

EVER-YOUTHFUL OLDTIMERS UNITE

Venerable Men and Women Spry as Youths at Picnic and Reunion.

EARLY DAYS RECALLED

Nonagenarians, Octogenarians, Septuagenarians and Younger Chaps Make Merry, Renewing Old Acquaintance Not Forgotten.

The little thing in your arms, here she is now to thank you for yourself. And up stairs a lady of perhaps 69 to give thanks to her preserver.

Day Is Memorable.

At the meeting in the afternoon at the Masonic Temple the proceedings were of great interest to the old people, but the younger others who gained admittance were certainly as much edified, entertained and inspired as the members. It was indeed a rare occasion, one never to be forgotten by any of the non-members, while the pioneers themselves showed by their every action that the day was a memorable one for them.

One member, Dr. F. S. Hoyt, who crossed the plains in 1849, but has since removed to the East, came all the way from New York to be present. He offered a prayer in the midst of the exercises, after the death roll had been read—as though over their open graves. And think of that roll! Among the names were many who stood high in the councils of the state and Nation, such as George H. Williams, Leonard Grover, George W. Melbride and Harvey W. Scott. It is any wonder the eyes of the listeners were dimmed with tears as these names and the names of many other deceased friends and comrades were read?

One 99 and Hearty.

The oldest member present, who is said to be the oldest man in the state, was James Blakeley, who came in 1846. He was born in 1812 and is therefore 99 years of age. And yet he is quite a hearty youngster. His step is sprightly, his eyes bright, his cheeks as rosy as those of some of the bonnie grand-daughters present. He may attend many more reunions before his name is on that long, long roll.

And there was Thomas Hamilton, 89 years old, and that grand old citizen, F. M. Matthews, 92, and John Minto, 89. All in good health, all happy and smiling—God grant, is the prayer of every Oregonian, that they may live to greet their comrades many times yet.

Up from Curry County, from his cattle ranch and his five daughters and seven sons, came J. A. Haines; from his Eugene home came W. W. Haines, leaving his five sons and two daughters. These young chaps crossed the plains in 1851, and they are the liveliest pair of twin boys in Oregon, even if they are 45 years old. They look to be about 40, act like a couple of kids in knickerbockers, and ought to have been spanked for staying out too late Tuesday evening.

First Rose Recalled.

C. T. Lacey, 1846, who was graduated from the university in the same class as Harvey Scott, who has a ranch out in Malheur County, near Ironside Mountains, told interesting anecdotes of his deceased wife's chum, Uncle John Minto, told about the first rose bush ever planted in Oregon, at the mission near Chemawa, how he later bought the land on which it stood, then divided the roots and cuttings and sent them to various parts of the Northwest, thus making our rose shows possible. And Uncle John was the first president of the original agricultural society, which later developed into the Oregon Agricultural College. He told of the first fair held, the scene being on the banks of the Willamette, near Oregon City, at which he exhibited a lot of fine sheep, and took prizes amounting to \$199 in gold.

Uncle John was bubbling over with joy that he broke into the proceedings a trifle, to the delight of all, and made a speech not down on the programme. Over and over he repeated "I may never see you again." And that was a remark often heard, a parting sentence often listened to—"I may never see you again." The pity of it! And yet when the death list is read next year many of those who were so sprightly yesterday will be sleeping the long sleep.

Speech Brings Tears.

The orator of the day was Senator Miller, of Malheur, and he made a speech which his listeners will long remember. The Senator is a fine talker, a real orator, but he quite outdid himself yesterday, and at times he had many of his auditors in tears. Not bitter tears or sorrowful, but tears of joy. And his compliments to the ladies, the wives and mothers and daughters who crossed the plains to make this commonwealth a reality, were received with vociferous cheers. So much so that even Mother Dunaway came forward at the close of the speech and had the audience extend a vote of thanks to the Senator.

After the ceremonies at the hall came the dinner, or rather the banquet, at the Armory, and such a feast has seldom been seen at that place. There were 20 tables and each table seated 62, or 1240 in all. Every seat was taken, some of them for the second and third time, there were some 1800 or 2000 who partook of the good things provided. But there was enough and to spare for Mrs. Cartwright, president of the Women's Auxiliary, and Mrs. Killeen, in charge of the tables, and the 20 ladies who waited upon the guests, knew from experience that there would be great appetites to be appeased.

