

### HISTORICAL DATE BRINGS OUT CROWD

#### Pioneers Celebrate Beginning of Oregon Civil Government at Champoeg.

#### SOLE SURVIVOR PRESENT

Francis X. Matthien, Who Won Over Deciding Vote, May 2, 1842, Attends Picnic of 125 at Scene of Early Gathering.

Champoeg, the scene of the organization of a Provisional Government on May 2, 1842, was visited yesterday by early Oregon pioneers, their sons, daughters, relatives and friends. One hundred and twenty-five persons went from Portland to attend the picnic, 75 of these going on the steamer Pomona, which left the Taylor-street dock at 8:45 yesterday morning.

Others attended from other parts of the state, one group coming from Salem. Francis X. Matthien, the only survivor of the famous meeting at Champoeg in the early 40s, and the man who influenced Science Lucier, a Canadian, to vote in favor of a provisional government under the United States, was with the party on the Pomona. Others were present yesterday on the Oregon Electric line, and were met at Wilsonville by the steamer.

Close Vote Not So Important. That too much importance has been attached to the close vote in favor of the United States at this meeting, and that if the vote had not been in favor of Uncle Sam at this meeting, it would have been subsequently won, in substance, the statement made by Frederick V. Holman, in his address at yesterday's celebration. The meeting was presided over by ex-Governor Geay.

Mr. Holman said that "had more of the American settlers been present at the Champoeg meeting May 2, 1842, the result would have been considered as a matter of course, as were the previous meetings, and the meeting of July 5, when the original Provisional Government went into force. Had the report of the committee of nine been rejected July 5, that would have ended the matter for the time being. In the case with the proceedings in 1841. Had the 19 or more French-Canadians who did not attend the meeting of May 2 been present at the meeting, the report of the committee of nine, to establish a Provisional Government at that time, that also would have ended the matter."

He said the French-Canadians had been instructed by their masters, the Hudson Bay Company, to vote "No" on every question presented. "They were quiet and efficient men, accustomed to be commanded and directed by those they considered their superiors," commented Mr. Holman. "They wished to be true to the Hudson's Bay Company and to their religious teachers."

History of Meeting Lived Over. The minutes of the meeting are brief. It was moved by Mr. Le Breton, and seconded by Mr. Gray, that the meeting divide, preparatory to being closed, those in favor of the objects of this meeting taking the right, and those of a contrary mind taking the left, which being carried by acclamation, and a great majority being found in favor of the objects of the meeting, the part of the dissenters withdrew. This record is from the minutes of the meeting to be found on pages 14 and 15 of the Oregon Archives. It is the official account.

It is well known, however, that the motion was put in such a manner that all present, particularly the French-Canadians, did not know how to vote. When the motion for a division was made, Joe Meek, with his majestic figure, dressed in buckskin, and with a voice of command, strode to the right and called out:

Matthew's Work Revisited. "Who's for a divide? All in favor of the report and organization, follow me!"

The 50 in favor of the motion fell into line. Apparently there were 52 Canadians against him, but among them was Matthien, who started with them a short time and urged them to side with the Americans. All of them but Lucier refused. Matthien crossed over to the American side, and Lucier followed, and so the report of the committee was adopted 52 for and 50 against.

It is well for us to celebrate this anniversary. Whether it be the important day of the organization of the Provisional Government is of small moment. We observe the Fourth of July as the day of American Independence, but the American Revolutionary War had begun more than a year prior to the Declaration of Independence, and the war did not end until about six years thereafter. We might well celebrate the date of the Battle of Lexington, or the day the Treaty of Peace was signed between Great Britain and the American Colonies."

### BIG MOTOR PLANT COMING

#### Ford Company Buys Portland Property for Factory.

The Ford Motor Car Company, one of the largest in the United States, yesterday purchased a site on the East Side for its Pacific Coast branch factory. The property, about two acres, is at East Eleventh and Division streets, fronting on the Southern Pacific tracks and the broad gauge Sellwood line. It was purchased from the Land and Water Co., through the agency of C. K. Henry & Co., at \$20,000.

The construction of the plant will start in a few weeks. It will represent an investment of about \$250,000. Representatives of the company are expected to arrive in Portland in a few days to superintend the work. The location of the Ford Motor Car Company to locate its Western plant in Portland is in recognition of the advantages of the city as the leading distributing center on the North Pacific Coast.

#### Sea Examination Announced.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced that a non-educational examination will be held at Astoria May 25, to procure eligibles for third ship's mate at \$80 per month on the United States dredge Chinook. An unlimited ocean-going license is required, the age limit being 20 years or over.

Contract offers for days work on the installation in the use of cement, \$22,000 at the cement exhibit in Chicago.

