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TREKKERS TO THE WEST, WELCOME

At Riverside Park today there congregated a galaxy of men and women who have never attained fame as movie stars or led fashionable cotillions in the ball rooms of the idle rich, yet they are stars of the first magnitude. They are the trekkers who put their face to the setting sun as far back as 1862 and followed the elusive rays to the Grande Ronde valley. They came from Iowa, Illinois, Maine and New York, and elsewhere—they came because of an inborn national trait, to conquer the unknown. July Fourth, 1862, saw a band of stalwart Americans gathered about their prairie schooners to commemorate the noted day at a point about where the Old Town Store now is, and on that occasion and others just before and immediately after, was laid the fountain-head of citizenship represented at today's meeting.

Today's gathering of the early settlers has its distressing aspect, for the ranks of yester-year are thinning. Several familiar faces of a year ago are no more. Yet, that is but the law of the Great Maker of us all, and must not unduly depress us today, for we celebrate an event that only a scattering few are here to picture for we who came later. Some day, and that not far hence, qualifications for the Pioneer Class must raise, for pioneers there will always be, in a loose sense of the word. Today, "pioneers" implies those who first settled here, or were early arrivals in the progress of civilization and development; tomorrow, it will mean he who has long sojourned in the Grande Ronde valley, whether he came in '62 or '82 or 1902. But, be that as it may, the unblemished, true blue pioneer is still with us and he and his wife are at the Park today having a good time. May there be many more reunions, and may these heroic ranks thin slowly.

There is something fascinating, to the younger generation, in the very atmosphere of a man who measured the distance from the Mississippi to the Grande Ronde in weary footsteps and the slow turn of the ox-drawn wheel, for we think of the fast Pullman, with its parlor luxuries, and try in vain to contrast it with the rough and rugged hardships of the early-day trekker. It can't be done by anyone but the man and women who have journeyed in yesterday's crude way and today's luxuriant ease.

La Grande enjoys these annual affairs—we want them, and we trust the pioneers want us.

HOME MISSIONARY CALL ACUTE

That there are two children of public school age outside of any Sunday school, to each one of similar age within the Sunday school of La Grande, was a chance but startling remark dropped by Rev. James Aikin Smith at a joint Children's Day exercise at the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening. That being true, and the reverend spoke from the authority of carefully compiled figures, home missionary calls are acute. It must be assumed as a premise in the case that religious training is fully as important as secular education and for that reason there can be no argument about the need of missionary propaganda in La Grande. The manner of bringing it about is for those who study and fathom religious missions to determine; yet, all the while, he of commonplace interest in the religious future of La Grande and Union county cannot ignore or fail to appreciate the seriousness of a condition of this sort. It leads one to the conclusion that foreign missions are being over-emphasized at the expense of our own dooryards.

BEST SELLERS.

To most persons the term "best sellers" applied to books, means works of fiction of varying quality. There are literary snobs who hold that a best seller is simply a lucky volume which has caught the popular fancy but which never has lasting value. There are others who regard the best seller as the best work in good literature and read little else.

Both these views are extreme and therefore unreliable. Arthur Bartlett Maurice, in an article on this subject in World's Work, a magazine which points out that it is both illogical and inartistic to lay so much emphasis on the best selling books. The novels of Dickens and Thackeray were "best sellers" when they were first published—and they are still going strong. There were other best sellers at the same time which have since disappeared. The test of time has weeded out the latter.

thing. There was a time when it was an unusual achievement to get a two-dollar novel into the 50,000 class. Today H. G. Wells' "Outline of History," at five times that price, has reached that height in a comparatively short time.

There are undoubtedly books today which the public is snapping up as fast as the publishers can supply them which will be practically unknown in a decade or two. The fact that the best selling lists now include such a wide range as history, biography, nature books, travel, fiction, science, essays, etc., may mean something quite complimentary to the reading public or to contemporary authors. We can tell better 10 or 15 years from now.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

Saturday's the Day.
Yep, Saturday we'll rid our waste basket of a few of the pomes received during our GREAT POME CONTEST.

The influx of pomes has been so great that extra postmen were dispatched to clear the post office of this deadly gush of would-be pomes. The janitor has been separating the wheat from the chaff and Saturday we'll pass a generous portion of same on to our thousands (no other adv.) of readers.
No extra charge.
Order your paper early and avoid the dust.

Puncture Proof Tire Humor.

