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### PIONEER REUNION.

The day proved pleasant and more warm and sultry than was comfortable to the thousands who were in attendance at the Fair Grounds. No doubt many absented themselves for fear of rainy weather, but if they had been weather wise they could have read the clouds of early morning, which traveled south, showing a change of wind. The night had been warm and showery, with heavy rains part of the time, that laid the obnoxious dust, and freshed the air, rendering good service for the Pioneers.

Early in the morning wagons lined the roads in every direction bringing moving trains, from this and all the surrounding counties. The special early train from Albany brought down a large number from Linn county, which always manages to be well represented on every such public occasion, as her citizens show their patriotism in being present and taking an active interest in what concerns the public. It was a disappointment that so few were present from Portland, but that would no doubt have been different if the skies had appeared more propitious.

By the time the northern train was arrived there were already thousands on the ground, and the marshal of the day, Col. John McCracken, having come up the day before, all was in readiness to move. Among the arrivals we noticed W. S. Ladd Esq., Hon. H. W. Corbett, Mayor Falling, Judge Moreland, Hon. J. D. Biles, and other prominent citizens, also Col. Conroyer, agent of the Umatilla Reservation, an old and popular citizen of this county.

After the arrival of the train the pioneers were called in the order of their respective emigrations, commencing with 1840 and so on to 1852. Each year's arrivals being marshalled under banners of appropriate design and inscription. With the Portland band in lead, under charge of Prof. Parrish, the procession marched to the grove north of the Pavilion which was prepared for the occasion with a speaker's stand and seats for the audience. All sitting room was soon filled and a majority were standing.

### EXERCISES OF THE FORENOON.

The audience being gathered and the banners grouped about the stand forming a graceful ornament, the marshal of the day introduced Judge Grim, of Aurora, President of the Pioneer Association, who made some appropriate and happily expressed remarks, welcoming the Pioneers and friends assembled, and in his turn announced prayer by Rev. E. Walker, Chaplain of the association, who opened the exercises with an appeal to the Throne of Grace.

### ORATOR OF THE DAY

Hon. M. P. Deady was then introduced and delivered the annual address. We followed the thread of the Judge's remarks, and made a brief but comprehensive synopsis of them for publication, at the time, and committed them to a young man who promised to immediately deliver them at the office, but as he failed to report we are not able to furnish our readers with a sketch of this interesting address, and as we have all the proceedings of the morning to write from memory, we labor under a disadvantage that cannot be remedied.

Judge Deady reviewed briefly the discovery of the Columbia, the rule of the fur companies, the period of joint occupancy of Great Britain and the United States, the advent of the American missionaries, then the coming of a few mountain men, like Jo Meek and Dr. Newell, and then finally the wave of emigration that broke down the barriers and solved the question of ownership by forcing our government to insist on possessing Oregon.

The Judge dwelt with graphic descriptive powers on the despotic sway and firm but just rule that characterized the times when the fur companies bore sway. He painted the great mind and noble and generous nature of Dr. McLaughlin, who was virtually ruler of this broad domain but gave a welcome and helping hand to the American immigrants and so aided them to possess the land. His name should be written in the pages of Oregon history in letters of gold. And so it will be.

He touched upon the several early immigrations and the men who are remembered with them, and gave a just need of praise to the names of many who are now identified with our Territorial and State history. He closed with a promise that the fame of the pioneers should be preserved and their memory revered by generations yet to come. Some criticism, not unfriendly, was made on the fact that the distinguished speakers,

when he first used the word, pronounced it "Wallamet," but when he became too much interested in his subject he pronounced it Willamette with a "will," just as the rest of us do. The address was well delivered and well listened to.

After the delivery of the Annual Address, there was music by the Band, which also gave "Hail Columbia" at the opening. A very pleasant feature of the day was the "Pioneer Song and Chorus," which was admirably rendered by the choir organized for the occasion by Prof. T. H. Crawford, reflecting great credit on all concerned.

Thus the forenoon exercises closed and the well pleased multitude scattered about in hungry groups to partake of the noonday lunch.