### THREE GIRLS IN CONTEST FOR MAY DAY QUEEN AT PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.



Gollie Masson



Mildred Thompson

### RURAL AID SOUGHT

#### Governor Will Be Asked to Set Good Roads Day.

#### MAY 11, DATE SUGGESTED

#### Promoters of State-Wide Movement for 60,000 Signatures to Six Bills Will Invade Farming Districts in Campaign.

Enthusiasm over the results of Wednesday's parade, the men behind the good roads movement are planning a statewide demonstration for the six good roads bills now being initiated. Governor West will be asked to set aside Saturday, May 11, as good roads day, to be observed throughout the state.

Believing that there is more urgent need for action in the rural districts, the promoters are planning to visit the rural districts, C. T. Prall yesterday conferred with C. C. Chapman, secretary of the Oregon Development League, with the result that it was decided to hold a good roads day for the whole state. All the Commercial Clubs in Oregon will be asked to boost for the bills on that day and to get as many signatures to the petitions as possible. Each club will be asked to hold a good roads meeting and to do everything possible to stimulate interest in the measures.

Statewide Interest Wanted. "There is no question about initiating the bills," said Mr. Prall, who is directing the work. "We can get all the names necessary in Multnomah County if we have to. But that isn't the right way. We want to get the voters of the entire state to look into the matter. We know that if they will study the bills they will champion them. We want as many signatures from the country districts as possible, for if there is any real opposition to the measures it will come from the sparsely settled territory."

"Thus far only eight counties outside of Multnomah have been heard from. It is evident that our country petition signers are not going after names very strong. What we want right now more than anything else is men to arouse interest in the bills among the farmers and people of the small towns. We must have the votes of this class if we expect the bills to be passed."

Wednesday's parade, according to Mr. Prall, had the desired effect in Portland. Two men hunting petition signers got 2000 signatures in the business section yesterday morning without any trouble.

#### Speakers Aid in Campaign.

During the next two weeks a lively campaign will be carried on. J. Fred Larson, chairman of the speakers' com-

#### RAILROAD MAGNATE IS WELL-PLEASED WITH PORTLAND.



E. C. Griffin, New General Agent of the Chicago Northwestern.

"I had heard so many favorable reports about Portland," said E. C. Griffin, the new general agent for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad, yesterday, "that I was more than pleased when ordered to visit this city. My observations during the two days here confirm all the good things I have heard of Portland."

Mr. Griffin entered upon his new duties on Wednesday, succeeding R. V. Holder, who has been promoted to the general agency at San Francisco. Before coming to Portland Mr. Griffin was general agent for the freight department of the Northwestern at Omaha. He is a native of Illinois and has been with the Northwestern more than 20 years, starting his career as a clerk. Later he was agent at Loughville, Mich., and subsequently at Detroit. Mrs. Griffin will join her husband in Portland within a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Holder leave here Sunday for San Francisco.

### OREGON WOOL BEST

#### Portland Needs Warehouses to Store Product.

#### EAST PROMISING MARKET

#### Progressive Business Men's Club Discusses Prospect for Future Industry in This City—Statistics Read at Luncheon.

Statements regarding the wool industry of Portland, its present and future, startled those who attended the luncheon of the Progressive Business Men's Club at the Multnomah Hotel yesterday.

That there is \$200,000,000 invested in wool in the United States annually; that Oregon is sixth in productive states and first in quality, and that 100,000,000 pounds of wool should be stored in Portland warehouses were some of the statements of speakers at the luncheon.

D. O. Lively was chairman for the day. He said that there ought to be 100,000,000 pounds of wool stored in Portland every year. The opening of the Cello and Panama canals would make this possible, for the East is a promising market under improved shipping conditions.

Williamette Wool Best. "The 11 Oregon mills cannot do much until a wool market is established in Portland," said Mr. Lively. "Williamette wool produces the finest quality of wool in the world. It is not unreasonable to claim that the woolen industry will be second only to the livestock industry in this state."

Charles E. Cooney, a manufacturer, said Oregon mills often could not get the quality of wool wanted, and were forced to turn down orders. "In Eastern," he said, "where there is a large amount of wool stored, it is necessary only to notify a warehouse when an order was received, and the next morning the kind of wool wanted would be ready to manufacture. Until warehouses are established in Oregon, the mills cannot compete with the East."

G. D. Mendenhall, agent for the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, said his company will put on a direct steamer between the isthmus of Panama and Seattle and calling in at San Francisco, as in the past. William S. Smallwood, of the transportation trust, was the chairman of the committee of the Chamber of Commerce, submitted some data on the wool industry, saying that 200 tons of wool had been shipped to Boston and that the woolen industry was being established by Oregon manufacturers from California.

The report of the Auditorium Commission, read by Walter S. Asher, was to the effect that the Commission does not want to go ahead with the building until \$200,000 is available for the purchase of a site in addition to the \$600,000 already voted.

### MISS THOMPSON LEADS

#### MAY QUEEN CONTEST AROUSES KEEN INTEREST AT CHURCH.

#### Gollie Masson is Second With 1187 Votes, and Hortense Pichereau is in Third Place.

In a lively contest being held at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Missouri avenue and Shaver streets, to select a May Queen, the proceeds of a May banquet at the church tomorrow night, Mildred Thompson has the lead with 1392 votes. Gollie Masson is second with 1187 votes, and Hortense Pichereau third, with 1017 votes. The other contestants and their votes are: Ruth Murali, 582; Matilda Hedlund, 136; Veiva Spreadborough, 109; Helen Haldeman, 92.

