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THE question which has been stirring up the citizens of Portland for the past two months, that of deciding on the site for the 1905 fair, has at last been settled. Some people are satisfied, others are not, but the idea now is to build a fair to match the site.

Mr. PELER has broken loose again, with an accompaniment of immense loss of life and property. The French government is seriously considering the abandonment of the island of Martinique. There would likely be little difficulty in persuading the survivors of the eruptions to leave, if means of transportation were at hand.

ACCORDING to a bulletin issued by the Treasury Department the public debt of the United States is now \$12.97 per capita. This is the lowest point reached since the civil war, and is lower than it was at the beginning of the nineteenth century. In 1840 the debt per capita was figured at 21 cents, which is the lowest point reached. The highest was in 1865, when the debt stood at \$76.98 per capita.

Among the senators whose terms expire on March 4, 1903, are W. B. Allison of Iowa and John P. Jones of Nevada, both of whom began service in that body on March 4, 1873, so that they have to their credit thirty years of continuous service in the U. S. senate. Platt, of Connecticut, comes next in years of service, among those whose terms expire in 1903, having entered the senate in 1879. The terms of thirty senators expire next March, there being nineteen Republicans, nine Democrats, one Populist and one Demo-Pop. The retirement of Harris, of Kansas, removes the last Populist senator, and with Turner, of Washington, out there are no more senators of mixed Democratic and Populist proclivities.

It is said by a prominent official that the President's New England trip has had a beneficial effect on the chances of the Cuban reciprocity bill. The president met and talked with many senators and representatives in their own homes, who had been in opposition to him on the matter, and he believes that he has converted some of them to his views. Something must be done for the relief of the Cubans. This country is big enough and ought to be generous enough to take a struggling country like Cuba under its wing and give it all the advantages possible. We "batted in" down there with the avowed intention of relieving a distressed people, and it is due to our own self-respect to complete the job. We have taken away Cuba's principal market, and have so far refused her the advantages of ours. Let's all back up Roosevelt in his effort to keep the national word.



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WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The sum of gold now in the United States Treasury exceeds that of any previous time in the history of the country, and with one possible exception it exceeds that of any country at any time in the history of the world. The single reported exception is that of Russia about eight years ago, when that country was preparing to resume gold payments. At that time Russia is said to have had in its treasury \$598,000,000 in gold. Last Saturday the vaults of the United States Treasury contained \$673,936,194, an increase since July 1, 1901, of \$79,087,897. This stock of gold is now being added to at the rate of about \$200,000 to \$300,000 a day, with no immediate prospect of a cessation in the rate of deposits. This condition of things is eminently satisfactory to the treasury officials, who regard it as the best possible evidence of prosperity, and of confidence in the financial stability of this country.

The gold now coming in is being replaced by gold certificates, United States notes and silver certificates, the former being supplied where the denominations wanted are \$20 and over, the United States notes for tens, and silver certificates for fives, twos and ones.

The Nation's Prosperity.

There are many reasons why an American citizen should be proud of his nationality and citizenship in one of the greatest countries on the globe, over which presides the most enlightened government, ever in existence, the symbol of which is the most beautiful flag that ever floated over a nation of people since the world began; but he has cause to congratulate himself upon the material prosperity which has come to this nation during the past twenty years, a record without parallel in the annals of history, and only likely to be exceeded by the progress of this great union during the twenty years to come. The bureau of statistics of the Treasury Department is authority for the following figures, which in a measure shows our marvelous progress, covering the period from 1880 to 1900: The population of the United States increased 50 per cent. The aggregate wealth of the country more than doubled—\$42,000,000,000 to \$94,000,000,000; wealth per capita, 50 per cent.—from \$8.50 to \$12.36. Gold in circulation has nearly trebled—from \$225,000,000 to \$611,000,000; silver from \$69,000,000 to \$145,000,000. The total circulation of money has more than doubled; the circulation per capita has increased 50 per cent. Farms and farm property has grown from twelve billion dollars to \$20,500,000,000, and the value of farm animals from \$1,882,000,000 to \$2,982,000,000. The number of post-offices has increased from 44,000 to 77,000, and the receipts have trebled. The number of newspapers and periodicals has more than doubled. Salaries in public schools have increased from \$50,000,000 to \$136,000,000. The number of patents issued per year has increased from 14,000 to 26,500. Here are a few things which have decreased: The public debt, from \$1,919,000,000 to \$1,107,000,000; the per capita debt from \$38.27 to \$12.97; the annual interest charge from \$80,000,000 to \$33,500,000 and per capita from \$1.59 to 44 cents. Freight rates per ton per mile on all railroads in the United States have dropped from 1.30 cents to 0.75 cents. During all of these twenty years the tide of prosperity has constantly swelled, excepting at one period of four years when the government was in the hands of the Democratic party, for the second and last time in forty years, most of us don't like to think of those "times" even now. Much of the prosperity we enjoy is the result of fortunate and favorable natural conditions, the development of a vast region of fertile country by an energetic, enterprising race, and the great capacity for work and hustling qualities of the thoroughbred American; but there is also much of it due to the wise, economical and just policies advocated and enforced by the Republican party. There is no necessity or room for argument on this point. It is a "condition, not a theory," a demonstrated fact, not an abstract conclusion.

