lation increases and we are fur-

ther removed from the important

bration of this day will be cele-

brated with an eclat, pomp and

circumstance not realized by our

people at this time. What Ply-

mouth Rock in Massachusetts,

Jamestown in Virginia and the

landing at St. Mary's in Maryland

are to the people east of the

Rocky Mountains, so the action of

the grand old pioneers of '43 in

for their protection and in obe-

dience to their loyalty to the no-

blest government that has ever

been instituted among men, will

Pioneers Effort Good

treaty on June 15, 1846.

tion on the 2nd of May, 1843.

The building is a disgrace to their

our pioneers accomplished.

were in attendance.

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Many in Nameless Graves

years later they came to Salem

and this city has been Judge

D'Arcy's home during the years

From 1830 to 1859, the expir-

describe.

Champoeg Held Plymouth Rock of Entrie Northwest Section by Judge D'Arcy

BRIEF HISTORICAL REVIEW, CHAMPOEG, THE PLY-MOUTH ROCK OF THE NORTHWEST

JUDGE PETER H. D'ARCY

Champoeg, the Plymouth Rock of the northwest! What romance, trials and vicissitudes surround this historic spot! What grandeur in contemplating the heroic conduct and sturdy patriotism of the pioneers of the Gregon country! From 1830 to 1843 Champoeg was the important set-

The Oregon country consisted of the states of Washington, Idaho and parts of Wyoming and Montana west of the Rocky mountains and Oregon. A vast empire of territory.

migrants after their long trip

Four Claims to Trade

United States to the Oregon coun-

try; third, the Louisiana pur-

chase (contiguous territory); fourth, the Spanish treaty of

The discovery of the mouth of

the Columbia river by Captain

Robert Gray on the 11th day of

plored from its head to the mouth

of this river by Lewis and Clark

in 1804 and 1805. A set-

tlement of Americans was be-

a fur trading fort was built

by Americans on Snake river in

1810, and Astoria was founded by

John Jacob Astor in 1811; was

and restored to the United States

the right of this country to this

Joint Occupancy Allowed

lish occupancy" was the fact.

protection was not listened to

"Wolf Meetings" Held

to 1843

40 minutes.

The claim on the part of the

across the plains.

President Jefferson with a vision looking into the future, se- beyond question. He took care of, cured the Louisiana Purchase and fed and clothed the destitute imin furthering the idea what was necessary for the welfare of the United States, procured the services of Lewis and Clark to explore the region of our nation west from Missouri to the Pacific ocean. This exploration was one of the reasons why the United States claimed the Oregon coun-

tlement of the Oregon country.

Migration Goes Westward In reading the history of the 1819. world, one is greatly impressed with the migration westward. The exodus of the Israelites from Egypt to the land of promise, the eruption of the hordes of the north, the Goths, the Huns and the Vandals, who overran the Roman Empire, the invasion of England by the Normans, the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth Rock, the settlement of Virginia and Maryland and what gun at Oak Point in 1849, was known as the Western Reserve, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri-and what was particularly denominated the southern states, the migration to the Pacific coast from the Atlantic seaboard, and from the valleys of the Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri rivers, form some of the great epochs in the world's history. In the migration to Oregon and the northwest there is a romance of enterprise, endeavor, patriotism, adventure and ambition illustrationg the genius and pluck of the American peo-

All Classes Pioneers Those who came to Oregon as bloneers were composed of every class of people, almost all nationalities and religious belief. They came from what was known at that time as the eastern, middle western and southern states: from Virginia and Maryland; from the Alleghenies, from the blue and green hills and vales of Kentucky and Tennessee. The history of the to equal the dangers, uncertainties and toil which surrounded the early pioneers to Oregon, except the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth Rock, and those who settled in the pathless wilds of what was in early days termed the eastern, middle, western and southern states of this continent.

The migration of the Israelites from Egypt to the land of Cancan was not like the early migration to this country. They traveled but one-tenth of the distance the pioneers did. It took 40 years to travel to their destination. They were undergoing a pilgrimage in order that they might be capable of self-government, intelligent, self-reliant men. Had all the char acteristics and qualifications of men capable of forming the best kind of a government.

