THE CROSSING RECALLED BY OREGON PIONEERS IN ANNUAL REUNION

Indian War veterans and their wives, who enjoyed a reunion here Wednesday. The majority of these elderly people braved the hardships of pioneer life in reaching the Oregon country in the early days.

Here are the men and women who, more than half a century ago, come over the old Oregon trail; a trail worn deep by uncounted pioneers, beginning with a few wagons in 1842. These pioneers enjoyed their annual reunion Wednesday and Thursday of last week. A few score in 1843 and increasing to countless thousands in the fifties, until one could look out by day at the long trains of prairie schooners and at night could see hundreds of camp fires till it seemed as if all the world was on the move. These are the hardy and courageous pioneers who helped make the deep worn emigrant trail lined by the graves of thousands who never reached the land of their hearts' desire, the land of promise to all, and of fulfillment to many; a trail sacred to the pioneers and one whose every camping place is haunted by memories of the past; whose every mile is reminiscent of romance; a trail looked back upon by the pioneers with tender memories where toil and danger, joy and tragedy were intermingled and where lifelong friendships were made that shall not be severed this side of the grave.

Where the pioneers passed through prairie dog villages the traveler today sees populous cities, where the smoke from a few scattered teepees rose to the unclouded sky, today one sees the smoke of sawmills and factories. The shifting gray sand and the encircling sagebrush has been replaced by emerald green fields of alfalfa and mile on mile of heavy headed golden wheat ready for the harvest. The buffalos have gone over the divide into oblivion. Soon the Indians will vanish and their dim wraiths will stalk through the pages of history and their shades will be dancing the ghost dance on their happy hunting grounds.

To one who was a part of the living wave which, with ever increasing force, flowed toward the sunset land until it spent its force on the shore of the western sea; the old emigrant trail will always be a sacred memory.

As the pioneers gather together each year in ever diminishing number their memories go back to the old camps—Lee's encampment, Burnt River canyon, Soda Springs, Fort Bridger, Green River, the Big Sandy, Sweetwater, Independence Rock, Chimney Rock, the Platte, the Little Blue and all of the camps so familiar in bygone days.

How many of those today who start so unconcernedly for the west would come if for six months they had to plod through choking alkali dust beside a yoke of oxen, cooking their bacon, coffee and flapjacks over a fire of sagebrush and greasewood; fording swollen streams, hunting strayed stock, making dry camps and enduring the discomforts of the journey? As it is nowadays travelers sit in a luxurious dining car and complain that the grape fruit has not been properly chilled; they did not sleep well because there was a wrinkle in the sheet and they feel abused because they are two hours late into Portland after a three days' trip. Sixty years ago their mothers and grandmothers were dipping their feet in the tar bucket so the deeply rutted road wouldn't cut their feet as they walked beside the gaunt and jaded oxen. All praise to the pioneers who paved the way for us of a later day. We owe our grateful praise to the brave souled men and women who endured so much to come out and possess the land for us.

THE LAND WHERE DREAMS COME TRUE

By J. H. Cradlebaugh.

They come of brave and hardy stock,
Those Oregon pioneers;
Their sires had braved the wilderness,
The van of the wild frontiers.
From where the fierce Atlantic waves
Lashed the wooded coast of Maine
To where Missouri's yellow flood
Poured out on an unknown plain,
Crusaders they of the modern days
Who come with the ax and plow—
Their flags, the wagons' canvas tops,
And to win their only vow.

Dreamers and "seers" who dreaming saw
And seeing they dared to do—
Turning their faces toward the west
And the land where dreams come true.

Dreamers they were, those pioneers
Of the "forties" three and four;
Who braved the unknown of the plains
In search of an untried shore.
Brave of soul were the women folk
And the bearded men were strong;
They counted not the trail was rough
Nor cared that the way was long.
Week after week, month after month,
Steadily, surely, but slow,
They pressed on till they reached the streams
Where the waters westward flow;
And they could see the mountains where
Night drew her curtain of blue
Beyond which lay the land they sought,
The land where dreams come true.

Seen from the lofty mountain tops
The valley was wondrous fair—
For billowed plain of dimpling grass
And the winding streams were there.
Land where the red man wandered free,
Now civilization trod;
Rich as the fields of Eden were
When fresh from the hand of God.
An emerald world, a turquoise sky,
A hundred amethyst streams;
Crown jewel of the continent;
The land they had seen in their dreams.
Worth all the toil they had endured,
The hardships they struggled through—
Land of the elves' and fairies' homes,
And the land where dreams come true.

