



SNAPSHOTS OF OREGON PIONEERS AS THEY ASSEMBLED AT THE ARMORY

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AT BANQUET BOARD

Snow-Crowned Heads of Oregon Are Guests of Honor.

PIONEERS ARE FEASTED

Sixteen Hundred of the First Citizens of the Commonwealth Gaze Into Each Others Eyes and Silently Give Thanks.

Sixteen hundred "snow-crowned heads of Oregon" sat together at the banquet board in the Armory yesterday. Sixteen hundred of Oregon's first citizens, the majority of them past the three-score years and ten, gazed into each other's tear-dimmed eyes and silently gave thanks that they were permitted to be there and enjoy what is to them the happiest occasion of their declining years.

When the doors of the big drill room where the banquet was spread were thrown open to the guests shortly before 8 o'clock, a dear old lady more than 80 years old and wearing a badge of 250 clapped her hands and exclaimed with an enthusiasm which belie her age: "Oh, it's just like Paradise, isn't it? And it was the ingenuity and art of many women had turned the unsightly hall into a bower of beauty and the long tables which completely filled the great drill space were so covered with beautiful flowers that a gorgeous mass of coloring was the result. A tempting and delicious menu was served and the tired, hungry pioneers did full justice to it.

The Reception Committee. Mrs. C. M. Cartwright, chairman of the Women's Auxiliary, stood at the outer door of the banquet hall to receive the guests, and a women's committee assisted Grand Marshal Joseph Buchtel and his aids in receiving. This committee was composed of Mrs. W. S. Ladd, chairman; Mrs. Raleigh Stott, Mrs. R. B. Wilson, Mrs. A. Meier, Mrs. A. C. Gibbs, Mrs. Matthew P. Deady, Mrs. C. Vestling, Mrs. R. H. Bowman, Mrs. C. B. Bellinger, Mrs. F. Selling, Mrs. Theodore Wygant, Mrs. B. F. Cardwell, Mrs. William Groome, Mrs. Frankie Hains, Mrs. Abigail Scott Duffway, Mrs. C. A. Coburn, Mrs. H. W. Corbett, Mrs. Elijah Corbett, Mrs. F. Moreland Harvey, Mrs. Seneca Smith, Portland; Mrs. George Harding, Mrs. E. D. Kelly, Oregon City; Mrs. Elizabeth Lord, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Wilson, The Dalles; Mrs. Elizabeth Kenney, Jacksonville; Mrs. Sarah E. Munson, Skippoon; Mrs. C. O. Boynton, Woodburn; Mrs. Elizabeth Chambers, Mrs. A. C. McClelland, Baker City; Mrs. James A. Kelley, Cathlamet; Mrs. Elizabeth Perry, Houlton.

The Table Decorations. This is the twelfth year that Mrs. Cartwright has served as chairman of the auxiliary and yesterday's success was a crowning glory for this long and faithful service in a cause that is dear to her heart. Every pioneer in Oregon knows Mrs. Cartwright—they remember her when she was Charlotte Terwilliger and

many call her by that name. Miss Mollie Burke, who has also served long and well as secretary and treasurer of the association, was of most material assistance to the chairman and a factor in the success of this great undertaking. Attending the various tables were the ladies mentioned in yesterday's Oregonian, all of them wives, daughters or grand-daughters of the state's pioneers. They represent the best families in the land, for that is the kind with which Oregon is settled. Each year they are eager to perform this labor of love for the old folks who in former years made it possible for them to live now in this land of plenty. The table decorations provided by these ladies are deserving of especial mention and praise, for a great amount of work was expended on them and the result was rarely beautiful. The rose tables seemed hard to excel, those adorned with crimson ranunculus vying with the delicate effects of the pink rose tables or the rich tones of one done in Jacqueminots. There was also one done in pure white roses, much admired. Sweet peas were used in profusion, one table having these blossoms in pink and purple with center pieces of Southern magnolias. Yellow marguerites proved wonderfully effective, and three beautiful blue tables were in Canterbury bells, giant larkspur and corn-flowers, respectively. Those who sat at the California gypsy tables thought they were the prettiest and some favored the pink Canterbury bells, but it was not possible to select any one as all of them were perfect.

Presented With Souvenir Bouquets. As the guests left the tables they were presented with bunches of flowers which had formed the decorations, this little courtesy on the part of the hostesses seeming to please them greatly. One came back to her table and asked for a rose with a long stem or a branch, so that she might plant it when she got home. "I always take the flowers you ladies give me home," she said, "and then I plant the slips. I have a rose bush in my yard for every year I have attended the pioneer reunion—and I have been here a good many times. If any one doubts the appreciation of the pioneer visitors such incidents as this should dispel them."

