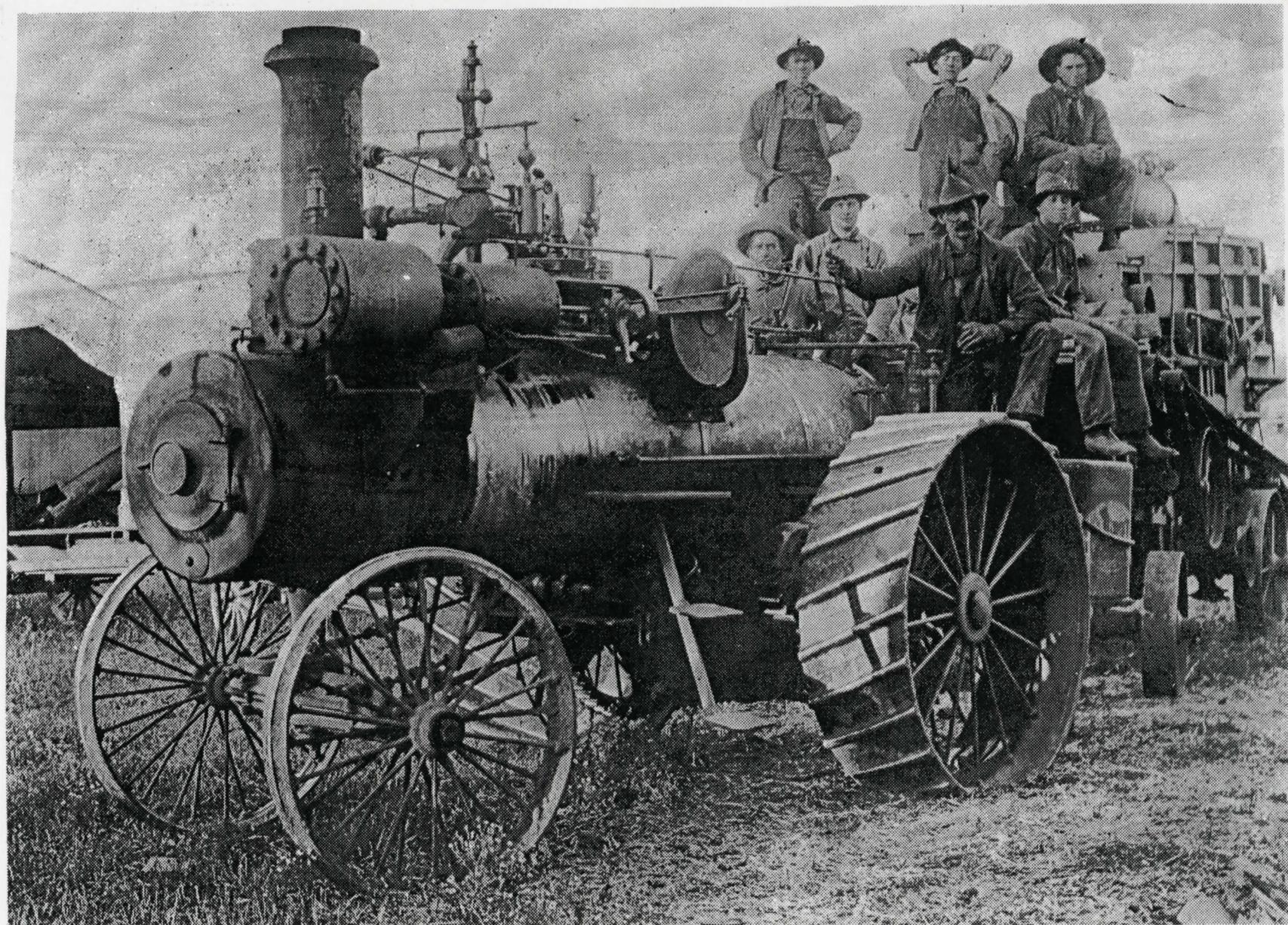
This photo was used to represent Cornelius with the League of Oregon Cities since the only picture representing Holladay's Southern Pacific did not display a "train at the station".

