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Fridays at 11:30 a.m. Peter's Church
will open a rummage sale next Friday.

Following The Flag

When our soldiers went to Cuba and the Philippines, health was the most important consideration. Willis T. Morgan, retired Commissary Sergeant U. S. A., of Rural Route 1, Concord, N. H., says: "I was two years in Cuba and two years in the Philippines, and being subject to colds, I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which kept me in perfect health. And now in New Hampshire we find it the best medicine in the world for coughs, colds, bronchial troubles and all lung diseases. Guaranteed at Newlin Drug Co. Price 50 cts. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free."

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BATTLE OF GRANDE RONDE FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

The day of the hostile Indian is past, yet today it is only half a century ago since a handful of settlers banded together as a military organization, met, fought and conquered a band of marauding and blood-thirsty Indians on the very spot that now marks the outskirts of this city. Then it was that a galaxy of soldiers exterminated the last vestige of the hostile Indian that had so long jeopardized the strenuous life of the frontiersman and closed a page in the history of the Northwest Pacific coast, for since July 17, 1856, the hatchet has been buried, the tomahawk forgotten and the twang of the bow string ceased to startle the ears of Oregon's inhabitants.

The circumstances leading up to this, the battle of the Grande Ronde, is common knowledge, yet as this day marks the fiftieth anniversary of that day, a brief outline will only tend to sharpen the reader's memory of that noteworthy date. Noteworthy, not because there was a large number of casualties among the Whites, but because it marked the close of a long and bloody war.

The Indians had been beaten at every turn in the Southern portion of Washington territory, and had started on a great retreat southward. A company of volunteers pursued them down the Burnt river and experienced several skirmishes in which the Indians were generally successful, but for all that the retreat continued. After reaching a point on the Burnt river where they could cross to the Oregon immigration trail, pursuers and pursued clashed for the last time. The battle was not a decisive one for either side and the Whites returned to their pioneer homes.

While the Indians were carrying on their parley and retreat, fleet footed Indian messengers and emissaries had preceded the main body and carried a cry for reinforcements to the Snake river Indians as well as other tribes to the South and West. This cry for help was echoed and re-echoed from the loftiest peak to the lowliest tepee so that every warrior within hearing distance, big enough to carry a gun or bow and arrow, responded. And with the characteristics of the Indian, he responded promptly. Every remnant of an Indian tribe that could be reached by this wail, quickly assembled in this district, for he knew he must fight a decisive battle at this time.

During the few days it took to gather the various tribes in this valley, the soldiers who were detailed at Fort Walla Walla remembered their brothers down the Burnt river and with Colonel Shaw in command of two hundred determined soldiers started for the Grande Ronde.

They entered the valley by way of what is now known as the Woodard road, intending to re-inforce the other detachment which they knew to be in this locality. Slowly working their way to the head of the valley they soon discovered the Indians in large numbers and for two days occasionally encountered a squad of red men. Colonel Shaw with his little body of men surprised the assembled warriors ready for battle along a section which now marks by the Proebste bridge and extending a distance of about a mile on south of the river and over what is now covered by May Park.

There was no modern warfare about this clash. The Indians secluded themselves as best they could in the tall grasses and the attacking parties adopted the same tactics. All day long the fight went on and by evening's approach red skinned men knew that their last stand was a failure and with the usual shrewdness of their race, disbanded in small groups. These groups were pursued by portions of the volunteers. Squads of three or more Indians would scatter in every direction with as many white men hot on their trail, but the main body sought shelter behind the rocks of the foothills near Union. Here they were surrounded and a fight to the death commenced. When the terrible struggle was over there was not an Indian left to slay. They had been annihilated but not conquered, and like the Spartans at Thermopyle, they died to a man. Their remains were thrown into a huge pile and with the carcasses of the dead horses, burned. Tourists are today finding charred bones and arrow heads on the spot where Indian braves were cremated.

During the pursuits which the victors made after gangs of fleeing Indians, several hand to hand conflicts occurred. One especially interesting as well as sad for here it was that Wm. Holmes lost his life, the only man killed during the fight. Holmes, with S. Lilly, now residing in Corvallis and another man gave chase to a number of defeated Indians and a Holmes and Lilly had faster mounts than the others, they distanced their comrades and overtook the enemy. When the two horsemen got within shooting distance, the Indians suddenly faced about and opened fire. Their pursuers were just as active and had dismounted. In this very act of dismounting it was that Holmes lost his life. Instead of sliding from his horse on the opposite side from the Indians as did Lilly, Holmes placed himself in plain

fire for the Indians. The first volley killed him. By this time Lilly and his other comrade were surrounded and by using rifle butts as weapons they managed to keep death away until the approach of a rescuing party.

There are several of these men still living and some are making their home in this state. S. Lilly and Col. Shaw are among them. J. G. A. Richardson, who lives near the Cove, was a member of the company which administered the final blow, but at the time of the action, was detailed at Walla Walla. He has nevertheless had many encounters with the bloodthirsty Indian and can tell scores of interesting stories of pioneer warfare. He says the nearest he ever came to losing his life at the hands of the Indians was at Milton during the same summer that the battle of the Grande Ronde was fought. It was by the narrowest margin that he escaped the tomahawk and Indian tortures.

Several of these veterans, and especially Mr. Richardson, have made attempts at organizing an order and to celebrate this event annually, and they will no doubt succeed in establishing a landmark to commemorate the spot where the Indian wars ended as well as to afford an opportunity for the present generation, which thinks so little of the hardships the pioneers endured, to honor the living members of this brave band of frontiersmen, who before a white man's cottage had graced this valley, fought valiantly and suffered unwritten hardships, that their sons and daughters might live without fear of the bloodthirsty Indian.

NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS

Notice is hereby given to all consumers of water in the city of La Grande, Oregon, that all parties who wish to irrigate, are required to file an application for the same, with the City Recorder.

Irrigation hours: The laws for irrigation are as follows: from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Signed: H. C. GILMAN, Water Supt
Dated, April 30, 1906.

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