Tires are four important all around reasons why an automobile is a joy to ride in. You may gather that we have an inflated idea of the pleasures of motoring. But, we know as well as you do that a little puncture now and then takes the air out of our tires and hot air expressed in words from the mouth of the motorist. A pneumatic blow-out has often flattened a social blow out. If you do not take a hoisting jack in your tool box so that you may repair your tire, be sure to carry plenty of "jack" in your wallet. Free air is furnished at garages, but the incidental services are just as chargeable as your electric batteries. Current expenses cannot be "turned off." During the past five years the average number of tires used on a car has dropped from over five to under four. So, motorist, register joy.

Pome.

The saddest words
The umpire shouts
For home club stars—
"Three strikes, yer out."

Pa's Lil Wheeze.

Plainly Dorothea was worried. "What's the matter?" asked her father, instinctively shifting his wallet to his inside vest pocket. "Oh, dear," she sighed, "I ate onions for supper and Coeylto just phoned to say that he was coming over."
"Oh, I see—so you're awaiting his arrival with bated breath!"

Ask Shaw, He Can Paraphrase It.
(Ad in Terre Haute Tribune.)
FOR SALE—Soda fountain, two show cases, cow fresh this month, three hogs, Robert Shaw, Box 185, Hymera, Ind.

Our collaborator on the Oregon Journal is soldiering on the job. He hasn't given us a headline with any possibilities for more'n a week.

"But, after all, in this kind of weather, it doesn't matter much how long or how short they wear," remarked Uncle Larry.
When the average married man gives his wife a \$10 bill on pay day and tells her to put it away, he knows as well as she does that he'll

expect about \$2.25 of it back before the next week.

Breaker-Frog
A job we know
At early dawn,
Goes forth to mow
His dewey lawn.

A millionaire's daughter must be decidedly homely when reporters don't refer to her as a charming actress.

CITY MAKERS OF LAWS BUSY

GARBAGE, ICE CREAM AND GAS LAWS DISCUSSED.

Ancient Gasoline Storage Regulations Bring Forth Expressed Desire for New Law.

The present gasoline storage ordinance of the city of La Grande is so out-of-date that practically every garage man would be liable to arrest under it if the provisions contained therein were strictly enforced, according to the opinion expressed by the city commissioners at last night's weekly meeting, when the revision of this ordinance was talked of.

The ordinance now on the books was passed in the year 1908 and provides for storage regulations which would not permit storage in buildings more than one story in height and makes the limit on the amount of gasoline or other petroleum products that can be stored 100 gallons.

The enforcement of this ordinance is under the direction of Fire Chief C. O. Murchison and Mr. Murchison is also a deputy under the state marshal and sees to it that the provisions of the state ordinance, which is of more recent vintage, are enforced.

As the state law is generally recognized as being just the city commission expects to have its ordinance revised so as to conform with the state law. This was talked of about a year ago, but a snag was struck when the question as to whether the entire city or only that portion outside of the fire limits should come under the restrictions laid down.

An ordinance providing for the payment of a license by garbage collectors who charge residents for hauling off refuse was read twice and laid over until the next meeting for its final reading, an emergency clause being contained in the ordinance. Certain restrictions are made in the ordinance which apply to those hauling garbage and refuse without compensation, as well as those who collect fees for hauling, the former not being required to pay a license, however. The penalty for violation is a fine not to exceed \$50. This ordinance also contained an emergency clause and was passed to its third reading.

Another ordinance passed to its third reading at last night's meeting was one providing for a license fee for ice cream peddlers. The amount was fixed at \$25 for three months and a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50, or jail sentence of not more than 25 days, provided for punishment of those violating the ordinance.

Jack LaBette, who has been operating a rooming house at the corner of Jefferson and Chestnut streets, was ordered, in a resolution passed unanimously by the council, to appear before the commission and show cause why his

rooming house license should not be revoked, the resolution stating that he had not conducted the rooming house in a proper manner.
Mrs. P. A. Patten, proprietor of a rooming house at 209 Fir street petitioned the commission for permission to erect an electric sign at her place of business. The matter was referred to City Manager Geo. Garrett.

June 11, were \$2333.21, and the disbursements \$49.94, according to the weekly report of the city manager. The recorder's office reported receipts of \$80 in fines from the police department and issued 26 warrants, the total amount of which was \$2,852.22.
During the week two smallpox quarantines and one diphtheria

quarantine were reported by the police department and two quarantines were released. Ten arrests were made during the week, nine convictions secured and one case continued. The majority of the arrests were traffic violators, five being arrested on traffic charges.

OBSERVER WANT ADS PAY

TRAFFIC VIOLATORS CAUSE MOST TROUBLE

The receipts of the city treasurer's office during the week ending

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