WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 17: 1879 BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES GEN. JOHN E. Ross. The name heading this biographical sketch is familiar to the people of Oregon. General Ross was born in Madi- Jacksonville, preceeded by the Brass yet the principles of that party are son county, Ohio, February 15th, 1818. When ten years of age he emigrated with his parents to Cook county, Illinois. In 1840 he was married to Miss Margaret Robison, daughter of Alex. with music by the band. An approment is again sending vast armaments Robison, of Chicago. His wife survived but eight months after her marriage, when she was taken suddenly ill and died in a few brief hours. In 1847 he came to Oregon, overland by J. Q. Willits, sang an appropriate the probability seems fair for the sacriway of Fort Hall and the Snake river piece with organ accompaniment. fice of many more seedy scions of royroute. At that time the Indians on The Secretary of the Society was re- alty before the tragedy is ended. the plains were generally hostile and when near John Day's river the General and his company saved a company of emigrants from being massacred and purposes, on the death of the following reception of Gen. Grant. He is exbrought them to The Dalles in safety. members: James M. Sutton, Isaac Mil pected to arrive in that city about the women of the party had been rob- ler and Elizabeth Miller his wife and first of October. Mayor Bryant has bed of their clothing and, when rescued, U. S. Hayden, following which the appointed a committee composed of they were dressed in single garments had permitted them to retain. He settled first in Oregon City and engaged gan accompainment, a beautiful solo in the butchering business, in which and chorus, in a manner to elicit the ident a cordia! greeting upon his arrihe continued but a short time when he highest encomiums. The orator of the volunteered with a company of Oregon Riflemen to fight the Cayuse Indians. day, James R Neil, Esq., delivered an He was commissioned First Lieutenant excellent and appropriate addressunder Captain Henry J. Lee, in which after which the choir sang the song capacity he served for a short time only, of the Pioneers, which closed the exerwhen he was elected Captain of the company, Captain Lee having been promoted to Major in the regiment, The audience, preceded by the band under Colonel Gillam, who was killed marched to the tables, bountifully supduring the war. Dan Barnes was first plied with viands too numerous to and Nathan Olney second Lieutenants under Ross. By virtue of his authority he solemnized the marriage of Nathan Olney and his first Indian wife, the arrangement of the dinner. Jesse daughter of a famous chief. Gen. Ross Houck, the chairman of the committee was in the first battle fought near The of arrangements was everywhere exer-Dalles on the 8th of January, 1848, and in which Wm. Berry was severely wounded. This fight was brought on by Barlow & Boswell endeavoring to tables. re-take a band of stock stolen by the Indians. Near the close of the war he returned to Oregon City and again engaged in butchering. He continued in the business for a short time only when he purchased an interest in the Capt. Thomas Smith. Thus the third first threshing machine ever run on Tualitan plains and started in to thresh the day, and the general verdict of grain. News of the gold mines in California caused the threshers to desert their machine in the field and start was most enjoyable in all respects and with their work horses packed for the the desire of all that the annual rediggings. The party located on Feath- union of the society may be perpetuaer river, where they mined for a short ted. time and then went to Hangtown to Winter. Gen. Ross was present when parties were hung from whose tragic fate the place derived its name.

He next went to Bird's river where covered the famous mines known as Yankee Jim's diggings. He remained company of eleven men to go on an expedition to discover the mouth of Trinity river. They failed to find the object of their search, and in crossing they possessed but their arms and ammunition. During the fight the General was shot through the thigh. After wandering in the mountains for several days the party was found by a company of prospectors on the South fork of Salmon river destitute of provisions and almost worn out with fatigue. After resting a few days they wintered. In the Spring of 1851 they returned to Yreka and Gen. Ross was selected to command a company of twenty men to go after the Indians who robbed Bill Martin's corral of a band adopt some plan of drainage." of horses. After the expedition was ended he went to butchering and continued in the business for a few months. Josephine county, Oregon, and discov-

this place, and was a short time there-

after elected Colonel of the volunteer

forces called out to subdue the Indians.

He served during the war under Gen.

Joe Lane. In 1854 he was commission-

ed Colonel by Governor Davis and served through the wars of that and

elected a member of the Territorial

council to fill a vacancy caused by the

resignation of Dr. Chambers. In 1866

PIONEER RE-UNION.

The third annual re-union of the Pi-David Linn President of the scriety, vention, soon to as semble, will doubt presiding. A large number of the peo- less endorse them. There is a vast ple from different parts of the valley difference between Democracy in Ore-Band of the latter place, moved into "unchangeable" the town in a procession of vehicles. The exercises of the day were opened British rule and the English Governpriate prayer was then offered by Rev. to subdue them. The Afghans and the M. A. Williams, the chaplain of the Zulus are making it exceedingly merry day, after which the choir, led by Prof. for Johnny Bull just at this time and quested to read the resolutions reported Grand preparations are being made cises at the stand until after the dinner. mention. The committees of ladies deserve great praise for the excellent cising a general supervision for the accommodation of those at the

After dinner the audience again resorted to the stand and off-hand speeches were made by E. K. Anderson, Judge Prim, Judge Tolman and re-union of the Pioneers was ended for those present was that the occasion

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS.

