

THE OLD PIONEERS.

A few years ago the emigrants came toiling across the sage plains, marking with broken pieces of wagon boxes the graves of those who were not strong enough to withstand the privations and hardships of the six months' journey with ox teams, or who fell victims to a savage foe. It was a marvelous undertaking, but "they were brave and true as stern crusader clad in steel."

Made strong with hope they aimed to do, Achievements that a host to-day Would stagger at, stand back and reel, Deterred at the thought of it.

When we consider that the Pacific coast was then an almost unknown region, and the dangers and hardships to be encountered in the pilgrimage across more than half the continent, we cannot but admire the heroic spirit of the old pioneers who led, with their rifles on their shoulders, the vanguard of civilization. We may carefully examine the history of the American continent, but we shall nowhere find another record like this. Those were indeed days that "tried men's souls," but those at the front were strong and resolute, ready for the work before them, and to them belongs the honor of bringing the far-western territory under the protecting aegis of the American union, and of laying the foundation of a State destined to take a place in the front rank of the National sisterhood.

We can well remember when the Pacific coast was a howling wilderness; when the gray wolves held their nightly concerts in hearing of our cabin homes, and the red-men rode their "tireless cut-throats" over our wide meadows, and even sometimes failed to respect our rights to our melon and turnip patches; when we ground meal upon the coffee mill, luxuriated on sore pie, and talked about the opening of a new horse trail, or the felling of a foot log over some insignificant creek as an important internal improvement. But in the marvelous march of civilization the Pacific coast has become an important portion of the American Union, containing yet undeveloped elements of almost incalculable wealth and prosperity. As we enjoy the advantages of a civilization which has followed in the footsteps of the old time leaders, we should not forget our duty to those who fought the early battles for us; whose courage and enterprise first sought and reclaimed the wild but beautiful land, so far remote from the old hive of civilization.

Alas! how many of those who came in the early days "gather no more in the councils of their brethren." Many of them lie where they perished from excessive toil, where they were lost amid the snows of the mountains, or where they fell in fierce conflict with a savage foe. Others have since faded away from our sight in the glow of a brighter civilization. How many thrilling stories of the early days have already been buried with their authors. Much of the history of the past "with those bent with years, is fast perishing unrecorded, ir retrievable." Let us be not slow then to gather from them the historic traditions of the early days, and learn to treasure the memory of the intrepid leaders as we see crumbling to dust around us the last remnants of their handiwork; for ere long we shall all be covered by the coffin lid, and the cold page of history will bear at best but a poor record of the trials and hardships of the Old Pioneers.

WHO IS HE?

One of the great questions of the day is: Who is Osman Pasha? It would seem that many are loath to admit that an old dilapidated power like Turkey ought to be credited with producing so great a military genius as Osman has proven himself by his masterly defense of the Ottoman Kingdom against the Muscovites. Some argue that he must be Marshal Bazaine himself whom the public lost sight of after his romantic escape from imprisonment, while others are sanguine that it can be no other than R. Clay Crawford of Maryland. About 1873, Marylanders in the Egyptian service wrote home of an American known as Osman Bey, in the army of the Khedive and the personal description tallied exactly with that of Crawford, who was tall and stalwart with a reckless bearing. It seems that Osman Bey has become Osman Pasha and that there are actually some pretty good evidences that the distinguished Turkish general is actually an American, a man of undoubted brilliance as a writer and speaker, who divided his time between the editorial tripod, rostrum and gambling house, and finally folded his robe around him and quietly stole away from his old acquaintances and his debts, likewise.

It seems that Joseph, according to latest accounts, is supposed to be en route to the Yellowstone country, and that Gen. Crook is already moving to intercept him.

The fact is patent to every one that Oregon is becoming better and better advertised abroad every day. People away over on the opposite side of the continent are, at last, discovering that our State is not a northern county of California, but a full-fledged member of the national family, favored by nature beyond many of her sisters in climate, soil and mineral wealth. During the last year we have been more prominently brought into notice than ever before. Our magnificent showing at the Centennial exhibition, more than anything else contributed to this result; and even the Presidential contest, in which it fell to the lot of Oregon, with only three electoral votes, to decide the most important question of the day, and the Grover investigation, assisted no little in advertising the Webfoot State. Although the old States' people, who heretofore could not realize that there was anything on the Pacific coast worthy of notice but the golden State of California, are now anxiously inquiring about Oregon, the State of fat cattle, red apples, immense forests, great rivers, lofty mountains and unending crops. This new awakening of interest is encouraging to a people who have spent so many years in almost utter isolation, wishing for an influx of population, of capital, and for the development of the natural wealth of our State. With the increase of population, which is bound to result from our fame abroad, capital will inevitably come to open up our mines, improve the navigation of our rivers, can the salmon, fell the forests, cultivate the hill-sides, and build railroads. Many of us who remember, as but yesterday, the—

Dry of the trail and the foot-log, And the flying pony express, When the antlered pride of the forest, Yielded his skin for a dress. When blankets were parted for lodgings, Tied with a back-skin thong; While, over the manle, the rifle Hung from an outlier's prong.

May yet see developments, which we even now little dream of. "Time keeps ringing his changes," and we may yet ride the iron horse over ringing tracks of steel with more confidence than we did in early times our cayuse ponies over the mountain trails of Southern Oregon.

Remember Your Eastern Friends.

It is our intention to spare no efforts to make the TIDINGS a suitable paper to send to friends in the East, that they may be properly informed in regard to the advantages of the Webfoot State. There is nothing gained, "in the long run," in over painting a picture, and we shall endeavor to publish nothing but the most reliable information in regard to the character of the country, that those who choose to break up house-keeping in the East, to cast their lot with us, may not be deceived into the idea that we invite them through the gateway of an actual garden of Eden, but into a land with some disadvantages, yet actually possessing great wealth of forest, field, river and mine—a State possessing many advantages permanent and reliable; not a land where one may grow fat on the spontaneous productions of the soil, (though one might even do that,) but where he may reasonably expect a good living, and even fatness, through a judicious use of brain and muscle.

