

PAGEANT SHOWING EARLY HISTORY OF OREGON SUCCESS

Big Event at Willamette University Seen by Thousands While Thousands Cannot Find Seats.

DEMAND FOR REPETITION

History of University, Oldest in Northwest, Unfolded Step by Step in a Series of Tableaux.

Salem, June 14.—That the story of the early history of Oregon—and, incidentally, of Willamette university, which antedates the state of Oregon—might be perpetuated and that present and future generations might be imbued with at least a slight touch of the indomitable spirit which prompted the pioneers to respond to the call of the red man for the white man's book of heaven and carry civilization into the great Northwest—this was the motive back of the production of the historical pageant of Willamette university depicting the origin and progress of this, the oldest institution of higher learning west of the Rocky mountains, and commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the institution.

THOUSANDS SEE PAGEANT

More than 6000 people witnessed the three presentations of the pageant Saturday night, Monday afternoon and Tuesday night, June 7, 9 and 10, and fully half that many more were turned away disappointed because of lack of seating facilities. Among the thousands who saw the production this year were many former students and friends of the university who had traveled long distances.

Great as were the expectations of its promoters the presentation exceeded even these expectations and the repetition of the pageant in future years, either every year or every two years, is being urged by the Alumni association. It is expected to create at the university campus a mecca for thousands.

ORIGIN OF PAGEANT

The pageant was conceived, composed and directed by Della Crowder Miller, a member of the university faculty, who shares the credit for its inception with Mrs. E. E. Fisher, who first suggested the idea of a celebration which developed into the historical production. Approximately 500 people, including many Indians from the Chemawa school, were employed in the presentation of its 22 episodes, which required four hours to complete.

The story begins with a scene depicting the spirit of the Willamette awakening her sleeping muses and bidding them go forth to summon her children for the celebration of the anniversary of the founding of the university. Then is unfolded, step by step, the yearning of the red man for the "white man's book of heaven," the journey of the Indians to St. Louis and the response of the white man as represented by the coming of Jason Lee and his party as missionaries into the great Northwest.

BIRTH OF UNIVERSITY SHOWN

The birth of the university in the little mission school erected by Lee at French Prairie and its development into one of the largest and best known institutions of higher learning on the Pacific coast, were most accurately depicted. The concluding episodes record Willamette's contribution to modern day activities and the production was brought to a thrilling finale when, with the president, university faculty and players grouped about a tableau of 12 Liberty girls, the ensemble joined in singing "America."

The production was replete with realism and the dramatic were of an order that would do credit to seasoned actors.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Jason Lee was impersonated by Harry Bowers of Brownsville, Cyrus Shepard by Thomas Atherton of Salem, David Lee by Paul Fiegel of Portland, Philip Edwards by David Lawson of Blanchard, Wash.; Courtney Walker by Francis Cramer of La Grande, Dr. McLoughlin by Horace Hakson of Marshfield, General Clark by Leslie Fisher of Salem, Dr. Elijah White by Ralph Thomas of Westport, Mrs. Elijah White by Grace Sherwood of Salem, Mrs. Anna Pitman Lee by Mabel Garrett, David Leslie by Edwin Sobolefsky.

The cast of the pageant was very large, about 300 persons taking part and 200 costumes being used in its production. The members of the cast in the

prologue were: Spirit of Willamette, Miss Florence Shirley of Salem; Spirit of Drama, Genevieve Levy of Milton; Spirit of Music, Grace Sherwood of Salem, and Spirit of History, Orville A. Miller.

INDIANS IN TRIBAL REGALIA

About 60 Indians of Chemawa participated in full tribal regalia. Included in this number were four chiefs, Chief Okkintah (George W. Bent), Chief Nachntoo, Chief Heehohasteein and Chief Hedhushka. Chief Okkintah is chief of the Southern Cheyenne Indians and he traces his ancestry back to Elias Bent, who was born in Massachusetts in 1764. Chief Nachntoo is a direct descendant from Chief Joseph, the warrior chief of the Nez Perce tribe of Idaho.