Barbarians-Not These Men! The migration of the Goths, the Vandals and the Huns, the invasion of England by the Normans were of a different character from that of the settlement of the Oregon country. The Normans, it is true, brought civilization, such as it was, to England, and Norman blood and customs had a beneficent effect upon the English peo-With the exception of the Normans, these people were rude and uncultured barbarians. They were all warlike and flerce races, carried everything before by the prowess of their

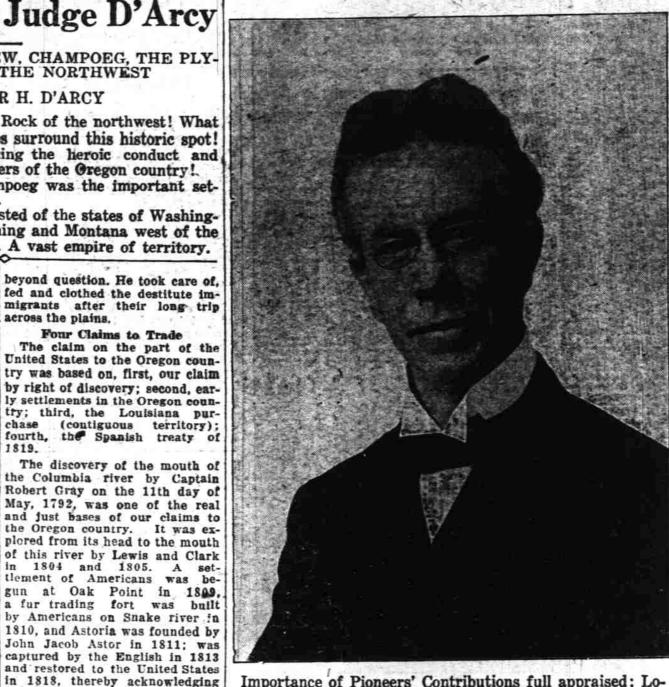
Such was not the case with our pioneers. While they were ready, willing and able to defend themselves and families, they were actuated by a spirit of peace. Descended from hardy and sturdy races, they had all the elements that make a good and strong government. They were animated by the same spirit which prompted the Pilgrim Fathers to land upon the inhospitable shores of the Atlantic ocean, the cavaliers in Virginia, the Burghers in New Amsterdam, (New York), the Quakers in Pennsylvania, the Catholics in Maryland, the Hugenots in South Carolina.

U. S. Claims Digested It is proper briefly to refer to the claim of the United States to the "Oregon country." At the time the early emigrants came to the Oregon country they found an organization known as the Hudson Bay company strongly entrenched and assuming to govern and direct the destinies of the northwest. Its principal business was hunting, fishing and trafficking in pelts of wild animals. The Hudson Bay company was constituted by royal charter given by Charles II on the 16th of May,

At the time of the early settlement of the Oregon country, this company assumed a sovereignty over the Pacific northwest second only to that of the king of Engand. It had become enormously tich, and was filled with the arrogance and power that riches ometimes brings.

It had absorbed all the other fur trading companies, which had andertaken to do business in the northwest, and was in control. The chief factor and head of this powerful organization was Dr. John McLoughlin, who was a re-markable man in every way; in-telligent and able. If his lot had been cast in a civilized community he would have filled conspic-uous positions of trust and honor. His diplomacy and honesty of purpose were constantly called on in dealing with the rights of the company. He had a high sense of honor and his integrity was

JUDGE D'ARCY TELLS IN DETAIL STORY OF EARLY DAYS



Importance of Pioneers' Contributions full appraised; Local attorney recites memorial events of early Oregon.

territory. Finally by agreement between England and America. the 49th parallel as far west as the Rocky Mountains became the border line. It was claimed by reason of the Louisiana purchase the United States should establish (1803) that the contiguous territory belonged to the United States hundred and two pioneers were present on this occasion. Joseph and in the treaty with Spain in 1819 we became the owners of Meek, the famous mountaineer, trapper and hunter at this meetthe Oregon country, particularly ing cried out in a loud and ringing when Spain was afterwards limitvoice: "Who's for a divide?" and ed on the north to 54 degrees and committee and an organization From 1818 to 1828 by treaty follow me." Upon a count of the the United States and England persons present it was found that occupied the Oregon country by 52 of them voted in favor of the what was known as "joint occu- report and 50 in opposition. there, and St. Louis is yet to find pancy," and this joint occupancy Thus was organized the first was continued until the 15th of American government west of the world does not furnish anything June, 1846, when the disputed Rocky Mountains, and in conseboundary line was finally adjust- quence thereof the whole "Oregon China and Japan than she now nameless graves between Missouri States, and each one of the states occupancy" was the law so far as Oregon was concerned, but "Engcarved out of this section had been added to the bright constellation of stars which compose our The immigrants from 1838 to 843 ha dpetitioned and memorglorious banner and signifies that ialized congress and the governthey have become a part of our great country, owing allegiance to ment at Washington to assume this republic and proud of its some control of the Oregon coun-

development and growth. try, but their cry for help and Meeting Crucial One .This meeting of the pioneers of The country during this period was engaged in a struggle that afthe Oregon country forms an important event in the history of piterwards culminated in the Civil War. The contest over the quesoneer days. The provisional govtion of slavery was so strenuous ernment thus adopted lasted from that the Oregon question was May 2, 1843 until August 14, overlooked except so far as it territoral government from 1848