Noisy Gaiety Prevails.

And perhaps this banquet was the most enjoyable affair of all. It was rather noisy. The guests were like a lot of school children out on a picnic. They all talked at once. They laughed and joked—and cried. They told stories, recounted the old days, went over the old scenes—the same young people who journeyed across the plains over half a century ago. Bliss

SCENES ATTENDING ANNUAL REUNION OF PIONEERS.



ONE—GROUP OF PIONEERS ON WAY TO ARMORY. TWO—PIONEERS WAITING FOR AUTOMOBILES AT MASONIC TEMPLE. THREE—LOADING AN AUTOMOBILE WITH PIONEERS.

their dear hearts, they will never grow old. Their hair may become more frosty, their eyes may become dim, their cheeks may even lose their roses and their steps their electricity—but they will never grow old!

And the 35th annual reunion is a thing of the past, today the dear old people will depart for their homes. How thankful the people of Oregon should be that they nearly all go to homes of plenty, homes of comfort. If there are any citizens of the Northwest who are entitled to have every wish gratified, to have their every wish granted, they are the members of the Pioneer Association. And that includes the Indian War Veterans, for to be a veteran one must be a pioneer.

Real Conquerors All.

They were the conquerors of Oregon. They gave to their country a possession of untold value. They did not, as Senator Miller well said, seek the West with their ambitions fired to obtain gold—they came to make homes for themselves and families. No higher ambition than that ever filled the minds or actuated the hearts of any wanderers. They came to a wilderness, among savages—came through hardships and peril and want.

And what does Oregon owe to them? What does the Nation owe to them? Every thing that they could ask. Their annual meetings here ought to overshadow every other event of the year. They ought to be treated as royalty in treated monarchies, as rulers and princes are treated.

And the people of the state ought to rise up as one man and see that the veterans, the fighting members of the Pioneer Association, get decent treatment from the Government. It ought to be borne in upon our Senators and members of Congress that the cause of the veterans is not only just, but the refusal to recognize it is a crime. Concerted action will accomplish this—nothing less will.

Bigger Death Roll Looms.

Next year when the dear old ladies and gentlemen meet here, there will be a larger death roll than there was yesterday. It will rapidly increase with each year. Soon the entire membership will be swept away.

How important it is, then, that with each succeeding year these reunions are made greater and greater events. The Mayor extended to them yesterday, and to the veterans the day before, the duty of the city. That is but a phrase, and that is not enough—they should be the guests of the city in reality. They should not be expected to provide for themselves while here. The people of Portland can only partially repay the debt owed to them by the most liberal treatment, and that party liberality should no longer be delayed.

VENERABLE BODY WELCOMED

Pioneers Begin Reunion at New Masonic Temple—1500 Attend.

Fully 1500 pioneers assembled at the new Masonic Temple at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and were welcomed by Grand Marshal Minto and his aides, ex-Governor Gear, M. C. George, George A. Harding, E. W. Freyman, E. J. Jeffery, James F. Falling, Nathan H. Bird, Colonel Miller, Judge Galloway, Penumbra Kelly, J. E. Magers, J. C.

Moreland, Joseph D. Lee and Dr. Rattey.

The session was called to order by President D'Arcy, the invocation being offered by Rev. P. S. Knight, of Salem. Several musical numbers were on the programme, DeCaprio's band playing "The Star Spangled Banner," "Old Folks at Home" and "Swanee River." Several vocal selections were given by Professor Parvins's choir.

Mayor Simon extended greetings to the pioneers and President D'Arcy responded, extolling the growth of Portland since the old days.

Before the chief address of the day by M. A. Miller, of Lebanon, Dr. Hoyt, president of Willamette University until 1881, was introduced from the platform, as was Captain Thomas Mount and F. Matthews, who spoke a few words. Dr. Hoyt offered a brief prayer for those pioneers who had passed away in the year.

