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ONE BY ONE THE RANKS ARE THINNING

When the pioneers meet next month roll call will show many who were with us last year have gone on, and among that number will be A. C. Huntington, distinctly one of the pioneer characters of Eastern Oregon.

His death occurred Saturday afternoon when he had reached almost ninety years of age, and this community, while anticipating that one as old as he could not live much longer according to nature's law, nevertheless felt that shock which always attends the passing on of a valuable citizen, a Christian gentleman.

Mr. Huntington was a great man; not in the sense of seeking notoriety or public applause; not in the sense of political or social leadership, but great in that inward manly worth—the kind that once known fastens itself upon friends and acquaintances commanding love and respect of his fellowman.

He braved the west, coming from the state of Maine, when he was a young man. He knew the west in its roughest days, having followed mining and trading when few people occupied the country west of the Rocky mountains. Through all of those days when the roughest characters seemed to hold command of the sparsely settled communities he never lost the faith. He took his religious beliefs into the mining camps, slept with them and brought them out with him unshaken and unshaken. His home or his stopping place was ever the welcome retreat for Godly men; his latchstring was always out to the preachers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ regardless of denomination; his life was ever filled with the earnest desire to follow in the path of the meek and lowly Nazarene, doing his kindnesses and charities to people without outward show or emotion. Joy and happiness came to this good man in the knowledge that he had done good; that he had fed his fellowman who needed feeding, that he had dropped a word of comfort to an aching heart and mayhap had caused that heart to seek its God, thus spreading comfort and solace along the pathway of life which is ever filled with those who suffer untold agonies by trying to battle with problems and conditions without leaning upon a Higher Power.

Mr. Huntington believed in doing what was before him. He believed in making the best of conditions. Hence, when once located in this valley he saw the need of furniture for the settlers who were coming from the east in wagon trains, he began the manufacture in rather a crude but a most substantial way of furniture for the homes. Today there are many pieces of the Huntington made furniture in Grande Ronde valley homes. His mercantile experience was a benefit to settlers as his ability to trade his wares for products of the farm enabled the settler to acquire things of comfort and permitted Mr. Huntington to carry on a business that grew and prospered until he had sufficient of this world's goods to live in comfort, although he was not a rich man.

For several years past he has been feeble and unable to do the things that his mind planned, for he was a most remarkable executive and possessed clear vision of affairs up until quite recently. The body, however, failed to respond to the will of the mind some time ago and he was therefore forced to remain at his home almost constantly.

Few aged men who reach the point when they can no longer actively follow life's program have been blest as has Mr. Huntington, for his only daughter, Mrs. George H. Currey, has been his constant companion ministering to his every want cheering him at all times with words reflecting noble thoughts of a loving daughter.

The end has come to Mr. Huntington's long, useful life and today we lay to rest the remains of this man who has done much to do with building La Grande and making the Grande Ronde valley the fine place it is. It is the end that we all meet with—nature has so decreed—but it is the wish of all men, when the time does come for turning out the lights of this world and the journey is started across that unknown and uncharted road to the hereafter, that we may look back over as useful a life and know that we have clung throughout adversity to the belief in a good God as has this Christian gentleman who has just departed.

POLITICAL HISTORY

May 25, 1776. Louis McLane born. Secretary of the Treasury under President Jackson.

May 25, 1781. Battle between "Alliance" and two British vessels.

May 28, 1829. Daniel I. Braine born. He fought the first naval engagement of the Civil War.

May 28, 1864. Battle at Dallas, Texas.

Fiftieth President

James Buchanan—declared President March 4, 1857. Age 65. Term of office 4 years. Residence, Wheatland, Pa. Born April 23, 1791, Cove Gap, Pa. Died June 1, 1868, age 77. Buried Lancaster, Pa. Graduated Dickinson College, Pennsylvania, 1813.

Members of the public service commission who attended the first state conference commission's hearing at Yakima relative to possible reductions in freight rates on fruit shipments eastward, say the cause of the northwest shippers and growers was thoroughly presented and hope is strong that relief will be forthcoming. A decision is not expected before July.

On Monday, June 8, O. P. Hoff state treasurer, will name the Oregon banks which are to be repositories for state funds during the next year.

The next door neighbor who has taken a job, says that many a joyride turned out to be a jaw red.

FOR RENT—Rooms above L & I Drug store. Phone Main 87. 5-30

THE OLD BOYS AND THE NEW

(By Burton Braley)

Time was when THEY marched with a swing and a hit, With their heads erect and their hats affit, In the strength and glow of youth, When each man shouldered his pack and gun And fought the fight that has made us one, A nation in fact and truth.

Today their gait is a trifle slow And their ranks are thin, but their old eyes glow With a light that is clear and brave, As they trudge along on their tired feet Or lift their faces again to greet The flag that they helped to save.

And now the test of OUR souls has come, As the soldiers march to fire and drum To join in the thick of war, And the young boys fight as the old boys fought, Willing to count their lives as naught, In a cause worth dying for.

And somehow we know that in war's red hell These lads will battle as nobly well As the grand old boys we cheer, Who falter by to a martial strain Or those who under the sod have lain For many a quiet year.

So we lift our eyes to the flag that flies, With its red, and its white and blue, And we cheer again for the kind of men Who have always seen us through, For the stalwart breed That meets our need, For the Old Boys and the New.

"Grand Old Lady" Tells of Memorial Day



Widow of General John A. Logan Recalls Her Part in Founding National Holiday.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—The mausoleum where lies the body of General John A. Logan, hero of the Civil War, will not be visited today by his widow. It has been her custom to decorate his grave each Memorial Day.

Instead, she is to address G. A. R. veterans at Arlington National Cemetery. She will tell how Memorial Day became a permanent holiday in America.

Mrs. Logan, called "the Grand Old Lady of Washington," is 81. She married Logan, a country attorney in Illinois, when she was 17.

His dash and bravery as a Union general earned for him the sobriquet of "the Black Eagle" and the hero worship of school boys of today.

"General Logan issued the proclamation setting aside Decoration Day as a day of tribute after I returned from a trip through the historic battlegrounds of Virginia," says Mrs. Logan.

"That was in 1868. He was commander-in-chief of the G. A. R.

"I told him how the grave of each Confederate soldier at Petersburg was decorated with a wreath and a Confederate flag.

"Now, that's a capital ideal," he exclaimed, "We have been neglecting our dead, while they have honored theirs."

"We have to see to it that the grave of every Union soldier is properly cared for and decorated. The Greeks and the Romans always decorated the graves of their heroes.

"I'm commander-in-chief of the G.

A. R. and I'm going to issue an order setting aside a special day for that purpose and calling upon all comrades to observe it."

The eyes of the Grand Old Lady beamed as she recalled her husband's words.

"That order was issued from headquarters of the G. A. R. May 5, 1868," she said. "It was signed by General Logan as commander-in-chief and by

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N. P. Chipman as adjutant general. Chipman, as adjutant general, probably did the physical work of getting out the order. But the idea was General Logan's and the order was General Logan's. That I know."

According to an authority, "onions contain more calories than some meats and make an invigorating soup for convalescents." After nibbling at a few scallions, eating onion soup and topping off with steak smothered in onions, the most delicate invalid should have a heart for any fate.

Manufacturers say most women shoppers select umbrellas more for the attractiveness of the handle than for the wearing qualities of the cloth. To that end fancy handles this season are being made even more fancy. Ivory, amber and celluloid are used to make them.

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It is our duty now as Americans to pledge ourselves to bring to final consummation the end for which these men fought, to determine that their sacrifice shall not have been made in vain.

TAXI

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