Old Friends Gather. Following the banquet there was a general gathering of old friends at tables and about the room. J. M. Shiley, of Eugene, proposed three cheers for the ladies of Portland who had prepared the delightful meal, and these were given as lustily as school boys could have done. Many of the older and best-known pioneers had crowds around their chairs for an hour after the banquet was over. Acquaintances were renewed and experiences of early days related. F. X. Mathieu was one of the most interesting visitors, and a great deal of attention. She is the oldest living child born of American parents in Oregon, and a daughter of the Spaulding Warren, attracted to the first missionary party coming to Oregon. Mrs. Warren is a survivor of the terrible Whitman massacre, and there were also six other survivors present. Mrs. Stephen Coffin, now 86 years old, walked about quite as lively

as friends 23 years her junior, and C. S. Silver, past the 90 mark, proved one of the most efficient aids in Grand Marshal Buchtel's corps. There was one badge bearing the date 1831 and this was worn by Mrs. Henrietta Molann, of Brooks, Or. Mrs. L. J. Reynolds, of Walla Walla, who came to Oregon in 1842 with Dr. Whitman's first party, was a guest of the banquet. Mrs. Dan O'Neil, of Rose Farm, Oregon City, was greeted by scores of friends, and Mrs. R. B. Wilson, Mrs. C. H. Lewis and Mrs. Elijah Corbett, thoroughly enjoyed meeting acquaintances of 50 years' standing.

Brought California's Papers. With Mrs. O'Neil was Mrs. M. H. Hensley, who, 30 years ago, came to California by way of the Isthmus and brought the letters from Washington admitting that state to the Union. The bill passed Congress September 9, 1850, and on the 13th Mrs. Hensley, then Miss Crosby, sailed for the Pacific Coast with her mother. In crossing the Isthmus they were seven days on the Chagres River in open canoes, and she still has the umbrella with which she sheltered the precious documents from the constant rain. If just one experience in the life of each pioneer present at yesterday's reunion could be compiled it would make a volume of stirring adventure beyond

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to every clime and golden streams pour into our state as a result. You were the cause of making all this known; you were beyond the average of men. You were not the dreamers from the East; those you left behind; they do not travel so far from home. You produced the provisional government, pronounced by state builders as almost a perfect organization and a model to be followed. You were the architects of our constitution, around which you placed such safeguards that wealth and power, not of the people, cannot tear it down. While other states groan under great debts, you so fixed our charter that our state does not owe a dollar in the world. You are like the pioneers during the Revolution and subsequently, who made a Declaration of Independence and a Constitution that the tinkers could not assault and destroy. Let us hand all these things down to those who will travel in our footsteps along the great highway of time.

A Social Hour Is Enjoyed. At the conclusion of the programme a social hour was greatly enjoyed by the pioneers, after which a procession was formed, with the earliest pioneers in the van, and the pathfinders journeyed to the banquet-room, where they were received

by Mrs. C. M. Cartwright, assisted by the ladies' reception committee.

The business session convened at 7:30 o'clock, officers were chosen and the death list of the year read. An informal programme was given after the business session. John Minto presiding. The Veterans Double Quartet, consisting of R. Dallock, W. E. Powell, J. S. Hamilton, C. W. Tracy, R. V. Pratt, C. C. Pratt, George Buchanan, A. M. Cummings, Dr. H. H. Littlefield and H. P. Bestow rendered several excellent selections. Other musical numbers and readings completed the programme.

During the business session the following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, That the pioneers recognize with many thanks the generosity of the citizens of Portland in providing the means for the entertainment of the pioneers at this, the 234 annual reunion.

Resolved, That we recognize the generosity and self-sacrificing efforts of the ladies of Portland, under the leadership of Mrs. C. M. Cartwright, who so splendidly provided the annual dinner, and to them we return our sincere thanks.

J. C. Moreland, H. W. Scott and R. P. Bohm were appointed a committee to represent the Oregon Pioneer Association at the exercises connected with the reinterment of the remains of Jason Lee during the session of the Methodist Congress soon to be held in this city.

Today the pioneers will go to the Exposition as guests of honor of the Exposition. The official badge will admit them to the grounds, where everything possible will be done to make their visit comfortable and enjoyable. Ceremonies are to be held in Festival Hall in the morning, and the afternoon will be spent in viewing the Fair and "hitting the Trail." It was for the explorers and the pioneers that the Exposition's amusement corner was named the Trail, and the pioneers will, no doubt, honor the courtesy by enjoying the spiciness of outcrops and seeing the shows and dreaming how different it was in that selfsame spot half a century ago. It will be a far different Trail and a far different manner of hitting it, but it will serve to remind them that these things are possible because they were courageous enough to fight a winning battle when to lose would have meant death and despair; when to win did mean honor everlasting!

LINN WILL HAVE A HOLIDAY

Hundreds of People Coming to the Fair Today.

This is the 234 annual reunion. Many of them were getting old when the first one was held, but those who survive will come again next year and the year following, until at least there shall remain not one to recount their epic story.

