

AN OREGON PIONEER OF 1850.

SALEM, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Marietta Hiles-Skaife, who died at Salem, Or., December 12, 1901, was born in Louisiana, Mo., in 1832. In 1849 she was married to John Skaife, and removed to Dubuque, Ia. In 1850 Mr. and Mrs. Skaife started across the plains to Oregon, arriving here in the late Fall of the same year. Their first child, Jasper, was born while the emigrant train was near Mount Hood, on the Barlow road. The family spent two years in Oregon City, and then removed to a farm near Fairfield, Marion County, where they spent the remainder of their days. Mr. Skaife died in 1892, aged 70 years. Mrs. Skaife continued to live on the old homestead until a few weeks before her death, when she came to Salem to reside with her eldest son.

Mrs. Skaife was a life-long member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and was a willing worker in religious matters in her neighborhood, regardless of denomination. She left four children—Jasper Skaife, of Salem; Mary F. Phillips, Zena; and Maggie Marthaler and Laura Broyles, of Fairfield. Mrs. Eugene Breyman, of Salem, is a sister of Mr. Skaife.