

# Where it all started

— March 1913 —

The building that first housed the Molalla Pioneer was built in 1874 as a grocery store on the south side of Main Street, three doors down from the corner of Main and Molalla Avenue, where the Molalla State Bank was eventually built.

It was a typical country store until 1895. Afterwards, it was used as a barber shop and for various other purposes.

The upper story served for the public hall for many years. In it were held the chief social functions of the small neighborhood. The building's front was battle-scarred, having been torn by the bullets of horse thieves in a battle with citizens in Molalla's "wild and wooly" days. It was torn down to give place to the new order of things in the fall of 1915. By then, Pioneer owner and editor G.W. Taylor had moved into more substantial quarters in a larger building just down the street.

The hand-painted sign over the door proclaims: Molalla Pioneer, Published Weekly, with proudly inscribed underneath, probably: Editor, G. J. Taylor.



Photo courtesy of the Molalla Area Historical Society

Dr. John W. Thomas, who advertised himself as "Pioneer Dentist," was one of the first people in Molalla to buy an automobile. He drove this 1906 Schact Auto-Runabout with a 20-horsepower, two-cylinder engine from 1908 until 1918. This photograph was taken during the 1913 celebration, when hundreds of motorists drove to town to help celebrate the arrival of Molalla's first train.

April 3, 1913

## MUCH BUILDING IN MOLALLA

A few of the structures

### A NEW BANK BEING BUILT

The Molalla State Bank is going to erect a modern structure on the corner of Molalla Avenue and Main street. The building will be Ionic style of architecture; will be constructed on concrete with glass front on two sides. There will be a suite of office rooms on Molalla avenue and the main entrance to the bank will be on Main street. It will have an interior finish of oak. The vaults will be fire

proof and the equipment modern and up-to-date in every particular. The building will be wired for electric light and plumbed in first class style.

The building will be one story the foundation and walls will be built that they will carry more stories. The upper-joyce will be dressed and every thing planned to build higher when the business of the town demands it.

There are several teams hauling gravel for the concrete work. Construction will commence in about two weeks.

### A new firm in town

The Molalla Hardware and Implement Co. with Fred M. Henriksen as manager, is a new firm about to commence business in Molalla at once. They have purchased a lot on the corner of Molalla avenue and Second street.

March 28, 1913

### MORE FLOWERS

Mr. G. J. Taylor who recently moved to Molalla Oregon from Oakville has started a neat little four-page newspaper in that city and writes that he has quite a promising field for his new endeavors. The first two numbers of the paper are very creditable ones and we predict a success for the "Molalla Pioneer." Mr. Taylor is an experienced newspaper man and was the founder of the Oakville Crusier, at Oakville. He is a man of great energy and is a hard worker who deserves success. -- *Chehalis County Vidette (Wash.)*

April 10, 1913

### CEDER FALLS HAPPENINGS

Mr. Ramsby has one of the largest ginsing farms on the coast. This country appears to be especially adapted to this industry; Some of the

roots recently dug weighed thirty-three ounces each.

P. M. Boyles has just completed a fine new chicken house and park as a home for his choice Midorcas.

Mrs. Adolph Hugel takes the lead for early garden. She reports peas, lettuce and radishes up and growing.

### LIBERAL NOTES

Liberal wants another saw mill. Anyone with a portable mill can get plenty of timber in this locality for years run. E. Calaban has been fencing vicks property in old Liberal this week.

W. C. McCowan has started a poultry ranch and will hatch by incubator.

The Hulst Lumber Company of Mulino lost a large quantity of ties this last week when their boom in Mill Creek broke, caused by the sudden raise of that stream.

The recent high water in Mill Creek has helped the logging crews of the Hulst Lumber company in bringing down a

big drive of logs from the upper stream. Logs are now going over the dam at Union Mills.

The right-of-way gang which have been finishing up the clearing from the Oak Grove school house on P. E. & E. are now working on the S. W. Wright place and will soon be through with the clearing. This will give a clear way to Canby with most of the grading completed.

### PINE CREEK POINTS

Tom Scott was in Molalla after seed oats last week.

A. O. Carson went to Molalla after his fruit trees Saturday.

Lots of rain on Pine Creek the last three week.

### Little Locals

Don't forget the school entertainment in Tobin's hall on Saturday night.

Virgel Dart has erected a new blacksmith shop. The bellows and forge are set in share ready for the farm repairing.

## THE MOLALLA PIONEER

### G. J. TAYLOR, Editor

WE find it necessary to go to press a half day earlier than we intended. The arrangement of our rural routes are so peculiar that mail has to travel about fifty miles and take three days to make the round to reach people living tow or three miles from Molalla. We will get the papers for the ones who live

on these routes in the mail on Thursday afternoon. This will enable them to get their papers by Saturday. The mail which goes into the postoffice her Friday morning does not reach many who live a short distance out until Monday. this is a very unsatisfactory state of affairs for us as well as for the patrons. They are all anxious that something should be done to get a re-arrangement of these routes to give them better

service.

### A modern bungalow

C. W. Pelkey is planning to build a modern bungalow on their pretty four acre tract just off of Third street. They expect to commence work this spring. The plans were not sufficiently matured for Mer. Pelkey to give us a complete description of the building.

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