### AFTERNOON.

The groups of families and companions employed an hour very pleasantly in enjoying their lunch and the afternoon was devoted to less formal exercises. Gen. Nesmith made a speech interspersed with fact, wit and anecdote that was very entertaining. He particularly described the immigration of 1843 in which he was, which contained the Applegate, Waldos, Keizers, Lovejoy, P. H. Burnett, John and Ninerah Ford and families, J. E. McClane, and many others whose names are familiar as household words. Mr. Nesmith was very happy in his remarks, but we have not time to do justice to them in this issue.

The afternoon and evening exercises occur too late to be particularly alluded to to-day. The day was passed delightfully and all those so fortunate as to participate have enjoyed it fully. The evening will see one of the greatest dancing parties ever held in Oregon, and the Re-union of the Pioneers will be a soul-full occasion never to be forgotten, but they must wait until to-morrow.

### Pioneer Re-union.

The afternoon exercises were very interesting. Mr. Nesmith's speech was a prepared effort of great historical value, furnishing as it did a census of the American inhabitants of this region in the fall of 1843. This we will publish elsewhere, and his tribute to Jesse Applegate to also give in full.

G. P. Holman delivered an short address, which was really a polished effort. He was the first native pioneer, having been born just before the preceding speaker, Gen. Nesmith, came into Oregon, a fact to which he very pleasantly alluded. We shall give his address to-morrow in full.

Short and appropriate addresses were made by W. H. Gray, Hon. H. W. Corbett, John Minto, Gov. Grover, and Gen. Palmer. The latter gave some interesting and thrilling reminiscences of the journey across the plains at an early day.

### AT THE PAVILION.

There was a concert of excellent music at the Pavilion, when the "Song of the Pioneers," was repeated by request, by Prof. Crawford's choir. Miss Fannie Barker, and Miss Epile Cox, Salem's favorite songsters, gave very delightful proof of their vocal powers, and the Northwestern Band of Portland, under the leadership of Mr. Tom Parrott gave a few choice pieces.

### EVENING.

Early in the afternoon the Pavilion was closed and made ready for the dancers. The new floor answered excellently, and the band furnished superior music. There were nearly a hundred and fifty tickets sold and towards nine o'clock the scene became very gay and lively. Nobody seemed to enjoy the Lancers better than Ex Senator Corbett, who looked the picture of enjoyment. The Orator of the Day, Judge Deady, was among the gayest of the gay and always chose the prettiest girls and most charming matrons for partners. The Judge looks better on the floor than on the bench. Col. McCracken was the soul of politeness and of ability as usual and kept "on with the dance" until the 11 o'clock special train called for Portland passengers. All things went on delightfully and the beauty and grace of Oregon maids and matrons was never better displayed. The arrangements too were perfect.

We were surprised to find a really elegant supper prepared by our friends John Martin and Dick Sayres, veteran caterers who did better than was expected of them.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

In the evening the Pioneer Association met and elected officers for the year to come as follows:

President—Hon. J. W. Grim.  
Vice President—Hon. E. N. Cook.  
Secretary—J. Henry Brown.  
Treasurer—John M. Bacon.  
Directors—Capt. A. P. Ankeny, Boah W. Wilson and W. J. Herren.

Messrs. J. W. Nesmith, C. A. Reed and M. P. Deady were added to the committee heretofore appointed to have a suitable banner provided and instructed to be at such expense as they deem necessary to secure the same.

### EMIGRATION OF 1843.

#### Extracts from Gen. Nesmith's Address.

Having been elected by the people comprising the immigration to the position of Orderly Sergeant, with the duties of Adjutant, it devolved upon me to make up a complete roll of the male members of the company capable of bearing arms, and included all above the age of sixteen years. These were divided into four details, for guard duty thus giving one-fourth of the company a tour of general duty every fourth day, or, as the soldiers express it, we had "three nights in bed." I have that old roll before me, and it is the only authentic copy extant.

