

PIONEERS MEET

1000 Aging and Infirm Builders of Oregon Gather and Talk of Early Days.

OLD-TIMER DOES "CLOG"

Music, Campfire and Big Dinner at Armory Make Day One of Festivities—Mayor Smith, of Grants Pass, Makes Address.

Cheerful in spite of age and physical infirmities, a great throng of Oregon pioneers—about 1000 of them—gathered yesterday in annual reunion. During the morning they were to be found at the City Hall, where they registered at the headquarters of the Oregon Pioneer Association, and exchanged reminiscences of early days.

The aged men and women who braved the hardships of the great and then wild Northwest, who saw the life of the white settler was not secure against the attack of the treacherous Indian, and when hunger often stared them in the face, were not to be kept away from their annual celebration by a little rain. So they crowded the Masonic Temple yesterday afternoon and last night to capacity.

After a short programme in the afternoon at which Colonel Robert A. Miller presided, and Robert G. Smith, Mayor of Grants Pass, and son of a pioneer of 1853, delivered the annual address, they were whisked away to the Armory in automobiles furnished by the Portland Automobile Club. There were many who, in spite of the heavy downpour, preferred to walk.

At the Armory the tables were heavily laden with good things, for 80 members of the Women's Auxiliary had been at work preparing the feast. The annual business meeting was held at the Masonic Temple at 7:30, and after that a "camp fire" programme was given. None of the Sons and Daughters of the Oregon Pioneers was admitted to the gathering yesterday afternoon, but last night they were welcomed. The object of this rule was to make it possible for all the pioneers to be seated at the afternoon meeting.

George L. Baker, president of the Portland City Council, was called upon to deliver the address of welcome yesterday afternoon. He spoke briefly, Colonel Miller, in responding, referred to the beautiful statues to be seen in the park, and the hope that one will soon be erected commemorative of the work done by the pioneers in the upbuilding of the state.

Veteran Starts to "Clog."
The old people showed their delight at the music, and some of them, on their hands, some clapped in time with the music, and one even started a clog dance. Mrs. Clyde B. A. Johnson, rendered several vocal solos, Carl Denton being the accompanist. The invocation was by Rev. T. L. Jones, a pioneer of 1852, and chaplain of the society.

Chairman Miller, in his address, touched on resolutions, as follows: E. J. Makers, John W. Minto and E. J. Jeffrey.

In the annual address Mayor Smith said he is glad votes for women are coming. Only one thing was lacking, he said, when Oregon's provisional government was formed, and that was a provision for equal suffrage.

Another declaration was that when the early settlers changed the oath of office, making it possible for Canadians to hold office the same as United States citizens without surrendering their rights as citizens of Canada, they delivered one of the greatest strokes in the history of the Northwest. "These people of Canada," he said, "when they came to Oregon realized they were not coming to the American people, and this did a great deal to put an end to thought of British occupancy."

In part, Mayor Smith said: It has been said that the Oregon country was included in the Louisiana purchase, but that was very vague. Whatever rights we had in the Oregon country, we held by treaty with Napoleon, the title was too vitious to hold against occupancy and exploitation by any other nation. The English, however, undoubtedly so regarded it, and it is undoubtedly true that Oregon would never have become a part of the United States without a government established by her own people, widely separated from the main body of the United States, and in a most remote and laborious location, without protection, the pioneers were obliged to defend their own resources.

Champeer Date Recalled.
The beginning of the American Government in the Northwest dates from the meeting in Champeer, for on that day was organized the provisional government of Oregon, without assistance from the United States, and without recognition from the great Republic. These pioneers held their own right to establish a government in the face of British occupancy for 30 years, when their own government was recognized.

Strong and ruling must have been the patriotic spirit that impelled this handful of people of this remote and isolated Republic, to have heeded so much in the face of great discouragement and adversity. There is no doubt that their persistence and courage, and that is that they were understood or believed that they were laying the foundation of a great state.

It is true, no doubt, that some came to the Oregon country for the purpose of acquiring land. Others came as missionaries among the Indians, and their chief aim was to undertake the journey under the most adverse conditions, and to do so through a spirit of adventure only. But they all must in some degree have been impelled by the desire to establish a government for the American people, the distinct of founding states.

MEN AND WOMEN WHO KNEW OREGON BEFORE IT ATTAINED STATEHOOD, ASSEMBLED IN MASONIC TEMPLE LAST NIGHT.