The "Rural Press," referring to the attempt such an insult to the American prevalence of rust in the present year's people his hide would be riddled so full he worked for a time with Flem. Hill. wheat crop, calls to mind the fact that of holes that it would'nt hold his un During his mining operations he dis- in some localities the potato rot has also made its appearance. "The time in the mines until 1849 and returned was when potato rot was unknown. by water to Oregon. In 1850 he re- So too, with blight, rust and weavel, turned to California and organized a in wheat, but we now know they exist as a fact, and experience teaches us that there is a cause and if this be true, is there not a remedy? There is the Klamath river they were attacked but little doubt, but that Oregon is today afflicted to a certain extent with at least three of these undesirable draw backs, the potato rot, blight and rust in wheat. As stated by us in our paper, a few numbers back, the year the potato rot made its appearance in Germany the season was a wet one, and we find without doubt that the three afproceeded to Sacramento valley and flictions are traceable to the same cause as a general rule. Now if this be so, would it not be wise for each farmer to at once make preparation to

of Judge Chrisholm in De Kalb, He then went with an expedition to Mississippi, a year ago last April. The victim's only crime was that he ered the Canyon creek diggings. After was a Republican. For this grave ofa short stay at that place he proceeded fence he was set upon by a brutal to the Willammette valley, bought a drove of cattle and returned, locating mob and shot to death. His daughter in Jacksonville. In the Fall of 1852 and little son attempted to shield their he was chosen Captain of a company father and were also brutally slain. to rescue a train of emigrants surround-The murderers are now on trial and ed by Indians at Tule lake. On the the details of the horror, as given in way he was joined by Ben Wright and company from Yreka. The General the evidence, are without parallel in at and his company after burying fourteen trocity even in that land of cut throats dead bodies of emigrants, murdered by and bulldosers. The trial will be onthe savages, escorted the remainder inly a farce. Justice will never overto this valley and the company disbandtake that class of criminals until they ed. In January 1853 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Hopwood, the wedmeet at the cannon's mouth with the ding being the first ever solemuized in strong arm of federal authority to ap-Jacksonville. In December of the ply the match. same year he located the ranch on which he now resides, three miles from

Dixon, who was assassinated by the "Regular Democratic party" in Yazoo, Mississippi, recently, was young when the Rebellion commenced and went into the rebel army with all the impetuosity of a young Southerner. His father was brave enough to vote for the two following years in Southern father was brave enough to vote for Oregon. In the Fall of 1855 he was Lincoln in 1860. Although young Dixon fought bravely for the "Lost cause." It was remembered that his father was a "Lincoln man." Hence he was elected to a seat in the Lower House of the State Legislature. He to kill him was only a piece of sport was one of the first Directors of the that any Southern "Slouch hat" Oregon Central Railroad company bemight indulge in without risk. And fore that franchise was transferred to this is the manner in which the Dem-Ben Holliday. In 1872 he was commismocracy expect to elect the next sioned Brig. Gen. of the First Brigade, President. We shall see. Oregon State Militia and served in that

capacity during the Modoc war. In We regret to learn that Mart V. 1878 he was chosen State Senator from Brown, of the Albany "Democrat," is class newspaper. Its local department is unexcelled and had it the advantage Jackson county and was selected as a member of the committee appointed to look into the accounts of the State ofof Linn county, is also very low with of the telegrams its circulation would ficers who had just retired from office. dropsy. We hope soon to be able to be increased fourfold. We like enter

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Greenbackers of Massachusetts oneer Society of Southern Oregon, was have nominated Ben Butler for Govheld in the "grove in the vicinity of ernor and Wendell Phillips for Lieut. Ashland, on Tuesday the 11th inst. Governor. The Democratic State conwere present. The delegation from gon and Democracy in Massachusetts

The Afghanistans have revolted from

by the committees appointed for the by the citizens of San Francisco for the band played a dirge. Professor and prominent men without distinction of matters relating to giving the ex-Pres-

Another refreshing report reaches us from Corvallis, of a wife teating a husband. She not only "put a head on him" but proceeded to demolish furniture, crash windows, etc., in first rate masculine style. It causes the most grateful emotions to swell in our bosom when we read of such rare occurrences. Wife beating has become stale and, as variety is the spice of life, we like a little change.

Gov. Perkins, the newly elected Chief Magistrate of California, declares that his administration shall not be partizan, but that his appointments shall be made on merit regardless of party preference. These are noble sentiments but we trust that there may not be a general exodous of Democrats from Oregon to solicit positions under the new Republican Governor of our neighboring State.

Dennis Kearney in a harangue at the Sand Lots in San Francisco the other day, declared that he would burn Gen. Grant in effigy when he arrived in that city. No cheer was given in response te the infamous threat by his WEEKLY CURRENT brawny crowd of heavers. Should he

The New York Democratic State Convention met at Syracuse on the 10th Tildens bar'l captured the organization but his opponents yielded with very the nomination of a ticket friendly to himself and by so doing did the Republicandles per box.....\$350 licans a great favor.

After a temporary organization was affected it soon become apparent that the Tammany delegates were determin ed to resist the nomination of Lucicus Robinson, Tilden's choice for governor, to the last extremity. An effort was made to nominate - Jacobs, as a compromise candidate, but it failed. The Robinson men had a majority and persisted in their choice. Finding themselves powerless to change the result the whole Tammany delegation, representing the Democracy of the Readers will remember the murder city of New York, withdrew in a body and nominated John Kelly, a Tammany Chief, for Governor, pledging themselves to his support. Kelly accepted the nomination and the Democrats of the Empire state have now two candidates in the field and are marching to a certain and crushing defeat, Tilden is NEW STOCK OF GOODS now practically laid on the shelf. His Presidential aspirations are, or had as well be at an end. The next Democratic candidate for President will be a Western man and we predict that Thurman or Hendricks will be the individual. Should Tilden succeed in securing the nomination his defeat would be a foregone conclusion as well as a matter of congratulation among, not only Republicans, but conservative Democrats everywhere.

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