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 THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1893.

An informal meeting was held in this city the other evening for the purpose of taking initiatory steps towards the permanent organization of a society to be known as the "Native Sons and Daughters of the Oregon Pioneers." It is thought that an organization of this character would be a fitting sequel to the Oregon Pioneers' Association, and it is for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of the sturdy men and women who laid the permanent foundations of the great commonwealth of the Pacific Northwest that this new society is sought to be organized. A call has been made to meet in this city on the evening of the 23rd instant for the purpose of effecting permanent organization. The steps taken so far are merely preliminary. A temporary chairman and secretary have been elected and a committee of five appointed to outline the preliminary work. It is hoped that at the next meeting sufficient interest will be manifested to accomplish some thing in the way of permanent organization. There is certainly a fine field here for the building up of a useful and highly important civic organization. Useful to the state and society in that it will strengthen the bonds of fraternal feeling between the middle and younger generation of men and women in whose hands rest the fair fame of our beloved state, and important because it will add strength, dignity and purpose to each individual member thereof. The object of this organization is worthy of success and a little effort on the part of its promoters will make it a success.

The Willamette valley certainly has the most accommodating climate in the world, so far as the interests of the farming community is concerned. Precisely at the moment when the timorous old farmers think that short crops are a "sure thing" the invigorating and refreshing shower is sure to come along. Jupiter Pluvius always keeps his eye on the growing crops of the Oregon farmer, although other sections of the country may be dry and parched for want of rain. To be sure these periodically recurring showers are quite discouraging to picnics and other outdoor gatherings, but it is hard to arrange the eternal fitness of things to all the whims and caprices of man. Nature has to draw the line somewhere, and picnics and "sich like" must wear a gruesome aspect that the growing grain may thrive.

The ease with which the Japanese have established civil order out of the prevailing chaos in Formosa is evidence that these people possess the talent of civil government in a remarkable degree. The island of Formosa is very rich in natural resources, possessing a delightful climate and the possibilities of great future development. The population on the eastern coast is largely Chinese while on the western coast it is composed mostly of native savages. The Japanese will probably be compelled to employ the military arm of the government in bringing these savage tribes into complete subjection. This magnificent island will be useful to Japan in giving an outlet to the commercial energies of her people.

There is nothing clearer than that an American protectorate over the little Hawaiian republic is certain to be the policy of this government in the near future, public sentiment will force one of the great political parties to assume a strong Hawaiian policy. Indeed, public sentiment unquestionably favors annexation, but congress may refuse to go any further than declare a protectorate over those islands. The United States cannot permit this group of mid-Pacific islands to fall into the hands of a foreign power, and a protectorate is the only safeguard against such a contingency. The little republic is not strong enough to stand alone against the insidious aggressions of England and Japan, it must have the protection of the strong arm of the great republic.

A young groom of 20 and a bride of 15 are under arrest at Eugene for the crime of incest. They are first cousins and were recently married. In celebrating their nuptials they ignorantly violated the statutory law of 1893, which makes such marriage illegal and punishable as incestuous. While this young couple are deserving of sympathy there is no way for them to escape the legal consequences of their unfortunate act, for the law does not recognize ignorance as an extenuating plea. The parents of the couple claim that they were equally ignorant of any statutory prohibition as the contracting parties themselves. It is an unfortunate affair, but will probably be the means of enlightening others equally ignorant in regard to the status of our marriage laws.

**COMMENCEMENT WEEK.**  
 Highly Interesting Exercises at  
 The State Normal School.  
 GRADUATING CLASS OF 52 MEMBERS.

Planting of Class-trees—Field Day—  
 Brilliant Baccalaureate Sermon—  
 Eloquent Orations.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday the town began to fill up with students of former years, and Saturday evening they all seemed to enjoy themselves at the joint session of the societies. The four rating presidents of the societies took seats on the rostrum, and at about 8:30 p. m. the orchestra played a march and the societies marched in headed by their newly elected presidents. After they were seated the orchestra favored the audience with a selection.

Opening address by John McCue which was good and well delivered. Next was a solo by the baritone voice of the "Novello" quartette, via S. W. Doughty, who sang in his pleasing way and received a very hearty encore to which he responded with another song. Miss Marguerite L. Hill then delivered an oration entitled "Women of the West." In this Miss Hill did splendidly. The audience then listened to a solo, "The Last Muster," by Miss Parrish. She was brought back the second time. Miss Parrish has a very sweet voice and sings nicely.

A piano duet was given by Misses Carol Young and Emmine Bushnell. Rev. Gilbert of Eugene, made a short address which was well received. The quart, "O Tell Us Merry Birds," by Misses Cole and Wilds, was very much appreciated.