Hate off! The pioneers are here today. We should do every honor to them, but we will not and cannot do enough. We do not yet properly appreciate them. Some far-off future singer will tell their history in a new Iliad and a new Odyssey. Some child as yet to be born in this Oregon country will some day take his children's children upon his knees and speak to them of the Heroic Days and of how long years before, he looked upon the last remaining of the pioneers. And those children will inquire: "What was he like, granddaddy? What was he like?" and the aged one shall answer, "Though he may have been God's humblest creature, he was a hero, children—a hero."

Though Bent With the Years Their Hearts Keep Young

BY A. A. G. A touching circumstance of the annual reunion of Oregon Pioneers, held here yesterday, was the omission of the parade which in the past has added much that was picturesque to the occasion.

It was no doubt a sensible action on the part of those who had charge of arrangements, for the task of marching for blocks through the city streets has become too much for the old men and women who laid the foundations of these states, two generations ago.

The passing of many years has robbed them of the strength which was theirs when they took the westward way so long ago. The pathetic reason for abandoning the parade was apparent, however, when the fathers and mothers of great commonwealths gathered at the Armory in the afternoon. It is no use disguising the fact—they are too old. It is hard for them to understand it, themselves, for many of them marched on foot across 2000 miles of plain and mountain sixty and more years ago, to pitch the outposts of civilization here by the Western sea. They cannot solve the cruel mystery of dimming eyes, halting feet and bent backs. Their hearts keep young with the memories of the mighty days when they adventured in an unknown land. That was the middle of the last century. To us it seems as long ago as the building of the pyramids, but to the forefathers of Old

Oregon it is but a brief yesterday, in which the tragedy of old age has come to them.

It is almost sad, and perforce they must march as they have ever done, because the lengthening shadows obscure the way. Yesterday's gathering of the pioneers is the largest ever held. They come from all over the Northwest to meet again on common ground and to see the Fair. Yesterday's sessions were held at the Armory, and today they will attend the Exposition as guests of the management.

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PROMINENT PIONEERS WHO ATTENDED YESTERDAY'S RE-UNION



grew to Portland. Several hundred Linn County people will go to Portland tomorrow, many of them coming from the interior towns of the county. The local club has requested that the day be made a Linn County day, instead of Albany day, and people of the county have taken the offer up with a vim.

Mrs. Henrietta Brown, hostess for Albany day, will be assisted by Madames S. S. Train, J. K. Weatherford, F. M. French, T. G. Hopkins, L. E. Hamilton, C. C. Hogue, J. W. Althouse, S. E. Young, L. B. Blain, H. M. Palmer, D. P. Mason, W. H. Holman, W. H. Parker, F. P. Nutting, H. A. Ljning, G. A. Westgate, C. B. Winn, C. E. Sox, C. V. Littler, E. D. Cusick, J. P. Wallace, A. M. Hammer, P. B. Marshall, J. K. Haight, H. A. Nelson, P. A. Young, A. C. Schmitt, E. F. Sox, and Misses Clara Guard, Flora Mason, Laura Vance, Mary Stewart, Emma Sox and Georgia Payne.

The special train which will take the visitors to the city will run from both Lebanon and Albany, leaving here at 7 o'clock.

WILL REPRESENT THE ARMY. Uncle Sam Sends Dentists and Doctors to Conventions at Fair. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 15.—Examining and Supervising Dental Surgeon John S. Marshall, U. S. A., is detailed to represent the dental corps of the Army at the Lewis and Clark Dental Congress at Portland, July 17 to 20. Majors Rudolph Ebert and Charles Woodruff, surgeons, and First Lieutenant James Carroll, assistant surgeon, are detailed to represent the medical department of the Army at the annual meeting of the American Medical Association, at Portland, July 11 to 14.

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will get stack of dollars. Arrangements are being made by the Exposition management for presenting the holder of the largest number of trail coupons on the day of the official opening of the trail, June 24, with a stack of silver dollars as high as the height of the holder. Special coupon tickets are being printed for the occasion.

Hostess for Eastern Star. Mrs. Madeline B. Conkling, most worthy grand matron of the National Eastern Star organization, will be hostess at the Eastern Star cottage at the Exposition Tuesday, June 20, and will be pleased to receive all members of fraternal orders or those interested.

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ALBANY, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—Tomorrow, Albany day at the Lewis and Clark Fair, will be a holiday in Linn County towns generally. Albany business men, newspaper men and citizens generally have notified the public that they will not be open for business on Friday. Instead, a large portion of the town will spend the day in Portland, viewing the Fair and making a showing for the Gem City of the Willamette Valley.

Mayor W. H. Davis has issued a proclamation declaring Friday, June 16, to be a holiday, and requesting all who can, to go to Portland on that day. Members of the Commercial Club have visited nearly everyone with round-trip tickets, and enough have been sold to insure the securing of an excursion train to take the



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