The previous photo was not available when the picture was requested. The Historical Commission is delighted to be able to show it at this time.



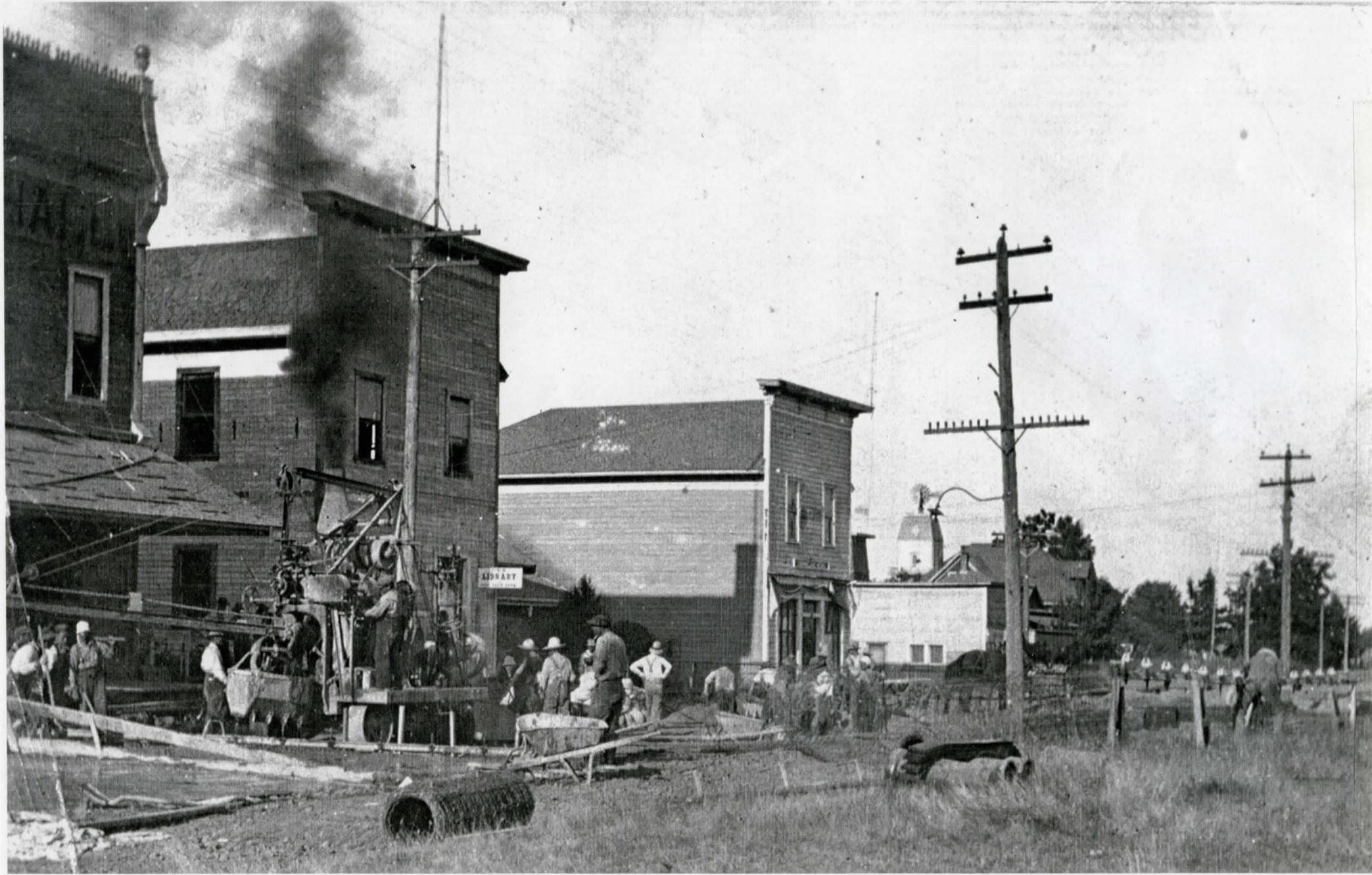
An important event of 1909 was a BARN RAISING at Blooming at Henry Kamna Sr.'s farm. Helpers were: Ed Schoeler, Fred Schoen, Wm. Behrman jr., Ed Krahrmer, Henry Voelker Jr., Jack Kamna, Fred Muhley Sr., George Meyer, George Harris, Henry Hogrefe, John Kamna Sr., Adam Hergert, John Schoknecht, Ernest Brelje, Mr. Stauffer, John Behrman, Henry Helmold, Louie Holtz, Chas. Krahrmer, Henry Voelker Sr., Mike Neuman, Lorenz Renner, Henry Huhman, Wm. Behrman Sr., Henry Kamna Jr., Henry Holtz, Max Behling, Ed Demmin, Herman Liebenow, Tennis Pyle, Fred Krahrmer, John Koehnke, John Kamna, Herman Kamna, Albert Krahrmer, Gerhardt Goetze, Wm. Hamelman Sr., Frank Koch Wm. Holtz and three names unidentified.

