

OREGON CITY PIONEER OF 1844 TOO EARLY

COAST OLD SETTLERS WOULDN'T HAVE IT THAT WAY. IN COOS.

MORE PUBLIC PARKS NEEDED HERE

Underground Electric and Power Wires Believed to be a Matter of Economy.

Sid Richardson, the first white child that saw daylight in Oregon City 63 years ago, and who worked in the Enterprise office when it was first started, was telling yesterday of some of his pioneer experiences down in the Coos Bay country. Around Portland, Oregon City and the Willamette valley generally a pioneer is not considered worthy of any unusual demonstration unless his arrival in Oregon antedates the early '50's. A dozen years ago shortly after his location in a promising Coos Bay town, he noticed that one day there was an unusual crowd of people on the streets, and was told that the annual meeting of the pioneer association was being held. He saw a couple of young fellows wearing badges and on inquiry learned that they were born in Coos county in 1865. Later he approached a group of older men, and some of them boasted of having come to Oregon as early as 1854. When Richardson told them that he was born at Oregon City in 1844, they almost turned a cold shoulder on him, and he had to go away back and sit down.

One of the urgent needs of Oregon City at this time is more public parks. The city is steadily growing in population and real estate values are appreciably advancing. A park site should be secured that will afford a view of the city and the falls. A park site in that section of the city might be secured at a reasonable price now, but a few years later, it may be beyond the reach of the city. Aside from the comfort of more parks to local people, they would afford convenient resting places for hundreds of non-residents that visit here daily during the summer months, and would add to the attractiveness of the city.

It is asserted by those in position to know that the placing of electric, telephone and telegraph wires in underground conduits, is really a matter of economy to the companies owning the wires. It costs much less for repairs, and it materially cuts down the number of poles to be replaced. If the underground ordinance is passed at the next regular meeting of the council, in due course of time there will be no poles left standing except those that support the trolley wires and these will have to be painted.

Again next week they will be with us—the entire push—the Clackamas county members of the legislature, the committee clerks and the lobbyists. If we have been lonesome during their absence, we were consoled by the fact that they were striving to do something for their county. It is a noticeable fact that there are fewer committee clerks and state house attaches from Clackamas county than formerly. When George C. Brownell was a senate leader and made and unmade United States senators, a small army of Clackamas county people had jobs during the sessions of the legislature, and some of them remained around the state house after the sessions were over. Clackamas county people could be found in every part of the capitol building from the basement to the rotunda.

ELYVILLE BREVITIES

The Bible class of the Mountain View church met with Mrs. R. M. C. Brown Thursday afternoon, their regular meeting day.

Spring work in trimming and spraying trees, garden making and house-cleaning has begun. Every one is busy.

New sidewalks are being laid in this neighborhood which add much to the comfort and attractiveness of the place. Molalla avenue is partly done and lumber on the ground and a start made on Pleasant avenue.

Chapman-Robinson Wedding.

A pretty home wedding occurred Thursday evening, February 21, at 7 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Robinson, 709 Sixth street when their daughter Miss Grace V. Robinson became the wife of Ernest C. Chapman. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. B. Robins, pastor of the First Baptist church of

Oregon City. The bridal party entered the parlor and stood before a drape—made of sword ferns, surrounded by a bank of palms, to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, played by Miss Albina Thibert. The bride was becomingly attired in a champagne colored traveling suit and carried white carnations. Mrs. W. H. Robinson of Portland, sister-in-law of the bride was matron of honor. The groom was attended by Mr. Dalabell of Salem. After congratulations, dainty refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman left on an evening train for Portland, from there they go to Salem to spend their honeymoon. At 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon an affair dinner was served at the Robinson home to the relatives from out of town who are Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Green, Mrs. Sarah Thompson, Mrs. May Cook, Mrs. May Robinson of Clackamas; Mrs. Tilson, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Robinson, Mr. Yuman of Portland. Among the evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Marks, Mrs. Charles Blum of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Kendall and daughter Miss Blanche, Miss Jessie Blank, Miss Leah Lemmon.

RAISED 5000 BUSHELS GOOD POTATOES

GEORGE H. BROWN FIRST LOCAL GROWER TO GRADE HIS PRODUCT.

George H. Brown the potato king of Clackamas county and the first grower in this section that tried the plan of grading his tubers for the San Francisco market was in Oregon City Friday, from New Era. He grew 5000 sacks of potatoes off 45 acres of land during the past season, and so far has sold only a part of his crop. His returns will probably reach the \$4000 mark from the 45 acres of potatoes.

