



C. H. Walker, Oldest Living White Man Born West of Rockies, Who Celebrated 75th Anniversary Yesterday.

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CHURCH VISITED AS USUAL

Pioneer Is Son of Missionary to Indians, Whose Advent Three-Quarters of Century Ago Is Celebrated by Churches.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Cyrus Hamlin Walker, oldest living white man born west of the Rocky Mountains, celebrated his 75th birthday at his home near this city today. No special observance marked the day, but Mr. Walker received many felicitations from his friends. Mr. Walker drove to Albany today and attended church in accordance with his usual custom.

Despite his years Mr. Walker is as hale and hearty as most men of 50.

It is a coincidence that today, also many churches of Spokane, Wash., celebrated the 75th anniversary of the coming of the missionaries, of whom his father was one, to the Spokane Indians.

Born of missionary parents, with Indian children his only playmates as a boy, Mr. Walker has lived through all of the wonderful development of this Northwest country.

Mr. Walker was born December 7, 1838, at the Whitman Mission, near the present site of Walla Walla, Wash., and the scene later of the famous Whitman massacre. His father, Rev. Elkanah Walker, was a missionary to the Indians. He came to this state with his parents when quite young and has resided here continuously since that time.

Mr. Walker not only has seen the re-

markable progress and development of the Pacific Northwest, but in many lines of endeavor he has taken no small part in it. As a young man he served as First Lieutenant of a company of volunteers in the Indian Wars and for many years he has been one of the most active men in the state in the work of the Grange. He has the remarkable record of having organized 43 granges in this state. He is now serving his second term as chaplain of the State Grange and also is a state deputy of the organization.

He is serving his third term as grand commander of the Indian War veterans of the North Pacific Coast, an organization which includes all of the Indian War veterans of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and part of Montana, which is all of the original Oregon Territory.

Mr. Walker has been especially active also in the work of the Prohibition party in this state and says he expects to see the movement make greater advancement along this line before another year passes.

The oldest living white person born in the Pacific northwest, Cyrus H. Walker, 74 years old, sat yesterday afternoon on the platform beside Speaker McArthur and heard the house, do some legislating. Mr. Walker was born in the Whitman mission December 7, 1838.

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