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BIRTH OF OREGON

Celebration of Her Territorial Organization Which Took Place May 2, 1843.

Chambers, May 3—Fully 2,000 people were present at the celebration of the 61st anniversary of the beginning of civil government in Oregon. F. X. Mathieu, editor of the Native Sons of Oregon, had charge of the celebration. The Rev. G. W. Galloway, pastor of the Salem Methodist church, presided over the meeting. William Galloway, a member of the Oregon legislature, and a descendant of one of the founders of the state was orator of the day. F. X. Mathieu, the French Canadian fur trader who was present at the "Wolf meetings" at this place 61 years ago, in which it was decided to form a government and take possession of Oregon in the name of the United States and is the only gallant party of 40 devoted to start the movement in Oregon at that meeting.

A LONG FIGHT

The Distribution of James G. Fair; Many Millions at Last Accomplished.

New York, May 3—It has just been learned that the terms of final settlement between the Fair estate and the heirs of Mrs. Charles L. Fair will entail a total payment to the Nelsons, of New Jersey, representing Mrs. Fair, of nearly \$775,000 inclusive of personal property estimated to be worth \$50,000 or \$60,000. It is understood that the Nelsons have accepted \$250,000 in cash as a compromise for their claims and that the battle for the Fair millions is ended. Besides this sum, they eventually will receive approximately \$100,000 additional. As they received \$425,000 on September 19, their total inheritance will amount to nearly \$775,000. This final settlement is in accordance with an ironbound agreement which

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Eastern Oregon Inter-High School Contest Will Take Place in This City May 28.

Final arrangements have been made for the Eastern Oregon Inter-High School oratorical contest and track meet, both events to take place at La Grande on May 28. The high schools of Pendleton, Baker City, Union and La Grande are included in the contest and will have four teams for the track meet and four orators for the contest. The track meet will occur on Saturday at La Grande field, and the oratorical contest will occur at Steward's opera house.

Diseased Horses

Threw Stone At Baby.

Daton, O., May 3.—Reber White, a negro, aged 17, is under arrest charged on a of having thrown a stone through Dayton & Urbans car window, the shattered glass from which destroyed the eyesight of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chambers.

JAP SHIP IS SUNK

Russian Torpedo Fleet Sinks a Japanese Warship off Port Arthur at Night.

St. Petersburg, May 3.—The Russian war office received information this afternoon to the effect that the Russians had succeeded in sinking a Japanese war ship off Port Arthur May 2. The Japanese ship was discovered off the fort by the search lights and the torpedo fleet and torpedo destroyers were ordered out and succeeded in reaching and destroying the Japanese ship before it could get out of reach. This dispatch does not state if the officers and crew went down with the ship.

Know Thy Self

Didn't Know It Was Loaded

Echo, Or., May 3.—At 11 o'clock this morning Craig the 16-year-old son of B. E. Thom, was killed by the premature discharge of a gun in the hands of Milo Graves a boy of about the same age and the son of the O. R. & N agent here.

Know Thy Self

Holy Rollers Enter Asylum

Salem, Or., May 3.—Frank Hurt and wife, Holy Roller agitators, were brought to the State Insane Asylum today on commitments from Linn County. Hurt was placed in the receiving ward in the male department and his wife in the corresponding ward in the other side of the building. Both are quiet and give no trouble.

Know Thy Self

Roads Damaged

DH McWat is who poss by h s o miles of county roads to look after in this county than any other supervisor, was in the city today and stated that the recent high waters had damaged his district, which extends from Perry to Beaver Creek, 10 miles of the old Meacham road in all quite 40 miles, to the extent of \$1000.

Have You Thought Of It? We know we've got "TO SHOW" YOU this Idea Pleases Us

When We "Show" win, and you win placed on them during this SALE. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. This Sale is for the purpose of immense stock and TO MAKE A CUSHION

Crash 5 to \$6 Walking 2.40 to \$12 Dress 9 to \$28

CHICAGO STORE
7 ADAMS AVENUE, Lagrande Ore.
MURPHY BRO'S., Prop's.

Big Hailstones
Fort Worth Tex. May 3.—The worst hail storm in years swept over this and adjoining counties last evening. Crops and fruit are practically ruined. Hailstones five inches in diameter crashed through tin roofs of houses, trees were uprooted, and much live stock was killed. No lives are reported lost.