Several years ago Mr. Brown tried the plan of grading his potatoes for the San Francisco market, which resulted in his brand receiving a few cents more per hundred than the average sacks of the product sent into that market. His plan has since been followed to a limited extent by other growers in a small way. Dealers in San Francisco have customers for small potatoes as well as large ones, and it is desired that the sacks be filled with spuds of a uniform size it matters not what the size may be.

MAY FORM STATE LOCAL MILITIA CO.

A petition is being circulated around among the business men of Oregon City asking for their support in organizing a company of infantry for the Oregon National guard, with headquarters in this city. Several names have already been secured on the petition and it is thought that the movement will receive a strong backing.

A second petition will be passed around among the young men of the city who wish to become members of the company. As the bill for the appropriation of \$100,000 for the benefit of the Oregon National Guard has passed the house and the senate, those interested in the movement think it best to get to work on the movement.

SIXTEEN SUCCEEDED AT TEACHERS' EXAM

County School Superintendent Zinser reports the following as the successful candidates for county papers in the recent teachers' examination: First Grade—John F. Bressler, Lillian F. Gans, Mabel Kennedy, Mildred Ruegg-Eisert, Eunice Garfield, T. J. Skirvin.

Second Grade—C. Pearl Yoder, Birdie L. Blair, Alice Hill, U. E. Kenagy, Leah Lemmon, Edna King Kade, Herbert Parsons, Pearl Cartledge, and Ellen Brobst.

Third Grade—Hattie A. Fisher.

FIRST STEAMER TO REACH FALLS HERE

The name of the first steamboat that came up the Willamette river is again being discussed. The Oregonian says that the first steamer to come up the Willamette and Columbia was the Lot Whitecomb. The Albany Democrat takes up the matter in the following way, and says:

Mr. C. Pattison of Oakville says the Columbia built at Astoria was the first boat to make the up trip. It was built

in 1850 and came as far as Oregon City, reaching there July 5, 1850, three years ahead of the Lot Whitecomb. Mr. Pattison himself rode on the Lot Whitecomb and L. E. Blain was also a resident of Oregon City at the time.

LEGISLATURE COSTS NEARLY \$4,000,000

Salem, Feb. 23.—Legislature adjourned and majority of house members gone home. This legislature has far exceeded all former sessions in the matter of appropriations that foot up to a total of \$3,725,000, and would have almost reached \$5,000,000 mark if pruning hook had not been applied. The general appropriation bill was \$1,267,000 and the increase of the total goes for special and educational purposes.

TWO DEMOCRATS GET FAT SALARY

Salem, Feb. 23.—Will R. King, of Ontario, and W. P. Slater of Salem, named by Governor as supreme court commissioners at salary of \$6000 per annum. Duties to consist in assisting judges of state supreme court in their work. Will R. King is prominent in Democratic circles and has run for congress as well as governor. Mr. Slater is the son of a former Oregon Democratic congressman. Both are able lawyers.

WILL DEFEAT LAW OFFICERS IT IS SAID

WANTS TO BE DESPERADO OF JESSE JAMES VARIETY.

Boy is Only 14 Years Old But is Said to Be Hiding on West Side From His Parents.

Gwynne Green, with his mind full of all sorts of the so called brave deeds of Jesse James, and Diamond Dick heroes, loaded down with his father's revolver and several boxes of ammunition, roaming around in the hills of the West Side district from the Suspension bridge to the school house and generally creating a reign of terror is the latest bit of sensation on record in this city.

Young Green is a lad of 14 years and has been missing from his home for several days. His latest escapades are due to the fact that he doesn't want to go to school and when his father told him he must attend regularly he took a skip and began his tactics. He has since been roaming around through the hills of the West Side and often times has held up some people for tobacco and matches. At other times he would show up at the play grounds of the school and enjoy himself with his former schoolmates and tell them of his daring deeds out in the open wilds. Where he stays at night has not been learned but some of the missing lunches of men who are employed at the mills testify to the fact that the lad is finding something to keep body and soul together.

