

FIRST MEETING TO START TODAY

Mrs. Jessie Kelly Presides Women Veterans Hold Their Sessions

Ex-service women and wives of ex-service men have not flocked to Salem only to look upon the annual convention of the American Legion, for they will hold their own annual meeting in conjunction with the three-day celebration and business session of the men. The official auxiliary program gets under way at 7:30 o'clock this morning with registration of delegates and alternates with the department secretary in the senate chamber of the state capitol. About 145 delegates are expected.

First meeting of the auxiliary will begin at 8 o'clock this morning, with Mrs. Jessie Kelly of Portland, department president, in the chair. Following advancement of colors and pledge of allegiance and salute to the flag, Mrs. L. C. Gatehall of Lebanon, department chaplain, will give the invocation.

Miss Tartar to Lead Singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and group songs will be led by Lena Belle Tartar, Salem vocal instructor and head of the music department at the Salem high school. Following this the session will close with reports from the credentials committee and the committee on committees, adjourning in time that the women may attend the public mass meeting for Legion opening ceremonies at Willson park at 10 o'clock.

At 11 o'clock all convention committees of the Legion are scheduled to meet in the committee rooms of Eaton hall, on the Willamette university campus.

The afternoon business session will begin promptly at 1 o'clock, and following call to order by Mrs. Kelly, there will be community singing and special music.

Reports Up Thursday

Reports of the year's work and outlines of future plans from the following will occur: the report of the afternoon session; rules committee; Mrs. Kelly, department president; Mrs. Rose Wilcox of Antelope, national committee woman; Mrs. Newton Chaney of Medford, vice-president; Mrs. J. W. McInturf of Marshfield, secretary-treasurer; department finance committee; Mrs. Allen Cleveland of Salem, historian; Mrs. Otto Heider of Sheridan; Mrs. Harriet F. Gemmill of Heppner and Mrs. W. W. Stuart of Albany, district committee women. Committees on constitutional amendments, publicity, legislation, membership, Americanism, community service and quarantines will also report. The group will adjourn at 3 o'clock.

Members of the Auxiliary will be guests at a garden party from 4 to 6 o'clock this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clifford Brown, 1116 Mission street.

Glee Clubs Tonight

The dedication of the Salem airport and barbecue will claim attention of the women at 5 o'clock and at 7:30 tonight the glee club concert and Legion initiation contest at Willson park will be held.

All secretaries, past secretaries, treasurers and past treasurers will gather at the Gray Belle at 7 o'clock Friday morning for a breakfast and parley and at 9 o'clock the first business session of the second day will come to order at the senate chamber, with roll call to follow the advancement of colors, and pledge and salute to flag, invocation by Mrs. L. C. Gatehall, chaplain, and community singing and special music.

Reports on hospitalization, child welfare, poppy sale, constitutional amendments, finance, unit activities and music committees will be heard at this session. There will be special music again at 10:45 o'clock, followed by report of resolutions and recommendations committees. Recess for lunch will be taken at noon.

Community Singing Booked

Community singing led by Lena Belle Tartar will reopen the session at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon, and then will come one of the exciting minutes for certain local units; report of trophies and awards committee, and awarding of department prizes, trophies and citations.

Glee club and quarter competition will draw a crowd to Waller hall, on the Willamette campus, at 3:30 o'clock. A memorial service with Carl E. Fenton unit of Dallas in charge will conclude the afternoon program there.

