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### Reception to Pioneers Of Clackamas County.

Other Interesting Matters Relating to Pioneer Affairs, Suggested by the Reception.

The Women's Lewis and Clark Club of Oregon City, gave a reception to the pioneers of Clackamas County last Friday afternoon. The meeting was held in the Willamette Hall, which was well filled with the pioneers whose early struggles with the Indians and with the inconveniences and hardships of frontier life have made it possible for us to enjoy one of the most favored spots on earth.

Mrs. Harding, president of the Lewis and Clark Club, in a short preliminary talk, set forth the objects and aspirations of the Club. They are fully set forth in another article. Hon. C. B. Moores put up a strong plea in favor of erecting a monument to Dr. John McLoughlin. He spoke earnestly, as did Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, on the subject of Civic Pride.

H. E. Orcas paid a glowing tribute to the energy and integrity of the pioneers. Mrs. M. M. Charman followed in a short talk on pioneer affairs.

Capt. J. N. McMullen, of Portland, gave an interesting account of his early experience among the Indians and his acquaintance with Dr. McLoughlin. Capt. J. T. Apperson spoke enthusiastically of the character and work of Gov. George Abernethy, whom he ranks with our greatest names. W. H. Vaughn gave evidence of the never ending controversy in regard to the past taken by Dr. Whitman in the immigration of '43. He thinks the Doctor had little to do with the movement. H. L. Kelly and E. D. Kelly each gave short, but entertaining talks.

Miss Imogen Harding added much to the pleasure of the occasion by singing two numbers in her usual artistic manner.

A luncheon was served after the close of the exercises. The names of the pioneers present will be published in our next issue.

**A Pioneer's Reminiscences.**  
A cloudless sky; a balmy air; a melody of music from the throats of a thousand feathered songsters; a wealth of color from the rosebushes whose buds are beginning to smile in answer to the sun's lingering caresses; spreading oaks and a stately fir; climbing plants and clinging vines, clambering over the columns of a verandah; a house built in the southern plantation style; at one side of the house a group of apple trees; covering the ground, a luxuriant growth of grass; under one apple tree an apiary; under another, Capt. Apperson.

Enter Reporter. Flings himself on the grass beside this pioneer who is so deeply interested in perpetuating the memory of other pioneers that he forgets himself. "Good morning, Captain, are you in a reminiscent mood this morning?" "Yes, particularly so. The reception given the pioneers last Friday by the Women's Lewis and Clark Club has brought the past before me like a vast panorama. But that makes it particularly hard for me to talk. I can't describe the picture as a whole; I can't select details and yet give you an idea of the beauty and value of the picture. But I will say that there is no place in Oregon, nor in the entire Pacific Northwest, so replete with objects of historic interest, or that has been the home of so many "makers of history," as is Oregon City. Among those who came here prior to 1847, and whose names deserve a niche in the Temple of Fame, Dr. McLoughlin stands first in point of time, and possibly first in the importance of his mission; but the good old doctor's work has been so fully discussed and so highly praised, that others, deserving almost as much praise and gratitude, have been all but totally ignored. As an instance, I would call attention to George Abernethy, Governor of Oregon under the provisional government from 1843 to March 1849. Governor Abernethy was small in stature, neat and tidy in appearance, rather reticent, affable and courteous, a mental giant; in fact, he possessed all the true elements of true greatness. I shall not attempt to give an outline of his life, for that would require a volume; but I would like to point out one circumstance

which shows his disinterestedness. While doing all in his power to aid in the development of the young colony, he did not take advantage of the Donation Land Claim Act until after Dr. McLoughlin had taken up the land where Oregon City now stands; Hiram Straight had taken the land lying east of the Willamette and south of the Clackamas; William had taken the stretch of beautiful upland lying east of Clackamas Heights; Petygrove had taken most of the land between the Straight and the Winston claims. Then, Gov. Abernethy located the strip of land lying between the McLoughlin and the Straight claims, and also a strip between the Petygrove and Winston claims. This land runs from the mouth of the Abernethy, up that stream for more than a mile, then runs off toward the North, a great portion of it being undesirable land. The Abernethy home stood near the mouth of the creek named for him, and on the north side of that stream between the house and the river, was a peach orchard of some ten acres, which came into bearing about the time I came here (1847). The site of this orchard, as well as of the residence, has since been washed away, and is now submerged in the Willamette river, except at a very low stage of water.

