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#### The Growth and Development of Oregon

Address delivered by Jefferson Myers, State Treasurer, June 20th, at the annual meeting of the Linn County Pioneer Association, Brownsville, Ore.

The Growth of Oregon On Sept. 28, 1790 a fine sailing essel, called the Columbia, having been granted sea letters signed by George Washington, John Hancock and the foreign consul at Boston, put to sea. She had recently been overhauled after completing a trip round the world, and she was in good shape and thoroughly seaworthy. Her captain's name was Gray, and a finer sailor never handled a ship. A little more than 20 months later this plendid ship with its captain and crew, after having discovered Grays Harbor, safely crossed the bar of the River of the West. This was an occasion of much rejoicing and to hallow the memory of the glorious event, the noble Stripes" around the globe now be- government and 50 against it. And 1805 the Lewis and Clark exposi- had some politicians even in that tion came to the mouth of the day. Here are the names of the Columbia, the first party of pioneers to make the journey over- the first government of Oregon:

Those were strenuous days. In 1810, John Astor established the Pacific Fur company at Fort Astor. Practically everything in the way of provisions was brought in by sailing vessels from the east. Dr. John McLoughlin in 1824 de-cided that it was practicable for the white men at the Fort to produce their own provisions. He also saw that by moving farther up the Columbia he would be nearer the center of the Indian populumbia and developed a farm of 3000 acres on which agriculture, including fruit growing and dairying prospered. He also manufac-tured flour and lumber. These events marked the beginning of higher civilization in the Oregon country.

At this time the Oregon colonists were without any form of government. The United States was not yet ready to extend a government over Oregon. Each individual was in effect a law unto himself. The desire for some controlling power was generally felt in order that the organization and development of the territory might be advanced. That the right of the settlers might be judicially defined and protected and that matters in dispute might be equitably settled. The matter was brought to a head by the death of Ewing Young, the first independent settler in Oregon who died on February 15, 1841, leaving a law by which the estate could be administered. In this emergency immediate action was imperative, A meeting was held on February 17, 1841 and a committee appointed to suggest the necessary officers who were chosen the following day. Among these was a supreme judge with probate powers. His first official act was the appointment of an administrator of Young's estate on April 15, 1841. Thirty-seven hundred dollars of the money realized out of the estate was used to build at Oregon City the first jail of its kind west of the Rockies. Four subsequent meetings were held by the settlers doing the next two years for the purpose of perfecting the organization. On this occasion both the friends and enemies of the pro-

posed government met at Champoeg. The voters drilled and trained by the Hudson's Bay company were promptly on the groundin the open field near a small today than they were in 1853. house, and without any hesitancy voted "No," when they should Flour ..... \$8.00 per 100 lbs. have voted "Yes" under the tactics Butter . ..... .50 per lb. suggested by Le Breton, who after Sugar ...... .17 per lb. ishing in force, as if to feel the Cheese ...... .62 per lb. strength of the enemy, concluded Apples ...... .25 per lb. that there was a fair chance for Coffee Beans . . . 25 per lb. the adoption of the report of the Tobacco ..... . 60 per lb. and organization will follow me." This move was sudden and quite the proceedings and its effect was electrical. Americans followed the partriotic, large-hearted trapper, and when the count was taken ship that carried the "Stars and there were 52 for a previsional stowed upon the river her own so the Provisional Government of fair name—the Columbia. In Oregon came into being. They men, who with Jo Meek voted for

Pleasant M. Armstrong, Dr. I. L. Babcock, Dr. W. J. Bailey, Alanson Beers, J. C. Bridges, Hugh Burns, Charles Camps, Wm. Can- in today. non, Rev. Harvery Clark, Medorem Crawford, Amos Cook, Allen J. Davie, Wm. M. Coughty, Geo. W. Ebberts, Francis Fletcher, Geo. Gay, Joseph Gale, Wm. H. Gray, Rev. John Geiffin, Webley Hauxhurst, David Hill, Joseph Holman, John Howard, Rev. L. H. Judson, Geo. W. Le Breton, Rev. David Leslie, Reuben Lewis, Etienlation, with which his company desired to trade. He therefore es-Tibbetts, David Weston, Caleb Wilkins, A. E. Wilson, Dr. W. H.

At this early stage in the history of our state you can readily imavery considerable amount of money. Illustrative of the comdays I find on looking through some very interesting entries which when used as a basis of comparison with similar transactions today, reflect a condition of this entry appears.

"Received from Thomas Monteith, Territorial fund for the year 1850 this amount, he being county treasurer of Linn county for the year 1852-\$152.85." ...