Presidents and Past Presidents

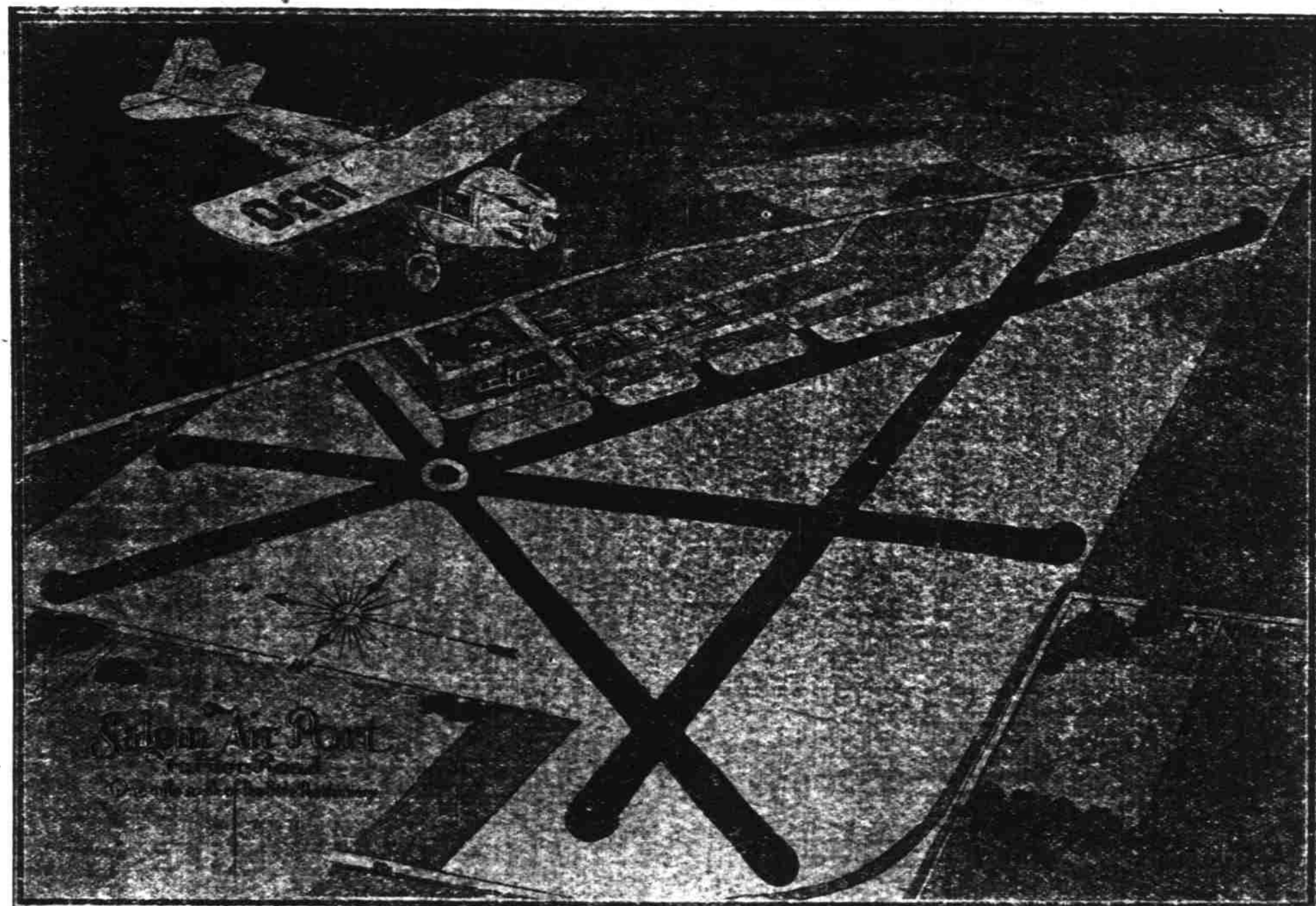
will hold a dinner and parley at the Elks' club at 5:30 o'clock. In the evening the drum corps contest and fireworks at Olinger field will be as enthusiastically attended by the women as by the men.

Election Saturday Morning

Election of department officers will be chief item of interest at the Saturday morning business session which is to get under way at 8 o'clock. Complete program outlined for this final business meeting includes advancement of colors, pledge and salute to flag, invocation, "Star Spangled Banner" and community singing led by Miss Tartar, special music, roll call, committee reports, district caucus meetings, election of department president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, historian, district committee women, delegates and alternates to national convention; special music, unfinished business, new business, retirement of colors and adjournment.

The auxiliary will participate in the convention parade at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Artist's View of Salem's New Municipal Airport



Four runways, providing as many different take-offs in the wind as are needed, are provided at this new field. The long runway which parallels entrance to the hangars is 4,100 feet in length; the second at the right of the field, east and west is 3,400 feet in length and the fourth 3,200 feet. The airport will be formally dedicated August 8.

Eyerly Aircraft Plant is Growing Fast With Fine New Field for Operations

Local Company Reaches \$30,000 Proportions in Two Years With Every Indication of Steady Advancement in Future

From a shed housing one lone biplane with students given instruction in a machine shop and under the overhanging roof of the building to a plant representing an investment of nearly \$30,000 in two years is the history of the Eyerly Aircraft corporation which is now located adjacent to the municipal airport.

