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mines were much higher man enlisted HISTORY OF FIRST OREGON in the hopes of going East to fight.

CALVARY, COMPANY B, BY ONE OF THE FEW SUR-VIVING MEMBERS.

An Interesting Sketch of the Work of That Famous Organization Now Al-Extinctmost Reunion of Surivors Held at Capitol.

As many of the boys who made up the First Oregon Regiment were native sons of Clackamas county and as many of them and their children to meet in but by giving us as patriotic, courtesies extended. yet live in this county Oregon City we reproduce this splendidly written history of that old casion. Regiment. The hair of the "boys in blue" are whitening with the frosts of part of May, 1862, we were stationed at the proceedings of the meetings. many winters. There are a few of them this city of Salem and a few miles beleft. They are dropping by the wayside low. We had neither arms nor equipwith wonderful rapidity, but the memories of their glorious deeds in camp, on seemed to ignore our requisitions for the trail and on the battle field will supplies of all or any kinds. Without never be forgotten while men read his- arms, clothes, or equipage of any kind, PAINTERS AGAINST tory and love chivalry and martial rotten pork and wormy bread for our valor. (Ed.) scanty ration and our horses (The cav-

The surviving members of Co. B, 1st alrymman's pride) eating the very stalls Oregon Cavalry, in response to a call of the stables down for lack of forage, issued by Hon. Charles B. Montague, you can imagine the condition of Co. B late 1st sergeant of the company, held a during that long hard winter of 1861 and reunion meeting on September 19, 1902, 1862. The hardest ever known in Oreat I o'clock p. m., in the senate chamgon. But Co. B was loyal to the core. ber of the state capital, Salem, Oregon. Ragged, sometimes hungry, but be it

Sergeant J. B. Dimick, of the program | said to the credit of the of the good peocommittee, called the meeting to order ple of Salem they stood by us to the exand, after stating the object of the meet- tent that were neither quite starving nor ing, introduced Gov. T. T. Geer who in a quite naked, and the patriotic farmere brief but eloquent address bid the "old of the county shared with us their last boys" a hearty welcome. The governor ton of fodder and last bushel of grain for spoke of the time of over forty years ago our horses.

when Co. B, then 100 strong, were seen by him as they drilled over the very were fully organized. The regiment was ground where our magnificent state ordered to Fort Vancouver the last of

Hon. Charles B. Montague responded in part as follows:

much reduced by the draft made upon it to increase the army in the East. —it was surely a comical sight; but it

service or died since mustered out, 53; total present or accounted for as living "James A. Waymire, now one of the or dead, 77; not accounted for but supsuperior |judges of California, a former | posed to be dead, 23; total, 100.

member of Co. B, 1st Oregon Oalvary, The question of calling for a reunion of the survivors of the 1st Oregon Cavsays in his historical correspondence. 'It was thought as soon as we should alry was discussed. Sergeant Dimick become disciplined if the war should stating in substance that the 1st Oregon continue we could be taken East, or Infantry was composed of the boys who should there be no war on this coast. were too young to enlist in the 1st Ore-E. J. Harding was appointed enrolling gon Cavalry and that their services were officer at Salem and on the fifteenth of so closely connected that a U. S. blanket November the first names were en- often covered members of both regirolled. The Jacksonville company was ments. The motion to call for a joint mustered into the service first and be- re-union of those two old regiments was came Co. A. The Marion county com- carried unanimously.

pany second and became Co. B of the 1st Sergeants Montague and Dimick were Regiment of Oregon Cavalry whose few authorized to set the time and issue the survivors are now present in this mag- call to be held in Salem during the winnificent state house, through the court- ter of 1902-1903. esy of the distinguished Governor of A vote of thanks was extended to

Oregon, who has doubly honored Co. Governor Geer and Secretary of State came from his pen. Mr. Dimick, while tlefields, where "Greek meet Greek," B in not only granting us the state house Dunbar for their kindness and many and eloquent and cordial an address of,

welcome, as I ever listened to on any ocsecretary and general statistician for the people. company and was requested to furnish "From November, 1861, to the latter the Oregon Statesman with a copy of

> After a general handshake and promise to be at the next reunion the meeting

ments. The Vancouver authorities was declared adjourned. J. B. DIMICE, Secretary.