Applegate Jesse, Applegate Charles, Applegate Lindsey, Athey James, Athey Wm, Atkinson John, Arthur Wm, Arthur David, Arthur Robert, Butler Amon, Brooks Geo, Burnet Peter H, Bird David, Brown Thos A, Blevins Alex, Brooks John P, Brown Martin, Brown Oris, Black J P, Bane Layton, Baker Andrew, Baker John G, Beagle Wm, Boyd Levi, Baker Wm, Biddle Nicholas, Beale George, Braidy James, Beadle George, Boardman —, Baldrige Wm, Cason F C, Cason James, Chapman Wm, Cox John, Cooper L C, Chimp Jacob, Cave James, Childers Moses, Carey Miles, Cochran Thos, Clymour Lancaster, Copenhagen John, Clayton J H, Chappel Alfred, Cronin Daniel, Cozine Samuel, Constable Ed, Constable Benedict, Childs Joseph, Clark Ransom, Campbell John G, Chapman —, Chase James, Dodd Solomon, Dement Wm G, Doherty Wm P, Day Wm, Duncan James, Down Jacob, Davis Thos, Delaney Daniel, Delaney Dan Jr, Delaney Wm, Duke Wm, Davis J H, Davis Burrell, Daily George, Doherty John, Dawson —, Eaton Chas, Eaton Nathan, Etchell James, Emrick Solomon, Eaker John W, Edson E G, Eyers Miles, East John W, Everman Nislaus, Ford Nisvah, Ford Ephraim, Ford Nimrod, Ford John, Francis Alexander, Frazer Abner, Frazer Wm, Fowler Wm, Fowler Wm J, Fowler Henry, Fairly Stephen, Findal Chas, Gant John, Gray Chesly B, Garrison Enoch, Garrison J W, Garrison W J, Gardner Wm, Gardner Sam'l, Goodman Richard, Gilmore Mat, Gilpin Maj, Gray —, Haggard B, Hild H H, Holmes Wm, Holmes Riley A, Hobson John, Hobson Wm, Hembree J J, Hembree James, Hembree Andrew, Hembree A J, Hall Samuel B, Houk James, Hughes Wm P, Hendrick Abijah, Hayes James, Holley B, Hunt Henry, Holdreeds S M, Hutchins Isaac, Husted A, Hess Joseph, Haun Jacob, Howell John, Howell Wm, Howell Wesley, Howell Thos E, Howell G W, Hill Henry, Hill William, Hill Almorah, Harrove Wm, Hoyt A, Hurrett Henry, Holman John, Holman Daniel, Harrigan B, James Calvin, Jackson John B, Jones John, Johnson Overton, Keyser Thomas, Keizer J B, Keizer Pleasant, Kelly —, Kelsey —, Lovejoy A L, Lenox Edward, Leoux E, Layson Aaron, Looney Jesse, Long John E, Lee H A G, Logur F, Limbarger Lewis, Limbarger Jno, Lasswell Isaac, Loughborough J, Little Milton, Luther —, Lauderdale John, McGee —, Martin Wm J, Martin James, Martin Julius, McClelland F, McClelland —, Mills John B, Mills Isaac, Mills W A, Mills Owen, McGary G W, Mondon Gilbert, Matheny Daniel, Matheny Adam, Matheny J C, Matheny Isalah, Matheny Henry, Masters A J, McHaley John, Myers Jacob, Manning John, Manly James, McCarver M M, McCorkle George, Mays Wm, Millican Elijah, McDaniel Wm, McKiesle D, Malone Madison, McClane John B, Mauzee Wm, McIntire John, Moore Jackson, Matney W J, Nesmith J W, Newby W T, Newman Noah, Naylor Thomas, Osborn Nell, O'Bryant H D, O'Brien Humphrey, Owen Thos H, Owen Thos, Ode E W, Ode M B, O'Neil Bonnet, Olinger A, Parker Jesse, Parker Wm, Pennington J B, Poe R H, Paynter S, Patterson J K, Pickett Chas E, Frig Frederick, Paine Clayborn, Rogers S P, Rodgers G W, Russell Wm, Roberts James, Rice G W, Richardson John, Richardson Dan'l, Ruby Philip, Record John, Reid Jacob, Roe John, Roberts Solomon, Roberts Emaley, Rossin Joseph, Rives Thos, Smith Thos H, Smith Thomas, Smith Isaac W, Smith Anderson, Smith A, Smith Robert, Smith Eli, Sheldon Wm, Stewart P G, Sutton Dr Nathan, Stammernan C, Sharp C, Summers M, Sewell Henry, Stout Henry, Stout —, Stevenson —, Sterling Geo, Story James, Swift —, Shively John M, Shirlley Samuel, Stoughton Alec, Spencer Chauncey, Strait Hiram, Summers George, Stringer Cornelius, Stringer C M, Tharp Lindsey, Teller Jeremiah, Thompson John, Traulor D, Tarbox Stephen, Umeker John, Vance Sam'l, Vaughn Wm, Vernon George, Wilmont Jas, Wilson Wm H, Walr J M, Winkle Archibald, Williams Edward, Wheeler N, Wegner Jno, Williams Ben, Williams David, Wilson Wm,

Williams John, Williams James, Williams Squire, Williams Isaac, Ward T B, White James, Watson John (Betty), Waters James, Winter Wm, Waldo Daniel, Waldo David, Waldo William, Zachary Alexander, Zachary John.

