

PIONEERS GATHER AT CHAMPOEG TO DEDICATE BUILDING

600 Early Residents Commemorate Establishment of U. S. Government in Oregon.

W. C. HEMBREE, 90, OLDEST

Memorial Structure Erected at Cost of \$5000; Funds Appropriated by State.

The beginning of American civil government west of the Rocky mountains, 75 years ago, was commemorated Thursday at Champoe in the dedication of the pioneer memorial building.

The ceremony was under the auspices of the Oregon Pioneer Association and the Oregon Historical Society and was attended by 600 pioneers of the Oregon country and their descendants. They came in automobiles from the surrounding country and by steamer from Portland and intervening points. P. H. D'Arcy of Salem, a former president of the Oregon Pioneer Association, presided over the program, which consisted of music and brief addresses. The dedicatory address was delivered by ex-Governor Geer who rehearsed briefly the events leading up to the historic meeting of May 2, 1843, and paid special tribute to the memory of F. X. Matthieu, whose vote and influence made possible the organization of an American government in the Oregon country.

Washington State Represented. Other speakers included J. D. Lee, F. V. Holman, Governor Withycombe, Rufus C. Holman, Edith Tozier Weathered, M. A. Miller, Robert A. Miller, all descendants of pioneers.

The state of Washington was represented by Professor Edmond S. Meany of the University of Washington and former Governor Miles C. Moore, who reminded his auditors that in Washington it was not forgotten that this state once formed a part of Oregon and had a common share in its history.

Two other residents of Washington, Samuel Hill and T. C. Elliott, were introduced, but they merely bowed their acknowledgments of the courtesy.

Descendants of Pioneer Introduced. The music of the occasion was furnished by the Fernwood band and a veteran quartet composed of W. N. Morse, Professor Z. M. Farvin, A. W. Mills and Dr. J. E. Hall.

The invocation was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Rundaker, a pioneer minister who came to Oregon in 1847.

While the immortal 63 pioneers who figured in the celebrated meeting which was commemorated have passed on to another world a number of their descendants were introduced by President D'Arcy. These embraced W. P. and J. T. Gray, A. P. Fletcher, Oliver Beers, John U. Smith, Abner Lewis and a son, daughter and granddaughter of Medore Crawford.

W. C. Hembree Oldest. W. C. Hembree was the oldest pioneer present. He is 90 years old and came to Oregon in 1843.

Another of the early pioneers introduced was Mrs. Rlanda Smith, 89 years of age, and a resident of Yamhill county.

As is customary at all pioneer gatherings, E. M. McFarland made a speech in "Chinook," which was supposed to have some reference to the event celebrated.

Taken altogether it was a typical pioneer meeting with picnic lunch and other accompaniments.

A feature was the presentation of a gavel to the president of the day by George H. Himes.

Five Kinds of Wood in Gavel. This gavel was made of five kinds of wood having historical value. One piece was of Oregon grape, another of lignum vitae taken from a tie on the old Panama railroad, another of cherry taken from the store brought to Oregon in 1847. The fourth piece was from an oak which grew from an acorn planted on the grave of Ewing Young

in 1846 by Miranda Bayley during her courtship by Sidney Smith, whose wife she became.

The death of Ewing Young in Yamhill county was one of the immediate causes leading up to the historic Champoe meeting in 1843. He was possessed of considerable property and had no known heirs.

This condition called attention to the fact that in the absence of any form of government his estate could not be preserved.

The fifth piece of the gavel, the handle, was made of yew, the wood used by the Indians in the manufacture of bows.

The only untoward incident of the day was the delay at the Oregon City locks of those who went by steamer. Arrangements had been made to give the steamer right of way through the locks, but when the Pomona arrived at the lower end, the steamer Ruth had been allowed to enter the upper end.

Consequently, the Pomona had to wait an hour, until the Ruth passed through.

This threw the Pomona an hour behind her arrival schedule at Champoe. It was claimed that there had been some misunderstanding of instructions.

The building dedicated was constructed out of a \$5000 appropriation made by the last legislature. In its opening address President D'Arcy said that the building scheme had not been entirely completed and that further appropriation would be required.

The increased cost of building had necessitated a curtailment of the original plan, which called for an open air auditorium, to accommodate 1000 persons.

SEC. BAKER WOULD PUT 3,000,000 IN FRANCE

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Heved that number would be exceeded. The authorization to be made in the military appropriation bill will be sufficient to carry through all war department plans until congress goes into session again in December, and additional authorizations can be asked, Secretary Baker said.

With Secretary Baker before the committee today was Chief of Staff March and his assistant, Colonel Bretts. Their testimony related almost entirely to the pay of the fighting men, and the amounts that would be required for the government to meet this obligation.

Under the original plan estimate a little more than \$1,000,000 would have been required for this purpose. The new estimates are understood to be double this figure.

Billions for Big Army

When he left the committee room, Secretary Baker said he had nothing to add to his statement.

"I told them all I wanted the newspapers to know," he added. He admitted, however, that the total of estimates submitted would be near \$15,000,000.

"The total to be appropriated for the ordnance and quartermaster corps will be in the neighborhood of \$11,000,000; for the signal corps something over \$1,000,000,000 and for the engineer corps \$1,000,000,000."