It was a dream, a vision fair,
To the weary pioneers,
A dream come true to you and me
In the lapse of seventy years.
Billowing fields of waving grain
To set the jewels in gold;
Miles upon miles of orchard bloom
In place of the forest old,
The busy mart, the whirring wheels
And the things that man has made:
Churches and schools and pleasant homes,
The gift of the "unafraid."
Gift of the women strong of soul,
Of the men who dared to do—
Who dreaming saw—and showed the way
To the land where dreams come true.

WHAT LABOR IS DOING

Declares That Remaining Days of Gas Franchise Are Few.

Public Sentiment Tested.

"There is nothing to prevent us putting that petition in shape, and holding it over until 1916," said J. L. Ledwidge, one of the committee in connection with the initiative petition to revoke the franchise of the Portland Gas & Coke company. We have strong assurances that the courts are the proper channels through which to revoke it. We have tested out public sentiment thoroughly and we are satisfied that the days of that franchise—or both of them—are numbered. We are going to get the number down as low as possible."

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Musicians Will Act.

T. H. Burchard, a prominent member of the Musicians' union and president of the State Federation of Labor, says the musicians will act with the new amusement section of employes in and around theatres and moving picture shows. This new section will be a part of the organized labor forces of Portland and vicinity in the same manner as are the unions of the waterfront, printing trades, building trades and metal trades, having representatives in the Central Labor council and a district council of its own.

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Conditions Are Improved.

B. W. Sleeman, one of the active members of the Building Trades council, tells of the improvement of conditions in Seattle, where he has recently been in connection with some business of the International Carpenters and building trades organization work.

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Meeting Is Postponed.

The proposed conference between the board of regents of the State university and the representatives of Organized labor yesterday afternoon did not take place because of the inability of Judge R. S. Bean, chairman of the board, to get its members together on short notice. Several representatives of organized labor met in his chambers and took part in an informal conference concerning the use of Oregon-made materials in the construction of the university buildings, and also the employment of Oregon mechanics and laborers on the work. The sum total of the appropriations are $175,000 available for buildings and repairs. This sum has been divided into several contracts, and bids have been sent in for some of them.

There was nothing definite decided upon at this informal conference, and no day set for any further meetings. The full board of regents consists of 13 members, and it is difficult to secure a quorum, as they are scattered widely over the state.

HE FOOLED THEM ALL

John Ross, the hero of this episode, has been in the employ of a local construction company for a good many years. He is considered by his superiors as a capable and reliable young man. However, no promotion of any consequence was offered him ever since he entered the office of the company as a bill clerk. Of late it began to worry him and he consulted an old friend of the family, who advised him to put on a better appearance; that is, to dress up a bit nicer and more stylishly. "But," complained John, "I have no money to do it with." "Forget it," said the old friends. "I'll show you a store where you can get your suits, hats, shoes, shirts, ties, etc., on credit at the cash price and pay a little every payday until the bill is paid." He took him to Eastern Outfitting Co., 405 Washington st. When John reported to work next Monday, the manager was so impressed with his appearance that he appointed him as his own private secretary.

NICKEL COIN FOR FRANCE

Paris, June 20.—The new nickel coinage to replace the cumbersome copper sou will make its appearance probably the latter part of this month. The authorities have been delayed in the minting, as the existing plant has to be furnished with new machinery to handle the less malleable nickel.

DISTANCES REDUCED FOR LARGER ENTRIES IN ASTORIA REGATTA

Change Made Guards Against Possibility of Craft Being Disabled.

TWO NEW RACERS READY

Oregon Kid II and "Seattle Bullet" Expected to Make Better Than 20 Miles an Hour.

The distances of the 16, 20 and 26 foot class races of the annual Pacific Coast championship speed boat events to be staged during Astoria's regatta July 2, 3 and 4 have been shortened to seven and one-half miles. The change was made because most of the boats, which are entered in the free-for-all event, are 20 and 26 footers and in long races many of them are disabled and but a few are left to run in the free-for-all.

The 16, 20 and 26 foot class races will be over a three and one-quarter mile course in front of the grandstand and they should be very spectacular. The free-for-all event will be 30 miles, six times around a five mile course.

These changes were announced yesterday by W. H. Curtis, who will have charge of the racing end of the regatta. Curtis stated that he expected closer and better races in all events, because of the change of the distances in the 16, 20 and 26 foot class races.

Two new craft, built along the lines of the famous "Oregon Kid" will race in three classes at Astoria. They are the "Oregon Kid II" and the "Seattle Bullet." These two boats are expected to make better than 20 miles per hour.