OREGON PIONEER ASSOCIATION AT CLOSE OF DAY'S REUNION WHICH INCLUDED BIG BANQUET AT ARMORY.

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Original Claimants Known.
"As soon as I could get a stock of goods I opened a business in Portland with I. F. Spencer, and have continued to follow that business here and in Washington and Idaho until the present time. Is there anyone who did business in Portland in 1853 and 1854? I became personally acquainted with every one of the original claimants of the land on which Portland is built—the old town, and the East Side.

Public Opinion Manufactured.
"Please do not laugh at the idea of a newspaper office being called in manufacturing establishment, for I can assure you that Tom Dryer, with his Oregonian was manufacturing public opinion, which was useful in an article as anything made in this territory at that time, and through the management of Henry Pittcock, the successor of Dryer, it has continued the work."

Pioneers Banquet Guests
Early Settlers Have Elaborate Dinner at Armory.

It was the simple atmosphere of the home fireside that pervaded the banquet hall of the Oregon pioneers in the auditorium of the Armory yesterday afternoon. Fifteen hundred and forty of the sturdy heralds of civilization in the West gathered around the long rows of tables to partake of the viands served. They came together like brothers and sisters in their annual family reunion, at a great big family dinner.

SEE FOR YOURSELF.
The Bowers Hotel and the Annex have a limited number of splendid rooms and suites for permanent guests. Go today and be shown.

Healthy Mothers
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EARLY DAYS IN OREGON RECALLED BY PIONEERS
F. X. Matthieu Arrives at Butteville, Marion County, in 1842, Bringing First Ox Teams That Ever Crossed Rockies.

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DEAD IDENTIFIED; POLICE SEEK GIRL

Man Killed in Alder-Street House Recognized as Pennsylvanian.

WOMAN SEEN AFTER DEED

Officers Believe Ray W. Wallace Not Slain by Female Companion Who Posed as Wife—Argument Overheard After Crime.

Identification of the man murdered Tuesday night at Wednesday morning at 302 1/2 Alder street as Ray W. Wallace, a waiter, partial identification of the woman who shared the room with him as Hazel Irwin, a wayward girl from Salem and known to the police; here, and trace of a man and woman supposed to be the Irwin woman and her escort, as they were leaving toward the Union Depot at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning were all the results of a day's work on the part of four detectives assigned to the case.

The murdered man, who was found Wednesday morning with his head battered in and a heavy bolt wrapped about his neck, was positively identified by the proprietor of a restaurant at 492 Washington street, where he was employed. Almost equally positive is the identification of the girl, who posed as Wallace's wife, as Hazel Irwin.

Girl Seen After Murder.
One of the police officers yesterday through a person who saw a man and woman at Sixth and Flanders streets at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning, several hours after the murder had been committed and some hours before it was discovered. The woman, who answered to the description of the Irwin woman in everything except her hat, was very pale, but this mask did not hide her tears.

She was protesting, "I won't go" and the listener heard her companion say, "Well, you will go." Then they turned toward the station.

The man was described as about 30 years old, smooth-shaven and about 5 feet 7 inches tall. He was carrying two suitcases.

Following this clue the officers are making an effort to learn where a pair so described may have taken tickets. The two suitcases are deemed significant. The baggage belonging to Wallace has been found, but it is thought that the other suitcases may never have been in the room where he was murdered.

Love Letters Are Found.
Monday night Wallace rented a room in a private house near the scene of the crime and slept there. It is thought that the love letters were found in the "moral squad." In his baggage, found yesterday, were papers and letters, most of them being loving epistles from Marie Williams, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. of the West. Other credentials tend to show that Wallace was a resident of Wilkes-Barre.

In the fact that the woman seen in the North End, if she was indeed the companion of Wallace, was accompanied by a lawyer over her, the police find support for the belief that the fatal blow was struck by a more vigorous hand than the one who was thought to be the probable motive.

Search for the antecedents of the woman was unfruitful.

CREDIT MEN HOLD MEET
B. K. Knapp Is Named President. Mail Frauds Discussed.

At the annual meeting of the Portland Association of Credit Men, held Wednesday night in the Commercial Club, the following officers were elected: President, B. K. Knapp; vice-president, F. L. Shull; executive committee, W. J. Henderson, W. W. Doward, E. G. Leiby.

Reports of the secretary and treasurer showed the association to be in a flourishing condition. The membership now numbers 218. Monthly meetings have been held in the past year at which questions of interest to members have been discussed.