

OREGON PIONEERS HAPPY AT FINISH OF SHORT SESSION

Adjourn in Hope That All Will Meet Again a Year Hence—
P. H. D'Arcy Elected President; Other Officers Elected.



Hon. P. H. D'Arcy of Salem, elected president of the Oregon Pioneer association.

The following officers were elected for the coming year at last night's meeting of the Oregon Pioneer association: President, Honorable P. H. D'Arcy, 1857, Salem; Vice president, Colonel Robert A. Miller, Portland; Secretary, George H. Himes, 1858, Portland; Treasurer, Charles E. Ladd, 1857, Portland; Directors, Cyrus Walker, 1858, Albany; N. H. Bird, 1848, Portland; and Joseph Buchtel, 1852, Portland.

The 25th annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneer association was brought to a successful ending last night, when the officers for the ensuing year were elected at the annual business meeting at the Masonic Temple, followed by a "camp fire" that will long be remembered by the pioneers who were present at the meeting.

The program for the day began with the literary and musical exercises at the Masonic Temple at 2 p. m., which was followed by an auto ride for the pioneers around the city and back to the Armory, where the big banquet of the day was given by the women's auxiliary of the association. In the evening the business meeting and "camp fire" were held at the Masonic Temple.

The meeting at the Masonic Temple at 2 o'clock was largely attended by the aged pioneers, who were welcomed by George H. Himes, secretary of the association, and Joseph Buchtel, grand marshal. At the appointed hour Frederick V. Holman, to deliver the welcome address. This mayor in his address of welcome spoke of the accomplishments of the pioneers, and compared the present-day life with that of 50 years ago.

"How could any of you have ever dreamed at that time what this country was destined to become," he said, "your efforts were courageous. You have paved the way to a great country rich in resources. On behalf of the city of Portland, I welcome you, one and all, and extend most cordial greetings."

In his response to the mayor's address, President Holman spoke of the work of the pioneers. "The pioneers who journeyed half way across the continent were not looking for honors," said President Holman. "They did not expect to have their names enrolled in the halls of fame; they came because they were patriots. The English language is too poor to express the gratitude the nation should show to these empty builders."

"The women deserve great credit, and I will say deserve more credit than the men in those days. Faithful to their duty throughout all the weeks of trouble, these women deserve the homage that is being paid them by the citizens of Portland."

Tribe to McLoughlin.
"It would be impossible for me to mention all the pioneers who worked for the upbuilding of this country in these days, but there is one name which I want to recall to you—not that you will ever forget it, my friends, but because I know it will make you all feel better for having heard his name today. I speak of John McLoughlin, who stood head and shoulders above all other pioneers of the early days. His work in saving Oregon for the United States was due to his humanity—Christ-like humanity, I might say."

"In closing I bid you welcome, good speed, and a long life to each and every one of you."
Thomas W. Presch, an Oregon historian.

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man who lives in Washington, spoke of the ties that should bind Oregon and Washington together, as they have the same history, the same incidents and the same interests. The only reason the states were separated, he said, was on account of the immensity of the area. Mr. Presch extended an invitation to the Oregon pioneers to visit the Washington association.

Grubbs' Speech Read.
Professor Frank H. Grubbs, who was unable to be present on account of illness. In his place he delegated J. D. Lee, an ex-president of the association, to read the address, entitled, "Reminiscences of the Early Schools of Oregon."

The article written by Professor Grubbs was listened to with interest by the audience, as nearly everyone in the assemblage remembered the different schools and schoolmasters spoken of in the article. In speaking of his early life of the pioneer, Professor Grubbs called the men "Knights of Valor" and the women, "saints." The article was commented upon by many of the pioneers, who knew the work required in preparing an article of that description in the present day.

The afternoon meeting was closed with the singing of "America," led by Gilman's band. Dr. Gray pronounced the benediction.

Great credit is due E. Henry Wemmo and members of the Portland Automobile club who gave their services and machines to the pioneers for their "seeing Portland" trip. Although there were nearly 1600 waiting at the temple to be given rides to the Armory, every one was taken care of, as many of the owners of the machines made as many as seven trips to the Armory and return.

"This parade of automobiles is somewhat different than the parade of vehicles which we had in coming across the plains in '54," remarked a pioneer, gazing at the long line of automobiles. "I have an automobile of my own now. It is wonderful the growth that Portland has shown, not only in increased population, but in progressiveness. It is gratifying to note the attention paid the pioneers by the people of Portland. Everyone was more than kind in assisting the aged and infirm, and the drivers of the automobiles should be given a vote of thanks for their carefulness taken with the old folks."

