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REV. A. LAINCK, pastor of the Catholic church at Sublimity and also of the parish at Stayton, was born in Prussia. Germany, December 8, 1865, the son of John B. and Wilhelmina (Richter) Lainck. The family is of Scotch descent, the great-grandfather being a native of that country, who removed to Prussia. The grandfather, Henry Lainck, served with distinction in the Napoleonic wars. The parents, John B. and Wilhelmina (Richter) Lainck, were both natives of Prussia and passed all their lives there, the father being the owner of a weaving mill that employed over eight hundred men and Joseph, who is mayor of Becholt, Germany; Herman, deceased; Henry, who is a merchant in Gelsenkirchen, Germany; and Rev. A., of this review.

Rev. A. Lainck, after acquiring his early education in the common schools and then completing a nine years' course in college, began the study of theology at Munich and later at Innsbruck, where he was graduated in 1891. Subsequently he was chaplain for one and one-half years at the castle of Baron Schorlemer, whose son is the present secretary of agriculture in Germany. In 1893 Father Lainck came to Oregon, where he spent two and one-half years on the French prairie and thereafter came to Sublimity [in 1895] and began the great work he has since accomplished. At the time of his arrival neither the present well organized parish nor the beautiful building now owned by the church existed. [No, the church had been built in 1889 by Father Joseph Fessler.] In 1881 the Catholics at Sublimity had purchased the present church ground of the United Brethren church and it was the old United Brethren College property on which the old building was erected in 1858 and was the first high school in Oregon. Milton Wright, the father of the aviators, Orville and Wilbur Wright, was principal of this college for two years.

With his characteristic courage and convictions Father Lainck began the work of organizing; his parish and in 1898 established the parochial school and started the building [It was already built; he seems to refer to the remodeling in the sanctuary area.] of the beautiful church, which was completed in 1903. In 1900 he erected a parochial residence and in 1908 a Sisters' Home; also in 1903 he built a church at Stayton and now his entire charge constitutes over one thousand souls. These various buildings stand as monuments to the earnest efforts of Father Lainck, who has done such excellent work for his people and for the community at large. [Rev. Anthony Lainck was pastor at St. Boniface, Sublimity from 1895 until his death in 1927.]

*Notes in brackets above are by Henry Strobel, 2012.*

*See news clippings on next page.*

In the *Daily Oregonian* October 10, 1920

**PARISH HONORS PRIEST**

**Pastor in 27th Year at Sublimity  
Ordained 37 Years Ago**

Salem Or., October 9. --Special--At a celebration at Sublimity last night Fr. Lainck was presented with a purse of \$1000 and a watch by his parishioners.

The celebration was held in honor of Fr. Lainck's 37th ordination anniversary and the 27th anniversary of his sojourn in Sublimity. Archbishop Christie and other Oregon dignitaries of the Roman Catholic church were present.

In the *Oregon City News* July 10, 1903

Rev. A. Hildebrand of St. John's Catholic church, and Rev. Lainck, of the Sublimity church, Marion county, left this week for Westfalia, Germany, for a visit to their old homes. They will be gone all summer and will probably visit Rome before returning.