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Our foes are strong, their forts are high,
And where the myriad legions stand
Our ranks are thinned, and now the sky
Is bending black above the land.
What wonder that the standard bends
In hands that held its staff so long?
What wonder that faint-hearted friends
Grow weary of the war with Wrong?
Yet, courage, we who build for God
Earth's Palace of the Coming State—
Who hope so much may bear the rod,
In darkness hold His hand, and wait.
—Joseph Dana Miller, in Louis Post's Public.

OREGON'S BIRTHDAY.

Sixty-one years ago today, 102 farmer-trappers met on French Prairie, near the Willamette river, 27 miles south of Portland, and settled the destiny of Oregon.

The country had been jointly occupied by the United States and Great Britain for almost 20 years. The conglomerate American and Canadian settlers were gradually taking sides for one or the other country. Settlements were being made rapidly. Sentiment was strong and deep and passions were easily aroused in those fighting days.

The Americans had talked and argued for some form of government for months. The Canadians had held back. The Hudson Bay company was their god and their government. Its powerful influence could not be shaken off. The Americans were yet weak in numbers. They must make up by strategy what they lacked in numerical strength.

The Americans held debating societies in the frontier cabins of the settlers. Resolutions favoring some form of government were debated and discussed. The Canadians saw the slowly rising tide of American sentiment in the face of their prejudices and opposition. Gradually some of the leading Hudson Bay people were won over and when the final vote was taken 61 years ago, at 10 o'clock this morning, there was a majority of two for America, and Oregon became an American territory.

The discouraged Canadians saw the richest territory under the sun slip from the grasp of Great Britain, and they mounted their ponies and left the meeting sullen and discomfited.

Eight days after, on May 10, 1843, the first territorial legislature of Oregon assembled in a granary of the Methodist mission at Oregon City, and organized a provisional government. They formulated a constitution and called for a general election on July 4, for the purpose of adopting it and starting the wheels of government to move.

On that first election day in Oregon, the largest assembly of white men ever gathered in the state, met at Champeog to vote for the charter of their liberties.

The constitution was adopted, and as Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, says in "Oregon Stories," "And thus without a governor, or a treasury, with but one law book—a copy of the Iowa code, which some one had brought across the plains, the first American state slept in its cradle beside the Pacific."

About the time these hardy pioneers were struggling to hold Oregon for the United States, Daniel Webster, one of the wisest men in the

United States was opposing any measure looking to the settlement of Oregon, and in opposing a bill to establish a mail route from St. Louis to the mouth of the Columbia river, said in the senate:

"What do we want with this vast, worthless area—this region of wild beasts and savages, of shifting sands and whirlwinds of dust, of cactus and prairie dogs? To what use could we ever hope to put those great deserts or those endless mountain ranges, impenetrable and covered to their very base with eternal snows? What do we hope to do with that western coast, a coast 3,000 miles in length, rock-bound, cheerless, uninviting, and without a harbor? Mr. President, I will never vote to take one cent from the public treasury to place the barren Pacific coast one inch nearer Boston than it now is."

The East Oregonian believes the time is ripe to hold a farmers' meeting in this city. The splendid efforts and the high success of the meeting at Echo on Saturday was a rebuke to the city of Pendleton, if she refuses to offer the farmers of this community an opportunity of hearing these living topics of agriculture discussed here. The Commercial Association at its meeting tomorrow night, should take decisive steps to hold a farmers' congress in this city during the latter part of May, or the first of June. The O. R. & N. company will furnish the speakers, and any number of them, for the occasion, free of all charges. It will bring the best men in the Northwest here to address the farmers and certainly the people of Pendleton and especially the Commercial Association, can afford to organize a picnic, with free refreshments, and an elaborate program. It will make the farmers look toward this city for information and amusement every year hereafter. It will establish this feature in the community and it should be done. The work and cost will be small, the results will be inestimable from any standpoint. The East Oregonian urges every member of the Commercial Association to be present at the meeting tomorrow night, to discuss and take part in this matter. This association is the life of Pendleton and must not miss an opportunity to place the city in the best possible position before the country districts. Not a stone must be left unturned to offer an opportunity for the surrounding country to enjoy the hospitality and benefits of this association, for the spirit of Pendleton is reflected through the Commercial Association.

After making a strenuous effort to make a morning paper pay, and be readable, the La Grande Observer gives up the hopeless task and, beginning today, converts its paper into an afternoon issue, giving some unanswerable reasons to advertisers for so doing. The same facts quoted by the Observer apply to Pendleton and every other thriving town, where people leave home early in the morning, with their tasks and do not see a newspaper until returning home in the evening. The Observer says: "The Daily Observer will be changed from a morning to an afternoon paper commencing Monday. There are many advantages in favor of this change. There was a time when morning papers had great advantages over their evening competitors. The changes that have taken place in this city during the past two years, where the business houses close at 6:30 are decidedly in favor of an evening edition. Very few families have an opportunity to read a morning paper until the evening. There is no question that the news service of the world gives afternoon papers a scoop over morning editions, while it costs considerable more to run a morning paper. We have carefully considered the proposition in all its phases and we know that within a few days after the change is inaugurated we will give the public a much better service than it is possible to do in a morning paper."

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dean of the law faculty at Howard university for five years. He removed to New York in 1883, and there he was for several years an examiner in the municipal service board. The consulate at Vladivostok increased greatly in usefulness after Mr. Greener assumed charge. —Leslie's Weekly.

THE JOY.

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