THE average brake-beam tourist makes as few stops as possible nowadays. If he gets off the train he is liable to be at work before he knows it.

SOUTHERN OREGON PIONEERS

The 28th Annual Re-Union of the Men and Women "Who Led the Way."

W. J. PLYMALE.

The 28th Annual Re-Union of the Pioneer Society of Southern Oregon was held in the Court house at Jacksonville Thursday, the 4th day of September, 1902.

It was a lovely day, even for a country boasting of ideal days. A mellow sunburst spread its fleecy drapery of pink and gold over the eastern horizon and bathed the distant mountains in a saffron glow of indescribable beauty. The autumn air had tempered the vivid green of the hills and the flashes of crimson, orange and magenta seemed to drift away and mingle one into another in pleasing and endless variety. The shifting clouds had left their mystic shadows on the mountains' brow, and the thin veil that swathed their summits served but to heighten the sublimity of a picture exquisitely touched and embellished by the facile fingers of nature. Truly, the royal sun that rises in the east and sheds his roscate beams over the broad expanse of earth, looks not down on a fairer land than this, the "Sunny Italy" of Southern Oregon.

The attendance at the re-union was not large, but notably representative in character, many of the old pioneers being present. There was a happy smile on every face, and cordial greetings and congratulations that such a goodly number of the brave men and women who wrested the country from savage rule, reclaimed it and made it blossom as the rose, should be present.

The president, Hon. O. C. Beekman, rapt to order at 10:30, and in a neat and superb little address welcomed those present. He expressed great pleasure and gratification that so many old pioneers were yet able to attend the re-unions, and indulged the hope that many might long be spared to enjoy in their declining years the full fruition of lives well and faithfully spent. The address was truly a gem in its way, and was spoken in that vein of earnest sincerity that found a ready response in every heart.

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The exercises were commenced with prayer by Rev. Gillette, followed by a song, "Where Circles Are Broken," by the select choir consisting of Misses Ethel Barber and Emma Armstrong, the former at the organ, and Messrs. W. H. Gore, J. F. Miller and H. Dox. This was followed by the reading of the memorial tributes to Henry Klippel and Samuel Phillips which were most touching and beautiful. Then a solo, "The Vesper Prayer," by W. H. Gore accompanied by Mrs. John F. White on the organ, followed by "Lights Across the Stream," by the choir. The next number in order was the address by Hon. C. B. Watson of Ashland.

The speaker left the old rutty track across the plains, the ox wagons, alkali deserts, privations, struggles, and disappointments as only minor incidents in the great onward march of the world's progress. He said the word "Pioneer" meant more than westward marches through waste and wilderness; that the universe was the first pioneer, it was unfolded from the womb of time, that in its embryonic state it contained the pioneer impulse of organization and

progress, that the positive and negative principles of magnetism and electricity, the former furnishing the heat, the latter the cold were stirred into action; that motion, friction, assimilation moved upon the mass, and the world's first pioneer movement to the westward empire of perfection took up its line of march. That from the mighty and never-ebbing ocean of vital energy inherent in the elements of creation, the pioneer was the first born. That he was a reflex and out-growth of the cycles of time, conceived in darkness and chaos, born in the travail of organic convulsions, cradled in the storms and breakers of elemental strife, and refined in the alembic of Nature's laboratory.

