Notes on Champoeg Day-No. 1 Sociological Society Sets

'Oregon' One Time Was Larger Than It Is Now

(This is the first of three articles dealing with "Champoeg day," the centennial of which will be observed May 2, 1943. This first article deals with the historcial setting in which Oregon's provisional government came into existence, tracing as much of the region's earlier history as is pertiment to the subject. The later articles will deal more directly with events in Oregon in 1841 and 1843. They will appear in the Sunday Statesman, April 18 and 25.)

By RALPH C. CURTIS

The name "Oregon" meant, to Americans of a century ago, not gon City and Salem, nor even the area included in the present state of Oregon. It meant a much greater area extending from the summits of the Rockies to the Pacific shore, and from the 42nd parallel, then as now the Oregon-California boundary, northward to a line extending approximately through Prince Rupert, Canada; 54 degrees, 40 minutes.

This definition of "Oregon" must be kept clearly in mind if a gon Question." proper study is to be made of the significance of "Champoeg day," the centennial of which is to be celebrated May 2, 1943. Necessary also is an outline sketch of the surrounding circumstances; but for the sake of clearness, the eketchier the outline, the better.

United States claims to this great Oregon territory were based upon Robert Gray's discovery of the Columbia river in 1792, the overland exploration by the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1804-6 and the founding of Astoria in 1811 by John Jacob Astor's Pacific Fur company. That last item was somewhat clouded by Astoria's sale to the Canadian North West

Benefit Dance Ticket Sale Drive Opens

Salem's civil air patrol, approximately 100 strong, this weekend join members of the Cooties, Veterans of Foreign Wars dance club, as ticket salesmen for a dance scheduled by the Cooties April 22 at VFW hall at a benefit for the

The patrol, recruited as a civilian defense project and operating Shooting Suspect under army authority as an auxiliary to regularly enlisted air force personnel, pays its own way, they alone of all volunteer units urday.

are privileged to wear. Stringent training is provided squadron, for which Capt. Lee Ey-

to be provided by the Oregonians.

Gates Club Reelects: Federation to Meet

club held its annual election of Dies in California officers Thursday. All officers were reelected to their respective positions.

Francis Clinton, home demonstration agent, gave a talk and demonstrated methods of mend-

The Marion county federation of Woman's clubs will meet at Gates this year on Friday, April 30. The Mill City Woman's club will assist with the entertaining.

Around Oregon By The Associated Press

The Oregon state grange shifted its annual meeting, set for June, 7-11, from La Grande to Eugene . . . The Oregon racing commission granted a dog racing license to the Multnomah Kennel club subject to approval of the western defense command . . .

Lake county irrigation farmers were promised ample summer water supplies by officials attending a snow survey and irrigation water forecast meeting at Lakeview . . . The state convention of Oregon Garden clubs was set for June 1 and 2 at Pendleton . . .

Portland police, enforcing a 9:15 curfew ordinance, temporarily jailed 60 juveniles and released them upon parental assurances it would not happen again . . . Henry Kaiser's Swan Island shipyard ordered a seven-day week for burners, chippers, and welders but excluded women and helpers . .

Mrs. Caleb Simpson, Bend, died in Portland from injuries suffered it October when a gate fell on ber head . . . The forest service announced at Portland that a sixeek training course will begin Tuesday for 150 volunteers who will spend their vacations in antifire work . . .

The trial of Johnny Jennings Lewis, charged with negligent nicide in the traffic death two weeks ago of Pvt. Carl Niedziaof the Pendleton air base, was set to open Monday in La Grande . . The Coos county republican tive committee suggested at Gov. Earl Snell name a sucor for County Judge E. L. Peton, who is retiring to become ctor of the state department of agriculture . . . Sheriff Allen Birch of Tillamook county recov-ared the horns to his automobile th the arrest of three men found

company at the time of the war

In the peace settlement after the war the United States wantsome 240 white persons in the Willamette valley between Orewill belonged to the United States, but the 49th parallel—as it eventually was-but the British would greatly appreciated. Agitation of not agree. At most times, if not the "Oregon Question" was begun at all times until the settlement by Representative John Floyd of finally was made, Great Britain was willing to make the Columbia river the boundary; and thus organization of the territory reit is claimed by persons who think of "Oregon" in present-day passed by the house but failed in terms, that the events of 1843 had the senate. no bearing on the territory's affect the settlement of the "Ore-

In 1818 the matter was tempor-"Champoeg day." Meanwhile in Oregon, the

North West company held a fur trading monopoly until it was merged with the Hudson's Bay company in 1821. John Mc-Loughlin appeared on the scene in 1824 and built Fort Vancouver. His men explored much of what now is Oregon; he became in fact if not in name its governor, a sort of benign dictator. It was his duty to represent the interests of Hudson's Bay company, and those interests were linked with Great Britain's territorial claims, Today we know - though most Americans a century ago thought otherwise-that he was much too human and humani-

Officer Wounds

KLAMATH FALLS, April 10. -(AP)-James E. Echer, 35, was seits members buying the army type riously wounded by Assistant Po- at Fort Vancouver outnumbered uniform with US insignia which lice Chief Orville Hamilton Sat- all the settlers about three to one.

ence Humble said Echer was shot congress by Senators Lewis F for members of the patrol and re- in the abdomen when he drop- Linn and Thomas H. Benton, and quired of those who retain their ped his hands after the officer the "Fifty Four-Forty or Fight" standing in the organization, mem- told him to keep them up. Ham- slogan was heard throughout the bers pointed out Friday. Lt. Austin ilton, who sought to question nation. "Oregon" was still under Cater is commander of the Salem Echer about the wounding of the joint occupation treaty of Woodruff L. Hubbard in the leg, 1818, extended in 1828 after new thought Echer was reaching for a efforts at settlement had failed. Music for the benefit dance is gun, Humble said.