**The Club and Its Work.**  
The Women's Lewis and Clark Club of Oregon City was organized in April, 1903, as the Oregon City Division of the Oregon Women's Lewis and Clark Fair Association. Auxiliary Club" or words to that effect. For three good and sufficient reasons the club has been reorganized: First, it was feared that the club might be choked to death by becoming entangled in the name bestowed upon it by a fond, but thoughtless parent—The Lewis and Clark Fair Association. Second, this same fond, though thoughtless parent, afterward abandoned this delicate, yet promising child, to the tender mercies of a heartless world, and now refuses to recognize it in any manner. Third, the infant was so full of vitality, that in spite of the neglect of its unnatural parent, it has continued to grow and wax strong, even to the extent of being able to throw off a great part of its own name.

The Club is now an independent organization, and is doing a good work. The Red Men's entertainment, given under the auspices of the Club, netted about \$140 for the Sacajawes monument fund. The reception given last Friday to the pioneers of Clackamas county was only the first of such receptions to be given by the Club. Civic Improvement has been adopted by the Club as the keynote of its work. Efforts, systematic and unrelenting, will be made to rid the city of all that is offensive to good taste, and to take all possible steps toward improving the natural beauty of our surroundings. They will turn their attention to removing the rubbish from the water front and from the gulch below 11th Street; to securing the erection of the McLoughlin monument; to the purchase and adornment of a park to be known as the McLoughlin park; to beautifying the old-state capital grounds.

Nor does their work end here. An attempt will be made to secure comfortable and convenient waiting rooms for ladies who come in from the country and who now must wait about in the stores or on the streets. A more cordial feeling between the city and the county residents will be encouraged. In short, the Club will do all in its power to develop the city and the county along all lines. With a membership of 64, all active, energetic, intelligent workers, the Club will accomplish much that it now proposes, many things as yet unthought of, and no doubt will meet with some disappointments. But one or a dozen failures will not discourage them, and great good may confidently be looked for as a result of their efforts.

"It was almost a miracle. Burdock Blood Bitters cured me of a terrible breaking out all over the body. I'm very grateful." Miss Julia Filbridge, West Cornwell, Conn.

### General News as Gathered From Various Sources.

Brief Resume of the More Important Happenings of the Week in Oregon and Elsewhere.

#### Two Men Drowned.

Adolph Lessor and William Pursell, deckhands on the steamer Jones, were drowned in the Columbia Saturday night. The men were in a small boat, and one of them was in the act of throwing a line to the Jones when he fell into the water. The other quickly jumped to his rescue, and both sank to rise no more before a boat from the steamer could be lowered.

#### A New Lawn Mower.

The U. S. Government has an automobile lawn mower which it uses on the capitol grounds at Washington. There about 30 acres of lawn to mow. It cost \$1500 and requires one man to operate it. The gasoline used costs two dollars per day, but the machine does the work which formerly required two lawn mowers operated by horse power, each of which required two horses and a driver.

#### It Should Be Built.

There is no doubt about the sentiment of the inland empire on the portage road question. Without a second's hesitation, the delegation from the Columbia river counties in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, at the Dalles, open river meeting, yesterday, pledged their counties to raise, by popular subscription, any deficiency in the appropriation for the construction of the portage road. The people are willing to be taxed by the legislature in a state appropriation and they are more than willing to raise popular subscriptions for the completion of the road.—East Oregonian.

#### More Ships Lost.

During the past week the Russians have had more of their naval misfortune. The fine ship Bogatyr was run on the rocks near Vladivostok, and was probably blown up. It was also reported that a torpedo boat, which tried to reach her, was blown up by striking a mine. Rumors, although unconfirmed, indicate that Japan has also lost some ships of the smaller class.

#### Ship Burns.

The schooner Fannie Adele was burned while lying at her dock in San Francisco Monday. She was laden with coal oil, gasoline and general merchandise and was about ready to sail for Alaska, when suddenly an explosion occurred in the hold. Flames were thrown 100 feet into the air and those of the crew on board were thrown into the water. The ship is a total loss.

#### Explosion in Fireworks.

At Findley, Ohio, on Sunday morning, an explosion occurred in the plant of the Lake Shore Novelty Company. Five persons were killed outright and several injured so they can not recover. The buildings, which covered nearly ten acres, were badly wrecked.

#### Sentenced to Death.

The report comes from the East that two officers of the Russian army have been sentenced to death for selling powder to the Chinese. They sold it at the rate of 36 pounds for 25 cents, but when the supply in the military depot ran low they put sand in the bottom of the boxes and sprinkled powder over the top. The Chinese, irritated by the trick, informed on the traitorous officers.

#### Murder Among Indians.

Sunday night Andrew Price and his wife were shot and killed near Arlington. The man's father, John Price, has been arrested charged with the crime. It is thought that he had been drinking some of the white man's firewater when he fired the fatal shots.

