

VETERANS OF INDIAN WARS, WITH THEIR WIVES, GATHER IN PORTLAND FOR TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION.



INDIAN WAR VETERANS OF NORTH PACIFIC COAST IN FRONT OF WOODMEN OF WORLD TEMPLE, WHERE SESSIONS WERE HELD.



WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TO INDIAN WAR VETERANS, MOST OF WHOM TOOK LONG JOURNEY BY OX TEAMS ACROSS THE PLAINS.

"DEAD" IS ANSWER

Many Indian War Heroes Absent at Rollcall.

TINY PENSION DECRIED

Tears Gather and Sobs Are Heard When Muster Recalls Departure of Two Officers—Old Are Young at Feast.

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tomorrow hebble up to a recruiting office to muster in again if their country stood in danger. And yet they are receiving a treatment so niggardly from the Government as to make their case one of the most unjust and unwise ever accorded by any people to its defenders.

Forget for a moment the cause of these veterans. Dismiss them from the case—take up the cause of their wives and the widows of those who have passed on. The veterans went forth in the strength and vigor of youth or young manhood. One of the speakers yesterday said he was scarce 14 when he was mustered into the service. They fought in the open. They were scantily clothed, poorly fed, meagerly equipped. In fact, most of them furnished their own horses, their own arms and their own clothing—many their own food.

Families Left to Suffer.

But think of their homes, of those left behind! Think of the silent vigils, the watchful nights and the days of foreboding of those at home! Were those who went forth heroes? Heroes they were in the eyes of all men; in the eyes of the Great Commander they surely were nothing less. Then what were the wives and noble women? Were not their battles, fought in tears and loneliness, greater than those fought in the field?

At the hall yesterday were hundreds of these wives and widows, hundreds more could not be present, most of whom they had passed through during the time their loved ones were defending their homes and their country. They wondered, marveled at the spirit they then showed, at the spirit they still show. They wore badges going as far back as 1840—the earlier the date the greater the pride of the wearer. And one could not help but think of the marvelous strength they must have had to pass through the trying ordeals of those early struggles, let alone be so full of strength and youth a half century later.

Widows Uncared For.

In only rare cases does this Government pension women. The widows of ex-presidents get a large sum yearly without asking for it. But they do not need it. Perhaps that is the reason. And what great deed did those women perform?

"But," says the unthinking, "it would not look well to see the widows of our rulers living in squalor." But these noble women who foresook home, friends and even their country to form new homes, which they had to fight and suffer for—these grand and lovely women who gave the country this empire called the Northwest (they and their fellows), they must get along on a pittance of \$5 a month! The pity

of it, the cruelty of it! All of the widows of all of the deceased veterans getting about as much as the widow of one departed ex-President.

"There has been a large sum appropriated," said one speaker, "to erect a monument near the mouth of the Columbia to John Jacob Astor. This is the Astor who founded a trading post there a hundred or more years ago. This is the Astor who said his post was on British territory. This is the Astor who said this country gained no rights by Lewis and Clark passing down the Columbia through foreign territory. This Astor never did anything for Oregon but much against it—he never even saw or set foot on Oregon soil. And yet he is to have a monument erected to his memory.

Joe Meek's Grave Simple.

"And Joe Meek lies in his little grave in Washington County, where he has lain for 35 years, his monument being a simple shaft erected by his children, and no one says anything about erecting a public monument to his memory. "And the Oregon of today was only made an United States territory by the action of Joe Meek. Had he not that day at Champeog walked out and shouted for all who favored the United States to follow him and stand up and be counted—had he remained quiet on that memorable occasion it is more than likely, almost a certainty, that this would today be British soil—and there is no effort being made to erect a monument to the memory of Joe Meek!"

Old Are Young at Feast.

One of the pleasant features yesterday was the dinner served in the basement under the hall. Tables were spread for about 500, and such a feast of joy it was! It was well worth a year of one's life to see the hundred or so women who waited on the table, mostly immediate members of the families of the diners, or their friends or descendants. "Such a cheery lot of 'servers,'" so happy, so proud to assist the old "boys and girls" at their feast. And these "boys and girls" were young indeed, if any faith can be placed in actions, for they romped around and behaved like children.

Next year! Yes, they are to meet next year—meet and hear the answer "dead" to a name. Meet to find many vacant chairs, meet to find the death roll rapidly increasing. But, God bless them, those who go hence will go out as gallies slaves scourged to their dungeon. They will wrap the mantle of a perfect duty about them and lie down to pleasant, pleasant dreams.