CARPENTERS.

FEDERATED TRADE UNION AND TEXTILE UNION

> ENDORSE THE FAINTERS.

From Decision and Ask That Charter be Taken From Painters Union.

"Six companies-A, B, D, E, F, G-During the past two months there has been quite a good deal of friction between house now stands. He spoke of the May, 1862, when for the first time it was the Painters union and the Carpenters pride he then felt for Marion county's clothed wit hUnited States uniform and union. The matter came about by company of the 1st Oregon Cavalry and armed with old-fashioned muzzle-load- Johnson and Andrews who were the conhis pleasure-now under such changed ing rifles and revolvers and sabers. tractors on the Garde building employconditions-to bid the survivors of that dear old company a most hearty wel-4, but our boys took any number of the The matter was taken up by the paindifferent parts of the full uniform as ters union and Johnson and Andrews passed out to them and, to look back were censured by them as being unfair now over the forty years that have in- union men. This action, by the carpenters "There were only about 700 men and tervened and remember as we all do the union of which the contracting firm 19 commissioned officers in the whole of misfits that we found ourselves fit out were members in good standing declined Oregon and Washingto in 1881. The with -a No. 4 pair of pants on the to endorse and there the matter has regular force in the country had been smallest man and a No. 1 on the largest stood for some time. Within the past

Fears were entertained by the people was the army blue and all were proud Textile union which is the next largest on which all travel passed between Ore-right here let me recall the fact that the ness. May his business venture be a and the military authoritses were ap- of it. But later in the day when has endorsed the action of the Painters gon City (or the Falls, as it was called most pleasant days of my soldier life. financial success, and the highest honors

HON. J. B. DIMICK.

AN OLD PIONEER OF THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY.

Story of an Interesting Life as Described by Himself-As Soldier, Citizen and Statesman He Has Made His Mark Among Men.

At the request of the Courier, Hon. J. B. Dimick, of Marion county, has writ- place of being sent East to participate ten for publication a short sketch of his in the great drama of war, and meeting eventful life. We publish it just as it the Nation's foes on those terrible batnot a citizen of this county, lives just we were compelled by force of circumover the line in Marion, and has many stances to confine our military operations Sergeant J B. Dimick was elected ties and interests in common with our to the Pacific coast. But when we re-

SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

September 26, 1840. Crossed the plains mud and snow in the Cascade moun-



her sufferings were over and her pain racked body laid to rest, I returned to resume my studies. But all seemed changed. Apply myself as I would, I could make but little headway in my school work; and when the mutterings of civil war, supplemented with the drum beat to arms reached my ears, my student days were numbered. The first recruiting office for a company of cavalry was opened in Salem, and I was among the first to enroll my name, and then all the dreams of my early life took a sudden change. My life as a soldier was somewhat of a disappointment. In member that our services here relieved a Sheridan, an Auger, an Ingalls and a Grant, and gave them to our armies in I was born in Boone county, Illinois, the East, we feel that our services here were far from being barren of result Sterted from St. Joseph, Missouri, May Oregon Cavalry, I was kept almost con-

Salem. In 1859 was called home to the

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bedside of my invalld mother. When THE OLD RELIABLE Absolutely Pure THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

witness that nobler, braver boys never wore the blue than Clackamas county sent to the front in those dark and try-