No mention was made of who cooked for this crew.



THRESHING machine owned by L.J. Holts. Picture taken in Blooming  
area early 1900's. Standing left, Joe and John Hulsman and Herman  
Krahmer; lower row, Harry Challacombe, Fred Rockstroh, Holts and  
Charles Rockstroh.





The activity was paving the street. Date 1915. Citizens of Cornelius chose to NOT contract the work but rented the mixer and hired George McGee, who was also County Surveyor, to superintend the work. The result was the ONLY DURABLE portland cement concrete pavement on the highway! The part east of Hillsboro was done by the County-State under contract and failed badly for years. The sections of highway west and east of Cornelius were paved under contract by Warren Bros.

The first building on the left was "Alpha Hall". Upstairs a hall, downstairs Duke McCurdy's pool room. Next building the library. Barely shown is dwelling connected to the false-front building on the corner known as "Bunnings Hall". The "hall" was the meeting place of Neighbors of Woodcraft lodge during 1920's. Lower floor was at one time a doctors office and the drug store. L.A. Jackson's first drug store was located here. About 1914 Dr. Crowthers had an office here with the entrance from the side street.

# . . . PROGRAM . . .

## “ THE SILENT DETECTIVE ”

A Drama in 3 Acts and 4 Scenes. Music by Cornelius Military Band.  
Concluding with the Burlesque “The 3d Degree Initiation.”

### CASTE

Marcia Grey (Engaged to Fred Howells) - - - Inez Miller  
 Josephine Howells (A sister worth having) - - - Alice Ball  
 Nellie Grey (Marcia’s aunt) - - - - - Mrs. L. H. Sues  
 Mrs. Howells (Prefers a rich daughter-in-law) Mamie Susbauer  
 Sarah Chapman (An artist in love with Fred) - Margarette  
 Morrissey  
 Susan Wilkins (An old-fashioned wife who writes poetry) -  
 Mamie Hendricks.  
 Chloe (Marcia’s Negress nurse)- - - - - Annabelle Chaffin  
 Mr. Gray (Marcia’s father) - - - - - Henry Susbauer  
 Fred Howells (In love with Marcia) - - - Claude McCurdy  
 Dr. Alcott (In love with Aunt Nellie) - Chester Henderson  
 Bert Hawley (A lawyer in love wite Josephine) Alex Cellers  
 Jerry Wilkins (In love with his wife) - - - Carl Susbauer  
 MUSIC—Cornelius Military Band.  
 BURLESQUE—By The Women of Woodcraft.



MILITARY BAND in Cornelius was formed in 1915-16.



(PICTURED BELOW)

The Women's Civic Club produced several plays during the 20 and 30's. "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" was a favorite.

