

The Old Pioneers

They have come up from the valley, and from the mountains down. They are gathered from the country, from city and from town. They came to swap reminiscences of time no on the waste. Of the anxious months of danger, of "the trip across the plains." Their ranks are getting thinner, and their forms are bending low. Their eyes are growing dimmer and their locks are white as snow. Give them every comfort, tho' they carry well their years. They are grand old men and women, these "Old Pioneers."

It was they who blazed the trails to this Empire of the West. Their noble "wrecks do follow them," they're entitled to the best. They forded streams and cut the roads to the beautiful Grande Ronde. The fairest and most fertile vale that on the trail was found. And now their children multiply and ride in handsome style. "Go it ten miles an hour," while the old folks make a mile. But the old folks are contented in their declining years. They are still the same brave noble "Old Pioneers."

Let their years of annual reunion continue ever on. Until the last old Pilgrim among them all is gone. They have sown the sugar beet where the cumas once did grow. And the palace car now follows the trail the pack mule used to go. The schoolhouse now takes the place of the Indian "Wickeyup." And they who wrought the change deserve the "Golden Cup." Scatter flowers in their pathway, adown declining years. They are grand old men and women, these "Old Pioneers."

The starry flag of freedom waving over Oregon Was planted by the Pioneers, grandly moving on. No trouble ever daunted them, these "Old Tenderfeet." They were "up and at it" early, often with scanty fare to eat. Brave men then were brothers, and brave women sisters too. Honor and respect them, ye who dangers never knew. Generations have been coming, aye will come for years. In the westward beaten pathway of these "Old Pioneers."

Let these annual reunions sacred ever be. They will soon get along without either you or me; But their children and their children's children will still come and go. Like the forest flowers of summer, or winter's driven snow. Let the happy people of this loveliest valley in the West. With health, wealth and plenty be forever blest. Their parents were the pilgrims who plodded many years— Noble men and women, these "Old Pioneers."

(The above poem was written by E. S. McComas, an early day newspaperman and writer of Union county. He dedicated this poem to the pioneers at their first organized meeting when General John H. Stevens, father of "Jap" Stevens of La Grande, was elected president of that body.)

DINNER PARTY GIVEN AT ELGIN

ELGIN, June 29.—One of the most enjoyable social events of the month was the dinner given Tuesday by Mrs. U. F. Weiss. It was primarily a birthday celebration for Doctor and Mrs. Brownell but also gave opportunity for renewing of acquaintances with Mrs. Zeno Weiss who was formerly an Elgin girl. The invitation list included those who remain of the pioneers of the Elgin Methodist

Church. Dr. and Mrs. Brownell, Mrs. Sarah Tuttle, and Mrs. Elizabeth Galoway. Others were Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Winters, present pastor of the church, Rev and Mrs. H. L. Willis, Mrs. Carpenter, mother of Mrs. Winters, Mrs. Hawkins, sister of Mrs. Brownell. Places were laid for twelve. The color scheme was yellow and white with touches of red in the roses. The center of interest was in the great birthday cake which held the place of honor on the table. Covered with white icing and decorated with garlands of yellow rose-buds, it was indeed beautiful. Upon the upper surface of the top was inscribed the date "June, 1923." Dr. Brownell,

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as honored guest, cut and served the delicious slices. Those assisting in the preparation and serving of the meal were Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Weiss, and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hill. After the meal was finished pictures were taken of the company and after singing the old-time hymns, they left for their homes, unanimous in their expressions of a delightful evening of pleasure together.

Mrs. Fred Bowls and children, Maurine and Jack, Mrs. Myron Hug and Audrey Woods, drove to La Grande last Friday on a pleasure trip.

Glenn Barnes, who is now in the cantonment district around Calexico, California, sent a crate of delicious cantaloupes to his family here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cooper, and son Robert, returned to La Grande last Saturday after spending several days at the W. A. Winters home. Mr. Cooper's mother also accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerney Jones are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter last Saturday morning at the Grande Ronde hospital. The young lady weighed seven and a half pounds, and has been named Esther Maurine.

Hug Reunion.
The third annual reunion of the Hug families was held last Sunday at the K. of P. Hall in Elgin. Owing to the prevailing inclement weather, very few members from other parts of the country were present, but those who were able to attend claim that for a good time, none has been able to surpass this meeting. The usual bountiful meal was served at noon and a program of interesting numbers was given during the afternoon.

Mrs. Pike DeBoie and children of Joseph have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Sadie McNaughton during the past week.

Several Accidents.
A number of accidents have been reported from the Cricket Flat district lately. Monday Homer Bechtel was kicked on the leg by a horse but no serious injury was sustained. Later in the day, Ed Stowe was harnessed a horse when it threw its head back, striking Mr. Stowe in the face, and crushing the cheek bone. Mr. Grande for treatment but had trouble with his car and had to find some one else to complete the trip. Henry Parsons took the injured man on to La Grande.

A movement is now on foot to secure the closing of all stores and

business houses on the third of July to give everyone an opportunity to attend the celebration at Meacham.

Mrs. Mattie Choate plans to leave soon for Wallowa where she will be employed for the next few months at least.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Parsons are the parents of a baby daughter born Monday evening at their home on Cricket Flat.

James Gekeler returned home this morning from a several days' visit with friends in the Valley.

The Elgin Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were host and hostesses Friday and Saturday to the lodges of the County. The convention was very enjoyable and Elgin was victorious in winning three of the prizes offered.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Park of Summerville called at the Lynn Hill home while in town to attend the Rebekah meeting.

Among those from Elgin who are attending the League Institute at Wallowa Lake are: Mr. Fred Hall and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Weiss, and Ernest Weiss.

Mrs. Fred Hall's mother, Mrs. Crinkshank, is spending this week in town.

Not many members of the local K.

of P. lodge attended the convention at Joseph last Monday. So much rainy weather had discouraged many who had planned to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lane have moved from Portland to Coor d'Alene Idaho where Mr. Lane holds a position in a

box factory. They were residents of Elgin for a number of years.

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