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## 1000 CELEBRATED

### ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

Sixty Years Ago Joe Meek Called For a Divide, and the Last Opportunity for British Rule Was Lost.

The 60th anniversary of the founding of the civil government on the Pacific coast was celebrated Saturday at Champeog. A large number of people went from this city and attended the exercises and short speeches were made by Judge William Galloway, Hon. Chas. B. Moores, and Mrs. Robert A. Miller. Hon. Frank Davey, of Salem, was the principal speaker and ex-Governor Geer presided. It was a source of regret that F. X. Matthieu, the sole survivor of the founders of Oregon's provisional government, was ill and was unable to be present. Among those present from Oregon City were: H. C. Steiens, Mr. and Mrs. David Canfield, Mrs. Sarah H. Evans, Mrs. Shirley Buck, Mrs. Robert A. Miller, Judge and Mrs. William Galloway, Waldo Canfield, Mrs. Robert A. Canfield and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Moores. Mrs. Josephine DeVore Johnson was also present. Among the pioneers were: Mrs. R. F. Canfield, 1849; C. B. Moores, 1852; William Galloway, 1853; Mrs. Josephine DeVore Johnson, 1853; Mrs. C. B. Moores, 1857; Mrs. R. A. Miller, 1859.

Hon. Frank Davey said in part: When I received, through the President of Matthieu's Cabin, your kind invitation to address you upon this occasion, it seemed almost impossible for me to accept. I was then in the midst of labors that could not well be put aside, and which demanded my attention. But as I let my mind run back over the historical events which we are gathered to commemorate, and reflect upon the important part which they have played in the history of our nation, and of our native Oregon, I felt that the importance of the occasion demanded that I should contribute whatever I could in my humble way to its success.

SIXTY YEARS AGO TODAY. Sixty years ago today on the very spot where stands this marble shaft, assembled 102 pioneer men, brave, resolute, determined. The majority of them had come to gather to organize a government for their protection. Beyond this there was no selfish motive actuating them. Amongst them there was no office seekers, no public leeches, no grafters. In their minds were none of the perplexing problems of capital and labor, of tariff or trusts or corporate greed. They had assembled to organize a government that would protect their lives, their homes and their property. The necessity for this had come out of the primeval conditions that surrounded them. Such necessities will arise whenever men are gathered together in the same community, and begin to exchange their products and their labor. These governments are born of necessity, and from the simple, primitive governments for the protection of life, liberty and property, have grown the complex systems, which today shape and mould the destinies of mankind.

### FEDERALS AGAINST THE BRITISH.

"These men were of two nations, and owed allegiance to the United States and Great Britain. They were not strong enough to have organized an independent government, had there been a disposition to do so. Necessarily then, the question that arose was, under which flag shall the government be formed? This one problem that for months past had worried the minds of the founders of that government, and that had seemed almost incapable of solution. There were those here who had been reared under the Stars and Bars, and others who had known no other than the emblems of liberty—Red White and Blue. Each side was therefore anxious to retain allegiance to its native flag, and to bring beneath the dominion of its own government this western empire that soon must teem with wealth and population. No wonder that anxiety, for patriotism is one of the strongest impulses that actuates mankind. Upon the decision of that ques-

tion probably depended the fate of Oregon and much of the welfare and prosperity of the nation. Upon it depended the form of government under which they and their descendants should live.

A MOMENTOUS ISSUE. "With the Americans it was a question whether the dominion of our government would terminate with the eastern border of the desert lands over which these pioneers had so recently passed, or whether it should include the magnificent harbors, valleys and forests of our western coast; whether these pioneer builders of the republic were to be permitted to plant the standard of their nation here, and establish for their government a nucleus from which it could grow in wealth and power, and send out to the busy marts of the trade and commerce of the Orient ships bearing its flag and laden with the products of western energy and enterprise. With the Canadians, it was a question whether Great Britain should have a foot hold here, control that commerce, contend with the United States for the supremacy in the West and Middle West. For some months past both parties had considered the problem of governmental organization in some form, and each had cherished the hope that some day, its nation would prevail here.

A DIVISION CALLED FOR. "The Americans believing that they were in the majority, had laid plans for an organization whereby they could be taken into the union. They had therefore called this "Wofie Meeting" ostensibly for the purpose of framing laws, if they might be called such, for the protection against the beasts of the forests. The Canadians believing that it would better serve their purposes to wait until Great Britain should further colonize the territory, had come out in full force, with the understanding that they should vote "no" upon all motions, and thus for the time prevent organization. As all had gathered together, voting upon the motions of minor importance, Le Breton discovered the Americans had the majority, and said so, calling for a division upon the question of organization, and was immediately seconded by Gray. It was a moment of intense anxiety and importance. But for every critical moment in the world's history, there is a man.