The district attorney said witafter an altercation. Two shots were fired at police who pursued the assailant.

GATES—The Gates Woman's Franciscan Father

SANTA BARBAR, Calif., April

tarian for a dictator's rele. At this time in Washington, DC, and throughout the nation it was taken for granted that Oregon Virginia. His bills proposing occupation of Oregon and political peatedly failed. Finally one was

American challenge to the Hudeventual allegiance. But they did son Bay company's monopoly began about 1824 with the gradual encroachment of such fur traders as Jim Bridger and Jedediah arily settled-or more acurate- Smith. Actual resumption of Amly, left unsettled-by a treaty of erican occupation occurred in joint occupation, whereby the 1932 when Nathaniel Wyeth and and Dr. Norman S. Hayner, from United States and Great Britain his New Englanders came to Oreagreed to leave the region "west- gon. Wyeth's fur trading, salmon ward of the Great Stony moun- fishing, farming and colonization tains" neutral, equally open to scheme eventually failed, but on citizens of each nation until a his second expedition in 1834 he boundary should be established. was accompanied by Jason Lee This continued, in so far as the and his Methodist missionary partwo governments were concerned, ty-who had only limited success to be the territory's status until in converting the Indians, but 1846, three years after the first did actually create the first American colony here.

But other Americans were on the way. Wyeth had been associated prior to his first trip with Hall Jackson Kelley, Bostonian who organized the American Society for Encouraging the Settlement of Oregon Territory. Kelley didn't get much of a movement started but in 1833 he did come to Oregon-falling in with some Tennessee adventurers including Ewing Young, of whom more will be said in later articles. Kelley didn't stay but Young and some of the oth-

Jason Lee's missionary party was augmented in 1837 and the "great reenforcement" came in 1840 and founded Salem. But in 1841 when the provisional government was begun-or attempted, take your choice-French-Canadian settlers owing some loyalty to the Hudson's Bay company outnumbered the American settlers; and the population of the Hudson's Bay establishment

Deputy District Attorney Clar- tion" was being agitated again in

Thus in 1843 "Oregon" remained to be won or lost, and nesses told him Hubbard was shot people in more civilized portions of the world were beginning to appreciate its value. The little settlement in the Willamette valley was the center of an international contest which threatened to develop into a war. What happened in that settlement was bound to have some bearing on 10-(AP)-The Very Reverend Father the contest's outcome. Several Martin Knauff, 56, provincial of things did happen here in 1843; Franciscan fathers in Santa Bar- outstanding among them the crebara province which includes Cal- ation of a provisional governifornia, Oregon, Washington, Ari- ment avowing allegiance to the zona, Utah and part of New Mex- United States, and the arrival of ico, died in St. Francis hospital a large number of additional Am-Saturday following a long illness. erican settlers.

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Wartime Session at WU

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The meeting will begin at noon with a luncheon at the state hospital where Governor Earl Snell, Penn., and warden of the New State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott York City penitentiary. McGee is and Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell will be present with members of the board of control, the parole board, heads of girls' and boy's state training schools, superintendent of the Fairview nome and the state warden.

Topics to be discussed at the public meeting at 2:30 p. m. in Collins hall on the campus will center around "American Correctional Institutions in Wartime" and "The Sociology of War." Chairmen of these discussion groups are David Lockwood of the Washington state department of finance, budget and business University of Washington, a former Willamette student.

Speaking on "Washington State Correctional Institutions in Wartime," will be Richard A. McGee,



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at Fort Leavenworth and at the plans to start the 4000 foot sur- yards as the result of an ordinance US penitentiary at Lewisburg, Four to six weeks will be re- their dogs damage gardens.

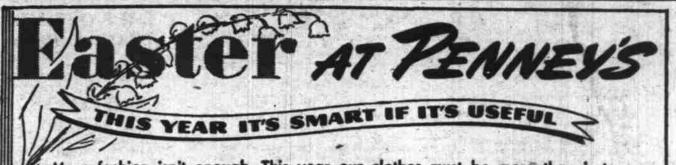
quired to complete the project. Tractor Mishap A temporary grade crossing which Baldock described as dan- Injures One berous will be eliminated when the new overcrossing is completed and opened to traffic.

Against Garden

McMINNVILLE, April 10 -(AP)-Dog owners were busy Saturday The contractor had made all tethering their pets in their own resting more easily.

SILVERTON - Jacob Hubert Mt. Angel, was brought to the Silverton hospital late Saturday afternoon suffering from head injuries and lacerations austained when he was crushed between tractor and a tree. Severity of his injuries was not known Saturday night although he was said to be

R. A. Lais also was an accident facing project when the WPB passed by the city council making patient at the hospital, where he issued its stop order a week ago. owners subject to a \$10 fine if was brought Saturday night with a broken right arm.



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held on juvenile delinquency. Dr.

Eldon H. Moore from University

of Oregon will interpret "The So-

cial Functions of War," and "Mor-

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try," will be presented by Dr. Jo-

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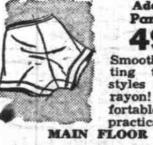
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