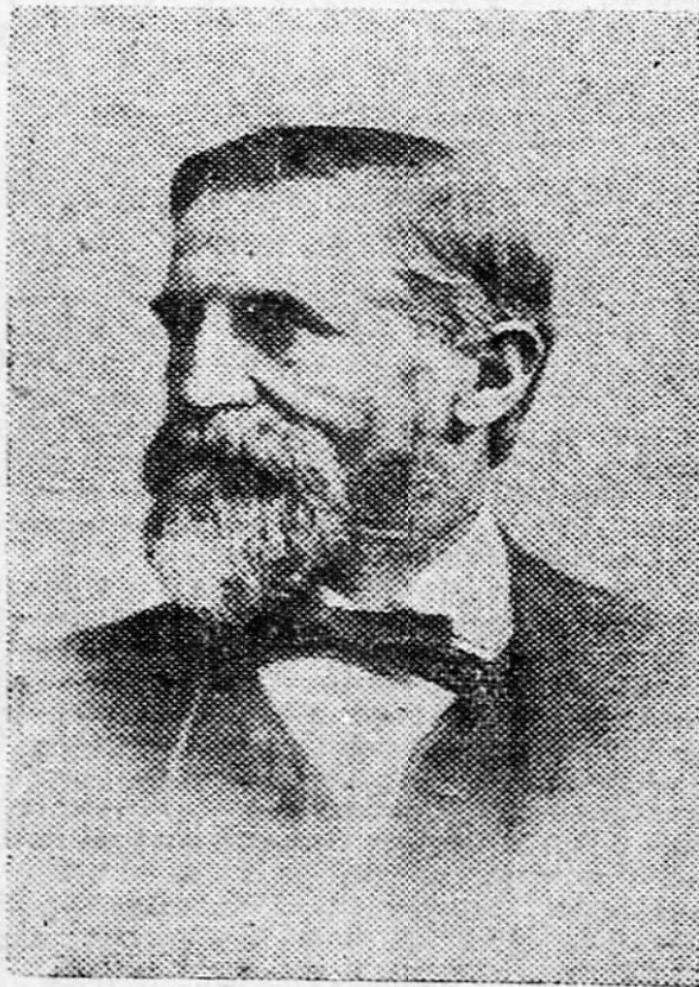

LODGE IS 50 YEARS OLD

Dean Blanchard Presented With
Jewel by Rainier, No. 42.

RAINIER, Or., June 13.—(Special.)—Rainier Lodge, No. 42, A. F. and A. M., held its 50th anniversary Saturday night, delegations being present from every lodge in the county and from a number of towns in Washington and Oregon. The central figure of the occasion was the presentation of a beautiful past master's jewel to Dean Blanchard, who for 13 years presided as master of the lodge. The presentation was made by Worshipful Master W. R. Wright, who expressed in fitting words the esteem and gratitude felt for the work done by the recipient for the order and for the community in which he had resided for so many years.

Judge Blanchard, in responding, gave some statistics of the early life of the lodge and of the community. The charter was granted in 1858, when Benjamin Stark was grand master; Amory Holbrook, grand deputy; Avery Smith, grand senior warden, and Stephen F. Chadwick, grand junior warden. The first officers of the lodge were William Strong, W. M.; George Barlow, S. W.; W. R. Strong, junior warden. The only charter member now living in the county is Hon. E. W. Conyers, of Clatskanie, who was prevented from attending by the serious sickness of his wife. Judge Blanchard recalled the days of Rainier's first boom, when it was the stopping point for ocean steamers and the travel from Olympia to California came this way. In those days W. S. Ladd, the pioneer Portland banker, had a general merchandise



**Dean Blanchard, for Thirteen
Years Master of Rainier Ma-
sonic Lodge.**

store here; but when the river boats began running up the Cowlitz to old Monticello, Rainier was abandoned and the charter of the Masonic lodge surrendered, but was revived in the Spring of 1871, largely through the efforts of Judge Blanchard, who has since that time until recently, when he sold his large interest here, been its mainstay.

Hon. Bruce Polworth, of Cathlamet; Worshipful Master Collins, of Clatskanie; Dr. Edwin Ross and J. Warren Quick, of St. Helens, and others spoke briefly.

