## Annual Meeting of the Pioneer and Historical Society of Oregon.

ASTORIA, February 22, 1881. Society met at the hall of Rescue Engine company No. 2, in this city. Meeting called to order at 2 r. u.

President Jas. W. Welch in the chair. The roll of officers being called all were found to be present.

The meeting was opened with pray-er by Mr. T. P. Powers. Minutes of last annual meeting were

then read and on motion approved. Becord of proceedings of the ex-centive board for the past year were read by the secretary and on motion sanctioned and approved by the so

Reports of officers being in order, the president was called upon, re-ported verbally that he had been away much of the time, had endeavored to attendall meetings of the executive board when in town, and to promote the interests of the society. He con-sidered the minutes of the executive board just read as a full report of the

The corresponding secretary being called upon, then read his annual report, which, on motion, was ordered received and placed op file.

On motion adjourned to meet at o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Met as per adjournment, same officer sin attendance.

The report of treasurer was read and ordered placed on file.

The special committee on library reported that the books had been de livered to Rescue Engine company No. 2 as per agreement.

The action of the board in relation to the disposition of the library of the society was, on motion sanctioned.

On motion it was ordered that the bonds of the treasurer of this society he fixed at \$1000, subject to be in creased by the executive board.

On motion it was ordered that copy of the proceedings of this meeting with report of corresponding secretary be furnished to THE ASTORIAN

for publication

To the president and members of the and Historical society of Oregon.

of its proceedings for the current year. This society came into existence after several unsuccessful attempts to organize at an early period in other places. Its first annual meeting was in 1871. Referring to its record of mances we have among its first organizers, who have dest the name of Henry Spencer Alben, from Liverpool, England, born April 18, 1878, and died at Assoria April 19, 1879.

The next mane on our rose of members is James Weigh, have in Clark county.

given by the Rev. Jason Lee by a lecture delivered at Peoria, Hilnois, in the fall of 183, on his way from Oregon territory to the Atlantic states, after a few years residence in the territory. After Mr. Lee's lecture, neetings were held and measures taken to form a company to colonize Oregon; this was the first attempt which proved a success, by persons solely dependent on their own resources and going out with the purpose of permanent settlement and consequently they are the real powers of Oregon territory.

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Oragon territory.

Their outfit consisted of a circular tent, large enough to cover the entire party, and their beggane; one two-horse wagon and team, a small stock of provisions, and one hundred deltars for configurations, business, busines, and making riding ingencies; besides, each had his riding simal and rifle, some of the latter car-ting the balls to the pound. There are also several bowie knives weigh-

were also several bowie knives weighing from seven to nine pounds each. Their lender dubbed them Oregon diagoous, and they carried a flag bearing the motto of "Oregon or the Grave." Soon affer, the writer uset with the captain of the Oregon dragoous at Independence, Missouri, and was told by Captain Farnham that their intention was to raise the American flag, take possession in the name of the United States and drive out the Hudson Bay company. On being asked if he considered historic (18 men) sufficient? he replied, "On yes, plenty?" But, Captain, part of your force are Englishmen, do you think they will fight against their countrymen? "Oh yes, they will not turn ner." "Oh yes, they will not turn rainer; if they do, by God we'll shoot hem. This conversation gave the writer a prefty good idea of Captain arabam's character, morals and intel-

Farallam's character, morals and once-lectual abilities.

They had not traveled far before the usual effects of liberty, equality and fra-teruity began to develop themselves, so that they arrived at Independence, Missouri, towards the latter end of May in a rather-disorganded condition. Here they builted norbans a week or ten days they inited perhaps a week or ten days to make the necessary changes in their quipments before entering on the unin-tabilist witherness. The wagon was ex-changed for pack animals, the stock of provisions replenished and such goods as could be had for Indian trade was bought.

Two persons here joined the expedit-ion. Pritchett, an English failor, and R. Shortess/who had resided some years in western Missouri.

The following resolution was effered by Mr. W. H. Gray:
Resolved, that arricie cleven (11) of the constitution be changed by atriking out the words "22d of February" and inserting "11th day of May."

In western Missouri.
After reorganizing by reelecting their leader, and agreeing to bury all by gones and differences, they early in June crossed the Missouri line into Indian territory, which at that time reached from Missouri to the Pacific ocean, and from the bay of San Francisco to the May."

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The first engangement was at Eim Greec, about thirty miles from the Missouri houndry, on the Santa Fe road, where during the following day they remained to complete the organization of the company, and procure a supply of floor at the Shawner amony.

The meeting now proceeded to the election of officers per the ensuing year with the following result:

For president... R. W. Morrison, esq. For ore, secretary... Ion. W. H. Gray. For rec. secretary... Ion. W. H. Gray. For rec. secretary... Ion. A. Van Dusen. Jax. W. Weich. For treasurer... Illen. A. Van Dusen. Jax. W. Weich. For executive com.... E. C. Holden. John Hobson. On motion adjourned to meet at two o'clock, r. st. S. T. McKean. Secretary. ANNIAL REPORT OF 100 N. W. R. GRAY. Associated for the president and members of the Pomeer.

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ASTORIA, Feb. 22 183.

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lor, both in Bartholoma county, lowa, 1850; sited March 6, 1863. Samuel Coal Smith, bears in Baltimore, Maryland, June 3, 1815; died July 2, 1877.

