

McMinnville, Oregon  
January 21, 1958

Dr. R. D. Ketchum  
Bend, Oregon

Dear Doctor:

I regret the delay in answering your letter of December 13, 1957. In my rather limited spare time I searched through Dr. Powell's papers hoping to find some data relating to this matter. I found nothing of help--great piles of notes of every other matter relating to our work, one very interesting paper, the last one and not complete, on the function of the Hypothalmus Gland.

I will endeavor to give you some information from my own experience as I remember the early days of Chiropractic in Oregon.

Drs. John and Eva Marsh opened the first Chiropractic office in Portland, Oregon on the corner of 5th and Hall, S. F. in the spring of 1904. Dr. W. O. Powell opened his office in McMinnville, Oregon in January, 1905. Very soon we heard of others practising in our State. The success of their work soon attracted the attention of the medical profession, and they appeared before the Legislature in the Fall of 1906 and demanded that Chiropractic and all the other healing arts but their own be prohibited from practising medicine without a license.

A Fred Culver of McMinnville was visiting the Legislature the day this matter came up on the floor. He said to himself that this would put Dr. Powell out of business. He hurried home and called Dr. Powell and told him what was going on. Dr. Powell at once called Dr. Marsh and together they called on our Representatives, a Hubert Bernards and a dentist named Dr. Wright. They instructed the doctors to draft a bill stating what they wanted and promised to do their best for it. Dr. Powell drafted an exemption clause to the medical bill exempting Chiropractors. It passed, and under this exemption clause the Chiropractors practised in Oregon until 1915 when the Legislature granted Chiropractors an examining board of their own appointed by the Governor. The members of the Board were: Dr. George Hoeye of Oregon City, President, Dr. Alonzo B. Calder of Portland, Secretary, and Dr. Helen Box of Portland.

We all took our examination before this Board, I am sure yourself included. The number of my certificate is 41.

Now Doctor, from here on and perhaps long before this, you can go on your own experience of Chiropractic in our State in the early days and up to this day, as you yourself are both an "Old-timer" and a modern doctor in the healing art of Chiropractic--and a good one. No one need seek any further.

Please excuse this delay in answering your request. I certainly hope what I have given you will be of some help.

Best wishes for you and Mrs. Ketchum for this year of 1958.

Sincerely,

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