THE FEARLESS MEEK. "Out of the crowd stepped fearless Joe Meek, brave, courageous patriot, the hero of the hour. And in a voice that inspired his countrymen with renewed confidence, cried out: "Who's for a divide? All for the report of the committee and an organization, follow me." Thus at this very spot lined up for a count, the representatives of two nations, assembled in no other legislative hall than that which nature had provided. There was here no gilded palace of marble and bronze, with walls decorated with painting and sculpture, such as has been the meeting places of less important bodies. There was nothing but the rustic palace of nature to contain this legislative body; nature it was better suited to their pioneer conditions, and the primitive government they were about to form than would have been the most magnificent capitol of the world. Joe Meek's demand for a "divide" was the most dramatic call for a division ever made in the parliaments of the world. A careful count was necessary to determine the result. Fifty had lined up with the Canadians against organization and fifty-two with the Americans.

Up in the air went Joe Meek's hat, and the Americans joined in with him in three cheers that made the foothills ring with the first echoes of republican government here. "Then the Canadians mounted their horses and rode away, while their victors watched them disappear in the distance. With them, the last opportunity for British rule in Oregon. INDIANS' PATHETIC SITUATION. "The poor untutored Indians, unused to legislative scenes, had gathered here in great numbers. This was the place where they held their councils. Here had been witnessed by them many a stormy scene. It was likewise their seat of government, their capital. What an appropriate meeting place for that occasion. Within their forest-bounded legislative halls was born a government that was to bring to them the new and strange civilization of the east, before which, in time, their savage traditions. "When all the opposition had disappeared, the Americans took steps for the organization of the provisional government, which paved the way

## WON IN THE NINTH

### NEFZGER'S THREE-BAGGER DOES THE TICKET FOR HOME TEAM.

Exciting Game at Canemah Park Yesterday In Which the Schiller's Go Down to Defeat By a Score of 4 to 2.

Nearly four hundred people saw a crackarjack game of base ball at Canemah Park yesterday between Oregon City and the Schiller's of Portland. The game was well played and was exciting from start to finish and the visitors suffered from the mighty Nefzger, who was in the box for the home team. They were unable to hit the south paw, who struck out fifteen men and the Schiller's only got four hits off him. Oregon City got one run in the first inning and one in the fourth and Schiller's played goose eggs up to the eighth inning when they tied the score. The fireworks commenced in the last half of the ninth, when the home team gingered up and furnished the necessary runs to win out. Kreitz went to first on balls, then Lee went to the initial bag on an error of the second baseman, advancing Kreitz to second. Nefzger came up and lined out a three bagger over the head of the center fielder and Kreitz and Lee scored. The game closed with one out in the ninth. The detailed score:

	AB.	R.	H.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Lee, H.	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Nefzger, p.	5	0	3	0	1	1	0
McFarland 1b	4	0	2	1	6	1	0
Hodgkin, 2b.	4	0	1	0	3	2	0
Rhoades, 3b.	3	0	0	0	2	1	0
Graham, ss.	3	1	2	0	1	0	0
Case, c.	4	0	1	0	0	0	1
Califf, rf.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kreitz, c.	3	1	0	0	14	2	1

	34	4	9	1	37	2
SCHILLER'S.						
Miller, 3b.	4	0	0	0	3	0
Case, 2b.	3	0	0	1	3	4
Mott, 1b.	4	0	0	0	4	0
Keller, p.	4	1	1	0	2	1
Gains, c.	3	1	1	0	8	1
Van Nortwick, cf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Meyers, ss.	2	0	0	0	3	4
Lander, lf.	3	0	1	0	1	0
Goins, rf.	3	0	0	0	0	0

	29	3	4	1	24	11	7
Runs and Hits by Innings.							
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
3	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
4	1	0	1	1	0	0	2
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
6	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
7	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
8	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
9	0	0	0	1	1	0	2

### MR. MOORES SURPRISED.

Is Recipient of Handsome Stick From His Co-Workers.

The esteem in which Charles B. Moores is held by those with whom he has worked for five years was evinced last Friday evening, when a merry company surprised him at his residence. The surprise was complete and before Mr. and Mrs. Moores knew what was going to happen, the party had taken possession of the house and proceeded to show Mr. Moores how a program could be followed "as arranged." Brief speeches, accompanied by lots of fun and laughter, were made by Colonel Robert A. Miller and Bruce C. Curry, and the climax of the evening came when Judge Galloway stood up Mr. Moores and in an address, fraught with deep feeling and sincere regard, presented Mr. Moores with a handsome black ebony gold-headed cane, the gift of the clerks of the United States Land Office, of which Mr. Moores has been Register for the past five years. The present was an utter surprise, and Mr. Moores was overcome, but gave voice to his sentiment in a little talk of acknowledgement, assuring his friends that he sincerely appreciated the feeling which prompted the gift.

The evening was enlivened by fake telegrams to Mr. Moores, Judge Galloway and Colonel Miller. Ice cream and cake were served. The affair was enjoyable from beginning to end.