There were 111 wagons and vehicles, but no pleasure conveyances. The greater portion were ox teams.

The following persons turned back on the Plate: Nicholas Biddle, Alex Francis, F. Luger, Jackson Moore, John Loughborough.

These died at different points: — Stevenson, Daniel Richardson, Claybourn Palne, — McClellen, Miles Eyre, C M Stringer.

Wm. Day arrived sick and died at Fort Vancouver.

At Fort Hall the following named persons turned off and went to California: John Atkinson, — Boardman, Joseph Childs, — Dawson, John Gant, Milton Little, Capt Wm J Martin, Julius Martin, F McClelland, — McGee, John McIntire, John Williams, James Williams, Squire Williams, Isaac Williams. Deducing those who turned back and those who went to California left the actual number of our emigration who arrived here 207.

Upon our arrival we found in the country the following persons exclusive of Missionaries, and who might be included in the general term of settlers. They had found their way here from different points, some crossing the Rocky Mountains from the Eastern States, some of them sailors who had abandoned the sea while others were trappers who had exchanged the uncertainties of a nomadic life for farming, others had found their way from California:

Armstrong Pleasant, Burns Hugh, Brown —, Brown Wm, Brown —, Black J M, Baldrone —, Bates James, Bailey Dr, Bralnard —, Crawford Medorem, Carter David, Campbell Samuel, Campbell Jack, Craig Wm, Cook Amos, Cook Aaron, Conner —, Cannon William, Dary Allen, Doty Wm, Eakin Richard, Ebberts Squire, Edwards John, Foster Philip, Force John, Force James, Fletcher Francis, Gay George, Gale Joseph, Gltman —, Hatch P H, Hubbard Thomas, Honest Henry, Haregon Jeremiah, Holman Joseph, Hill David, Hauxhurst W, Hutchin —, Johnson William, King —, Kelsey —, Lewis Reuben, Le Breton G W, Larrioun Jack, Meek Joseph, Mathieu F X, McClure John, Moss S W, Moore Robert, McFadden —, McCarty Wm, McKay Charles, McKay Thomas, Morrison —, Mack J W, Newbanke —, Newell Robert, O'Neil James A, Puttygrove F W, Pomeroy Dwight, Pomeroy Walter, Perry —, Remnick —, Russel Osborn, Robb J R, Shortess Robert, Smith Sidney, Smith —, Smith —, Smith —, Spence —, Sallor Jack, Turham Joel, Turner —, Taylor Hiram, Tibbetts Calvin, Trask —, Walker C M, Warner Jack, Wilson A E, Weston David, Wilkins Caleb, Wood Henry, Williams B.

On the arrival of the immigration in the fall of 1843 we found in the country the following named persons as Protestant missionaries or connected with the mission:

Dr Marcus Whitman, A F Waller, David Leslie, Hamilton Campbell, George Abernethy, W H Willson, L H Judson, W H Gray —, Walker —, Ellis, A Beers, Revs Jason Lee, Gustavus Hines, — Perkins, — Brower, Dr Babcock, Dr Elijah White, Harvey Clark, H H Spaulding, J L Parrish, H W Raymond.

I do not claim absolute accuracy for the list of persons who were in Oregon prior to the emigration of 1843, as it is made up from the memory I retain of persons known to me nearly a third of a century ago.

### A Compliment to a Pioneer.

Towards the close of his very interesting address at the Pioneer Reunion yesterday, General Nesmith paid the following handsome and very deserving tribute to a name intimately associated with Oregon history and to one that will be honored by the successors of the pioneers long after the present generation has passed away.