At the close of the session 15 automobiles in charge of W. J. Clemens, president of the Portland Automobile Club, were waiting to carry the pioneers to the Armory, where the Women's Auxiliary had prepared a banquet of 1500 plates. A large number of the pioneers did not attend the banquet, but took a spin through the residence district of Portland in automobiles furnished by the following:

C. F. Wright, John Beall, H. M. Covey, W. H. Chatten, Keats Auto Co., J. L. Hartman, W. J. Clemens, F. C. Riggs, E. M. F. Co., F. B. Riley, Schacht Motor Car Co., W. H. Moser, F. L. Miller, C. S. Jackson, Ivan Humason, Mayor Joseph Simon, Whitney Bros., O. K. Jeffery, Cartiercar Co., Speedwell Motor Car Co., H. S. Silverfield, Crowe Automobile Co., Auburn Motor Car Co., E. Henry Wenne, J. W. Levitt & Co.

R. A. MILLER HEADS PIONEERS

Resident Since 1854 Made President—Eugene Woman Honored.

Colonel Robert A. Miller, a resident of Oregon since 1854, was elected president of the Oregon Pioneer Association at the annual business meeting in the Masonic Temple at Park and Yamhill streets last night. Mrs. Kincaid of Eugene, 83 years old, and who came to Oregon in 1853, was elected queen mother of Oregon, she being the oldest woman pioneer of the state.

Other officers elected were: Vice-President, Joseph Buchtel, Portland, 1852; secretary, George H. Himes, Portland, 1853, elected for the 25th consecutive time; treasurer, Charles Leach, born in Portland in 1857; Directors, N. H. Bird, Portland, 1848; Cyrenus H. Walker, Albany, 1838, the oldest living native son in the state; A. L. Carter, Hood River, 1843, also a native son.

The title of queen mother was originated in 1897, when it was conferred upon Mrs. Mary Ramsey Lemmon Wood, of Hillsboro, at that time 120 years of age. Mrs. Wood died January 1, 1908. The next holder of the title was Mrs. Ottilie De Witt, of Portland, who died this year at the age of 96. Hereafter the office of queen mother will be continued. According to a resolution adopted last night it will be the duty of the Women's Auxiliary to nominate a candidate to succeed the queen mother as soon as a holder of the title dies.

A telegram was read from the As-

PIONEERS PEAL GAY CHINOOK SONG

Oldtimers' Indian War-Whoops Ring in Masonic Temple as Reunion Closes.

FIDDLERS ARE FEATURE

Venerable Men and Women Are Applauded Vociferously After Re-counting Early Hardships in Jargon of Reds.

Songs and dialogues in the Chinook jargon, talks reminiscent of the early days in Oregon, selections by the Veteran Quartet, and the Chinook Choir and old-time music by pioneer fiddlers combined last night to make the social session of the members of the Oregon Pioneer Association, at the Masonic Temple, one of the most enjoyable features of the annual gathering of the old-timers.

The Chinook Choir, led by Cyrus H. Walker, of Albany, born in Oregon in 1838, gave two numbers which made an immense hit. They were the Chinook translation of the hymns "Heaven," and "Earth and Heaven," and they were sung to the tunes of "Come thou Fount" and "There's a Happy Land." Mr. Walker, added to the effect by emitting a series of blood-curdling Indian war-whoops.

"Kiohe tum-tum, hi-yu wa-wa, hi-yu, he-he, hi-as-sh-hut-ti-ll-eh," which is Chinook for "Good heart, lots of talk and lots of laughter about old times," was the motto which Secretary Himes placed at the top of the printed program and it well describes the social gathering.

Fiddlers Make Hit.

Mrs. S. J. Anderson, 1847; D. C. Bowers, 1832, and H. M. Jackson, 1832, old-time fiddlers, played old-time music on old-time violins and brought down the house. They played the selections to which the pioneers in their youthful days, 30 years ago, used to "trip the light fantastic." One could almost hear the promenade say, "Balance all on the corners, right hand lady and grand right and left."

The Veteran Quartet, composed of W. N. Morse, H. P. Bestow, A. W. Mills and Z. N. Marvin, sang "In Grand Old Oregon," a patriotic selection, which brought round after round of applause. Another vocal selection, which was written by Mrs. Mae Beadle Frink, of Eugene, Or., and was first published in The Oregonian February 14, 1909, the 50th anniversary of Oregon's admission to the Union. Many public schools throughout the state now use the song.

Peeble Voices Joyful.