AUTO CLUB PROVIDES CARS

Pioneers to Be Treated to Motor Trips About City Today.

As a token of the respect and esteem in which the Pioneers of Oregon are held by automobilists of the city, an entertainment in the form of a ride through the business center and many of the residence districts is being arranged for them by the Portland Automobile Club.

Machines have been volunteered by "F. W. White, John S. Beall, W. J. Clemens, H. M. Covey, W. H. Chatten, Keats Auto Company, J. L. Hartman, F. C. Riggs, K. M. F. Company and E. B. Riley. Twenty-five or more cars will be required to accommodate the pioneers and W. J. Clemens, president of the club, says there will be no difficulty in assembling sufficient machines, as the members of the club will assist gladly in looking after the welfare of the hardy and brave old pioneers who were the first to appreciate the desirability of Oregon as a place to establish a home.

The cars will assemble at Masonic Hall, at Tenth and Yamhill streets, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SCIONS ARE BEHIND

Children of Pioneers Are Urged to Affiliate.

HUNDREDS NOT IN FOLD

Sons and Daughters in Annual Meeting Appeal to Offspring of Old-Timers to Join Body. Charter Left Open.

That there are hundreds of children of Oregon pioneers who are not now members of the society known as the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers was the statement made at the annual meeting of the society, held in Department No. 4 at the Courthouse last night. It was the opinion of those assembled that an entertainment every year should be provided by the society.

Robert E. Miller, J. E. Mesinger and Miss Henrietta Failing were detailed to provide a banquet and programme for next year. The membership dues have been suspended from year to year to give all those who enter an opportunity to become charter members. It was voted to receive charter members for another year. Miss Failing had suggested that the dues be collected this year for use in fitting up a room in the new building which is to be erected for the housing of relics and historical records of Oregon. When she found a sentiment against the collection of

More Autos Are Requested.

W. J. Clemens, president of the Portland Automobile Club, is seeking persons who wish to donate automobiles for the use of the pioneers today.

the dues this year, however, she withdrew her motion. M. C. George and Miss Failing were elected to succeed themselves as members of the board of directors. Miss Nannie E. Taylor was elected to succeed Mrs. I. W. Pratt, who died since the last meeting. The board of directors is now made up as follows: Ex-Judge George, Miss Failing, J. W. Minto, Mrs. A. B. Crossman, Mrs. D. E. Thompson, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Benton Killin and Edward Deady. Ex-Judge George was re-elected president, Miss Nannie Taylor secretary and Miss Anna E. Cremens assistant secretary and treasurer.

New members were added to the society as follows: Mrs. Viola Holland, Miss Myra Helm, Mrs. Mary Helm Cartwright, Mrs. Du Vore Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Scott Laidlaw, Mrs. Edna Wasserman Chipman, Mrs. S. F. Jones, Mrs. H. M. Beckwith, Mrs. O. M. Denney, and P. M. Olds, Miss May Birchall, J. E. Mesinger.

It was announced that any son or daughter of an Oregon pioneer may become a member of the society, whether resident of Oregon now or not. Mr. Miller, who acted as temporary chairman of the society, likened the spirit prevalent among the pioneers of Oregon to the spirit among college graduates at their reunions.

"It is as close to me as the tie of kinship," he said. "The time will come when we will not go to Boston or to Europe to learn things, but they will come to us. Every son or daughter of a pioneer ought to become a member of this organization."

When the remark was made that in time the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers would take the place of the older organization, ex-Judge George remarked that a few years ago the Oregon Pioneers had 700 or 800 members, but now have between 1700 and 1800.

"At that rate," he added, "will someone please tell me how soon the Oregon Pioneers will go off the stage of action?"

Reception to Be Held.

The annual social session for the pioneers and general public will be held at the Masonic Temple at 8 o'clock tonight.

AGED AWAIT CALL

Hardy Pioneers of Oregon to Assemble Today.

P. H. D'ARCY TO PRESIDE

Annual Reunion of Makers of State's Early History to Begin at Armory This Afternoon. Big Banquet Is Ready.

The annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneers' Association will be held today. The annual meeting will be called to order at the Armory at 2 o'clock this afternoon by P. H. D'Arcy, president of Salem. M. A. Miller is to deliver the annual address.

At 2:45 o'clock the infirm members of the association will be taken for an automobile ride, returning to the Armory at 4:30 P. M. in time for the annual banquet. This will be served pioneers only by the Women's Auxiliary.