From this initial of Divine motion, sprang organization, life, sensation, intelligence; and upon these were builded all the social, civic, political, and economic conditions that exist in the world today. Pioneer meant positive and negative force, inherent energy, motion, power, combination, selection, affinity, segregation, refinement; it meant the brotherhood of man, conscience, liberty, justice, government of the people, by the people and for the people; it meant the reign of peace, the millennium yet to redeem and sanctify the world.

This is a condensed and imperfect outline of the trend of thought that ran through the discourse, but not exactly the formula or the method of treating it. It is a broad and suggestive platform, replete with interest and profit, and opens a wide field for investigation. Its possibilities are practically without limit in the realms of research, and the intelligent reader can enlarge upon, limit, or simplify, and treat the subject to suit his taste. It is worthy the best thought the most learned and eminent philosopher can bestow upon it.

The address was listened to with marked attention from beginning to end, and was commented upon as one of the ablest ever delivered before the society. The speaker was the recipient of many compliments upon his admirable effort.

The exercises at the court house were concluded with a song, "Auld Lang Syne," by all present.

The President then announced that a suitable dinner had been prepared by the Native Daughters at the banquet hall of the Native Sons, and invited all to repair to the hall where the dinner was in waiting.

On arriving at the hall, it was found that the spread was one of the most elaborate and dainty ever prepared for the enjoyment of the society. The hall had been handsomely decorated for the occasion with delicate orchids, potted plants, trailing vines, and quaint draperies emblazoned with appropriate mottoes which pleased the eye, and made a splendid setting for the tastefully arranged tables.

The tables were models of design, the floral and other decorations being so disposed with cut glass and rare articles of table ware as to create the most pleasing and happy effect. The menu embraced the choicest delicacies known to modern culinary art, and the service of the Native Daughters, as they flitted hither and yon in their mission of love and fraternity, was characterized with that delicate and pleasing grace which is always an important factor in the enjoyment of such occasions. The Native Daughters have well earned the grateful thanks of the society for a feature of the re-union which has come to be no small consideration in its annual sessions. These gatherings would be but a barren shadow, and soon lapse into a thing of the past if it were not for the good cheer and fat capon-lined tables that await them.

Long may the society live!—and long live the Native Daughters to prepare its annual banquets!

As an evidence of the rapid march of time, and that we make no note of its withering breath, but by the wrecks that strew its pathway, it may not be out of place to note that the society has lost by death 107 of its members since its organization. And in this connection, it will be of interest to learn that the combined ages of 16 of the oldest pioneers present aggregated 1259 years, as follows: Elendorn Morrison 92, Peter Britt 83, E. D. Foudray 81, C. W. Myer 84, Granville Naylor 75, James Thornton 76, Daniel Holton 85, E. K. Anderson 76, Wm. Senger 76, Wm. Taylor 76, George Isaacs 76, D. Llan 76, S. J. Day 76, R. S. Dunlap 76, Mrs. A. M. Berry 78, Mrs. Jos. Grain 75. This would seem to prove that Southern Oregon is a healthy climate, or that the old pioneers were of hardy stock.

The 28th re-union all in all, was one



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of the most enjoyable in the history of the society, and will long be remembered by those who had the pleasure of participating in its exercises.

List of members of the Pioneer Society of Jackson County who have died since the date of organization, Nov. 18, 1876.