#### Portland's New Fireboat.

The new fireboat, the George H. Williams, made a very successful trial trip Friday. This boat, like the dry-dock, is something Portland has dreamed of for years. Its cost could have been saved many times over in the fires which have occurred along the water front. This new boat throws 4000 gallons of water per minute, and makes a Fourth of July rain look like a light dew.

#### General News Notes.

In the Columbus penitentiary a man and his wife, lately converted to Catholicism, were remarried by the Chaplain of the prison. The ceremony was performed in the chapel before the 1500 inmates of the prison.

Representatives of the British government are in Vancouver, B. C., looking for black horses to purchase for the King's Household Cavalry. Two hundred dollars is considered a good figure to pay, but the purchasing officer said he could not get any for less than \$300.

Queen Liinokalani, of Hawaii, is much disappointed because Congress did not appropriate her \$250,000 in settlement for her crown lands as recommended by the Hawaiian Commission.

In Chicago the system of sending the mail through tunnels from the railway station to the postoffice will be adopted.

A man in Michigan is about to engage in frog farming. He will feed the frogs and have them fat in the fall just before they bury themselves for the winter nap. He will begin with 300 acres of swamp land. This is a big jump to begin with.

Work on various models of airships goes steadily forward and success will crown somebody's efforts. A number of inventors will compete for the prize offered at the St. Louis exposition.

A new field for the iron industry has been opened in South Africa. It is said that the location is a good one, and iron

products from that region may yet cut some figure in the markets.

Germany has lately lost a number of colonists in Africa by attacks from the natives. The natives buy goods from the traders on credit and when the time for settlement comes the traders levy on the herds, and this leads to trouble.

A cloudburst in Colorado caused the bursting of a reservoir dam. The homes of about 600 people were in the path of the flood and many of them were destroyed.

J. A. Shields, of Ottawa, Kansas, wrote with a typewriter 222 words in one minute, thereby breaking the world's record.

The Baldwin locomotive work has received an order from Japan for 15 locomotives. They are intended for the Kobe railroad. This makes a total of 55 locomotives ordered by the Japanese government.

The report of the Census Bureau shows that Colorado leads in the extent of its irrigated acreage and the length of irrigating canals and ditches.

#### Oregon Notes.

Portland has decided to enforce her ordinance against expectorating on the sidewalks.

The next meeting of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., will meet at Portland.

Dallas is getting to the front as an ideal country town. A complete system of water works and sewerage will be instituted at once.

Hundreds of letters have been received at Baker City, attacking Archbishop Christie and Bishop O'Reilly. The letters are from Father Bronquist and the "Committee of Friends of Father Desmaris."

Multnomah county is said to be only about \$100,000 in debt.

Richard W. Scott, son of R. Scott, of Milwaukie, is Republican nominee of Benton county for the office of County Clerk.

The Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., during its annual session at Astoria, elected J. A. Mills, of Salem, grand master; W. H. Hobson, of Stayton, deputy grand master.

Arrangements are going forward for the State Fair, which holds from September 12 to 19. Thirty-one horses have been entered for the Greater Salem stake of \$2000.

Five thousand head of horses belonging to the Indians on the Umatilla reservation are afflicted with mange, and the state veterinarian is preparing to dip a large number of them, says the Antelope Herald. Arrangements have been made whereby each Indian pays one dollar toward the expense of building dipping vats and corral. As soon as these are ready the roundup will begin.

Indians who refuse this proposition will lose their horses, as the state veterinarian will order them killed.

Nearly 1,000,000 pounds of wool have been disposed of at Pendleton this season at from 12 1/2 to 14 cents per pound.

Newberg has re-elected its entire teaching staff—eight in all.

An interesting discussion was held on the streets recently by a number of horsemen as to the most desirable age of draft horses. The spokesman for one side contended the best age is four and five years. The leader of the other side declared the ages of six and seven are to be preferred. After all the oratory had been about expended, the first speaker said he had in mind horses for speculative purposes and the other stated that he had in mind horses for work only.

A Wool Growers' Association is being formed in Lake county for the purpose of protecting their stock. Two thousand dollars has been subscribed to be used as rewards for the arrest and conviction of parties who kill and injure sheep or other stock.

The hull for the Sellwood ferry has been practically completed and floated to Portland, where her machinery will be installed by the Willamette Iron Works. The ferry will go into service some time in June.

Rev. Edgar P. Hill says Portland is in the grip of vice and that its clutch is tightening every day. He names as the four fingers of the hand: The gamblers' trust, the saloon box, the deluded mayor and partisan politics. As the thumb he names the Oregonian.

Work on the Morrison street bridge, Portland, is progressing rapidly.

Mayor Williams has asked the various companies having lines of poles on the streets of Portland to paint the poles a uniform color before the opening of the 1905 fair.

