

ANNUAL GATHERING OF PIONEERS

Twenty-second Reunion of the Men and Women Who Made Oregon—Large Attendance and an Enjoyable Occasion.

Yesterday was Pioneer Day, and the men and women who made Portland possible owned the town for the time being.

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THE RECEPTION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE OREGON PIONEER ASSOCIATION.

The four firsts already passed, the fifth shall close the drama of the day. Time's noblest offspring shall be the last.

Looking Backward. And closing up the last year of the century, looking back over the achievements of the past, and looking forward to the bright future which is before us, we cannot but realize that here we have founded a better country, and in a better place, than those who have left or passed over, and those who shall come after us will find here the best and the noblest of freedom's offspring.

The history of this Northwest, which has so grandly developed, and the rich promises of the future, assure us of the greatness of this Northwest empire. The territory which was known as Oregon at the time Great Britain relinquished its claim in 1846, now comprises the States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and parts of Montana and Wyoming.

square into which the oxen were placed, and the men got their guns and ammunition, ready to fight. Nearest and nearest it came. It was a moment of intense excitement, when the cry was given that it was a band of buffalo on a stampede.

There was no law there, so each train was a law unto itself. The men composing the immigrants of that year believed in order and justice. They were strong, sturdy men, who knew their rights, and were bound to maintain them.

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into the world to begin life's battle for myself. The first Winter in Oregon. The first Winter was one of hardship. Flour was \$3 a barrel, potatoes \$4 a bushel and a man without means had a hard struggle to maintain a family of five children.

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the plains for six months, six railway trains now leave the Pacific Coast daily, carrying their passengers across the Mississippi River in 70 hours. Our manufactures are being gradually developed; within our own borders we have timber, stone, gold, silver, iron and copper sufficient for great accomplishments.

Before the applause which followed the closing remarks of Mr. Moreland had died away the band began to play. As soon as the music ceased the president introduced Cyrus H. Walker, who had

still remain exhibit a degree of decrepitude, listlessness and moral degradation which is unknown among any other portion of our aborigines. This idea of the century did not generally change for several years. Appleton, in the American Encyclopedia, in 1853, makes this statement: "Nearly all the tillable land in the state is in the Willamette Valley a body of land about 18 miles long and 30 miles wide. This would make only 320 square miles

in the whole country, or less than 4 per cent, suitable for cultivation. The lands east of the Cascade Mountains were described in this work as barren, treeless, dry and entirely unfit for cultivation. Yet amid all this discouraging news and the many reports, the faith of these grand men and women who first settled these Western shores was never shaken.

"Elizabeth Seger (now Mrs. William Hays), and present today, and an Indian, caught a salmon, and the Indian water, out of which fish Mrs. Whitman made soup that was eagerly devoured."

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griest mill pond, east of the house, passed through the north side of the mission house, and into the water. The doctor pushed her in. There was some terrible squalling, but the lesson was salutary.

There is a pathetic side to this episode, for the doctor's only child, Alice, had been drowned in the Walla Walla River, but a few rods from the mission house, a few years previous, and he no doubt feared a like fate for his sister.

"If I remember rightly, it was the winter following this incident that I was very sick with a fever. When well enough to venture out of doors, I remember how Fort Colville whipsaw lumber—down in the city of Walla Walla, when Emma got beyond her depth in the water; but the outcry of Mrs. Bellis and others brought assistance, and she was rescued, after going down the second time."

Yamhill County, president; J. H. D. Gray, 1855, vice-president; Clatsop County; George H. Himes, 1853, Multnomah County secretary, re-elected; Charles E. Ladd, 1867, treasurer, Multnomah County, re-elected; Elias B. Smith, 1839, Clatsop County, corresponding secretary; B. P. Thompson, 1853, Multnomah County, J. T. Aperson, 1847, Clackamas County, William Galloway, 1853, Clackamas County, directors.

On motion a committee of three was appointed by the president to confer with like committees from the Native Sons of Oregon, Native Daughters of Oregon, Indian War Veterans and Oregon Historical Society. Said committee was composed of the following: George H. Himes, J. H. D. Gray, Benton Killin.

Those Who Were There. Those who were present, the years they came to Oregon, and their present place of residence, is as follows: 1818. Louis La Bonte, St. Paul, 1838. Cyrus H. Walker, Albany. Napoleon McCallister, Portland; Silas

COFFEE DISEASES. Ministers and Young Lady Affected. Ministers sometimes find they suffer from the effects of bad habits as well as ordinary people. Rev. Mr. ... of Athens, N. Y., had become greatly emaciated from coffee drinking, which produced stomach trouble and all of the effects of overwork or poor nourishment.

the world's herolon will be that whereon is inscribed the bravest and heroism, the hardships and sufferings, and the successes and triumphs of Oregon's pioneer women.

On the Fourth of July we camped on the summit of the Rocky Mountains, amid the snow, and the next day we were following down the waters that were flowing into the Pacific. From this onward the journey was even harder than ever.

Westward the star of empire takes its way, still remain exhibit a degree of decrepitude, listlessness and moral degradation which is unknown among any other portion of our aborigines.

By the way, the principal vegetable raised was the potato. The Indians were selected to deliver the occasional address.

The Occasional Address. "My earliest recollections are of log-houses, north of, and near the foot of a range of pine-covered hills. A spring, bursting forth from the hillsides, led to watering troughs for the convenience of stock."

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