The history of my life since the close Willamette valley, November 22d. Had greatest compliments I ever received, was offered and urged to accept a commis-22 days floundering through the rain, when the captain of another company sion in the regular army at my muster complained to Col. Maury that he nearly out of the volunteer service, I refused tains, over what was known as the Bar- always met Sergeant Dimick in com- to entertain the thought, but went home low road; an experience never to be for- mand of detachment sent out from the to my farm that had waited my coming gotten, and I hope never to be repeated. main command, and received the reply since the death of my mother and father, Father moved on up to near where the "that when he sent Sergeant Dimick in and together with my good wife began the town of Molalla now stands, and getting command to perform a certain work, it work of building up for ourselves and his worn-out and sick children (there was always well done; and that the ser- children an ideal American home. Rewere six, of whom I was the youngest), geant always brought his command back membering the many disadvantages that under a roof, saddled his horse and went in good condition. In the fall of 1864 a had beset me thus far through life on over to French Prairie, and there, for regiment of infantry was ordered raised account of my limited education, nerved two yoke of catile and a pair of new in Oregon, and I was ordered on de- me to the work of building up and fos-Johnson and Andrews Appeal boots, purchased the farm which has tached service and required to report to taring the educational work and interbeen the home of the family to this day. Lieut. McCown, later captain, at Oregon ests in my district and state. And Those were trying times to the young City, in the recruiting service. I ar- among the many acts in that direction. as well as to the older, or heads of familes. Our farm was situated on the Cown on Main street, near Bell's drug-ance of my duty as a director of our store, which was also the postoffice. Hubbard school district in employing as We repaired to the room rented as a re- a teacher the present editor and propriecruiting office (the old bar-room in tor of the Oregon City Courier. This, Bohn's hotel on Main street), and there was many years ago, and the little boysbehind closed doors held our first "coun-cil of war," with the result that early instruction and example as a teacher next morning "Old Glory" hung out who have since become noble types of over the sidewalk, and I, mounting my man and womanhood, will bear me out horse and with a liberal supply of post- in the belief that we "builded well," and ers, proceeded to canvass the country had found the right man for the place. districts of the county. How well we This was way back in the early '80s, and succeeded, let the noble, manly, sol- Mr. Westover was then just out of his dierly boys, whose names we enrolled, 'teens; and now again after many years and finally became members of Co. E, spent in his "old Kentucky home," we First Oregon Infantry (some of whom I welcome him back, now in the full vigor

union, and a circular letter has been in those days), to Salem. These were were spent in Oregon City. And now, and a successful democracy be some of issued to all union men and employers the principal towns at that time, and I when I have occasion to visit that beau- his gathering. west Point reviewing oncer for the first time saw the Rough Riders of Oregon in the saddle he expressed his wonder Dohnson and Andrews unfair to union in the saddle he expressed his wonder The another many bars and andrews unfair to union the saddle he expressed his wonder The another many bars and the firm of the fi curred here in 1861, murders had been and admiration at their horsemanship labor. The carpenters union have not I remember seeing our neighbors mount gling with their never-ceasing roar I the close of the war was proud to allign yet and say they will not submit to thi their horses, equipped with trusty rifle, again seem to hear the footsteps and myself with the great party as led by "The regiment reached Fort Walls action and Johnson and Andrews have powder-horn and bullet-pouch and ride the voices of dear old friends, long since Abraham Lincoln. Was elected to the gone to their reward. But my heart state senate in 1886, and took my seat as always beats harder and quicker when a republican. For years I have witthings ask that the charter of the Pain- ment, and when scarcely 9 years old I, with pride I call to mind that I have nessed the leaders of the party steering sent forth a son who has served the sons away from the ancient landmarks, igand daughters of those old-time friends noring and trampling under foot the governing themselves according to union the murderers of the Whitman family. so acceptably that he has three times traditions and principles that gave it its been called by their suffrage to the high- standing among the common people ; est place of honor and trust in the mu- and, finally, when the dear old name municipal government of their city. was all that was left me to fight for, saw Clackamas County's Company E, the leaders of the party surrender it, to First Oregon Infantry, was mustered be used as a football by the shylocks; Valley Indians feared and respected the into the service of the United States boodlers, corporations and t.usts. With and sent immediately to post of duty at a tear for the past, and a determination Fort Colville, Washington. The duties to do right for the future, I gave my of the company were varied, but nothing voice and my vote for Hon. William J. as a boy, worth noticing until I was in out of the usual order for soldiers sta- Bryan and the principles of the National tioned on the frontier. Democratic party. I was the unanimous choice of the On the close of the war in the East, Democratic party in Marion county for and on being relieved by a company of high legislative honors in 1900, and again the Fourteenth United States Infantry, we received marching orders to report in 1902, and while our banner went down at Fort Vancouver, to be mustered out to defeat in the past, there lingers no sting or trace of dishonor; and while of service. my age and infirmatives may prevent The closing scene of my soldier life me sharing in the honor of carrying our can never be forgotten. As I stood in banner in the campaign to follow, I shall and boys not yet in their 'teens. It was the door of the adjutant general's office always be found hoping, praying and right here on the 14th day of August, and handed to each of those noble boys working for the "good time a coming," 1858, that I did the most far reaching their honorable discharge from the serwhen the laurels of victory encircle our act of my life, I, with several of my vice of the United States-those boys banner. J. B. DIMICH.