NORRIS & ROWE'S CIRCUS IS WRECKED
Summit Cal May 3.—As a result of the engine leaving the track on a sharp curve near here this morning, Norris & Rowe's circus suffered a severe loss. Several cars were demolished. All the animals that escaped were to day recaptured. The tiger was taken after a long chase. It was thought for a while that it would be necessary to kill the beast but the circus hands finally succeeded in driving him into a cage.

Large Attendance
St. Louis May 3.—The state buildings of Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ohio were dedicated today. Beautiful weather continued, and the crowds that throng the fair grounds were greatly augmented by new arrivals. Great satisfaction is expressed by the officials having the exposition in charge at the large attendance and the outlook is favorable for a continued increase of visitors. Everything now points to a successful outcome of the project.

Married
At eight o'clock this morning at the Catholic church by Rev. Father Whyte. Mr. John Dardon and Miss Eldrich were united in marriage. Mr. Phillip Loy and Miss Lizzie Geok acted as bridesmaid and groomsmen. After the ceremony the bridal party and a few friends retired to their already prepared home, on the corner of First and Washington streets where breakfast was awaiting them. The bride has been a resident of this city about two years and the groom is one of the popular and agreeable clerks of the Sommer House. Their friends wish them a long life of happiness. There will be a reception this evening from 7 to 10 at their home.

State Items
The frosts during the last week in April did much damage to the prune, plum and pear crop in the Willamette valley.

The State Land Office for the month of April received \$35,735 68 for lands sold and interest. All this goes into the Common School fund but \$621.10 which goes to the Agricultural College.

The candidates of both parties in Marion Co. will make the circus together and amuse the people by joint debate.

Steps are being taken to enlarge the Portland flour mill to a capacity of 4,500 barrels per day.

The big transport Inverness laden with about 2,000,000 feet of lumber and 2,900 tons of oak, crossed the Columbia river bar on May 2nd, on its way to Manila.

15 Murders in March
The Spokesman Review figures out that during the month of March fifteen murders were committed in New England. But seven arrests have been made. This record ought to make the prim New Englanders more charitable toward the "Wild and Woolly West."

SHOE SALE Extraordinary

We know that we have one of the best assorted and most popular-priced stock of Shoes in La Grande—in fact as complete and as large a stock as the average exclusive stock you find in the country. WE KNOW THIS, but we want YOU to know it, and commencing MONDAY MORNING, MAY 2, we offer every pair of our Men's, Ladies' and Children's Shoes at REDUCED PRICES, for one week ending Saturday Night, May 7. Every pair of them warranted to be the best shoe on, or off the earth for the money.

NOTE CAREFULLY REDUCED PRICES.

Bring this list with you. Every shoe in our stock is marked in plain figures and will be sold exactly as priced here.

\$5.00 shoes	4.25
4.50 "	3.95
4.00 "	3.45
3.50 "	2.95
3.25 "	2.85
3.00 "	2.60
2.75 "	2.45
2.50 "	2.10
2.25 "	1.95
2.00 "	1.80
1.90 "	1.65
1.75 "	1.55
1.65 "	1.45
1.50 "	1.35
1.40 "	1.25
1.35 "	1.15
1.25 "	1.10
1.15 "	.98
1.00 "	.88
.90 "	.75
.85 "	.70
.75 "	.65
.65 "	.55
.50 "	.39

The man who wants a nice shoe—a really nice shoe, mind you will find his IDEAL in PETER'S DIAMOND SPECIAL shoe. It is strictly a fine product. The leather is the softest, the style the latest and the finish the best. It is an ideal fitting shoe. Made by the Goodyear welt process, has a pulverized cork filling between the inner and outer soles, which makes the sole nearly water proof and a most comfortable shoe to wear. All at reduced prices for one week.

The Pair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

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Notice this shoe, observe the style of it, the tasty stitching, graceful curve of the outline, the swell shape of the toes. Its one of the nobby styles in our large line of PETERS SHOES. You can't get much of an idea from a picture of a shoe, you need to come in and feel the silky softness of the leather, see the elegant fit and trim look it gives to your foot. They are equal to any \$5.00 shoe made, and we want to prove it to you.

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