Mr. President and Pioneers, I am not here to draw invidious distinctions or depreciate any one man's merit by referring to those of another. But I feel it is an occasion when I might pay a slight tribute to an early pioneer—who, I am sorry to say, is absent and has left our State—without partiality, as we have always been politically opponents. If, at this time, after the lapse of nearly a third of a century, I were called upon to designate the man of the emigration of 1843, or any other emigration, who had made the most personal sacrifices for the benefit of our common State I should mention the name that deservedly heads the roll of 1843—"Uncle" Jesse Applegate. I travelled in his company across the plains, lived neighbor to him for years, and have had many controversies

with him, in which I regret to say I did not always come out of the contest unscathed. He was at the rendezvous at Fitzhugh's Mill on the 17th day of May, 1843, and more by his silence than by what he said gave character to our proceedings. No man did more upon the route to aid the destitute and encourage the weak. He divided his rations with the same reckless liberality with which he signed the bonds of those who have victimized him and reduced him to poverty in his old age. He was one of the first settlers in Polk county, as he has been in Umpqua, and now is in northern California. He presents the singular anomaly of a gentleman of the highest culture, who shrinks from contact with society. In his presence all feel the power of his genius while he has not the ability to utter a dozen consecutive words, but give him a pen, ink, and paper, and there is scarcely a subject upon which he cannot shed a flood of light. He was the leader in forming our provisional government in 1845, as he was of the party of 1846 that escorted the first emigration by the southern route, an unselfish service, in which he periled his life to ruin himself pecuniarily. The services and reputation of Jesse Applegate are the common property of the Oregon Pioneers. "Such a man might be a copy to these younger times" In the language of the great poet—

"This was the noblest Roman of them all:  
His life was gentle, and the elements  
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up  
And say to all the world, This was a man!"

As a frontiersman, in courage, sagacity, and natural intelligence, he is the equal of Daniel Boone. In culture and experience, he is the superior of half the living statesmen of our land. As a generous, kind-hearted neighbor, he has no superior anywhere. In politics he is a cross between the old fashioned honest notions of Hamilton and Jefferson. In religion, while he broke none of the commandments separately or intentionally, still, like Moses, if a proper provocation occurred he would be likely to throw down the tablets, and, while extemporizing awkward profanity might break them "in mass" He was too impracticable to be a party leader, and too independent to be the recipient of political favors. The future historian will do justice to the merits, the ability, and the sacrifices of the "Sage of Yoncalla."

### Shooting Affray in Wasco County.

The Mountaineer gives particulars of the late shooting affray on Bridge Creek. It seems that Mr. Cusick was Superintendent of a Cattle Club, organized to assist each other in driving up stock. The Club owned a large corral, and in driving up stock some was in the corral belonging to Mr. Vowell, who recognized his cattle and insisted on immediately driving them out. As this created much confusion, and more than it was considered for the Club to allow, Mr. Cusick requested Mr. Vowell to stop in his proceedings and wait until the Club got through, when some of them would assist him separating his cattle from theirs. Mr. Vowell would not agree to this, but swore he would tear down the corral first and get his stock out. This naturally brought on high words and Mr. Vowell making a motion to use his large pistol, which was fastened around his body, rather compelled Cusick to go for his small derringer and make the best use of it he could, firing instantly, and the ball taking effect in the breast bone. No sooner had Mr. Cusick fired, when Vowell discharged his revolver, shooting three times and being within a few steps of Cusick. One ball taking effect in his left arm, passing through pretty close to his body near his chest, the other two balls grazed his body. Fortunately the wounds of neither are likely to prove mortal, though it was for some time feared Cusick's was fatal.

### Baptist Church and Association.

The Baptist Church at Turner was blown down early last winter, but has since been reconstructed, enclosed, covered and made comfortable, so that the late Baptist Association held its meeting there. It will probably be neatly finished up for permanent use during the summer. One feature of the late Association was a vote passed by a two-thirds majority to exclude women from sitting as delegates in that body, as has heretofore been the custom—a movement that was not received with very popular appreciation by the ladies excluded. If there is any true sphere of action for women, it certainly is in connection with the work of religion, in which field women are the great and reliable majority, the true workers and the salt of the earth. We cannot but think that the Baptist Central Association of Oregon, in this matter, is rather behind the sentiment of the age.

SUDDEN DEATH.—We learn from Mr. Lious Brooks, that Mr. Humphrey Long, an old citizen of that vicinity, fell dead on Monday evening at 7 o'clock after two minutes' complaint. He was unwell with a bad cold, but not considered otherwise ill. He was an