The corporation engages in the following lines of work: a school of instruction with over 40 students taking lessons in flying at the present time; taxi service and passenger flights; and plane manufacturing.

The officers of the new company, for it was organized early in July, are Lee U. Eyerly, president and superintendent of the airport; Frank Spears and W. L. Phillips, vice presidents; C. J. (Bud) Jensen, secretary-treasurer and W. H. Harris and Larry Hofer, directors. Ray Eyerly is sales manager. Eyerly is also an airplane designer and his company is rapidly getting on a production basis, to manufacture planes designed by Eyerly who is a member of the American Society of Aeronautical Engineers.

Equipment now includes a manufacturing plant 85x98 feet with fully equipped machine shop; a combination administration building and office and a 44x30 foot building for student instruction. Nearly 50 students are now enrolled for the complete ground school work and both day and night classes are offered. A new Eagle Rock biplane with a 150 h. p. Hisco motor was added last month and is used for training purposes while the equipment includes a monoplane designed by Eyerly and a Travelair biplane with an 85 motor.

Eyerly has been flying for nearly nine years and has spent approximately 1000 hours in the air. For years he held all north-west dirt track records in automobile racing.

To check results, the legion here employed the services of a clipping bureau. Up to last week, more than 1000 clippings of advance stories on the legion convention had been received at local headquarters as taken from newspapers throughout Oregon.

W. A. (Scout) Hazelwood, chief pilot and ground school instructor, started flying five years ago, obtaining his early training at Brooks field and later at Kelly field, where he became familiar with all types of planes used by the army. Hazelwood came to Salem direct from Kelly field, and became associated with Eyerly on Jan. 15, 1928. He has more than 1500 hours to his credit. His first flying was gained with the now obsolete J. N. 4 (Jenny) biplane.

Aviation has been an uphill proposition in Salem but careful instruction has prevented any accidents to students or equipment. Flying was first incorporated under the name of the Pacific Airplane Service, which was later changed to the Eyerly School of Aeronautics and then incorporated as the Eyerly Air Transport company. The present company is the outgrowth of interest in aviation upon the part of local men who are backing the manufacturing business. Both the school and the manufacturing are including by the same company but prior to the organization Eyerly maintained the school separately.

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Much Publicity Given to Meet

Publicity, and lots of it, has been forthcoming regularly during the months which have preceded the convention. Frank Moore has charge of publicity plans while "Fid" Maison, executive secretary of the convention, was responsible for most of the detailed planning.

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AUXILIARY CONCERT TO BE OUTSTANDING

Glee Clubs and Quartets Have Ideal Spot for Concert in Park

The legion auxiliary concert which is to be given in Willson park Thursday evening promises to be one of the outstanding events of the convention.

Glee clubs and quartets form the various auxiliary units that have been invited to appear and most of them have responded favorably. It is possible at this time to give only part of the program since, in responding to the invitation some of the units did not say what their numbers would be.

Capital Unit glee club, under the direction of Lena Belle Tartar, will sing "Land of Hope and Glory" by Elger and the "Gypsies" by Shuman. Lucille Cummings is accompanist for this group.