THE PIONEERS.

It is well, fellow citizens, that you cherish the memory of these early days and magnify and extol the conduct and qualities of these worthy founders of this great and growing commonwealth. You and those who come after you, will in turn be elevated and improved by the proud consciousness that your progenitors and predecessors deserved and received the meed of honor and esteem for lives spent in noble and useful deeds. Doubtless there is a pride of ancestry which is a weakness and a care for posterity which is only disguised selfishness. But there is both beauty and truth in the sentiment of Webster, expressed on a similar occasion: "There is also a moral and philosophical respect for our ancestors, which elevates the character and impresses the heart. Next to the sense of religious duty and moral feeling, I hardly know what should bear with stronger obligation on a liberal and enlightened mind, than a consciousness of alliance with excellence departed; and a consciousness too, that in its acts and conduct, and even in its sentiments and thoughts it may be actively operating on the happiness of those who come after it."—Hon. M. P. Deady in his Annual Address before the Oregon Pioneer Society.

ROUND GROVE.—We are informed by James McGinnis, of the firm of Lewis & McGinnis, sub-mail contractors on the line from Linkville to Lake City, that they have located a station at Round Grove, on the mountain east of Sprague river. The station is to be in charge of Mr. Robert E. Paul. We hear Messrs. Lewis & McGinnis spoken of as prompt and efficient mail carriers.

From The War in The East!

Russians Determined on the Complete Destruction of the Turkish Army at Plevna.

(Condensed from CALL Dispatches.)

London, Sept. 8.—The accounts of the fighting at Lovats sent from Bucharest by some correspondents turn out to be pure fictions. Lovats is an open town in the valley, important chiefly as covering roads to Trojan and Selvi. The use the Russians will be able to make of the position must depend on their driving back the Turks on the north-west of Lovats. Perhaps the Russians are trying to finish with Osman Pasha before it becomes indispensable to meet with Mehemet Ali Pasha's advance.

It seems without doubt that the Czarowitch's army has been greatly weakened and that after several important successes.

Mehemet Ali now threatens the lines of communication with Ternova, while Achemet Eyaub Pasha, operating from Rust chuk, threatens not only the new bridge at Pyrgos, but even the Sietova crossing. Every preparation is making and every nerve strained to bring complete destruction to the Turkish army at Plevna.

A telegram from Ezeronza says the Russians are confining themselves to a defensive attitude. The Russian centre is bringing up artillery from Alexandropol to defend the camp at Baldirval in the event of the attack by Muehtar Pasha, while in the left Tergukass off is fortifying his positions near Igdyr to command the roads leading to the plains of Erivan.

A telegram from Rome denies that Italy would approve Serbia's entry into the war. The Italian Government continues to counsel Serbia to be prudent.

GENERAL NEWS.

Baltimore, Sept. 7.—The working men have nominated for Mayor Joseph Thompson, a successful blacksmith, still plying his trade.

Harrisburg, Sept. 7.—The railroad rioters, convicted here last week, were sentenced to the county jail to-day for from two to eight months each, and to pay fines from \$20 to \$500.

New York, Sept. 7.—The California team arrived at Creedmore yesterday, and commenced practice at a 200 yard range, firing 20 shots each, and making out of a possible 100 points the following scores: Le Breton 83; Wright 85; Strong 81; McComb 80; Burns 80; Emerger 80; Nash 79; Warren 79; Shook 78; Brookhoff 78; Laid 77; Barren 75; Robertson 74; Maher 73; Hook 72.

Savannah, Sept. 7.—A dispatch from the health officer of Fernandina, Fla., acknowledges that the sickness in that place is yellow fever. All vessels and trains from that city will be quarantined.

Fremont, O., Sept. 8.—President Hayes and family arrived at 9:30. They will remain until Tuesday, when the President and wife will go to Dayton to attend the ceremonies at the Soldiers' Home.

Long Branch, Sept. 8th.—Gen. John A. Sutter, the old California pioneer, arrived here last evening.

Washington, Sept. 8.—The national flag is at half-mast to-day, out of respect to ex-President Thiers.

New York, Sept. 8.—Gold closed at 103 1/2.

Long Branch, Sept. 8.—The California Pioneers, of the days of '49, and their families, to the number of 300, arrived at the Ocean Hotel this morning.

New York, Sept. 8.—The steamship Oler, from Southampton, brought \$30,000 in gold coin; another steamer brought \$650,000.

A heavy storm yesterday sent a tremendous sea rolling in on the coast, and much damage was done last night at Long Branch and Coney Island.

Long Branch, Sept. 8.—There was a general attendance of old Argonauts and Pioneers on the occasion of the 27th celebration of the admission of California. Among those present were Gen. Gibson, Gen. Sutter, Bayard Taylor, F. G. Clark, Lewis Leland, J. G. Hodge, U. S. N., and many other distinguished men. After the banquet, letters regretting inability to attend were read from President Hayes, Gen. Sherman, Gov. Irwin, Gen. Beale, Mark Twain, Joaquin Miller, and others.

New York, Sept. 8.—An assignment of Frank Leslie, newspaper publisher, to Isaac N. England, was made in the office of the County Clerk to-day. The Sun says the liabilities are \$320,000. Mr. Leslie's embarrassments arise, in good part, from too extended investments in real estate. An arrangement has been made whereby the publications will be continued.

A correspondent predicts not the dismemberment of the Mormon Church on account of the death of Brigham Young, but the abandonment of polygamy.

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