Several new 16 foot crafts will be raced for the first time over the Astoria course. The "O. F. F.," owned by Frank and Fred Vogler and Orth Mathiot, will race for the first time and the "Bear-Cat" will be pitted against a boat of its own class for the first time. In its initial race against the "Oregon Wolf IV" the "Bear-Cat" showed considerable speed.

Admiral Phil Metschan Jr., yesterday completed his staff appointments, which consist of over 200 prominent business and boat men of the Pacific Northwest.

Arrangements are being made for a special train to carry the staff officers to Astoria. Many of the officers will make the trip in motor boats.

The list of officers is:

Admiral—Phil Metschan Jr., Imperial hotel, Portland.

Vice admirals—J. R. Rogers, John F. Shorey, Edgar B. Piper, Jay Bowerman, Hy Ellers, R. L. Adams, George L. Baker, G. F. Blair, H. C. Bowers, A. Bobleter, C. W. Boost, A. J. Capron, W. E. Finzer, Rube Foster, B. Gildner, W. H. Gray, H. H. Hilton, all of Portland; Dr. E. D. Johnson, Klamath Falls, Or.; J. F. Larson, Portland; Edward Lowe Jr., Raymond, Wash.; J. F. Luse, Sutherlin, Or.; John Manning, Portland; H. W. McPhail, Raymond, Wash.; T. J. Mendenhall, Portland; S. D. Penney, Portland; William Pollman, Baker, Or.; R. W. Schmeer, Portland; Dr. J. A. B. Sinclair, Portland; J. A. Beckwith, Portland; C. W. Richardson, Astoria, Or.; Dr. George A. Cathey, Klamath Falls; Dr. A. F. Sether, Roseburg, Or.; W. L. Dudley, Seattle, Wash.; George M. Hyland, Portland; Roy O. Yates, Portland; Earle T. Bartley, Hood River, Or.; Al Helander, Olympia, Wash.; C. W. Chandler, Astoria, Or.; W. C. North, Portland; J. S. Dellinger, Astoria; C. S. Gunderson, Astoria.

Rear admirals—William T. Buchanan, Portland; H. R. Hoefler, Astoria, Or.; Frank A. Moore, Walla Walla, Wash.; Carlton Lewis, Rainier, Or.; Frank Woodfield, Astoria, Or.; E. H. Beall, Portland; A. L. Finley, Portland; M. Gorman, Cathlamet, Wash.; E. J. Jaeger, L. Y. Keady, A. C. Moffatt, Gus C. Moser, Clarence Reames, R. R. Smith, Dr. Eucidas K. Scott, Frank P. Tebbetts, E. Von Der Werth, J. B. Yeon, all of Portland; R. A. Hawkins, Ilwaco, Wash.; K. Kubli, Portland; Louis Allehoff, Portland; W. H. Curtis, Portland; John E. Gratke, Astoria, Or.; A. W. Norblad, Astoria, Or.; Elwood Wiles, Portland; Dr. Charles E. Hill, Portland; Daniel L. Pratt, Seattle, Wash.; T. A. Gilbaugh, Astoria, Or.

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Commander—L. E. Warford, Portland; Sherman Miles, Portland; T. B. Garrison, Portland; Dudley R. Clark, Portland; J. L. Zipperer, St. Helens, Or.; W. F. Osburn, Eugene, Or.; H. G. Glasou, Eugene, Or.; James M. Keeney, Portland; T. Jeffries, Astoria, Or.; C. C. Clinton, Portland; Charles H. Rowley, Portland; R. Alexander, Pendleton, Or.; Frank A. Alley, Portland; Roy Alexander, Pendleton, Or.; William F. Brady, Portland; H. Wallace Joplin, Portland; R. E. Kroh, Grants Pass, Or.; C. H. Moore, Portland; Merrill B. Moores, Portland; Al Slusher, Pendleton, Or.; F. L. Spangler, Spokane, Wash.; R. N. Stanfield, Stanfield, Or.; Dr. C. W. Cornelius, Dr. E. C. McFarland, J. B. Steinbach, A. B. Steinbach, J. W. Creath, H. G. Huntington, Phil Grossmeyer, P. E. Arlett, all of Portland; E. J. Frasier, Eugene, Or.; A. W. Gilsey, Walter A. Holman, Rufus C. Holman, C. W. Huntington, Dr. H. I. Keeney, K. V. Lively, R. B. Caswell, H. T. Hutchinson, Hermon Von Borstel, all of Portland; C. W. Wheeler-Kelson, Or.; Dr. Frank Drake, Edgar S. Higgins, L. A. Means, Arthur M. Compton, Joe L. Day, F. A. Kribs, William Burke, W. L. Walsh, F. W. Beach, A. H. Lamm, G. F. Livesley, F. W. Vogler, Robert Buchanan, all of Portland; W. B. Daughtrey, Denver, Colo.; Fred A. Jacobs, Charles Rosenfeld, Joe Smith, all of Portland; Wallace R. Struble, Astoria, Or.; Dr. Alan Welch Smith, Portland, Or.; F. J. Walsh, Astoria, Or.; H. F. Frael, Astoria, Or.; Frank E. Smith, Portland, Or.

