

PIONEERS DO HONOR TO F. X. MATTHEI

Celebration of 71st Anniversary of Champog Gathering Is Memorial Session.

ABOUT 600 ARE PRESENT

Spirit of Sadness Rules but Solemn Pride Is Felt in Thought of Career of Departed—Pathetic Prayer Uttered.

BY ADDISON BENNETT. The 71st anniversary of the organization of civil government in the Oregon country was celebrated at Champog on the banks of the Willamette yesterday about 600 pioneers and their friends being present. It was by far the largest attendance ever seen on these historic grounds.

While it was a day set apart for the annual meeting of the pioneers, it was in reality a memorial tribute paid to Francis Xavier Matthieu, who died at his home near Butte, in Marion County, and only a short distance from Champog, February 4, and whose death severed the only existing link between that May day of 1843 and the present. So long as "Father" Matthieu lived there was one witness to tell of the events of that occasion; when he passed away it left the great Champog meeting as a memory, which may soon become a tradition.

So, under the most favorable weather conditions, the pioneers and their friends gathered in a spirit of sadness to pay tribute to the departed friend. And yet there was an undercurrent of pride in the thought of the great career of the departed, who had lived a life far beyond the expectations of man, reaching a few months over 95 years. And the further thought that his life had brought so much glory to Oregon, to his fellows and to his country, melted and softened the grief.

Gatherings Are Contrasted. The six hundred people had gathered from all parts of the valley and many from other portions of Oregon and also some from our sister states of Washington and Idaho. About 250 were taken from Portland and other points along the river between here and Champog on the steamer Grahamona, while a large number came down from Salem and up-river points on the steamer Ramona. Many came on horseback and in bugles and spring wagons, while 58 automobiles brought loads of human freight. Can you imagine the difference between the day of 1843 and yesterday? On the former occasion only two wheeled vehicles were on the ground, ox-carts, the wheels of which were discs cut from trees. Some also came on horseback, but the most of the 102 present made the journey in batteaux upon the river or on foot.

Judge P. H. D'Arcy, of Salem, called the meeting to order yesterday at 1:30 as president of the Pioneers Association. Before entering upon the business of the day the judge paid a splendid tribute to the memory of Rufus "Father" Matthieu, and again facing the audience, Judge D'Arcy referred to the life and works of their departed member, saying, however, that Francis R. Moore would be called upon to pay a fitting tribute to the man whose memory they had met to reverse.

Rev. G. G. Kennedy, a pioneer of 1853, offered the invocation, his words touching every heart, particularly those referring to the family of "Father" Matthieu. The prayer was delivered by his memorial address, which was a splendid tribute.

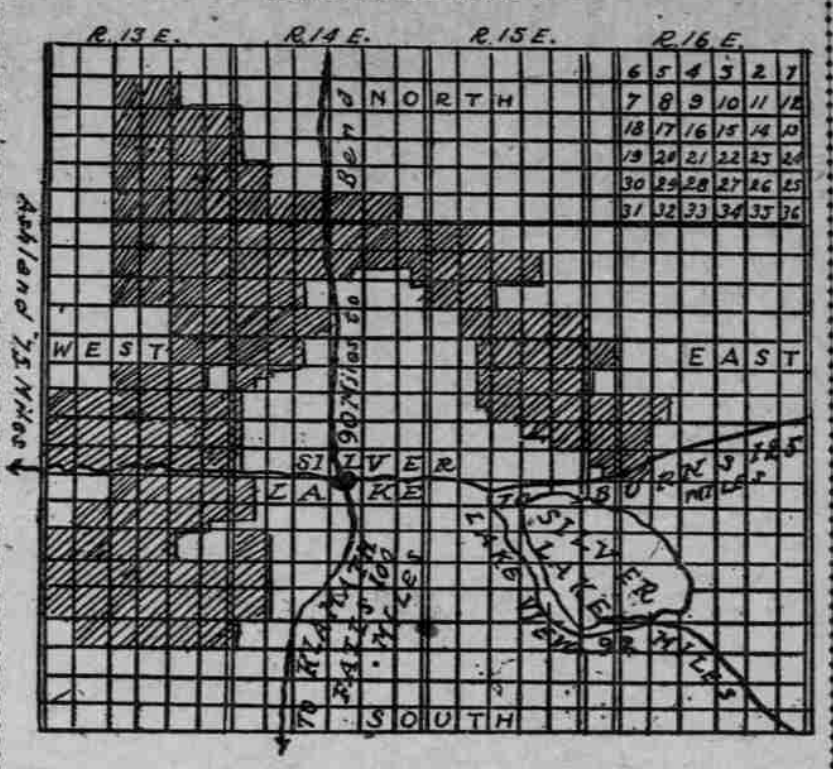
The same the veteran's quartet, consisting of Z. M. Parvin, W. N. Morris, A. W. Mills and Dr. J. E. Hall. They were called upon so often that I must be content with saying that as these men gain maturity their music grows better, until now every number they sing carries their audience by storm.