A carload of Eastern oyster seed has just been planted at Yaquina Bay. It is thought that oysters will thrive well at that point.

The Socialists of Portland have adopted resolutions opposing the pending primary law.

Highwaymen are working at reduced rates. They held up a man in Portland for fifty cents.

One hundred and seventy five sheep were slaughtered by raiders near Mitchell Sunday night.

A man and wife, aged 92 and 89 respectively, arrived in Woodburn from Gaylord, Minn. This old couple came to visit their son, Henry J. Altow.

Norman Williams being tried at the Dalles on the charge of having murdered two women whose homesteads he wanted. The crime is particularly cold-blooded one.

Reginald Merriman was killed in Portland Sunday evening. He was standing on the bumper of a street car when another car ran into it.

The 60th anniversary of the West Union Baptist church was celebrated at Tualatin Plains last Sunday.

#### General Summary.

United States Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Bulletin of the Weather Bureau, Oregon Section, for the week ending Monday, May 23.

Good rains occurred last Tuesday and Wednesday nearly everywhere in the State, and since then the weather has been warm and bright, which has promoted the rapid growth of all early sown crops. The top soil near the close of the week in some localities, was beginning to get dry, and many correspondents reported that more rain was needed for the seeded grain and for recently planted corn, as these crops were making a relatively slow growth.

The ranges are better than for a number of years, and stock is in excellent condition. The flow of milk in the dairy districts is abundant, and the supply being received at the creameries has about reached its maximum point for the year. Sheep shearing continues in some localities, but this work is drawing to a close in most places. The wool clip promises to be up to the average both in quantity and quality.

Fall wheat in making satisfactory advancement and early sown spring wheat, barley and oats are thrifty and promising. A few complaints have been received of damage done to spring as well as to fall wheat by wire worms. Corn planting is well along and potato planting is advancing rapidly. Hops, gardens and field onions have done well during the week, and in general the outlook for staple crops throughout the State is most promising. Early blooming fruit was considerably thinned by the late frosts, but fairly good yields are expected of all varieties except Italian prunes, which in many localities will be a complete failure. Apples have set well.

#### REWARD OFFERED.

**For Arrest and Conviction of Desperados in Lake County.**

Governor Chamberlain has offered a reward of \$2500 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of J. C. Conn, who met death in a mysterious manner ten weeks ago near Silver Lake. The coroner's jury at that time gave a verdict of suicide.

On April 28, 2300 sheep were killed by masked men in Lake county and the Governor has offered a reward of \$300 each for information that will lead to their arrest and conviction.

#### Central Grange.

At the meeting of Central Grange on Saturday, the preliminaries were arranged for celebrating Children's Day on Saturday, June 18. The committee on decorations consists of Fred Spangler, Henry Hughes and Bertha Hughes. The Grange is to meet at 10 o'clock prompt and the children's program will come after the dinner.

The important event of last Saturday's session was the special meeting at two o'clock for the purpose of discussing the telephone question. Dr. Thomas, of Molalla, who has become an expert on the rural telephone, was on hand to give information. The result of the discussion was that Henry Hughes, O. E. Spencer and W. D. Hill were appointed a committee to obtain the signatures of those who are in favor of establishing a telephone system in the Shubel-Carus-Beaver Creek region. Another telephone meeting will be held at 2:30 on Children's Day, when the signatures will be taken into consideration, and if there prove to be enough of them, further steps will be taken.

Between Molalla Corners and Russellville recently eleven miles of telephone have been established, and this week a switch board costing \$70 will be installed at the Molalla post office.

#### This Applies.

Throughout the United States it is noted that there has been a marked gain in the past few years in the attention paid by farmers to the matter of making their homes and surroundings more attractive in appearance. This has resulted in part from the improved financial condition of the farmers but still more to constant agitation of the subject. There are yet many farmers, however, who live well, spend money freely but pay little attention to the appearance of their farm buildings and surroundings. There is much opportunity in the matter of making a farm appear attractive. Some fail by undertaking more than they can carry out.

#### A CONTINUAL STRAIN.

Many men and women are constantly subjected to what they commonly term "a continual strain" because of some financial or family trouble. It weakens and distresses them, both mentally and physically, affecting their nerves badly and bringing on liver and kidney ailments, with the attendant evils of constipation, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, low vitality and despondency. They cannot, as a rule, get rid of this "continual strain," but they can remedy its health-destroying effects by taking frequent doses of Green's August Flower. It tones up the liver, stimulates the kidneys, increases healthy bodily functions, gives vim and spirit to one's whole being and eventually dispels the physical or mental distress caused by that "continual strain." Trial bottle of August Flower, 25 cents; regular size, 75 cents. At Charman & Co's