Captains—Dr. R. H. Hoskins, Astoria; J. K. McGregor, Mosier; J. B. Fields, C. T. Crosby, Astoria; J. T. Bridges, Oakland; Paul C. Morton, Portland; W. R. Marvin, Vancouver, B. C.; C. G. Adams, James M. Alberl, Portland; G. Clifford Barlow, Warrenton; Fred J. Bolger, John B. Coffey, James J. Flynn, Portland; P. A. Foley, La Grande; T. F. Keeley, Shad O. Krantz, Theo. Kruse, Dr. W. C. Lowe, Max Luddemann, J. E. Mahaney, T. W. Nordby, A. C. Spencer, Portland; F. L. Stewart, Kelso State Bank, Kelso, Wash.; E. Struplere, Dr. Frank E. Smith, C. A. Whitemore, Harvey Wells, A. O. Jones, Portland; George F. Judd, Astoria; A. M. Crawford, Salem; J. H. Gwinn, Pendleton; E. C. Hughes, Eugene; Rev. John Waters, R. S. Shaw Lawrence Rogers, J. B. Kilmore, Chas. Humphreys, J. Rolan Hinman, C. R. Davies, C. H. Haddix, all of Astoria; A. E. Sugden, Paul C. Morton, Portland T. H. Bell, South Bend, Wash; Nace Grant, Portland.

Ensigns—Jas. Ingleton, Dolph Hardesty, Chas. Fulton, Joe Dyer, George Rosendale, Acme Mansker, Arthur Olson, Melville Callender, all of Astoria; Harry L. Cornelius, Master Fred Jacobs, Wm. Morgan Jr., Elwood Wiles Jr., Malcolm Beall, Jack Wright, Bruce Baker, all of Portland.

CLOSER AND BETTER RACES EXPECTED TO FEATURE WATER CARNIVAL

Top row, left to right—G. B. Johnson, chairman of regatta committee; C. C. Bradley, W. H. Curtis.
Center, left to right—Karl V. Lively, Phil Metschan Jr., admiral.
Bottom, left to right—C. W. Boost, vice commodore; L. E. Warford, commander; George E. Hall, commodore.

FRATERNAL NOTES

Women of Woodcraft Submit Amendments to the Membership.

Benefits Are Increased.

The Women of Woodcraft last February through their executive committee submitted three sets of amendments to the membership changing the constitution of the organization in several important particulars. The returns coming in indicate that all of them have carried by more than the two-thirds majority required. The proposed amendments increase the benefit certificate maximum amount from $2000 to $3000; allow a funeral benefit of $100 to $3000 to be carried and permit certificates to be issued without naming the beneficiaries.

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Will Visit Denver.

Mrs. C. C. VanOrsdall, grand guardian of the Women of Woodcraft, with head offices in this city, leaves Wednesday for Denver, where she takes part in a great gathering of the order. From there she visits a number of local circles in Colorado, Utah and California, returning home about July 15th.

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Will Play Baseball.

The Knights and Ladies of Security on Saturday, July 18, in addition to ordinary sports at their picnic at Crystal Lake Park, will present a baseball game, with two contesting teams of lady members, one from Eureka, and the other from Security local lodges. The lineup is a secret, as yet, but Ralph Feeney is to umpire.

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Multnomah Camp, Woodmen of the World, expects to start off its sick benefit degree with not less than 200 members. The meeting will be held Tuesday evening, June 23d, in the hall of the Camp, East Sixth and Alder.

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Negroes Have Lodge.

It is not generally known that the colored people of Portland have a Masonic organization. They are not recognized by the Masonic organizations of the state, composed of white men. The charter of Enterprise Lodge, A. F. and A. M., claims its charter from the "Prince Hall" Masonic authority. It has been in existence for about 20 years and now has 45 members. It is one of 12 other lodges in Washington and Oregon combined as one jurisdiction. A grand lodge will be held here on Monday, July 13. The grand master is Newton Solomon, of Everett, Wash. The officers of Enterprise Lodge are R. D. Bird, worthy master; V. E. Keene, senior warden; W. H. Rutherford, junior warden; Ed. W. Rutherford, secretary; Mark Stanfield, treasurer.