His father, Clay Green, felt anxious about him Friday and persuaded some of the boys' chums to look for the young "make believe" desperado. The boys found their man but were not allowed to advance any nearer the hiding place or fortress, and when they insisted on talking to him and asking him to return, Green fired two shots at the band. No casualties resulted however but in the afternoon the county officials were notified and a search was made for the lad Saturday morning. His whereabouts are not known although it is reported that a young fellow about Green's age was seen Saturday noon smoking a pipe across the river and generally taking things in a cool manner.

Young Green intends to carry out his program and it is learned that he does not intend to be captured and be made to return to his home. He is saving ammunition for the officers whom he thinks will look for him and the last shell in his gun will be kept for himself in case he thinks capture stares him in the face.

The complaint for the arrest of young Green was sworn out by Mr. Burden of the West Side, whose son was shot at by the Green boy. Young Green is said to have told one of his acquaintances that he was armed for the officers, and had one bullet for himself.

Mrs. R. L. Ringo of Clarkes visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. G. W. Grace, Friday.

Social and Personal

Second Wedding Anniversary.
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Curtis of Promenade street, delightfully entertained in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George Woodward's second wedding anniversary Monday night. The evening passed quickly with interesting games, music and other amusements, after which a luncheon was served. The guests of honor were showered with good wishes and received many gifts. Among those in attendance were Messrs. and Mesdames Charles H. Gates, R. E. Woodward, F. P. Cross, S. O. Curtis, Mrs. Clara Jack; Misses Myrtle Cross, Maude Woodward, Amie Woodward; Messrs. G. R. H. Miller, S. B. Shadle, Everett Cross, Bradley Woodward, L. Cross.

Sola Circle Social.
Sola Circle Women of Woodcraft in a special meeting Monday afternoon elected several candidates, balloted on others and received three applications for membership. Fifteen applicants will be initiated Friday evening, March 1. After the business session, the regular monthly social will be enjoyed. The menu Friday evening will be prepared by the ladies whose initial letter is L. or M. and everything appearing on the table will begin with one of those letters. Dancing and cards furnish amusement after supper.

Marriage Licenses.
Marriage licenses were in demand on the 25th, and three were granted. One to Ima Single and H. L. Angelo; one to Barbara Barrett and O. M. Stimpington, and another to Nettie A. Harbour and W. R. Kemp, the latter being accompanied by a note from his mother, Mrs. S. A. Kemp of Woodburn, granting her consent to the union. The Rev. P. K. Hammond united O. M. Stimpington and Barbara Barrett in marriage the same afternoon.

Nelson-Ahlberg Wedding.
County Judge Grant B. Dimick united in marriage Hannah S. Nelson and Olof Ahlberg, Saturday morning at 8:30 in the county court room, as soon as the marriage license had been issued. The bride is a resident of this county and owns a large farm in the Sandy district. The groom is a business man of Seattle. County Deputy clerk Mrs. Sleight and Judge Thomas F. Ryan were witnesses to the ceremony.

A large number of people attended the entertainment at Mt. Pleasant Friday evening in celebration of Washington's birthday. The program was rendered in a very pleasing manner and the farce "Who's who or All in a Fog" in one act was well received. Miss Carrie Seeley of Oregon City, recited very effectively, and little Juanita Dixon captured the attention and praises of the audience with several pleasing recitations. A social time and supper were held after the program.

Mrs. Martha Shepherd, the postmistress at Barlow, was given a surprise Friday night by a large company of friends. The party was held in grange hall and was participated in by nearly everybody in the Barlow neighborhood. Mrs. Shepherd is very popular and it is said that she has a life lease on the office of postmistress at Barlow.

The young people's social club of the Baptist church, a recently organized club, celebrated Washington's birthday Friday evening at the church parlors, inviting a few friends to join in their pleasure. Oranges and candy were served and a short impromptu program enjoyed.

Willamette Rebekahs had a grand attendance at the dinner given for the members of that order Friday evening. There are perhaps 200 members and about 150 were present to partake of what is pronounced by one who was there as a "perfectly splendid" chicken dinner.

The entertainment at Twilight hall, Friday evening, was a success in every way. The program was well rendered and the address by Judge Dimick was highly appreciated by the audience. The quilt was raffled off and Mrs. Edith Reese of Newberg proved to have held the lucky number.

Mrs. Peter Wink returned Saturday to her home in New Era after six weeks spent with Mrs. G. W. Grace here. Mrs. Wink has entirely recovered from an operation undergone several weeks ago.

There are several persons searching every corner of this county for large draft horses. Some sales reported lately have brought from \$400 to \$800 per team.

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