For the year 1924, this same county will pay into the state treasury the sum of \$172,715.63. Think of it! In 72 years Linn today than it was in 1852.

In those days the moneys han-

Some of the ladies might be into live in the early days of Ore- the pursuit of happiness. gon's history. I have a few prices In tracing the development of

1854 the first wool carding mill And the coolness of eve brings re- And men and women are gather was introduced in Albany.

committee and exclaimed, "We Syrup ..... 1.25 per gallon can risk it; let us divide and Calico .... 12c to-20 cents per yd. count." Jo Meek thundered out Muslin . . . . . . . 25 cents per yard ping quickly in front of the set- Silk ..... \$1 per yard tlers he said in a clear voice. "All Wood ......\$3 per cord for the report of the Committee Two year old heifer ... \$35.00 In 1859 Oregon was admitted

books show this entry:

"Reported to the legislature Dec. 7, 1858. Cash and notes on hand in Treasury—

\$1,470.84. (Signed) —J. D. BOON, Territorial Treasurer."

If we didn't have much money,

not cost one half as much in pro- -the answer will be-"From the portion, but who wants to live as sturdy old stock of Linn county." desired to trade. He therefore established Fort Vancouver as the principal trading post on the Coin and goes out again to meet carry on the good work they com-Kay, Robert Moore, John L. Mor- state expenses, including the pro- menced by keeping before us at all rison, Dr. Robert Newell, James tection of person, property and times the good of our wonderful A. O'Neil, Rev. J. L. Parrish, Jno. health, providing social necessi- state. If we have money to in-Edmunds Pickernell. James R. ties, promoting the general econ- vest, let us invest it in the state, Robb, Osbourne Russell, Robert omic and defective, restraining If we have goods to buy let us Shortness, Alvin T. Smith, Sidney and punishing the delinquent bet- support our home industries. Let Smith, Solomon H. Smith, Calvin tering social conditions, promoting us minimize its disadvantages if education, research, literature and we find any and do what we can art, providing for recreation, car- to remedy them, quietly but effecing for productive properties, tively. Let us shout aloud of its managing investments and nego- advantages of climate soil, produce tiating loans. These things are and opportunities so that all the gine that the financial transactions all necessary to our standard of world may know that Oregon is a concerning state matters were not living and if we are to continue to land flowing with milk and honey. numerous, nor did they run into a have the advantages of the highest We can increase the wealth and grade civilization in the world, population of the state in the next such as ours is today, then we 70 years in the same proportion as parative insignificance of the fin- must cheerfully pay the cost of it. it has been increased in the past ancial affairs of Oregon in those Our pioneer forefathers came here 70 years with only a small part of when none of the advantages we the effort and none of the hardenjoy were available to them. Ore- ships that our pioneer forefathers gon was inhabited by Indians who had to contend with. Let's Go! while friendly at intervals were at all times a dangerous factor to be The sun beats down with merciseriously contended with and our progress and prosperity which, to history tells us that many a bloody On the covered wagons below, say the least, is remarkable in- battle was fought by our forefa- And the hearts of the party are valuable estate. There existed no deed. On December 30, 1852, there to retain what by sheer courage and spirit they had accomplished, in laying a firm foundation for future generations to develop into the productive and beautiful state in which today we

all enjoy living. Because of the efforts of those brave pioneers Oregon is today a food producing state, and so long as Oregon is on the map there nevcounty has grown in wealth to er will be a famine west of the such a degree that is contributions Rocky mountains. Have yau everto the state is 1136 times greater stopped to consider the extent of the territory of this state acquired for us by our pioneer forefathers. dled by the state treasurer and the Oregon contains 96,699 square various county treasurers were so miles. This in bare figures does limited in amount that the trea- not tell you much, but in order to surers were paid on a percentage give you some idea of the size of basis. In the treasurer's books Oregon I will give you an illusunder date of Nov. 28, 1854 I tration. If this state were dividfound this entry-"Received from ed into farms of 259 acres each, J. D. Boon, county treasurer of one mile long, and these estates Marion county, \$500, Territorial joined end to end they would fund for the year \$1854. Deduct make a green highway two fifths county treasurer's per cent which of a mile wide from here to the is 2% to receive and 2% to pay moon. Yet the population is less out." No wonder people talk of than one million. England is only the good old days! If the state three fifths the size of the state of treasurer was paid on the same Oregon and has a population of percentage basis today, here is 35 millions. If England can supwhat he would have as compensa- port a population of 35 millions on tion for his services: In 1923 the her territory then Oregon can suptotal moneys received and paid port 50 million people. This fair out aggregated \$70,000,000. Two land with such boundless prosper cent of this would mean that pects is the heritage descended to the treasurer's salary for the year us by our worthy ploneers won for would be \$1,400,000 for 1923. us by the sweat of their bodies. With a pay check like that I'd al- and the unconquerable spirit most be able to afford to buy a which admitted of no defeat, who new Ford car for each of you pio- suffered privations and hardships enough to daunt the bravest hearts in order that we might live in ease. terested in knowing what it cost comfort and enjoy life, liberty and