Another vocal selection, which met with vehement approval was "The Good Old Pioneers," sung by Professor Parvins and chorus of some of the Pioneer vocalists were husky and somewhat weak, but what they lacked in volume they made up in enthusiasm.

Mr. Walker kept the house in an uproar when he indulged in Chinook jargon dialogues with Mrs. S. J. Anderson, Mrs. Barney and others. Those who could understand appreciated the humorous ways in which they told each other of the hardships of the trips across the plains to Oregon and of pioneer life while those who could not were charmed by the musical sound of the language and the gestures which accompanied its delivery.

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1500 PIONEERS ARE DINED

Matrons and Maids Serve Oldtimers at Big Armory Feast.

The capacity of the Armory was taxed to the utmost to handle the 1500 pioneers who banqueted there yesterday afternoon, and 20 tables with a seating capacity of 64 each were used to handle the throng. The tables were presided over by 20 matrons, with five young women at each table assisting.

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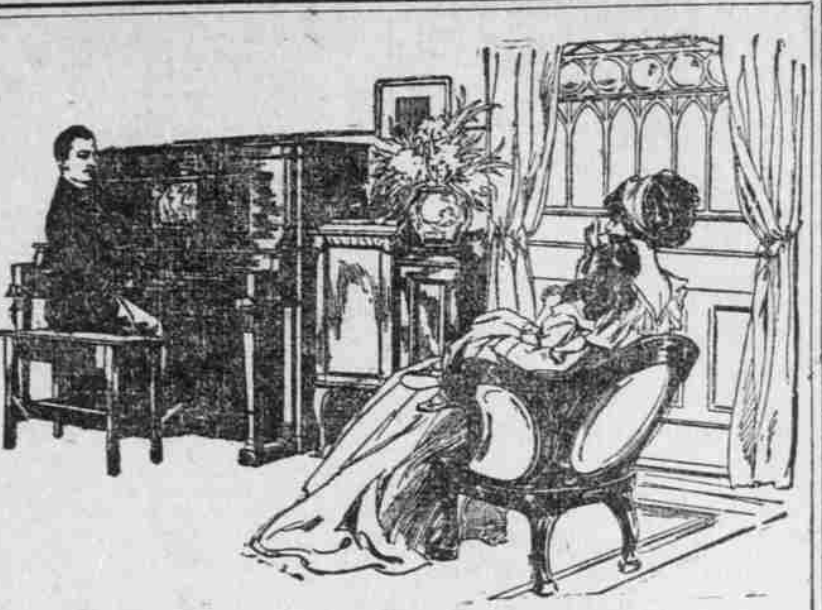
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Edibles sufficient to provide for a regiment were used at the banquet, the purchasing list including 40 gallons of potato salad, 800 pounds of salmon, 54 gallons of ice cream, ten gallons of cream, 14 gallons of milk, 24 pounds of butter, 15 pounds of sugar, 66 veal biscuits, 134 loaves of bread, 70 pounds of assorted cakes, 80 pounds of sugar, 40 pounds of coffee, 40 pounds of tea and five gallons of pickles.

The tables were decorated lavishly with flowers supplied by the matrons in charge. The banquet was under the direction of Mrs. C. M. Cartwright, president of the auxiliary, assisted by a host of prominent matrons and young women.

Y. M. C. A. Tennis Finals Today.

ASTORIA, Or., June 21.—(Special.)—Finals in the Y. M. C. A. students' conference tennis tournament will be held today at Columbia Beach. The winners will appear in several championship tournaments throughout the Northwest. University of Washington and Ritzville are in the lead. The Willamette Valley baseball team defeated the Puget Sound district team, 24 to 17, and the Y. M. C. A. conference faculty team defeated the Puget Sound aggregation, 24 to 2.

Washington County Man Stricken.

HILLSBORO, Or., June 21.—(Special.)—Ferdinand Greene, living four miles south of here, died suddenly Tuesday night. He was standing by a wagon, talking to his wife, when he suddenly made an exclamation and sank to the ground, dying instantly. He was born in Germany 50 years ago last September. He came to Washington County about 20 years ago and has been a farmer and lumberman. He is survived by a widow and sons and daughters as follows: Herman, Frank, Leah, William, Hattie, Elbert, Lydia and Rudolph. The funeral will be held Thursday.

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