George W. Roberts, who is being carried on in a lively manner by the members of the church, there being several committees organized and working in the interest of the contest. The proceeds of the contest are to go to the fund for the general church work. The contest will close tomorrow afternoon.

Students in both the Jefferson High and the Thompson schools are working hard for votes. One Sunday school class of the church has been out canvassing, each canvasser being provided with a picture of their class candidate, Hortense Pichereau, and a receipt book. Anyone may vote.

Saturday afternoon at the church corner, Missouri avenue and Shaver street, there will be a series of athletic contests and "stunts." Twenty-six young men of the church have entered the competition for the prizes which are to be awarded the victorious ones. The grand event of the afternoon will be the two-mile cross-country run, the winner to receive a silver cup. Otto Voelker has been showing up well in practice and Montag, Maynard and Stinson are also contenders.

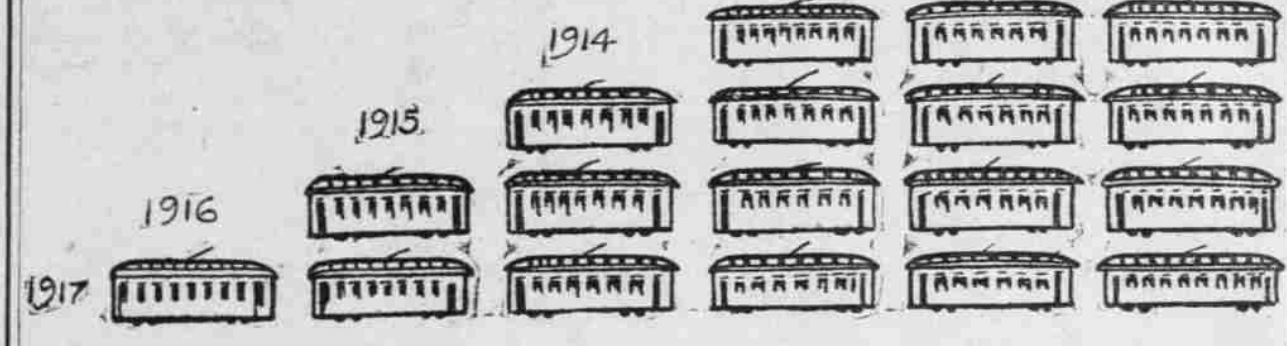
The events of the afternoon are as follows: Half-mile bicycle race, shot put (eight-pound), 250-yard dash, standing broad jump, half-mile relay race (four men), pole vault, 800-yard run and two-mile cross-country run. These events will be open to boys, all ages, belonging to the church. For those under 16 years there will be a 100-yard dash, 25-yard sack race, three-legged race and a two-block roller skate race. A pie-eating contest, in which 13 athletes have entered, promises to be an amusing close to the afternoon's sport. The

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# A GOOD TEXT

The following advertisement was published in the three daily papers of Portland, April 29th, 1912:

### Free Car Leaves First and Alder Daily at 2:30 P. M.



WHEREAS, one streetcar, running from the Sellwood line to Eastmoreland all day long, with difficulty, handles the people, it is certain that two cars will be necessary next year; three for 1914; four cars in 1915 and so on, until six cars will be required by 1917. For, be it remembered, residence communities follow the streetcar lines.

#### F. N. CLARK, Selling Agent, 818 Spalding Building

This advertisement was clipped and mailed to a Portland gentleman and referred by him to us. On the margin was written the following:

"Is this what the Ad Club calls honest advertising? Of all the bunco ads ever published in The Oregonian the above is the worst. Any decent firm ought to be ashamed of it." WITHOUT SIGNATURE

The readers of this paper are reminded that this man, ashamed of his name, is afraid to sign himself, but is generous with criticism.

# NOW

Instead of waiting until 1917, EASTMORELAND will require the carrying capacity of SIX CARS where ONE is now used, before the end of the year 1913. If you, MR. UNIDENTIFIED MAN and all you DOUBTING THOMASES will call and show yourselves, WE'LL PROVE UP. PUT THAT IN YOUR PIPE AND SMOKE IT!

#### F. N. CLARK, Selling Agent, 818-823 Spalding Bdg.

general public, especially residents of avenue sections, are invited to witness continued until 3 P. M. on the tents of the Overlook and Mississippi—the festival "stunts." Voting will be in church grounds.

# STICK TO IT

Get a copy of Everybody's Magazine for May. Read "BIG BUSINESS AND THE BENCH." You may find it hard reading, but stick to it.

As you read, as you see this tremendous mass of evidence accumulating—piling up higher and higher—you will be forced to the conclusion that here, in cold, clear terms, based wholly on fact, is a most terrible indictment of modern methods in the dealing out of justice.

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