Miss Edith Percival read an essay, entitled, "Men Who Never Die." This was good and well enjoyed. The closing address was made by Miss Annie Olsen, after which the orchestra played another selection, then the chairs were cleared away and those who desired stayed and talked over old school days, etc.

Sunday morning by 9 o'clock people from far and near commenced gathering in the chapel to hear the Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Gilbert. The services began promptly at 11 o'clock. The class of '95 marched across to the west side of the stage; immediately following them was the faculty. After all had gotten to their places they were seated.

Services opened by a song by the Felix Quartette. The scripture lesson was read from Mat. 5 and Mark 9, followed by prayer. Miss Anna A. Siskler then sang a solo, followed by announcements by Pres. Campbell. Rev. W. S. Gilbert, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Eugene, arose and took his text from Luke 22:29. The audience listened to a good discourse. The services were closed by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Monday morning at 9 o'clock the students marched into the chapel to a selection played by the orchestra. The school sang a song after which Prof. Buckham read a scripture lesson and offered prayer. The Felix Quartette then favored the audience with a song. Pres. Campbell then made the announcements and delivered the farewell address in behalf of the faculty to the students. Chapel exercises closed with "America" by the school. At 2 p. m. the chapel was again filled to witness the exercises of class tree. The class met in room 9, marched in and took their places on the rostrum. Miss Minnie Harrington, president of the class, delivered an address which was well liked by all. Next came the "Class History" by Miss Nora Green followed by a solo, "The Dying Soldier Boy's Vision," by G. M. Frost. "Municipal Reform," by Hadley Barker, was very good indeed. Selection by the orchestra. Prophecy, by Mrs. Watson. A very excellent poem by Miss Lucy. Solo, "He Was Prince," by Miss Tillie Best. The orchestra played a march for the class to march out to the planting of the tree. A. E. Pender gave a very excellent address and the class sang their song, the words were composed by Misses Collins and Hill. At 8 p. m. the chapel was again crowded and the following programme rendered: Overture, Orchestra. Address of Welcome, Belle Lincoln. Response, Mr. McIntosh. Solo, John McCue. Recitation, Fannie Orr. Oration, O. A. Thornton. Solo, Miss Mattie Longacre. Recitation, Alice Savage Ketchum. Guitar Duet, Wm. and Frank McCaleb. Chorus, Ladies Glee Club.

in a victory for the latter. In the evening the advance class graduated. The following is the program of the evening: Music, Orchestra. Invocation, Prof. Buckham. Chorus, "Revel of the Leaves." Oration, "The Nicaraguan Canal," Luke Goodrich. Oration, "The Influence of Nature on Character," Helena Barck. Duet, "Silvery Echoes," Misses Butler and Lanamars. Oration, "Julius Caesar," Irving Vining. Solo, "The White Squall," S. W. Doughty. Oration, "The Heir of All the Ages," Marie Andrews. Oration, "May We Hope," Leslie Higgins. Cornet Solo, Selected, Frank Lucas. Presentation of Diplomas, Pre. P. L. Campbell. Chorus, "Fairy Land Waltz." The orations were good without an exception. S. W. Doughty and himself credit on his solo and received a very hearty encore.

WEDNESDAY. There was quite a large attendance at the chapel exercises on Wednesday. The program for the afternoon exercises was as follows: Everette March, Orchestra. "Isabella of Castile," Alice E. Eckerley. Duet, "New Life," Misses Wilds and Cole. "Know Thy Opportunity," H. E. Coleman. "Poverty Grass," Mary Collins. Violin solo, Air Varie, Miss Susie Pennell. Valedictory, "Not as Though Already Perfect," Maud Bayles. Address to class, Hon. O. F. Paxton. Solo, "The Spring Tide," Miss A. Siskler. Presentation of diplomas, Hon. G. M. Irwin, supt. public instruction. Charge to class, Pres. Campbell. Turco in Italy, Orchestra. The orations were all excellent, and the music was good—especially the duet and solos by Miss Wilds and Cole. Also the violin solo by Susie Pennell, and the orchestra did finely.

At the close of the afternoon exercises the juniors presented the seniors with a beautiful flower piece representing a harp. In well chosen words the president of the junior class—Miss Cole, made the presentation. Wednesday evening was the alumni exercises. Introduction of class '95, Pres. P. L. Campbell. Address of Welcome, J. B. V. Butler, Pres. Alumni Association. Response, Minnie Harrington. Poes, Class '95. Program as follows: Oration, "Men of the Pacific," W. A. Gilmore, '91. Recitation—Selected, Ida Maxwell, '89. Vocal Solo—Selected, Mattie Longacre. Poem, Jean McDaniel, '88. Annual Address, Leroy Lewis '89. Vocal Solo, "Thou Wondrous Youth," Miss Siskler. Music, Nolin Obligato. Benediction. Annual Banquet of the Alumni Association at the Normal Dining Hall.