Mr. Moores is now ex-Register of the Oregon City land office. He has been a resident of this city for five years, coming here from Salem, where he has lived for many years and where he is liked and regarded as a man and as a citizen. He has made a host of friends in Oregon City by his gentlemanly bearing, his irresistible good humor and his sterling character. He will remain here for this year, at least, and will office with Attorney Bruce C. Curry.

### ATHLETIC BENEFIT.

#### High School Boys' Entertainment and Hop Nets Over \$40.

The boys of the Barclay High school gave an enjoyable and successful entertainment and dance in Willamette Hall Saturday evening. Over \$40 was received over all expenses. The hall was crowded. The program opened with a piano duet by Miss Edna Caulfield and Miss Edna Daulton. They were encored. Bert Boylan rendered a vocal solo, and the Telford boys did a musical stunt on two banjos, harmonica and autoharp. Miss Maysie Foster sang and the Misses Ona Renner and Clara Koerner gave a piano duet. Miss Mary Conyers sang Nevins' "O, That We Two Were Maying," and for an encore sang "Violets." An instrumental selection by the Telford brothers closed the program, after which dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

A large audience witnessed the Liquid Air demonstration at Shively's opera house last Thursday and all found it very interesting. The experiments and tests were in detail to the satisfaction of the audience. The demonstration concluded with an exhibition of the wonders of Marconi's system of wireless telegraphy.

The Willamette Valley Coral Union will hold their annual Festival at Eugene, May 12th to 14th. Tickets at reduced rates from all points on the Oregon lines of the Southern Pacific Co. will be sold May 11th to 14th inclusive, return limit May 15th, 1903.

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## S. P. CO. TO OPPOSE

### OBJECTS TO A GRADE CROSSING OVER ITS TRACKS.

Want an Underground Crossing and May Go into the Courts—Only One Bid For Construction Has Been Received So Far.

The Southern Pacific is at the front with a letter to the committee on streets and public property of the city council, the tenor of which is that the company will oppose, in the courts, if necessary, any attempt on the part of the city to establish a grade crossing over the company's tracks on Third street. The crossing is necessary in the construction of the south end road, and the city cannot afford, it thinks, to build an underground crossing at this time. Manager Koehler says that in case the council determines on an underground crossing, he will recommend to his committee the granting to the city of such rights "that in case of a decision of the Supreme Court adverse to the city in reference to the area commonly known as our depot grounds as would protect it in reference to the location of the street or roadway, and that I have also recommended to our people, in case of an understanding, to furnish the steel beams necessary to carry the tracks over the roadway, which I understand is to be about 20 feet wide."

The Southern Pacific Company is evidently taking something for granted. In the suit of the city against the company to quiet the title of Bluff Street and the promenade, Judge McBride ruled in favor of the city, and the company stands little or no chance of winning in the Supreme Court. Hedges & Griffith and A. S. Dresser, attorneys for the city, have prepared an exhaustive brief, covering every point and contention of the suit, and are confident that the decision of the lower court will be upheld.

There are obstacles in the way of the road construction and there is no question but that those opposed to the road will eagerly seize upon the company's objection as an argument against the construction.

Several weeks ago the street committee advertised for bids for the construction, the object being to ascertain the probable cost. Two bids were asked for, one for the road up the bluff and the other for the crossing from Main street on Third street to the railroad tracks. The bids were to be opened Saturday, but only one bid for the crossing on Third street was made and no bids at all for the road up the bluff. The time was extended until next Wednesday night, when the regular monthly meeting of the council will be held. It is supposed that additional bids will be received by that time.

The people of Oregon City, who generally favor the construction of the road, should not permit the Southern Pacific Company, or any other company or individual, to place straws in the way of the south end road.

## Dyeing at Johnson's

BARBER SHOP  
LEAVE ORDERS FOR DYEING AND CLEANING.  
Our representative will be in Oregon City Tuesdays and Saturdays.  
Gents Clothing Cleaned, Colored and Repaired.  
All work left at Johnson's Barber Shop will receive prompt attention.  
OREGON STEAM DYING AND CLEANING WORKS  
358 Burnside Street, Corner 9th, Portland, Ore.

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You can save money for yourself if you do your buying here. • We can put pennies into your saving account every day. • The little we save you on every purchase is what will count in building plenty for you in your saving fund.

Friday is our busy day, and all who appreciate a real bargain will find us ready with something that every house has use for. We will put on sale:

FRIDAY  
April 24



FRIDAY  
May 1

100 12-quart XXXX heavy galvanized Milk and Water Pails, weighing 4 pounds and will last longer than one dozen of the cheaper kind. The regular price is 75 cents, but it will be sold for

50 Cents

on Fridays only—as long as the present stock lasts. On inquiry you will find a list of other goods reduced at the same rate and sold Fridays only.

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