Pathetic Prayer Uttered. The first speaker touched the depths of every heart. He is a pioneer of 1852. He is now totally blind. He concluded his remarks with this pathetic appeal: "I ask the prayers of every person present that Joe Buchtel live to see again!" I imagined I could hear a groan, a wish and a prayer from every auditor, while the tears welled from many and many an eye.

Then quickly followed two-minute speeches from Mary Celeste Post, Joseph De Vore Johnson, John Manning, Mrs. O. N. Denny, T. T. Geer, Mrs. May Apple, a pioneer of 1837, and the earliest arriver in Oregon at present, Mrs. McCann, Judge A. S. Bennett, Grant Dimick, Judge Weston, Rev. C. E. Cline and the reading of an original poem written and submitted by C. C. Massler, of Hood River.

Judge D'Arcy called upon the stage C. R. Moore, Mrs. Melvina Roland Woytek and Joseph Buchtel, and Mrs. Woytek told, and the others coincided with the telling, that the three of them

SHOWING ACREAGE OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS IN PAULINA NATIONAL FOREST TO BE THROWN OPEN FOR SETTLEMENT JUNE 9.



Shaded Area to be Open for Homesteading. Filings can be made at Silver Lake or at Lakeview Land Office.

Although a major portion of the Central Oregon land that is to be technically thrown open for settlement within the next five weeks, is not available for homestead entry, it is estimated that at least 30,000 acres is of more than average agricultural value and that other large tracts can be made to produce heavy crops under dry farming methods.

Much land shown in the accompanying map is of proved worth. It has produced splendid crops of wheat, oats, barley, potatoes and other farm products. Most of it does not need irrigation, but where irrigation is possible the yield is heavier. The soil is reported to be a rich, sandy loam and reaches a depth of from two to 20 feet. The country is well watered, being traversed on the south and west by three small streams. On the north and east it borders on the Paulina marshes. Some of the land is covered with a scattering growth of juniper which insures wood and fencing material for the farmer. The map shows only the lands in the Paulina National Forest. In addition to the lands in the Paulina National forest, a large acreage in the Deschutes forest will be opened at the same time.

WOMEN ARE ACTIVE

Registration Estimate Placed at 220,000.

DEPUTY KOZER IS PROPHET

Registration Thus Far Shows Republicans 115,277, Democrats 51,000, Progressives 5635 and Prohibitionists 9319.

SALEM, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—That the total registration would be about 220,000 was the estimate today of Sam Kozer, Deputy Secretary of State, who has been in close touch with election work for several years.

The total registration to April 25, as reported by the County Clerks to the Secretary of State, is 194,132, which is an increase of \$2,252 over the registration for the primary of 1912. Mr. Kozer said the registration figures this year as reported were about 10,000 a week, but he believes that for the last week it was at least 20,000.

The registration reported shows that 115,277 are Republicans, 51,000 are Democrats, 5635 are Progressives, 9319 are Prohibitionists, 5588 are Socialists and 7543 miscellaneous.

It probably will be the middle of next week before the Secretary of State will be able to announce the official registration, but from the data at hand it is evident that the women have registered in larger number than any other group they would several weeks ago.

The registration in Salem and several other cities from which complete reports have been received, has almost twice as great this year as in 1912, which indicates that about as many women as men have qualified to vote in the primary.

Of the returns received by the Secretary of State this year the Republican party has 58.28 of the total, the Democratic 26.27, the Progressive 2.60, Prohibitionists 4.30, Socialists 2.76 and miscellaneous 4.89.

OFFICERS GO TO SCHOOL. ARTILLERY SENDING 32 TO FORT STEVENS FOR INSTRUCTION.