"The Mail Order Brides" was standing room only when presented in Challacombe's Hall.

Back Row: Margaret Mooberry, Mrs. Melanson, Mrs. Standard  
(director from Hillsboro).

Second Row: Mrs. Theis, Lutie Behrman, Rita Bunning (Wilkins),  
Mrs. Hobbs.

Third Row: Echo J. Shaw, Maude Wilcox, Dorothy Cochrane  
-(Shaw).

Front Row: Mrs. Brock, Mrs. Osborne, "Ma" Vickers, Marge  
Wight, Catherine Cook.





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In 1935 Henry Hering opened his first grocery in the building previously housing the Cornelius State Bank but shortly became aware more space was needed and moved across the street to the Hancock building. (intersection of 12 and baseline). Living quarters were upstairs. (Henry's son, Raymond, told of doctor's papers etc which were left in the western part of the building). This building was razed and the new structure with refrigeration and locker space was built in 1949.

The RECREATION CLUB was a remarkable boon to the citizens of the community. Formed during late 1940's the members included Mrs. Carl Hering who presented the outline of the year's social events: "The club plans to sponsor more square dances in the future; practice for the minstrel show has been in full swing for several weeks and will be presented in early April; all committees for the year have been chosen; ten dollars will be donated to the March of Dimes. All social events of the club are open to the public and parents are invited to bring the family for an evening of good supervised fun for all."

The Recreation club was disbanded at request of the school principle who insisted the club interfered with community involvement of a Parent Teachers Organization. All members felt this to be a 'wrong move', but bowed to the hope of an active PTA.



More Members of the Recreation Club. Kneeling: Harold Kummer;  
Standing: Hank Hering, Clarence Christianson, Bill Mann and Gene Tasker

The BOOSTER CLUB was originally a men's organization which accomplished endeavors the Civic Club (women only) was unable to handle: cabins or workshops for the younger generation, etc.

The Boosters did a great deal for the community youth. The tennis court at Cornelius Grade School was one of their donations. The seventy-fifth celebration for the City was another. The club continues to aid with the Blue Berry Festival and gives a yearly scholarship as well as Xmas Banners for the City.

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May 1980 held an unsurpassed surprise for Northwest area residents. The lower view shows a small pile of dust from one intersection. The upper view shows firemen relaxing by rinsing each other after a heavy day washing ash from streets.



JUNE 80



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THE "OLD TIMERS' PICNIC" EVOLVED FROM A FEW FRIENDS GETTING TOGETHER FOR A ONCE A YEAR VISIT. NOW FORMER RESIDENTS COME FROM SEVERAL STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN AN AFTERNOON OF EATING AND REMINISCENCE.



The first Transpacific Cable between Japan and the United States came into focus in 1990. Cornelius was the only incorporated city this cable would pass through.



ANNOUNCEMENT

THE CITY OF CORNELIUS  
**1883-1993**

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO  
ATTEND THE CITY OF CORNELIUS  
CENTENNIAL KICK-OFF CEREMONY.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1993  
5:30PM, CORNELIUS CITY HALL

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.  
CAKE DONATED BY THE CORNELIUS  
CIVIC CLUB.





**It only happens every  
hundred years....Come  
join the fun!**

**THE CITY OF CORNELIUS  
CENTENNIAL PARADE  
1893-1993**

**sponsored by:  
HANK'S**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 1993  
PARADE STARTS 10:00 AM  
THEME: "Many Traditions: One  
Community"**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 357-5900  
OR PICK UP AN ENTRY FORM AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: HANK'S \*  
CITY HALL \* CENTRO CULTURAL \* US BANK \* WEST ONE BANK**