The Alumni banquet which followed was partaken of by 170 persons and thoroughly enjoyed by all. A very pleasant time was had and the ties of friendship were more closely cemented. May they all return next year and meet again. HEX & REX. SUVER.

Farmers are busy getting ready for hay harvest. Frank Bowers, our city blacksmith, is busy repairing old mowers and binders. R. W. Steele delivered steam engine to some Albany parties last Friday, to whom he had sold it. Henry made a pleasant visit to Buena Vista last Sunday. There will be church services at Suver next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. Grant and Albert take a great deal of pleasure in visiting Mountain View on Sundays. Some people are so stupid as to wonder what the attraction can be. One of our Suver boys, Bob is his name, says that he can stand "a cold shoulder" every Sunday, and even twice a week if necessary. The West Side correspondent from these parts occasionally throws in a peculiar item, one without pith, point or brevity. ANTHONY.

DALLAS. Our bicyclists have been successful in getting their track in order for racing. Rev. Swackhammer commenced a revival meeting at Liberty Sunday. The rose fair was a grand success, as there was about \$65 taken in. The Dallas band has been hired to play at Salem on the fourth. Mrs. Josephine Boyd, from near Dixie, was visiting at Uncle Cary Embree's Tuesday.

Several parties in this city are making improvements on their residences. Several families of this city are talking of going to the coast to spend a few weeks. Prof. W. I. Reynolds went to Yamhill county the first of the week. The Christian church people will commence holding campmeeting at Turner this week. Several parties from here are expecting to attend. A man from Salem has been here selling strawberries at 75cts a crate. Several Dallas people attended commencement exercises at Monmouth and Salem Wednesday. Rev. J. S. Futrell preached at Dixie Sunday. Work has commenced on the Methodist church building. There has recently been some wool buyers in Dallas who are offering 12 and 12½ cents a pound. The populists of Dallas met at the Chapen hotel Saturday evening and organized a club, to be known as the "Independent Club." The club will meet every Saturday evening in the Grange hall. The following officers were elected: J. C. Adams, chairman; Clyde Embree, secretary; Thomas Cleary, treasurer.

Sunday evening the people of the M. E. church gave an entertainment for the purpose of raising missionary money. It was quite a success and the children did their parts nicely. GROVER.

MONMOUTH. We understand that the Monmouth Mercantile Co. are going to move their stock of goods to Independence, we are sorry to leave them, but they think they can do better there than here. There will be another firm occupy the same building. Mrs. Line-In Murphy is enjoying a visit from her sister Miss Anna Powell, of Albany. Miss Powell came down on her wheel Monday morning and is very enthusiastic in its praises. It has ned enough to lay the dust for cement, we hope it will be good weather until it is over. Prof. Ginn and wife enjoyed a visit from his mother, brother and wife, of Dallas, Wednesday last. Mrs. Epley with her father and mother, Judge Shaw and wife, of Salem, made glad the hearts of relatives and friends by spending a few days among them the forepart of the week. Miss Birdie Cole is happy on account of her mother's presence this week, Mrs. Cole comes from Aurora, Oregon. HEX & REX.

One More Important Enterprise. A magnificent new two-story brick will soon rear its palatial front on the corner where now stands the Gem saloon. Banker J. S. Cooper is making arrangements for the construction of the finest business block in the city, a building that will be a credit to the town and a source of pride and revenue to its owner. We understand that work will begin on the new building as soon as material can be obtained, and the entire structure is to be completed and ready for occupancy September 1. The building will be the handsomest block in the city when completed, modern in style and arrangements and adorned with a French plate glass front. The foundation is to be 28x148½ feet, and the building two-stories high with a 50 feet front elevation. The dry goods department will be

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Regular church services both morning and evening at the M. E. church. Sunday school at 10 a. m. A. T. Mosier, proprietor of the Independence Coffee house, has shaken the dust of our streets from his feet and skipped for parts unknown. It was decided by the annual G. A. R. Encampment now in session at Oregon City to hold their next annual reunion at Independence. Our citizens feel quite elated over the announcement, although the event is a year hence. We are pleased to note the increasing popularity throughout the country of S. I. Hirota as a lecturer.—Pacific University Index. Grasshoppers are said to be doing great damage to growing crops in the vicinity of Lexington and Lone. Be sure to hear Sam I. Hirota Saturday night at the Congregational church, on Japanese life, education, religion and the late Japan and Chinese war.

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