Annual Gathering Is for Purpose of Showing Guardsmen How to Handle Coast Defenses.

EUGENE, Or., May 2.—Thirty-two officers from eight companies of Oregon Coast Artillery will be gathered from six towns in Oregon tomorrow and will leave for the annual officers' school at Fort Stevens, where they will pass the week.

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With this store the term "Good Furniture" does not altogether imply expensive furniture. Like many other things that enter into the make-up of the home, there is the dependable and undependable in furniture. There is no economy in putting money into "cheap" furniture, even if it is to be used but temporarily.

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Suite Now \$198— Scroll Colonial Suite in mahogany, consisting of four pieces—Full-size Bed, Dresser, Chiffonier and Toilet Table. The regular price of the complete suite being \$245.

Suite Now \$223— Four pieces—Full-size Bed, Dresser, Chiffonier and Toilet Table—make up this Scroll Colonial Suite of mahogany. The regular price of which is \$282. Made by a leading Grand Rapids concern.

Suite Now \$249— In the beautifully figured Circassian walnut, heavy Scroll Colonial design. Full-size Bed, Dresser, Chiffonier and Toilet Table. Regular price of the complete suite \$311.

Suite Now \$288— Another handsome Circassian Walnut Suite of the Scroll Colonial pattern, and heavy. Full-size Bed, Dresser, Chiffonier and Toilet Table. Regular price \$362.50.

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They are the best domestic rugs made and give the same artistic effect of color and fabric and are quite as durable as the Oriental Rugs, being made from the self-same Oriental wools, because they are the best wear-resisting wools in the world.

The 9x12-ft. size for \$60. As large in size as 11 feet 3 inches by 15 feet; as small as 22 inches by 36 inches.

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PROSPERITY IS NOTED

GRANT OF HIGHER FREIGHT RATES DECLARED ONLY HINDRANCE.

C. W. Hoyle, President of Pacific Forwarding Company, Says Northwest Favored in East.

That the improvement of business conditions in the East depends largely on the grant of increased freight rates to the railroads, is the opinion of C. W. Hoyle, general manager of the Pacific Coast Forwarding Company, who returned from a business tour of the Eastern states last week.

Conditions in the East are very good," said Mr. Hoyle. "The South is looking up, too. People all over that territory are looking forward to a very busy year."

Conditions all over the country, I think, are somewhat retarded by the fact that the railroads are waiting for an increase in their freight rates. Much of the railroad extension and improvement has been delayed until that question is decided.

Financiers in the East are ready to loosen their purse strings to the West. Everybody seems to think that the opening of the Panama Canal will be of great assistance in populating our vacant lands with immigrants from Europe. The East has no lands to give natural destinations. The West is their natural destination.

I think Portland is the best-known of all the Northwest cities. Everybody we met seemed to think well of our city and our territory.

Mr. Hoyle studied business conditions in Salt Lake, Denver, Omaha, Chicago, Detroit, New York, Washington, New Orleans, El Paso, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

MINISTERS ARE ASSIGNED

West Washington Free Methodist Conference Completes Work.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 2.—(Special.)—The following assignments of pastors were made at the closing business session of the West Washington Free Methodist conference today:

Yakima district—District elder, A. E. Warren; North Yakima, J. L. Phillips; Roslyn and Cleelum, Minnie Stevens; Sunnyside, E. McReynolds; Grandview, J. K. O'Dell.

Puget Sound district—North, district elder, M. C. Clarke; Seattle, Ballard, B. H. Alberts; Edmonds, J. R. Phillips; Arlington, B. F. Smalley; Snohomish and Duvall, E. L. Porter; Getthell, to be supplied; Bellingham and Aldi, Charles Herrin; Everett, O. P. Defoe; Mount Vernon and Bib Lake, C. W. Goslow; Burlington, E. H. Harmer; Blain and Woodland, G. W. Eschner; Sedro Woolley and Prairie, W. W. Dexter; New Westminster and Central Park, J. D. Maah; Wenatchee, C. S. McKinley; Vancouver, B. C., William Rennie.