The Indians participating represented many tribes, including the Blackfeet, Nez Perce, Umatilla, Assiniboine, Gros Ventre, Flathead, Skagit, Sioux and Yakima. Superintendent and Mrs. Harwood Hall of the Chemawa school directed and trained the Indians in their dances. Mr. Bent was also one of the directors.

CLOSES WITH TABLEAU

The pageant closed with a magnificent tableau in which the Spirit of Willamette has gathered around her the faculty, players, students, soldiers and Liberty girls. The closing number is the singing of America while the stage is lighted with red fire and the players joyously wave American flags.

Virtuoso Calls His Audience for Talking

Springfield, Ill., June 14.—(L. N. S.)—Temperament in a noted violinist got the best of an audience here. The virtuoso was playing a selection of "Candone d'Amor" before an assemblage at the Y. W. C. A. Some one shuffled her feet. The player struck a "blue" note. Then some one whispered. Laying his violin on a nearby table the virtuoso said: "Either you or I will make the noise in this concert. If you insist on talking while I play, then I shall quit playing, or you shall go outside to talk." Nobody went outside and the playing continued in quietness.

AT WILLAMETTE U. PAGEANT



Above—Princess Hedhushka and chief Okkintah (George W. Bent), lineal descendants of Indian chieftains who participated in historical pageant at Willamette university. Below—Group of Chemawa school Indians who appeared in pageant.

Overseas Engineers Detachment Will Be Here About June 23

Due to arrive here on Monday or Tuesday, June 23 or 24, a special train carrying 205 men and three officers of the Twenty-third and Twenty-first engineers will leave Camp Devens, Mass., Tuesday. The detachment will come by way of Portland and will stop over here for a reception. This information was contained in a telegram received at the mayor's office this morning from Lieutenant C. H. Knowles, who will be in command of the train. His telegram follows:

"Have received authority from the adjutant general to stop over at Portland for a reception to the Camp Lewis contingent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-first engineers. Will leave Camp Devens Tuesday, the 17th, via Chicago, Ogden, Huntington and Portland. Should arrive following Monday or Tuesday, 205 men, three officers. Definite details later."

The members of the cast in the

25,000 WOUNDED MEN CARED FOR BY BASE OF SEVEN HOSPITALS

Captain H. F. Parsons Tells of Heroic Work in America's Three Big Drives.

Twenty-five thousand injured men were cared for in seven hospitals comprising a base during the St. Mihiel, Chateau-Thierry and Argonne drives, Captain H. F. Parsons of base hospital unit 46 told a Journal reporter Saturday after his arrival home. The men were brought to the base in litter convalescent through the receiving quarters into the surgery, and then placed in bed in wards, Captain Parsons explained. The hospitals in this base were fed by two American and two French trains,

and the casualties were approximately even in the three drives.

Dental surgery, of which Captain Parsons was in charge, was largely of a temporary character at the emergency bases at the front, the officer asserted. The dentists worked on the theory of early return to the front and extraction was substituted for repair. During the drives men were sent back to the lines with jaws in metal splints and rubber and aluminum plates, the final repairing to be done at reconstruction hospitals on their return from the front.

Captain Parsons was with base hospital 46 at its mobilization at Camp Lewis, and left there on May 30, 1918, for Camp Merritt. The unit was there a week before departure for England and France on June 11. On arrival in France Captain Parsons was stationed at Bazouilles-sur-Meuse, where he remained until March of this year. He was in charge of his own hospital, which had two dental surgeons and two assistants. He sailed from St. Nazaire for home on April 24 on the transport Madawasha and landed at Newport News. There he was met by Mrs. Parsons, and together they have visited the East during May. Dr. Parsons expects to return to his office in the Selling building at an early date.

RIDE IN AN AEROPLANE ALL WEEK. MUNICIPAL GOLF LINKS ADV.

Rider's Skill Brings Reunion Lee Caldwell Meets Old Pal

Champion Cowboy Locates Round-Up Comrade, Tracey Lane, on Artillery Truck.