might assist in or interfere with to February 14, 1859, at this system. Even at this early period of our history, the slavery into the union as a state. The orquestion effered into all matters ganization of the provisional govin the acquiring of new territory. ernment on May 1843, gave addi-The Oregon country, in spite of tional impetus to the friends of the representations that it was a the Oregon country who were desirous of securing it to the United splendid section for settlers was not kindly considered to be ac- States, also by reason thereof the quired by the United States. United States acquired the annexation of Texas in 1845, the ced-Among the few friends that Oregon had in this struggle were ing of Mexico in 1848 of the large Senators Benton and Linn. They extent of territory composing the comprehended the worth of this states of Colorado, Nevada, Ueah, Arizona and New Mexico. section of the United States, and

"54-40" Big Topic fought manfully to scure the as-The "Oregon Question" became sistance of the government in behalf of the people of the Oregon an important one in the presidential election of 1844. The cry of "54-40 or fight," was the rallying one of this election, which elected While the people of the Oregon country had frequently en-James K. Polk. One would naturally think that the demand would deavored to bring about some have been made for the boundary kind of government for themline to be established at that selves, having had meetings known as "Wolf Meetings" off point, but no sooner had Presiand on from 1841 to 1843, no ser- dept Polk been inaugurated than ious action was taken until the it was advocated by him that the second of February, 1843. On the disputed line should be establishfirst Monday of March, 1843, a ed at 49 degrees, claiming that committee of 12 was appointed to his predecessors in office had emtake into consideration the pro- barrassed him to such an extent tection from beasts of prey such that he could not make any other claim. It is aggravating to think as bears, panthers, wolves, etc., and "consider measures for the how little the early pioneers were civil and military protection of assisted by this government, and this colony." This committee was how few public men favored the to report on the 2nd of May, 1843 acquisition of the Oregon coun-

at Champoeg. On May 2, the com- try. mittee of 12 reported in favor of organization of the people so that St. Louis, October 19, 1844, said: they would be governed by the "I say the man is alive, full laws of the United States, and grown and listening to what I say that this provisional government (without believing it, perhaps) should owe its allegiance to this who will yet see the Asiatic commerce traversing the North Pa-May 2 the settlers met in mass cific ocean—entering the Oregon meeting. The committee among river, climbin-

other things, reported in favor of of the Rocky Mountains, issuing a permanent civil and political from its gorges and spreading its organization until such times as fertilizing streams over our wideextended union! The steamboat a territorial government. One and the steam car have not exhausted all their wonders. They have not yet found their amplest and most appropriate theatersthe tranquil surface of the North Pacific ocean, and the vast inclined plains, which spread east added; "All for a report of the and west from the base of the Rocky Mountains. The magic boat and the flying car are not yet seen upon this ocean and upon this plain, but they will be seen herself as near Canton as she is

> Were Loyal Americans Believing in liberty in its purest and patriotic Americans. The divine gift of freedom was cherished by them with an intensity that time and distance from the capital of the nation could not lessen, notwithstanding the fact that the national government was so tardy ed to California in 1855, and in recognizing the value of the came to Portland in 1857. Two

Oregon country and extending its protection over them. The people realized to its fullest extent that the republic of the west was the most beneficient nation ever established, and longed for its protection. These pioneers, by the which latter date it was admitted organization of the provisional government in 1843, made it possible to secure the vast extent of country which was acknowledged as our right by the treaty of the

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Walk-Over

15th of June, 1846. The victory obtained by the "embattled farmers" at Saratoga, and the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown are no greater events than the peace ful victory obtained by our people in the treaty which secured the Oregon country to this nation principally by the individual efforts of our pioneers through the provisional government. "Peace hath its victories as well as war." As time goes on and our popu-

event of May 2, 1843, the cele- Marked Fluctuations Prevail During 1929; Farm Relief May Help-

> By JOHN P. GOUGHAN (Associated Press Market Editor)

CHIGAGO. — (AP)—Specinaugurating a civil government tacular changes in crop conditions, wide price fluctuations, and extraordinary ventures with government funds tell be commemorated with more dis- the grain story of 1929.

It is one that long will be replay than it is possible for me to a continuance of unusual conditions looms for 1930 with a battle er. Through the heroic efforts of our pioneers a great extent of of giant economic forces, organterritory was added to the United ized as never before, in the off-States by the treaty of June ing.