Many of the pioneers had never enjoyed the pleasure of a ride in an automobile before, and the smiles and the expressions of thanks more than repaid the Portland citizens for their kindness to the aged pioneers.

After the auto ride the old folks congregated in the Armory building, where a sumptuous banquet was given by the auxiliary.

The evening business meeting was a successful one both from the point of attendance and interest displayed.

Adopt Resolutions.
The resolutions adopted at the meeting were as follows: "Be it resolved, That the thanks of this association be extended to the mayor, officials and citizens of Portland for their generous recognition of the men and women whose efforts have made it possible to build this great western metropolis."

"Resolved, That our thanks are due the representatives of the press for kind mention and consideration." "Resolved, That to our various transportation lines are due our thanks for courtesies extended; also are our thanks due and are hereby extended to the Portland Automobile club, which so kindly gave the pioneers a free ride over the city and to the Armory; and be further resolved, That in the future the bounteous feast annually provided with queenly grace and hospitality."

Gather Around Campfire.
The campfire which followed the business meeting was called to order by C. Lee, in the Chinook jargon. As this jargon has been one of the favored methods of greetings during the last few days, it was consequently well received by the audience.

Then followed the five minute talks by pioneers, among the number being: Mayor James M. McLoughlin, Charles B. Moore of Portland, Oscar Canfield of Canfield, Idaho; Thomas B. Merry and Mrs. John C. Cartwright of Berkeley.

Cyrus Walker of Albany, the oldest member of the association, was the last speaker. He spoke to the audience by his rendition of a song of greatness and inspiration in the Chinook jargon. After the Chinook solo, Mr. Walker made a short talk, which was followed by stories of the trail and camp, stories of the war, thrilling enough indeed, and stories that form part of the history of the Oregon country. Out of respect to the memory of the late Judge Williams, who took a great interest in last year's meeting, at the instance of ex-Governor E. T. Geary, the members of the association stood for a moment silent with bowed heads.

The fiddlers of old were in their glory as they had been patiently waiting the opportunity to display their knowledge of music as it should be played on the fiddle (they were not called violins in those days). The moment had come to say good-bye until another year, and while Henry M. Jackson, a pioneer of 1852, played the "Star-Spangled Banner" on his fiddle, the old gentlemen, many of them with tears trickling down a withered cheek, shook the hands of their comrades, bidding them Godspeed, and praying that another year might see each and every one gathered together again in a reunion that will always be the big event in the life of each pioneer.

O. R. & N. TAKE EAST SIDE STREETS
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bers to six miles of water front, two and one-half miles on the west side of the river and three and one-half or more miles on the east side. But its cession by the city links valuable holdings of the O. R. & N. company and given the railroad control and possession of greatly enlarged yard and dockage facilities in addition to the space for a freight depot which a franchise granted 22 years ago promised to the city.

Completes Company's Control.
The effect of the cession is to complete the railroad's control of the Portland water front. It deprives East Side business interests of access to the water front, unless through scattered private holdings. The public has by the terms of yesterday's act of the council no street remaining to lead to the river, since those occupied by bridges are elevated.

The O. R. & N. company now has on the east side 342 acres occupied by the Albina shops and containing a solid mile of waterfront. There is another tract—running from Dixon street to the Burnside bridge. There is a great quantity lying farther down the river. Figures in the assessor's office show that the total is nearer 4 miles than 3. The O. R. & N. company has 220 acres with a mile of waterfront in the vicinity of Gable lake.

O. R. & N. "bone yard" and extending to the north end of Front street. The Great Northern railroad possesses the waterfront from Albina ferry to Upshur street.

From the foot of Northrup street to Flanders, is O. R. & N. property, also 500 feet between Ash and Pine streets.

Worth Many Millions.
From the property of the Portland Lumber company to Lowell avenue in South Portland, there is more than a mile. This totals half or more of the west side waterfront, and gives the railroad practical control of the general dockage situation.

On both the east side and west side the frontage is properly deemed valueless by the city when it gave it to the railroad company years ago. The railroad's own estimate now makes it worth many millions of dollars. The east side blocks which the city now gives to the railroad are of even greater value, being more centrally located.

Mayor Simon is not in sympathy with the protests of east side business men against the donation of their streets and blocks to the railroad. He asserts that he believes the proposal arrived at through conferences between the committee of council and the railroad representatives very equitable. He will sign the ordinance vacating the streets, when they are passed by the council, which went on record yesterday as favoring their passage.