Puget Sound, district south—District elder, M. N. West; Seattle, Second Church, T. H. Marsh; Seattle, Green Lake, F. W. Cathey; Tacoma, C. M. DeLoe; Kelso, Carlton and Vancouver, Wash., M. E. Callioote and Annie G. Callioote; Centralia, L. W. Steele; Olympia and Yelm, F. H. Church and Lizmie M. Church; Ashburn and Alder, Ralph Milton; Buckley and Kelly schoolhouse, J. H. Ashton; Puyallup and Orting, W. C. Cummings and G. D. French; Sunnyside, V. D. Poole; Hillman City, John Logan; Auburn, Alva Cracker; Seattle (Japanese Mission), W. F. Matthewson, Minnie Matthewson, supply; Wadby Island, Frank De Long; Principal Seattle Seminary and College, A. Beers; vice-president, A. H. Stillwell; teacher, O. A. Burns.

CHURCH TO GIVE SOUVENIRS

Book by Pastor on Punjab Aims to Arouse Missionary Zeal.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 2.—(Special.)—An innovation in church work will be introduced tomorrow by Rev. J. M. Canas, when each family represented at the morning service will be given as a souvenir, a book which he has compiled on the Punjab District, of India.

The Vancouver District, comprising all the Methodist Episcopal Churches in Southwestern Washington, has undertaken to support all of the missionaries now in the Punjab District and the book is to give zest to the contributors.

Eye Glasses Should Go Here Is His Free Prescription Says New York Physician

Many who wear glasses could dispense with them. Only ordinary care is necessary. The eyes of old and young should be properly bathed night and morning. This is more important than cleansing teeth," says he and then he goes on to say:

"The following treatment is worthy of fullest confidence. It is scientific, immediately effective, and positively harmless to the weakest of eyes. Go to The Owl Drug Co. or any other drug store, get a tube of Optons tablets, dissolve one in two ounce bottle of pure water and bathe the eyes two to four times daily. What is generally known as eye strain will soon be banished while the muscles and nerves are permitted to perform their normal functions. It helps diseased eyes and it keeps good eyes healthy; it is absolutely harmless in every way; does not smart or burn, has a wonderful effect on granulated lids and is especially recommended for dull, blurry or glassy eyes. It helps all eyes and should be every home for use in emergency."

The following extracts are from letters received from users of this prescription:

"I used Optons one week for a cold in my eyes; it did me a great deal of good."

"My eyes have been failing for years. I am sure Optons is doing them good and shall continue its use."

"I have only been using Optons a short time. My eyes are improving wonderfully."

"I find Optons very satisfactory and recommend it to everyone I know. I find it very soothing."

"I have been benefited by Optons and intend to follow the treatment."

"I have been using Optons for about three months and it has greatly improved my sight."

"My eyes were red and inflamed. Used everything recommended and gained no relief. I had my eyes examined and wore glasses for six months. I read of Optons and thought I would give it a trial. Am glad to be able to state I got satisfactory relief and have not worn my glasses since. I feel my eyes do not require them."

Many others have made similar reports. If your eyes bother you, have the above prescription filled; it may do wonders for you. Do not become a victim of neglect. You perhaps value your eyes more than any other organ, therefore it's your duty to protect them. This free prescription has given relief to thousands.

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SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS LARGEST IN HISTORY OF INSTITUTION.



The Members of the Class Are: Front Row—Ida Carson, Etta Mitchell (Mrs. Harry Chase), Fay Goble, Blanche Brown, Marjorie Gordon, Beck Rose—Earl Powell, James Gorrie, Randall Scott, Paul Scott and Grace Hale.

SPRINGFIELD, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—A class of 18, the largest yet to be graduated from the Springfield High School, will be awarded diplomas at the forthcoming commencement exercises here. Fully half the members already have determined to continue in school and several will attend the State University. One member, Etta Mitchell, completed the work at midyear, and was married Easter Sunday to Harry L. Chase. The bride, however, will receive her diploma with the rest of the class.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON GIRLS TO BECOME TEACHERS.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, May 2.—(Special.)—These are the days when State University seniors are casting about regarding next year's programme. Most of them have been working toward a definite end during most of their college course, but where this definite end is teaching, the matter of the first location has been uncertain. Oregon high schools are now making their selections for next fall teaching staffs and several of the University of Oregon graduating class have been offered places. Among them are Miss Cecile Sawyer, of Brownville, who will teach in the high school of her home town, and Miss Maud Mastick, of Portland, who will teach English and other work in the high school at Tillamook. Miss Edith Clements has been offered a place in the Roseburg High-School.



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