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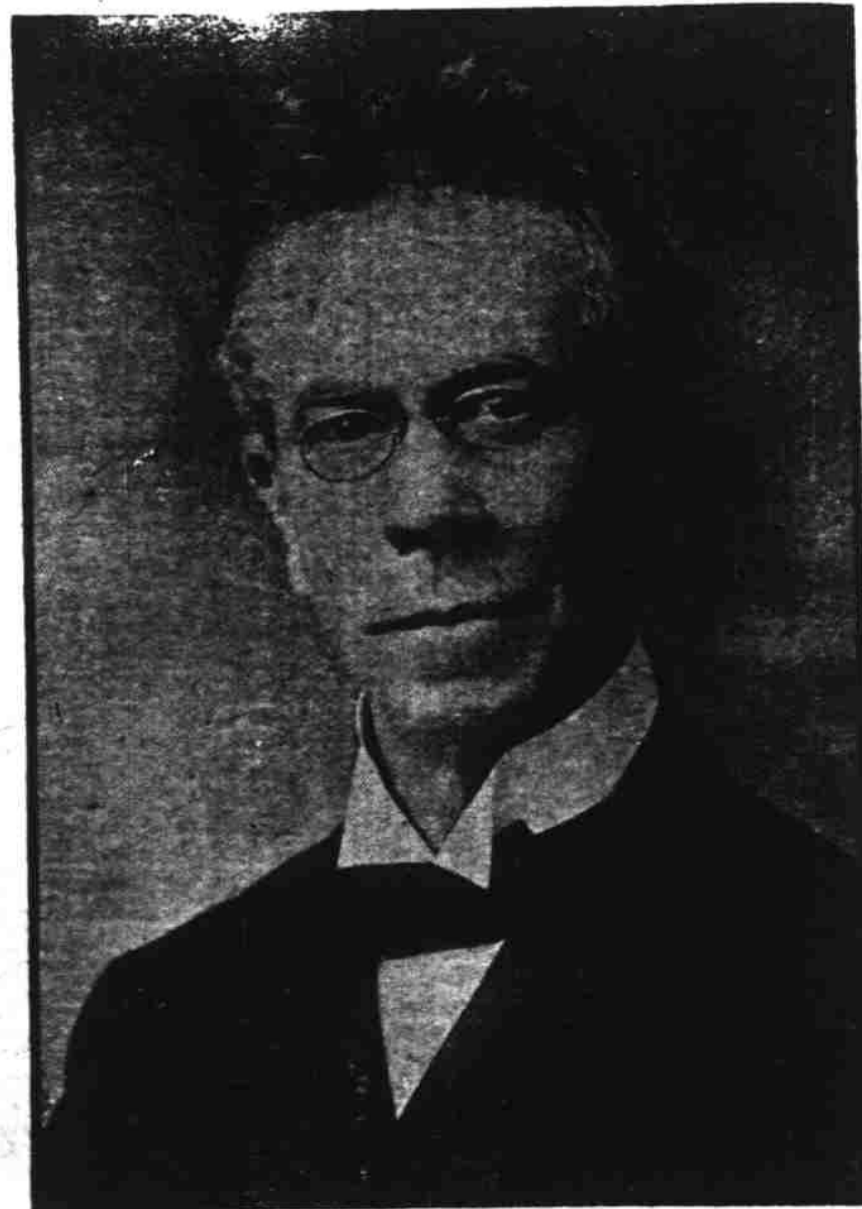
While in Portland Bates got busy and recruited a brand new five and drum corps to compete with the crack corps from over the state. Bates isn't saying, but

his buddies look for an "Alexander's Rag-time Band" to trail him as drum major. His favorite section will be "The Old Oaken Bucket."



GREETINGS

To
Legionnaires
and
Auxiliary Members
From



Judge Peter H. D'Arcy

Salem Legion Post Takes Active Part in Sponsoring \$50,000 Municipal Port

The dedication of the Salem municipal airport is very fittingly set on one of the days of the state convention of the American Legion in Salem. For the airport may accurately be described as almost a child of the Salem post of the American Legion. Over a year ago when people were beginning to realize that Salem ought to have a better landing field than the flat of ground near the fair grounds, and when men about town were talking here and there about the needs, at one of the sessions of the Salem post a resolution was passed urging united effort toward securing for Salem a complete new airport, to be owned by the city, ample to meet the needs of the city for a long time to come. That was the beginning.

Passing a resolution at a post meeting is not the legion's way of burying a good idea. Far from it. That resolution was just the signal for active work to commence. The legion representatives immediately took the matter up with the chamber of commerce and secured the hearty endorsement and cooperation of that body. The two organizations appealed to the city council to place on the ballot at the election in May 1928 a proposal to issue \$50,000 in bonds for a municipal air field. The council quickly agreed to the suggestion.

Publicity Work Done

The movement thus launched, a campaign was required to acquaint the people with the necessity of giving approval to the bond proposition. The legion committee took the leadership in securing support from organizations and individuals. Civic bodies, service clubs, influential leaders in community life, all were appealed to. The legion sponsored a special publication which was placed in every home in the city giving the arguments for approving the bonds for the airport. An air circus was held on the eve of the election.

The result of the balloting showed for the bonds 3300; against the bonds 1681. By a vote of nearly two to one Salem residents endorsed the proposal to

finance a city-owned landing field. That was over a year ago. Now the field is ready for dedication.