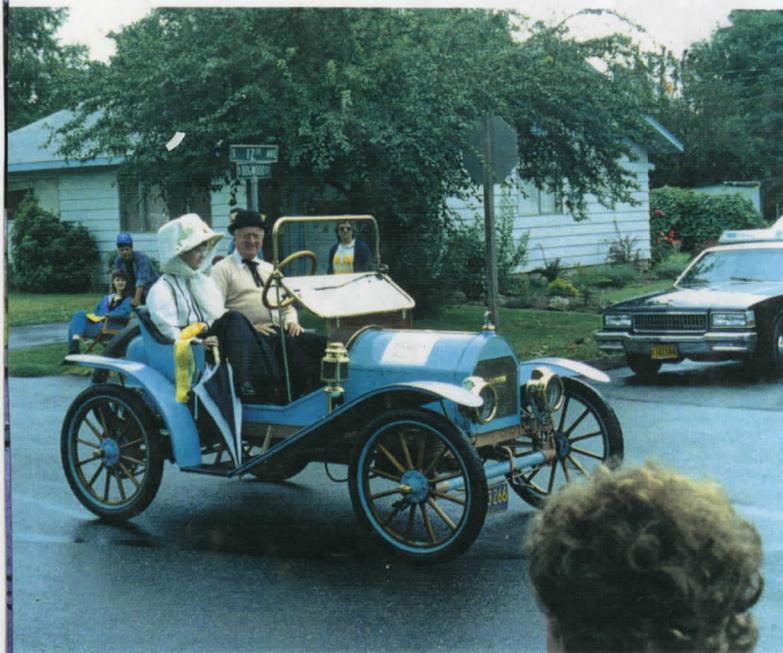
**PARADE ROUTE: The parade will start at Harleman Park and proceed north on  
10th to Baseline, East on Baseline to 14th, South on 14th to Alpine, to 12th. The  
parade will end at 12th and Ginger St.**













Centennial Parade Sponsored by  
"Hanks"

Dick and Virginia Lord Obtained the  
Royal Rosarians  
and

Voiture 99 (40/8)

Centro Cultural Gave Lunch To All  
Parade Entrants (Over 300)

The Parade consisted of over 60 Entries  
(Pictures of some entries have not  
been received and will be added later.)







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# CORNELIUS OLDTIMERS' PICNIC



SATURDAY, AUG. 21, 1993

WATER TOWER PARK

CORNELIUS, OREGON

Potluck Lunch at Noon

Bring your Favorite Dish, Table  
Service, Card Table and Chairs

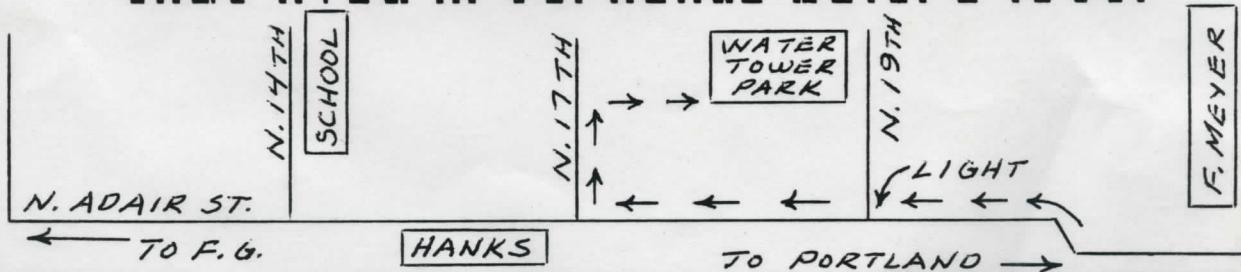
COFFEE & TEA FURNISHED

For more information call:

Jack Cartwright at 1-503-393-3592

**COME EARLY & STAY LATE**

Please contact any Oldtimers you know  
that lived in Cornelius before 1950!





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# AN EVENING FOR COL. CORNELIUS

SATURDAY

NOV. 20, 1993

6:30PM



AT: CENTRO  
CULTURAL  
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MEXICAN  
DINNER

TO BENEFIT THE  
CORNELIUS  
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VISITORS  
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DAMSELS IN  
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