1879:—James M. Sutton, Isaac Miller, Elizabeth Miller, U. S. Hayden, 1880:—Rachel Minch, Mary J. Benedict, Louisa Nell, Elizabeth Hill, S. D. Vandyk, 1881:—B. B. Griffler, Levi Tinkham, 1882:—J. B. Coats, H. B. Seybert, Mary A. Chambers, Gen. Joseph Lane, 1883:—Mary Myers, S. B. Grubb Jr., S. B. Grubb Sr., D. H. Taylor, Dr. J. H. Parker, 1884:—Dorothy Myers, Rhoda B. F. Vault, Andrew Davidson, Addison Helms, Thos. F. Beall, 1887:—L. J. C. Duncan, J. B. Bunyard, Doris Toopner, W. M. Turner, 1888:—Helen M. Colvig, Zany Ganuny, Elizabeth Myer, Joseph W. Satterfield, Jesse B. Thomas, J. H. Chitwood, Geo. W. Cooksey, David L. Hopkins, Kate R. Birdsey, Thos. Chavner, 1889:—Stephen Clark Taylor, John Beeson, Michael Hanley, Mary Hanley, 1890:—John E. Ross, James A. Cardwell, John Watson, Isaac Constant, Lucinda Constant, John R. Ties, 1891:—Georgiana Kahler, Minerva Naylor, Henry Brown, Peter Simon, Volt Schultz, 1892:—Haskell Amy, Thos. Smith, Wellborn Beeson, Thos. McE, Frank Clogge, 1893:—Rufus Cole, Emeline Turber, Mary E. Gore, 1894:—Oscar O. Ganyard, 1895:—James Hamlin Eliza Hamlin, William Kahler, 1896:—John Toopner, Permelia Duncan, Joe A. Crane, John McCall, James H. Russell, Caroline Cardwell, James G. Birdsey, William Hurst, 1897:—David G. Penninger, Riley Hinkle, Kaspar Kubli, 1898:—Mary Fisher, 1899:—Josephine L. Plymale, Jane M. McCully, Payne P. Prim, Herman Helms, 1900:—Jacob Wagner, Thos. G. Reames, J. N. T. Miller, Elizabeth A. Bybee, John O'Brien, 1901:—James McDonough, Caroline B. Hoffman, Patrick Dunn, Thos. Wright, Elizabeth E. Toleman, Margaret McAndrews, Wm. J. Martin, 1902:—Samuel Phillips, Henry Klippel.

County Commissioners' Court.

The regular September term of commissioners' court convened on Wednesday, the 3d, at Jacksonville, when the following business was transacted:

Monthly reports of sheriff, treasurer, recorder, clerk and hospital contractor approved.

In the matter of petition of City of Medford for permission to attach a foot

bridge to county bridge across Bear creek in said city; permission granted for construction of foot bridge not to exceed five feet in width.

In the matter of complaint of citizens and taxpayers of Jackson County that a great many of the small bridges and culverts in said county are out of repair; ordered that county clerk notify supervisors of the various road districts to repair any bridges or culverts found in an unsafe condition.

Ordered that Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. be allowed to place in court house three transmitters, upon the express agreement that all county officials shall have free switching in Jackson County on official business, upon the payment by the county to said company of \$3 per month.

Ordered that Geo. R. Hinder, contractor of Medford bridge, be allowed the sum of \$1000 part payment on his contract, and it was further ordered that the clerk draw an order on the treasurer for the balance of the payment that is to be made under said contract when steel bridge is on the ground.

Ordered that a warrant be drawn in favor of Chas. Prim, county judge, for \$20 to purchase stamps for use in county offices.

In the matter of the claim of W. E. and B. B. Paul for damages for loss of three horses by breaking of county bridge across Wagner creek; ordered that a warrant for \$125 be drawn in favor of Joshua Patterson, county commissioner, he having fully settled said claim for that sum.

In the matter of change of road petitioned for by Ira Wakefield et al; report of surveyor and appraisers read for first time.

Warrants were ordered drawn on the treasury as follows:	
County Court and Commissioners	130 00
Circuit Court	12 00
Justice Court	35 40
Sheriff	333 33
Clerk	250 00
Treasurer	118 78
Recorder	66 66
Coroner	17 70
County Supt. of Schools	125 35
Stock Inspector	70 00
Assessor	150 00
Librarian	5 00
Current expenses	297 87
County House	27 00
County poor	101 00
Insane expenses	18 35
Bridges and roads	1026 37
Election	25 34
Scalp bounty	74 00
Ferries	15 00
Jail	48 08
Road Supervisors compensation	343 00

Married--Von der Hellen-Daley.

On Sunday, September 7th, Mr. Carl Von der Hellen and Miss Myrtle L. Daley of Lake Creek, were united in marriage at the residence of J. Nunan in Jacksonville. W. B. Moore, pastor of the First M. E. Church, Medford, Ore., conducted the service which made them one. The couple returned to Medford after the ceremony and took the train Monday morning for Coletta where they will spend a few days before going to their home, at Wollen.

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