By Margaret E. Dill

Ashland, June 14.—This is my truly first interview. I hid me down, as a busy housewife and berry picker on our little place, to get the celebration news. I had heard Captain Lee Caldwell was at the hotel and, because I knew Oklahoma when barbed wire was not and cowboys all my life, and as a native Kentuckian adore horses, went to see him. He is a typical cowboy, modest, brown-eyed.

Captain Caldwell, champion broncho rider who has recently been released from army service, enlisted at Pendleton with Troop D, First separate squadron of Oregon cavalry.

With a detachment of 143 men he selected and transported 984 head of horses on the steamer Amphion. The boat was delayed and on reaching France Captain Caldwell found that Troop D had been transferred to field artillery. He was later transferred to the Fifteenth cavalry company and from there to headquarters, Camp De Souge. He served in the battles of St. Mihiel, Mount Tonnay, Hill 272, Argonne and Meuse and was with the army of occupation.

When seated on an artillery truck at Argonne he noticed the skillful way a rider handled his horse. The rider was his old round-up comrade, Tracey Lane, whom he had not seen since leaving the United States. Lane is still with the army of occupation.



Captain Lee Caldwell

of the Fourth of July celebration. He participated in the Ashland celebrations before entering army service and if he returns this year will be doubly welcomed as a war veteran.

REVISION OF COURSES OF STUDY DELAYED BY TEXT CHANGES MADE

New Manuals Will Not Be Ready for Distribution Before the Middle of August.

Salem, June 14.—Because of necessity for a complete revision in the courses of study for the elementary and high schools of the state, due to changes in the texts adopted by the state textbook commission at its meeting June 2, the new manuals will not be ready for distribution before the middle of August, according to J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools. Many inquiries are coming into the state superintendent's office from teachers in all parts of the state, who are anxious to secure copies of the new edition.

Immediately after the textbook commission had adopted the texts for use in the public schools of the state the state department of education began the work of rewriting the courses of study, this work being necessarily delayed until it was determined just what the treatment of the texts would be. Special committees have been appointed for the special subjects, such as English, the various sciences, foreign languages and vocational courses. After examining the latest reports and find-

ings of the various committees of the National Educational association and consulting with the state superintendent these committees will submit to him courses for the high schools of the state in such subjects as have been assigned to them. Superintendent Churchill himself will write the courses in all of the fundamental subjects such as reading, grammar, arithmetic, geography and history. Several weeks will be required in reading all of the new texts before the courses can be written, which will result in the delay in delivery of the manuals.

A revision in the law, so that the change of texts will be made in November instead of June, will be recommended to the state legislature by Superintendent Churchill before the next adoption of texts. The proposed change would allow almost a year for the preparation of the new courses of study instead of only a few weeks as is the case under the present law.

Baker Would Assist City Soldiers Also

Washington, June 14.—(I. N. S.)—City homes for returning soldiers who desire city work and life are as essential to their contentment as farms for soldiers desiring farm life, Secretary Baker told the house public lands committee which is considering the soldiers' land settlement bill. He endorsed the land bill, but urged there be some sort of examination by congress with the view of helping soldiers to obtain homes in cities, and in industrial centers.