This lodge has 40 acres of land in Lewis county, Wash., which it hopes to make into a home for its aged members. It also owns a burial plot in Mt. Scott cemetery. Over two-thirds of its members are property owners and the lodge frequently justifies its existence by acts of fraternity, benevolence and charity. Another Masonic lodge in this city with colored members only, is called Euclid lodge, but derives its charter from the colored Masons of Missouri.

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The conference of the past regents of the Royal Arcanum of Oregon will convene in the Masonic Temple at 8 p. m., Wednesday, June 24. Important matters pertaining to the welfare of the organization in Oregon will be considered.

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Grand Raly Postponed.

The committees of the Ladies of the Maccabees of the World of this city worked so hard during the Rose Festival with their rose gift tables in the hotels that the grand rally of the organization, to have been held next Thursday evening, has been postponed until September.

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Visiting Local Hives.

Mrs. Minnie W. Aydelotte, of Oakland, Cal., deputy supreme commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees of the World, is now visiting the local hives in this city and greeting her many friends as she meets them. Mrs. Aydelotte is in charge of the organization work of the order for Arizona, California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington, and does not expect to get back to her home until August. Many of the Portland Lady Maccabees want her to come to Portland to live, but she says she sees more of Portland by living in Oakland.

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Supreme Commander Coming.

Wednesday evening next the new hive of the Ladies of the Maccabees at Carlton will be visited by Mrs. Minnie W. Aydelotte, deputy supreme commander for the Pacific Coast. From Oregon she visits the principal cities of Washington. She has recently been doing special work for the local hives in Chicago, but resumes charge of the Pacific Coast.

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Sellwood Lodge Elects.

Sellwood lodge of the United Artisans have elected the following new officers: Master artisan, H. E. Sellwood; past master, C. F. Petsch; inspector, Mrs. Buchanan; superintendent, J. White; secretary, B. Lance; treasurer, L. C. Duvall; senior conductor, Mrs. Hockinson; junior conductor, Mrs. S. Gill; master of ceremonies, Chris Larsen; instructor; Earnest Wahlstrom; and warden, F. Coop.

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Camp Is Entertained.

Fully 300 members and friends of Royal Circle Women of Woodcraft and Portland Camp, Woodmen of the World, gathered Wednesday evening at W. O. W. Temple, 128 Eleventh street, for an evening's entertainment. The Circle entertained the camp, and it was admitted to be royal. The "U-Fellows" orchestra, L. Carroll Day, director, furnished the music. The program was as follows: Apple Blossoms and Scented Roses, orchestra; vocal solo, "Alone," Earnest Miller; LaTuorsaria," orchestra; Saxophone solo, "Last Night Was the End of the World," Earl Martin; contralto solo, "A Perfect Day," Leona Gage; 'cello obligato, Ogla Klekar; tango tokio, "I'm Going Back to Carolina," orchestra; violin solo, Grace Paeton; baritone solo, "Because," L. Carroll Day; "Spring Maid," selections, orchestra. After the program the party, headed by the Portland degree team, took seats in the banquet room, where past consul commander E. H. Deery and Harry Day made short addresses while the guests and hostesses ate.

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Albany Society To Meet.

The Albany society holds its third annual gathering Tuesday, June 30, at the Oaks. This organization will have a special train down from Albany. It will be called to order at 1:30 p. m. by Mrs. M. Westfall, the president. The secretary is Mrs. Sarah Hosteller. The business meeting will take place at 4:30 p. m., and the feast will begin at 6 p. m. Everybody is asked to bring a basket of good things. Some of the most eminent citizens of Portland are ex-citizens of Albany, and every year they gather in convention. Every person who has ever been a citizen of Albany is urged to attend and enjoy themselves.

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Court Mt. Hood No. 1, Foresters of America, will give a public entertainment at their hall, 149 Fourth street, Tuesday evening, July 7. All who enjoy a fraternal evening are invited.

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Last Wednesday evening Court Beaver, Foresters of America, located in Sellwood, gave an open meeting that was enjoyed by a large number of Sellwood residents, many of whom were not members of the organization.

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On Friday evening, June 19, at the regular election, Webfoot Camp No. 65, Woodmen of the World, elected officers for the ensuing term, as follows: Consul commander, O. W. T. Muellhaupt; adviser-lieutenant, W. C. Lynch; escort, Harry Parnnay; watchman, Nate Casler; sentry, Conrad Nern.

In his campaign for renomination this year, Senator L. Y. Sherman, of Illinois, has as his chief opponent former Senator William E. Mason.

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