The annual business meeting is to be held at the Masonic Temple at 7:30 P. M. Officers for the year will be elected, a committee will be appointed to take part in the Astor Centennial representing the pioneers, and another committee will be named to prepare a memorial to Congress in behalf of the Indian War veterans, who are seeking to obtain larger pensions.

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Joseph D. Lee will be the chairman. The programme will be as follows: Vocal music, "Oregon! My Oregon." Words by Mrs. Mae Beadle Frink. Music, German melody, "O. Tannenbaum." Vocal music, "The Good Old Pioneers." Professor Parvin, Mr. Howard and choir. "Pioneers' Song." Selected. Five-minute campfire talks. Song, "In Good Old Oregon." The veterans' Quartet. Five-minute campfire talks. Song, by Chinook Choir, led by Cyrus H. Walker, the oldest son of Oregon Pioneers now living. (Mr. Walker was born December 5, 1838.) Song, "The Beautiful Willamette." Prof. Parvin, Miss Newgent and choir. Song, selection, "Veteran Quartet." Good night.

Among those who registered yesterday at pioneer headquarters at the City Hall were four survivors of the Whitman massacre of November 29-30, 1847. They are Mrs. Elizabeth Sager Heim, 1844; Mrs. Nancy Osborn Jacobs, 1845; Mrs. Gertrude Denay, 1847, of Portland, and Mrs. Sarah Kimball Munson, 1847, of Warrenton, Clatsop County.

Cyrus H. Walker, of Albany, born December 7, 1838, the oldest native son of Oregon born of white parents, now living; Captain Thomas Mountain, 1841; Mrs. C. J. Hood, 1841; Francois Xavier Matthieu, 1845, all of this city; James T. and W. C. Hembree, S. S. Lenox and Mrs. L. S. Wright, all of 1842, registrars, as well as a large number covering all the years up to 1859, inclusive. As has been the case always, the registration for the year 1845 more than equals that of any other year, 1833 being the next highest. The total number registered up to a late hour last evening was approximately 1000.

Banquet Plans Made.

The chairman of the table committee has requested each woman in charge of a table to report at the Armory at 10 o'clock to decorate and set her table. Assistants have been requested to report at the Armory at 1 o'clock. Each woman in charge of a table will provide the necessary salt, pepper and napkins. The supplies of food of various kinds are to be delivered at the Armory by 9 o'clock this morning.

Pioneers living in Portland and vicinity, in reaching to give place to those who will arrive on the early trains. Exercises at the Masonic Temple and the banquet at the Armory are for Pioneers exclusively. The "Camp Fire Meeting" at 8 o'clock P. M. will be open to everybody. The annual business meeting will be held at 7:30 P. M.

41 PIONEERS DIE IN YEAR

Eleven Women and 30 Men Pass Since 1910 Reunion.

Members of the Oregon Pioneers' Association, who died since the last reunion, June 22, 1910, as far as reported, and the dates of their arrival in Oregon, are:

Ballard, W. G.	1850
Barrett, Mrs. E. J.	1854
Bergman, Isaac	1857
Bledso, Rell	1850
Bogert, Mrs. L. A.	1852
Borns, William P.	1852
Burns, George	1853
Catching, Mrs. A. E.	1845
Carson, John C.	1852
Cornor, E. L.	1851
Crafter, J. P.	1850
Davenport, T. W.	1850
DeWitt, Mrs. Otella	1847
Embley, Dr. T. V. H.	1844
Grover, L. F.	1851
Hanson, Fredrick W.	1851
Hartman, Mrs. Mary E.	1852
Harris, Wyatt	1853
Holman, Mrs. Mary E.	1852
Lowndale, J. P. O.	1850
McBride, George W.	1850
Nobles, Charles W.	1850
Olds, James H.	1850
Roberts, Charles W.	1849
Pratt, Mrs. Sophia C.	1853
Richardson, Green L.	1852
Richardson, Dr. James A.	1851
Rogers, Mrs. Agnes	1854
Royal, Rev. Thomas F.	1853
Reed, Cyrus A.	1849
Shannon, J. P.	1849
Shively, Charles	1850
Walker, J. W.	1849
Williams, George	1850
Yergen, Mrs. Elizabeth	1852

Buy Ediesen's country Slob.

AGED VETERANS OF CAYUSE INDIAN WAR WHO GATHERED IN PORTLAND YESTERDAY.



LEFT TO RIGHT—D. M. GUTHRIE, AGED 88; J. C. NELSON, AGED 84; J. T. HOMBREE, AGED 85; SOLOMON DURBAN, AGED 81; WILLIAM CHAPMAN, AGED 86; W. D. STILLWELL, AGED 86.

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