Lydia Cornia, wife of Anderson Du-kard, born in Howard county, Missouri, 1822 - rame to Oregon in 1849 and died April 15th, 1869.

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Godfrey Linesin, born in Plymouth,
Massachusetts; came to Oregon in 1840
and died April 15th, 1883.
Daniel Franklin Caruthers, born at
Virginia station, Virginia, January 20,
1829; came to Oregon in 1849, and died
January 5th, or 7th, 1855.
Jane White, first wife of Capt. J. C.
Ainsworth, born in lova, 1833; rame to
Oregon with her parents in 1856 and died

January 5th, or 7th, 1857.

Jane White, first wife of Capt, J. C. Ainsworth, born in lowa, 1853; came to Oregon with iner parents in 1856 and died in December, 1859.

On recept of our weekly papers we learn and deeply regret that in this tenth report we are called upon to enter upon our records the death of Dr. James C. Hawthorne, of East Portland, Oregon, He was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, Martel 14th, 1821, became a resident of Oregon or on this coast in 1859, long and favorably known as a skillful long and favorably known as a skillful physician, a kind and abliging man in all his dealings and as a neighbor. He was for many years, and at the time of his death, in charge of the state insame asylum. He passed to his final reward prepared for him among the mansions in Our Fathers house on Saturday evening the 12th of February, 1881. There is a discrepancy of dates as to his oirth. In entering his own manse tumon our Pioneer.

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died at Acapaleo, on his return to Ors-gon, April (th. 1851.
Alonzo Albert Skinner, born in Ra-vanna, Pottage county, Ohio, January 22, 1817, died April 28, 1876.

We have traced as briefly as possible

We have traced as briefly as possible the two important events in the existence of human life. It would be interesting and profitable to know more of the continued labors, the motives, and the designs of the lives of the twenty-one persons whose names we have given. They came among as from distant countries. They have filled a place in life; their bodies are uningling with our soil; their immortal intellects have left us and have risen to enter the school of

Sames from earresponding secretary having before him an interest of the both in Hartholom county, lown, the death of Mr. Shortless, you will particulate the company," as the locality of the occupation to Oregon, by one of the company," as the locality of the occupation of this country by the particulation in 1833, and useful. The various fur companies and by the missionaries, Mr. Shortless says: "But the various fur companies and by the missionaries, Mr. Shortless says: "But the various fur companies and by the missionaries, Mr. Shortless says: "But the various fur companies and by the missionaries of the word that is men voluntarily combining together to leave the dangers and bardships of 2,500 missionaries. Mr. Shortless says: "But the various fur companies and by the missionaries and by the missionaries and some their own resources, and to face the dangers and bardships of 2,500 missionary was first in the states, solely dependent on their own resources, and to face the dangers and bardships of 2,500 missionary was first in the states, solely dependent on their own resources, and to face the dangers and bardships of 2,500 missionary was first in the states and bardships of 2,500 missionary was first with born in Battania of the companies of the companies of the companies of the companies of the manumous thanks and a suitable prominent remembrance, it is begate from this destined on what is now with begate and some to Oregon with the manumous thanks and a suitable prominent remembrance, it is begate from the grantle structure of the companies of the co

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Samuel R. Thurston, born in Monsouth, Maine, April 15th, 1816. He was Oregon's first delegate in congress, and died at Accordice, or his raturn to Ore.

They should not forget to tender their thanks to the Californian for allowing Mrs. F. F. Victor space for her exhaustive article attempting to prove her own previous statements, in the River of the West, incorrect, and the truth of Hon. S. Clarks assertion that Oregon was saved to our American nation by the unpar-alleled efforts of Dr. Whitman.

tence of human life. It would be interesting and profitable to know more of the continued labors, the motives, and the designs of the lives of the twenty one persons whose names we have given. They came among us from distant countries. They have filled a place in life; their bodies are amigling with our soil; their immortal intellects have left us and have risen to enter the school of infinite knowledge, to the mansious prepared for them before their carthly lehements were gathered to give them the forms we have seen, associated with, and loved.

We that remain are certain of but one faing, and really exist in the present. Experience and observation has taught us that our life is a blank but few are willing to admit, hence by faith we anticipate and travel on to the future, which is prepared by the same power that as prepared by the same power that he accompanying printed slips in the torm in which they are printed for distribution to the following named canvassers: C. Montieth, Lewiston, Idaho; A. Reaves Ayers, Walla-walla, W. T.; J. H. Lister, Pomeroy, W. T.; Theodore Clark, Assotin, Columbia county, W. T.; John A. Perkins, Colfax, W. T.; Dr. F. A. Young, and really exist in the present, the form mis which they are printed for distribution to the following named canvassers: C. Montieth, Lewiston, Idaho; A. Reaves Ayers, Walla-walla, W. T.; J. H. Lister, Pomeroy, W. T.; Theodore Clark, Assotin, Columbia county, W. T.; John A. Perkins, Colfax, W. T.; Dr. F. A. Young, McMinuville, Yambill county, Oregon; Mr. M. C. Young, canvasser; Rev. Horace Lyman, Forest Grove, Washington county, Oregon; Dr. J. R. Bailey, Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon; John Monteith, Albany, Lynn county, Oregon, Rev. J. C. Boyd, Kingsbor, W. T. and the past year.

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