by ox team with my parents in 1847. While a member of Company B, First ing days of 1861-1865. 2d, and a rived at Phillip Foster's, in stantly in the field. And one of the of the war is soon told. While I was

prehensive that the Indians, learning mounted on jour fine horses and the hostilities.

"Although no violent outbreaks occommitted on the Barlow route to The and soldierly appearance. Dalles; two citizens of Lewis county-Jarvis Briggs, and his son sged 28 years | Walla in June, and the latter part of -were murdered by Indians. Many July A, B and D companies, under commurders by Modocs and Pitt River and other savages occurred in Southern Ore- ordered out on the immigrant route to ters union of Oregon City be revoked with others of my neighbors, walked to gon. In anticipation of similar occurrances Col. Wright, commander of the district of Oregon and Washington, sta- of hostile Indians that their route led tioned at Vancouver barracks, in June, them through and to arrest and punish the national body acts. 18 1, made a regisition on Governor Whitaker for a cavalry company. It was proposed that the company be enlisted for three years unless sooner dispathy with the rebellion which hindered bear witness; and now, in conclusion, tend. the success of the undertaking which let me say to your excellency that, not was finally ordered discontinued and only in behalf of my late comrades of the enlisted men disbanded. In the Co. B (of whom only a few survive to meantime Col. Wright was transferred meet us today) but for every comrade of to California and was placed in com- that callant but to the general public al-

from the several posts in Oregon and Washington, he replaced them with yolunteer companies from California California Volunteers.

"The attempt to enlist men by the department in November, 1861, or in cepted. other words President Lincoln, at the ized by the last congress.

horses were to receive \$31 per month lows: Strength of company when mus-\$100 bounty at discharge and a land tered into service, 100; after the expirawar ant for 160 acres of land. Notwith- tion of forty years present and accounted

that civil war existed, might return to West Point reviewing officer for the first

mand of Lieut, Col. R. F. Maney, were escort and protect the large immigration claiming that they are not working and Oregon City to witness the execution of of that year through the different tribes

murderers and other law-breakers. "The history of Co. B from that date of its muster out of service in 1866 was conspicuous even among the companies charged; should they be mustered in of that gallant regiment. It was almost Democratic executive committee of the service of the United States on the constantly in active service, its duty be- Clackamas county, at their last meet- more safe. same footing as members of the regular ing to fight hostile Indians, avenge murarmy with the exception that the mem- der, escort immigration trains, pursue 1902, there will be a meeting of the bers furnish their own horses for which robber bands to their strongholds, and said committee in said city on Friday they were to receive compensation for make explorations in Eastern Oregon, the 9th day of January 1902. Every use and in case of loss in service. A. Washington and Idaho. How well they P. Dennison was appointed enrolling of performed that duty let the fertile fields, ficer. Many suspected the officer as the thousands of happy homes, and the is to be transacted. All other Demowell as the governor as being in sym- cattle and sheep on a thousand hills, crats who wish to do so are urged to at-

mrnd of the department of the Pacific. most forgotten regiment, we thank you "As the regular troops were withdrawn for the many courtesies that you have extended to us, as well as for hearty and patriotic address of welcome."

A letter from President W. H. Wehand Forts Yamhill, Dalles, Colville, rung of the Oregon State Board of Agri-Walla ;Walla and Steilacom, were all culture was read; it was an invitation to garrisoned by companies of the 4th the veterane to attend the State Fair (then being held). A vote of thanks was given the Oregon State Board of state authority having failed, the war Agriculture and the invitation was ac-

The roll of the company was then request of Col. E. E. Baker made Thomas called by Sergeant Montague and "the R. Cornelius colonel and directed him request was made by Sergeant Dimick to raise ten companies of cavalry for ser- that when the name of an absent comvice in the United States for three years rade was called that any one present, unless sooner discharged. This regi- knowing anything of the history of presment being, as we supposed, a portion ent whereabouts of the comrade, make of 500.000 whose enlistment was author- the same kno- n to the end that it be made a matter of record.