Much Talk; No Action.
The plans of the O. R. & N. Co. to proceed with the erection of pier for its new bridge at the intersection of Oregon and Adams streets are so far successful. Although there was much talk that the railroad would be arrested for obstructing the streets, and for proceeding with its work without reference to the referendum invoked against the ordinance which vacated the pier site to the railroad, there has been no definite action.

Attorneys Wilbur & Spencer for Gay Lombard, and Attorney A. E. Clark, for the East Side Business Men's club, have not announced any plan of procedure, nor do they say they have been authorized to take definite action. The attorneys in conferring found that a warrant might be issued against the railroad from the municipal judge, following the city attorney's refusal to issue a complaint, but they have not been instructed by their clients to procure such a warrant.

Meanwhile work on the pier site progresses rapidly and a large amount of the cement work has been done in addition to the excavation.

JOHNSON JAMMED INTO TRUNK ALIVE BY HIS MURDERER

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by the hand of Jesse F. Webb, itinerant printer. But no reference was made in the verdict to Carrie Kirsch, who is held in the county jail with Webb, and against whom a charge of murder in the first degree also rests.

First came the introduction of the door knob. It was found in a drawer in a washstand in room No. 109, which Webb occupied. Covering it was magazine. Investigation showed the knob had been taken from the door connecting No. 109 and No. 105. The knob is solid cast iron, coated with brass, and welded to it is a quarter inch square iron rod, about six inches in length. It would make an effective weapon, for it weighs about three pounds.

Dane found the door knob yesterday. He examined the surface through a magnifying glass and saw stains, but whether they are from rust or blood, he does not know. He found the rounded edges of the knob fitted perfectly into dents in the plaster on the walls, near which were blood stains. Finally, he took the knob to the morgue, where Drs. Siocum and Matson and Deputy Coroner J. J. Dunning examined marks on Johnson's skull, and found the knob fitted into them perfectly. When Dr. Siocum was questioned at the coroner's inquest yesterday afternoon he said the cuts and abrasions on the skull could not have been caused by a "blackjack." He said he was certain they had been caused by the door knob.

When a closer examination of Johnson's skull was made several marks which were found convinced the examiners that the murderer not only struck the rancher on the head with the knob proper, but evidently held the knob in his hand and jabbed the cast iron bar, which he must have held in his hand, using it as a handle to the instrument. If he struck Johnson with the knob, it is rough, and those who swung it as they presume Webb did, found that it cut into their hands.

There are other circumstances to strengthen the theory that Webb beat Johnson insensible with the door knob. The "blackjack," the handle of which was missing, was found in Johnson's valise, underneath a mass of neatly packed toilet articles and clothing. When it was examined through a microscope no blood stains were found and, although it was broken and badly battered, it did not look as if it had been used recently.

Webb struck Johnson at least two blows with some heavy instrument. He knocked him unconscious, but the blows did not fracture the skull, and Johnson, if cared for, would undoubtedly have gotten well.

Jans Body in Trunk.
Webb said in his confession that he was afraid "Johnson might yell," so he ripped off the sleeve of Johnson's shirt and tied it tightly around the unconscious man's neck. When Dane was called to remove the sleeve he found he had to cut it off, because it was tied so tightly.

Webb loaded Johnson into the trunk while the rancher was still alive. Physicians cut into Johnson's neck and found he died from two causes, strangulation and suffocation. Johnson, however, did not recover consciousness, for his body when taken from the trunk was in a passive state. His wounds, the physicians said, would not have been fatal.

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SHOP AT BAYNE, WASH., COLLAPSES; ONE DEAD
(United Press Special Wire.)
Emunclaw, Wash., June 23.—J. M. Johnson was killed and five others were

injured when the machine shops of the Little Falls Clay company at Bayne, half way between here and Palmer Junction, collapsed this morning.

Water weakened the foundations of the building, and it fell. Johnson was pinned under two heavy timbers. Another man, name unknown, was seriously injured, and four others slightly hurt.

CLARENCE DRAKE INJURED BY CAR

Clarence Drake, 22 years old, of 390 East Thirty-second street, was painfully injured about 8 o'clock last night while attempting to board a moving streetcar on the Morrison street line. He lost his hold and was thrown violently to the pavement. The young man was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital and Dr. Rocky, the attending physician, said today his injuries consisted of a number of scalp wounds and minor bruises.

RETURNS FROM COAST TO DEFEND CASE

Roy De Batt, 22 years old, was arrested late this morning charged with passing a fictitious check for \$25 at the saloon of S. A. Arata, Third street, near Stark. Young De Batt, according to his statement, had gone to Seaside and upon hearing of the charge preferred against him, promptly returned and surrendered himself to the local authorities.

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