15, 1846, assisted by the subse-Crop prospects are as likely, as quent admission of pioneers up to ever, to undergo widespread sudand inclusive of 1846. Without the den upsets, and with the outcome action of the pioneers on the May capable of being accurately proph-2, 1843, and the organization of esied by only the seventh son of a government to protect them, it a seventh son. would have been impossible for Large Wheat Carry-Over

us to acquire this large section Early last spring, May wheat of country which was done by was quite low because of a large carry-over. Talk of farm relief During the last session of the hoisted prices. legislature of Oregon, it appropri-

But the pressure of actual ated sufficient money to purchase wheat caused a decline below the enough land to make a bach of dollar mark. During the summer 103.76 acres now owned by the there was a renewal of farm restate of Oregon. In addition lief talk. A good deal of speculathereto some ten years ago a tive and investment buying folsmall and insignificant building lowed. Then came reports of damwas erected on the land owned by age to the Canadian crop and the the state in remembrance of the price rose steadily until Chicago pioneers of Oregon and their ac- May sold at \$1.64.

Speculators Lose Millions Certain it is, board of trade memory and it is nothing more officials said, that speculators than right that the United States | carried the load during the heavy government by an appropriation marketing period, and lost milby congress should build a build- lions of dollars later when prices ing worthy of the efforts made by sagged heavily on account of imthe Oregon pioneers to secure to proved crop conditions in some the United States the Oregon countries. After the Federal farm board country, and prevent England

from proguring it. It was through fixed certain basic prices on the efforts of the pioneers that which it would lend government this large extent of territory was funds to cooperative agencies, a secured and should be gratefully price upturn resulted, but the remembered by a government successive falls in the stock marwhich ought to take pride in what ket broke the Chicago December price to about 7 cents under the basic loan price.

Russian Crop Small ation of the pioneer period, it is Confidence was restored by a now to London, with a better and estimated between 25,000 to 30,- department of agriculture state-

and Japan than she now France and Great Britain." and the Oregon country.

At the first year of the celebra-printing office, and earned his tion of Champoeg day there were way through college by working and best sense, they were loyal about 250 people present. Last at the printer's trade. For a short year, the 29th annual celebration, time he was editor of The Oregon 2.000 autos and 10,000 people Statesman. He was graduated from Willamette university in Judge Peter H. D'Arcy was 1876, and was admitted to the born in Brooklyn, New York, on March 4, 1854. His parents mov-

bar in the same year. He engaged in active law practice for many years, and has been active in affairs of Salem and the state. He is a life member of the Oregon Historical society, and was a charter member of the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

The season's low on May wheat was \$1.21%. The low on May corn was 91% cents and the high \$1.093-8, May oats 47 cents and 60% cents.

Samuel P. Arnot, president, and other officers of the exchange were congratulated on the smooth functioning of the grain market during the stock market activity. Orders Rushed Through

Two hundred million bushels of grain, 156,000,000 bushels of this being wheat, were handled in a single market day of three and three-quarter hours without the ticker falling & minute behind. One cable order for more than a million bushels of wheat was received, executed and confirmed overseas in less than two min-

President Arnot remarked, concerning the future:
"If we are to accept the views of the department of agriculture membered in the grain trade and and the Federal farm board, then wheat prices will go much high-

> Wheat receipts were in excess of the 35,028,000 bushels handled in 1928. Corn receipts were 69,-296,000 against 95,299,999 bushagainst 49,118,000 bushels.

els last year, and oats 35,813,000 Decreases in receipts have been due to the overcrowded condition of the storage facilities.

Hazel Green Has Many Visitors

HAZEL GREEN, Dec. 31-Mrs. Tony Kasper and children Caroline, Cecilia, James, Stella, and Baby were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Maryszesli of Independence. John Rutherford, who is at-

tending Oregon State college is spending vacation with home

Miss Carolyn Williamson and brother Victor visited relatives at

Stayton Sunday. Guest at the W. G. Davis home

effect, that all crops outside of during the holidays, leaving Mon-Russia this year would be 530,- day were their daughter. Mrs. 000,000 bushels less than last George Dunnigan and small son year, and that, based on supply Billie; sop-in-law and daughter, and demands wheat would sell 25 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Slater and cents higher within the next two little daughter Shirley Jean and Miss Wilma Davis all of Coquille,

Farmers' Union Plans Livestock Sales Exchange

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31. — (AP)—James J. O'Shea, national secretary of the National Farmers' Union, said the union stands ready to establish a co-operative livestock commission house here if producers of Oregon and Washington will promise to patronize

Establishment of the commission house here was regarded as almost certain by O'Shea, who plans to take charge of organization work in Washington and Idahe, while I. C. Grimes, livestock marketing expert of the national union, will be in charge of Ore-

LEGION MEET DATES SET BAKER, Ore., Dec. 31 .-- (AP) -August 14, 15 and 16 have been set as the dates for the American Legion's 1930 convention which will be held here. The announcement followed a conference between S. S. George, department commander, and Carl R. Moser, department adjutant.

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