"Volunteers for themselves and The result of the roll call was as tol. the plaintiff. standing wages on the farm and in the for as living, 24; killed in action while in 41

ated Trades union and among other | Back from the borders of our settle-

Democratic Call.

Persuant to an adjournment of the ing in Oregon City on October 25th, member of the committee is urged to be present as much business of importance

> R. B. BEATIE, Chairman,

Big Suit Filed.

E. MASS, Secretary.

corner of Hawthorne avenue and forty- solid foundation stone.

real-estate security.

appealed the case to the National Feder- away to fight the hostile Indians.

law. There the matter will stand until The gallows stood at the upper end of now Main street, near the woolen mills.

Trouble was expected, and the settlers went there prepared, but none came, and from that time the many bands of

homes of the white man, and all felt Nothing occurred in my pioneer life,

my 18th year. This being a new conntry, everything was wide open, so to speak ; whisky was cheap. and sold, or more properly speaking, was given away, at every town or trading post, with the result that nearly everybody drank it. It was on the table, in the harvest fields,

at every gathering of all or any kind. In fact, to drink liquor on all occasions was the general rule among most men,

John M. Labertaux began suit in the friends and neighbors, signed a temper- who had shared with me the hardships, state circuit court last Friday, against ance pledge, and have kept it faithfully privations and dangers of our soldier the O. W. P. & Railroad Co for ten until this day; and now, in my 63d life, my feelings can better be imagthousand dollars damage on account of year, can look back and truthfully say ined than described. But as each one personal injuries sustained. Labertaux that all I am, all I have ever been, or took his discharge papers from my hand, in his complaint recites that on Novem- all I may ever hope to be, has received to start anew in the great drama of life, ber 7th, 1902 he signalled a car at the its main support from that one great, I felt that wherever they went, or

do so, he avers, the car suddenly started public schools began to bear fruit, to the last discharges had been handed out, badly affected and he is unable to per- |essary by the fact that the older chil- dock, headed by a band of music, and form any work. O'Day and Tarpley, of dren had to work on the farms in sum- escorted them to Washington Hall,

Portland, will appear as attorneys for mer, and the distance to school was too where a sumptuous feast and hearty far for the little ones in winter. I at- welcome home greeted them all. Aud tended school during these times as now right here let me say that I was

O. H. Dyr. to n led school at Willamette University Oregon Cavalry; and I am proud to bear of happiness never be emply.

Hubbard, Ore., Dec. 25, 1902.

Married.

The Frank Stranger

At the Congregational manse on the evening of December 23, Mr. C. D. wherever they might be found in the Dickerson and Mrs. Amanda Wilcox,

At the same place by the same, Dec. 27, Mr. Felix Victor St. Martin and Inex Thomas Hinman. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. M. A. Thomas, of

Write It 1903.

To all of our more than ten thousand Money to loan; 6 and 7 per cent, on much as was possible; but at best, made, little advancement. In 1858-1859 at- Clackamas County's Co. E of the First full in your homes and may your or readers, we wish a prosperous New

fourth street, Portland; and undertook Along in the early '50's the efforts of years to come, there I was sure of a Rev. E. S. Bollinger officiating. to get aboard. Before he had time to the settlers to inaugurate a system of true friend and comrade. When the and he was thrown violently to the extent that a three-months school was we boarded the same boat and in due ground. He asserts that he was struck taught in the winter, to which the large time was landed at the dock in Oregon on the back of the head near the base of boys and girls could attend, and the City; and be it remembered to the credit Gladstone. Mr. St. Martin has extenthe brain and was rendered unconscious. same legth of time in the summer for of the good and patriotic citizens of Ore- sive interests in Bolse. Idaho, where Since, he says his eyesight has been the small children. This was made nec- gon City, they met "the boys" at the thay will reside.