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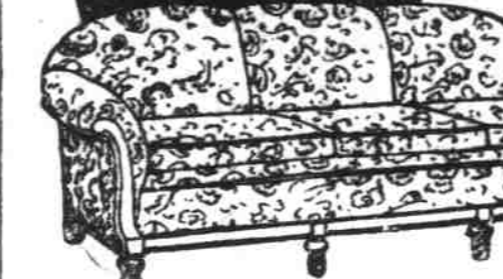
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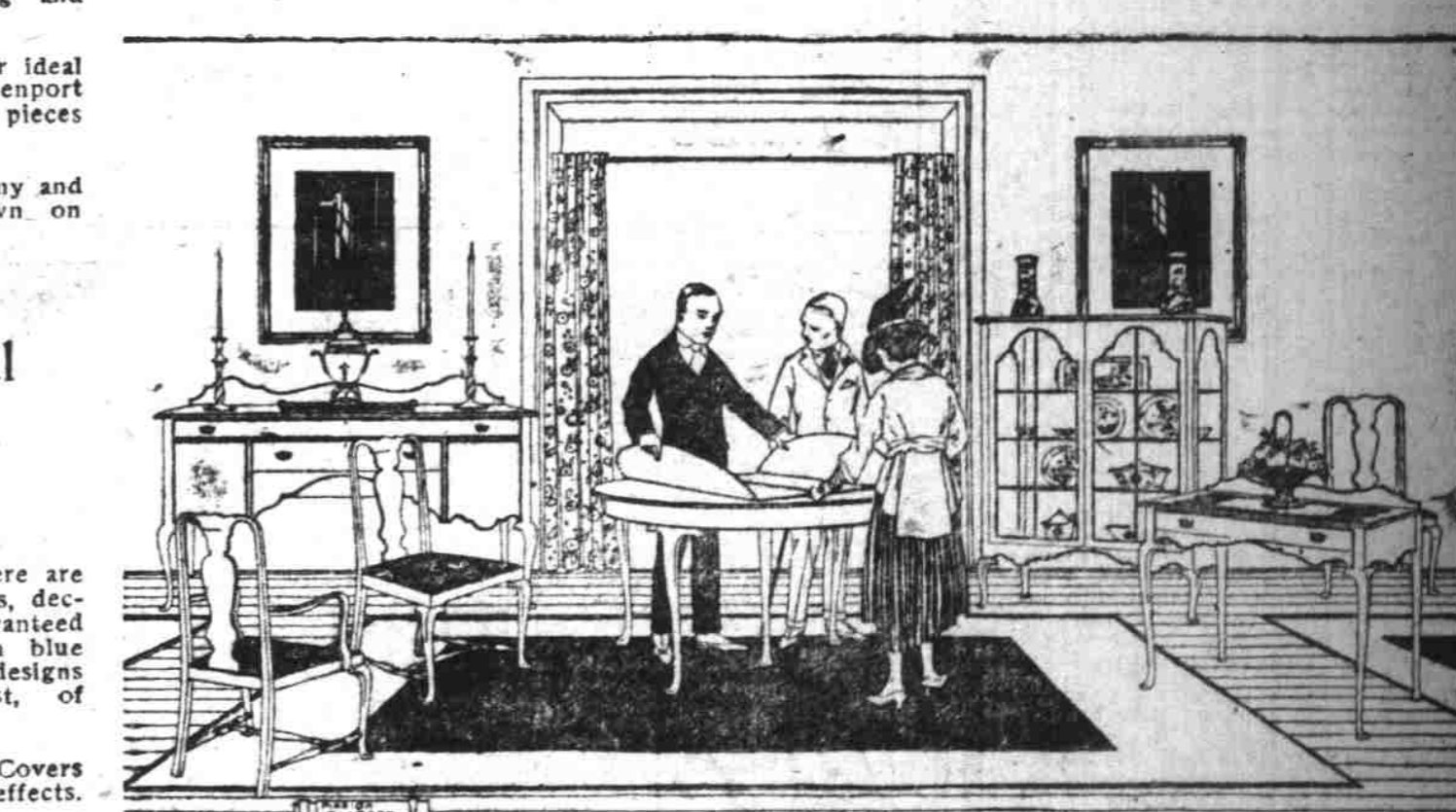
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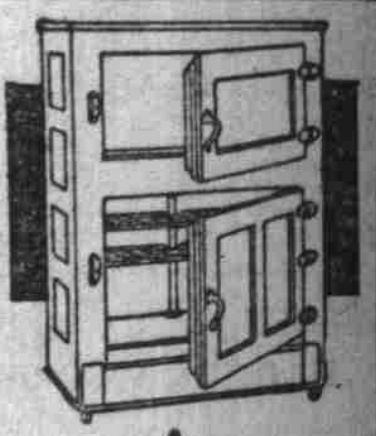


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