The work of the legion did not end with the approval of the bond issue. Members of the legion selected on committees for the selection, purchase and improvement of the field. Many of the men have given hours and hours of time and faced a lot of criticism in the performance of the task of giving Salem its air field. Legion members who have given a great deal of time to the airport development are Brazier C. Small, J. J. Elliott, Watson Townsend, Carl Nelson.

Decorations in City Show Riot Of Bright Color

Gorgeous as a Turkish sultan's pantaloons are the street decorations on Salem thoroughfares in honor of the Legion. "A riot of color" well describes the brilliance of the purple and gold of the legion colors as they flash in the August sunshine. Flags, bunting, banners of the legion colors, the legion seal, abound everywhere down town. Buildings are well-decorated and most every show window has a "welcome" sign.

Biographical Sketch of Judge Peter H. D'Arcy

(From Cyclopaedia of American Biography)

D'ARCY, PETER H., jurist, born in Brooklyn, N. Y., 4 March, 1854, son of Peter and Barbara (O'Neil) D'Arcy. Mr. D'Arcy's family on both his father's and mother's side were distinguished for its ancient origin. The D'Arcy family traces its ancestors back to the early dukes of Normandy, many of whom bore the name for many centuries. William the Conqueror was a prominent member of this line. The family from Normandy intermarried with the peerage families of England and Ireland and became well known in those countries. Lord Byron was a product of the English branch. The O'Neils numbered among its members, kings of Ulster and princes of Tyrone and Clanboy, and claimed as an important member, the famous Hugh O'Neil, who stood out alone with united Ulster at his back, the only prince of Ireland refusing submission to Henry II. For centuries the O'Neil princes maintained presumptive to the throne of Ireland. Some of the descendants of both D'Arcy and O'Neil families have emigrated to America. Peter H. D'Arcy's father was born in Gorey, County Wexford, Ireland, in 1815 and emigrated to America in 1830. He was a carpenter and builder by trade. His mother was born in Caheriveen, Ireland, in 1835. She too emigrated to America, and settled in New York City where she met Peter D'Arcy and married him. In 1855, when their son was 16 months old, they joined the early pioneer trail and journeyed westward across the continent, by way of the Isthmus of Panama. After untold hardship and firm endurance they reached San Francisco, where they remained for a short time, pushing their way on further until they reached Oregon. They lived in Portland for two years, removing from there to Salem where they resided for the remainder of their lives. Mr. D'Arcy died 13 Apr., 1895, and his wife 25 Dec., 1901. Peter D'Arcy received his early education in the public and private schools of Salem and was graduated from Willamette University in 1876 with the degree of B. A. He had in the meantime been studying law in the office of Judge J. A. Stratton of Salem, and was admitted to the bar 14 Dec., 1876. He has been actively engaged since that time in the practice of his profession, and a history of his life is necessarily a partial history of Salem, since he has taken so active an interest in its civic and industrial development. From 1884 to 1886 he served as municipal court judge, and from 1891 to 1893 he was mayor of Salem. He was clerk of the Supreme Court of Oregon at one time and was president of the Salem Chamber of Commerce. He is known throughout the entire northwest for his forceful oratory and lectures and speeches given by him are always attended by capacity numbers. As one of the earliest western pioneers of America, Judge D'Arcy has been actively associated with various organizations commemorating the early records. He is a life member and director of the Oregon Historical Society, a member of the Pioneer Association (president 1910), and president of the Pioneer Champeog Memorial Association. He succeeded after fifteen years' effort in obtaining the final appropriation for the Pioneer Memorial Building at Champeog, Marion County, Oregon, to commemorate the meetings of the pioneers who met there on 2 May, 1843, when it was decided that Oregon should become a part of the United States of America. Beside his professional and political activities, Judge D'Arcy has from his earliest youth been connected in some capacity with newspaper publishing. At the age of thirteen he was apprenticed to the printing business and began by running the roller of the old Washington hand press, advancing through the various positions of the newspaper profession. He worked on both the Salem Daily Record and the Statesman and has in the past contributed editorials to both papers. From a printer's devil and his ten years' experience in a printing office he has been selected as an honorary member of the Salem Typographical Union No. 210, and of the Ben Franklin Association of Oregon. Judge D'Arcy's opinion is highly regarded and he has been an important factor in the upbuilding of his adopted city and state.

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