The major part of the engineering appropriation will be used for the construction of training facilities and railroads abroad.

The intention of the war department to train men in this country more speedily and to train more men abroad was emphasized by Secretary Baker.

The national guard contingents probably will be turned into permanent contingents, he indicated, and the present contingents will be extended, but under present plans no new ones will be built.

Opposed to Raising Draft Limit

Secretary Baker stated to the committee his unalterable opposition to raising the draft age to 40 at this time. His position is grounded on the assertion that it would interfere with necessary industries to take these men. He indicated at the same time his intention, if possible, to confine the drafts to be made during the next 12 months to the men now listed in Class 1 and the additional 500,000 who will be available under the bill to register all who have become 21 since June 5 last. If this policy is carried through, Class 1 will be exhausted in raising the army contemplated by the authorizations being asked by Secretary Baker.

Asked by members of the committee whether the airplane program had, in fact, been an utter failure, Secretary Baker said:

"It has not. There have been some mistakes and delays, but they are not nearly as bad as reported. This is shown by the fact that the Italians, English and French are anxious to have the Liberty machines."

The United States now has under arms 1,700,000 men and 120,000 officers. It was brought out in the hearing. This number will be increased 168,000 men and 180,000 officers by July 1 this year, making a total of 1,868,000 men in the army by that date.

Far Ahead of Program

With the call for 250,000 men now being prepared by the provost marshal general, it is evident that 225,000 additional men will be required during the month of June, if the war department's estimates are to be fulfilled.

From \$500,000,000 to \$600,000,000 of the estimates submitted by Secretary Baker will be used as deficiency appropriations. The war department has gone far ahead of its program, mapped out a year ago, and half a billion will be required to cancel its indebtedness up to July 1 of this year.

Secretary of War Baker this afternoon wrote Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the senate military affairs committee, urging prompt action on the bill proposing the president to command the rationing of meat, potatoes and bread soon will be reduced, according to advice received here today.

Wide Powers Asked For

The measure was sent to congress by the war department some weeks ago. It was referred to the senate military affairs committee where it met with unfriendly reception because of the extraordinary powers it conferred upon the president.

Mr. Baker in his letter this afternoon informed the committee that passage of the bill was urgently needed to enable the war department to take possession of the property for convalescent hospitals and other structures necessary to the war department.

the Franco-British lines and a terrific outburst is liable at any time.

Hindenburg is playing possum until his armies are refreshed—then he will be ready to strike again with all his power.

Under the bluest May-time sky, Mars has put the lid on Armageddon. Throughout yesterday and last night, while the infantry rested, the guns muttered only spasmodically.

The British destroyed a post in the Lys area and the Canadians conducted a raid near Lens, capturing seven Germans and three machine guns. The present inactivity reminds one of the midwinter lull during the days of static warfare.

It is common talk among the ordinary German soldiers, however, that conditions at home necessitate some sort of a decision.

German Rations to Be Cut

Copenhagen, May 3.—(U. P.)—Herr von Walldow, German food controller, told the reichstag food committee that the rations of meat, potatoes and bread soon will be reduced, according to advice received here today.

Germans Unable to Renew Drive

By Frank Charlton. International News Service Cable Editor. The staggering defeat administered to the Germans on the Flanders front last Monday by Anglo-French forces is still making itself felt.

Vol Hindenburg has not yet been able to renew his drive, but there is a growing violence of artillery fire over a wide area from Givenchy, immediately north of LaBasse canal, to a point south of Tpres, where Monday's fighting centered.

Nor have the Germans been able to renew their thrusts on the Picardy front.

There was local fighting around Villers-Bretonneux, nine miles east of Amiens, during the night which ended to the advantage of the British, enabling them to improve their positions.

Violent artillery duels have raged north and south of the Aisne river (Picardy front) near which district the Americans are holding part of the battle line.

The Germans are reported to be massing fresh forces and it is accepted as a foregone conclusion by French military critics that the end of the struggle is not yet in sight.

While the Germans have been reorganizing their shattered divisions and bombarding, General Foch has been active, strengthening his positions before Amiens, Arras and Ypres, and moving reserves to strategic points.

No matter where the next German thrusts fall, the boches will find the allied forces ready to meet them and give them blow for blow.

This was the 44th day of the grand German offensive.

ALL BANKS TO CARRY \$50 BOND PURCHASES

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Saturday night. Until September 15, all banks will carry loans for investment in Liberty bonds for the interest on the bonds, 4 1/2 per cent. An initial payment of only 5 per cent—which means \$2.50 in the purchase of a \$50 bond—is required. After September 15, for those who desire it, the banks will renew the loan at a rate of 6 per cent.

Chairman Cookingham's appeal, asking general response to the president's urgent request that 1,000,000 Americans join him in the purchase of an additional \$50 bond, was telegraphed to every Liberty loan chairman for each Oregon county.

Today and tomorrow, it is hoped, will be made days of intense activity to put Oregon over the top in this last call. Those who have already subscribed are asked to make an additional investment in a \$50 bond. But responsibility does not rest upon those whose patriotism is already a matter of record. Those who for any reason have delayed until now their Liberty bond investments are urged to be governed by the dictates of loyalty and to subscribe before it is too late. It is believed that Oregon will respond to this appeal with the splendid response that has characterized the state's participation in other war services.

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