here which I found in a small cash Oregon from its earliest pioneer book of the treasury department, days we find that Linn county showing the price of staple arti- was closely associated at all times cles in the year 1853. In comparing these prices with those in good of the state as a whole. All effect today you must remember over the world one may learn of that wages are very much higher the Oregon wools and woolen

of the first woolen mills in Oregon was established in 1875 at Brownsville and as far back as

THE TRUST AND THE PARTY OF THE

In religious matters Linn county occupies a high place of honor. All of you are familiar with the "United Presbyterian Church," but it may surprise you to know. that the first congregation organized in North America under the 'Who's for a divide?" and step- Summer Cloth . . 37 cents per yard name of "United Presbyterians" was organized in Albany; Oregon. Oct. 10; 1853. Only a week ago a monument was unvelled at Providence Church, east of Crabtres into the Union as a state. It in memory of Joah Powell, fam- No buffalo for days have been unexpected at that early stage in might be interesting for you to ous Linn county Baptist preacher, know how well off we were in the and founder of the Providence And nothing is sure, so they must matter of funds at that time. The church. It is said of Joab that in squis, truly a wonderful accomplishment, at the Learning . President

One of the first United States senators for Oregon after its admission as a state wes Senator Delazon Smith from Linn county. One of the ablest newspaper men was Hon, Mark Brown of Linn we had the natural resources county, Hon. Edgar B. Piper, the which by rapid development since editor of the Oregonian and Hon. that time have placed us in the Benjamin F. Irvine, the editor of sound financial condition we are the Portland Journal are both Linn county boys. These news- sistence; The total amount of moneys re- papers rank as two of the leading ceived by the state in 1923 from papers in the United States and all sources was almost \$35,000,- each of these editors have won a 660. No doubt you wonder what national fame. Also, President The land of their dreams will soon is done with all this money. Let Templeton, the president of this me tell you that the maintenance Pioneer Association was a Linn of our advanced state of civiliza- county boy. When it is asked, tion is a costly item. No doubt in "Where did Oregon find many of many European countries it does the famous men in her history?

less heat

panting to greet The cool of a river's flow. And onward they toll and strain

and perspire In a struggle to cross the plain, And the sun's rays burn like a breath of fire

alle of waterques a well it is

THE STATE OF STATE OF

At last the sun sinks in a hall of With the marks of the struggle an-

Hef; But the dangers of night are still ahead, The respite is all too brief, Wagons are drawn in a circle

The campfires are glowing within The women get busy with cheerful sound Preparing a meal-but its slim.

round,

For the journey is long and the rations low,

go slow his ministry he baptized over 3000 | And conserve what they have with esteem. Plates licked clean are washed and

repacked: The women retire for the night, And the men who will watch les the camp be attacked Take their posts, as the moon ris-

es bright. he had a comment 公司 在方面的 数据表 Day after day the grim fight goes

And distance gives way to per For these men and women have visioned the dawn

Of an era of larger existence, be in sight.

A land where there's room and to all who are fit to win such a If rain doesn't fall when it should,

Are entitled to generous share.

goods. They are famous. One | On the cattle footsore and lame. | At last down the valley the wa

ing round

With joy, and wildly cheering. The jaded hearts of these pion Are refreshed by this friendly greeting.

The men like men are behaving like boys, The women, like women

And soon, the grindstones

grinding the oxe And the trees are falling fast And willing hearth, and eage

Are building a home at last. The fair green acres of Oregon

Are Blonghed and set to need, And out of natures both

Springs enough for every no These men and their so

grandsons too And credit for all that is good in

Must be given to their aturdy race We are flesh and bone of their And our love for our state must

By words and deeds for its better ment Emulating the brave pioneer.

So when things don't run

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# Riggs Sued For \$35,685 Damages For Auto Smash

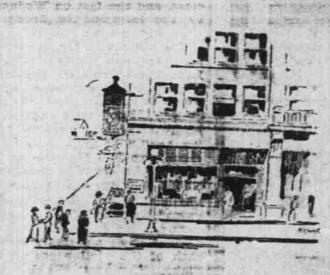
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