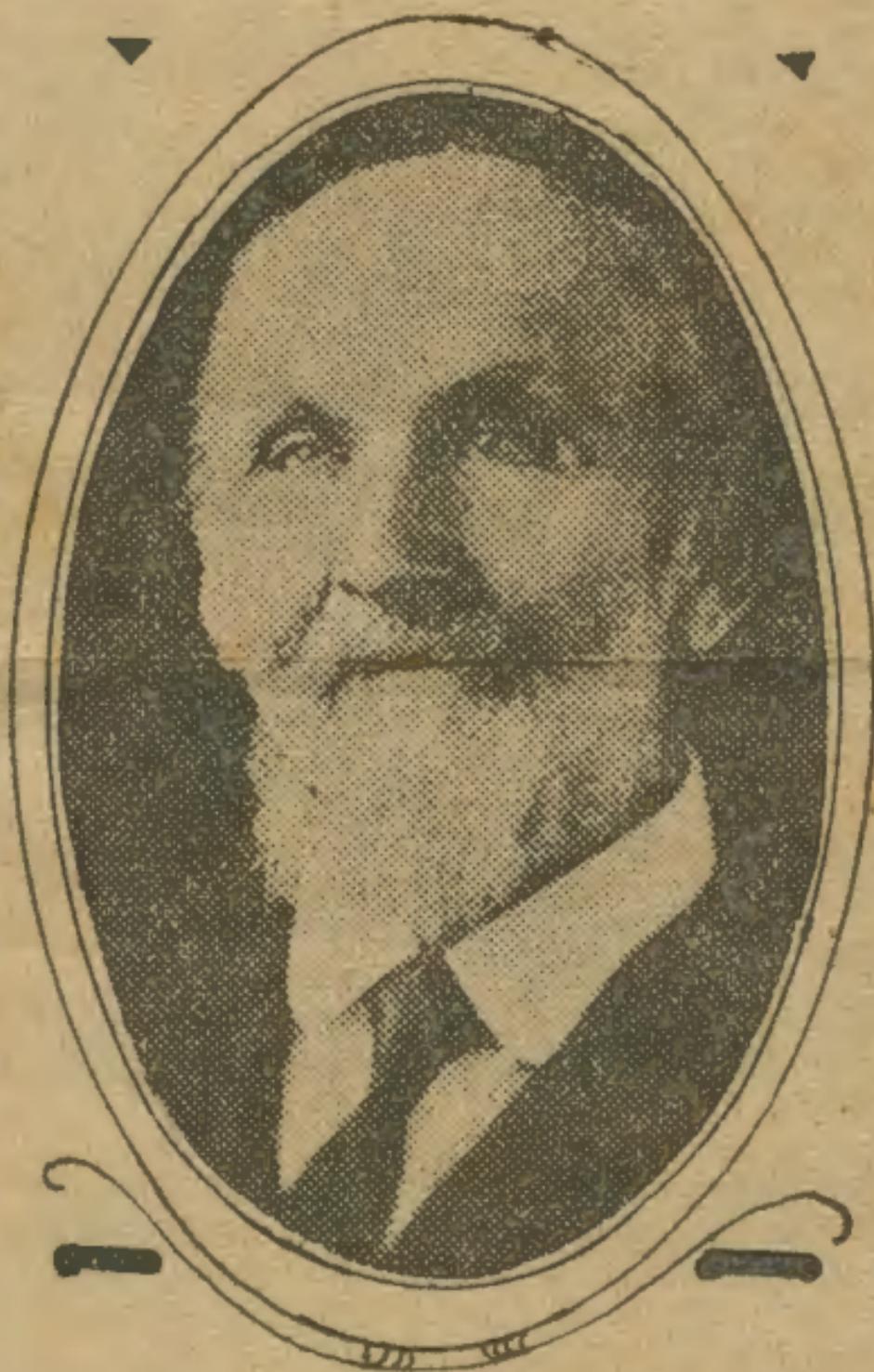


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# LIVING PIONEERS OF WASHINGTON.

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CYRUS HAMLIN  
WALKER

Cyrus Hamlin Walker is a pioneer of the pioneers. All of his seventy-seven years have been spent in the Pacific Northwest. He was born on December 7, 1838, at the Whitman mission, then a part of the old Oregon country, now a part of the state of Washington. His father was Rev. Elhanah Walker, born at North Yarmouth, Me., August 7, 1805, and his mother was Mary (Richardson) Walker, born at Baldwin, Me., April 1, 1811. These two, with Rev. Cushing Eells and wife, came out in 1838 as reinforcements for the Whitman mission. They settled among the Spokane Indians on Chemakane (now Walker) prairie.

Cyrus Walker, when 7 years old, had his first term in school at the Whitman mission in the winter of 1845-1846. His teacher, Andrew Rogers, was one of the fourteen who were killed in the Whitman massacre November 29, 1847. One of his schoolmates that winter was Eliza Spalding, whose biography appeared in this series of essays on December 1. In 1848-1849 he attended school at Oregon City, with Mrs. J. Quinn Thornton as teacher. In 1849-1850 Rev. Cushing Eells was his teacher at Forest Grove. After that he attended Tualatin academy under various teachers until February 15, 1859, on which date he was married to Miss Maria L. Tanner at Forest Grove. Some time after his first wife died he was married to Miss Mary F. Wheeler, of Albany, Or., on November 25, 1886. He has three children: Clifford W., Glenn B. and Mary Vernal, all living at Albany.

Mr. Walker engaged in farming and dairying. On December 1, 1864, he enlisted and was mustered into company B of the First Oregon infantry as first lieutenant. He was discharged on July 23, 1866. He taught school during the winter of 1876-1877 at Greenwood, east of Elma, in Washington territory. In the spring of 1877 he spent three months in Seattle, after which he went to Warm Springs Indian Agency, Oregon, where he was in the government service for fifteen years. For the last twenty-three years he has lived in or near Albany, Or., his present address being 641 West Fourth street. He says he is still a farmer.

Friends to the cause of history will be delighted to learn that this fine old pioneer is preparing for publication a book to be called "Memories of Old Oregon." He wants to bring the record down to January 1, 1916. Collectors of such books should write to him.

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