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JULY 30, 1886.

NO. 18.

English physician French, sixty...

and vigorous life which has annually flowed into Oregon for nearly half a century...

At eleven o'clock the members formed in procession, arranged in the order of the year of their arrival and marched through the city to the park just above...

A brief resume of the history of the pioneers will show by what undeniable right they thus annually gather to celebrate their event into this country and commemorate the deeds and events which wrested Oregon from foreign domination...

Persons, who, owing to the supposed impossibility of crossing the mountains with wagons, brought no vehicles with them. The same year twenty-three families of French-Canadian were brought by the Hudson Bay Company from their settlements on Red river with the design of using them to counteract the effect of American settlements...

In the spring and summer of 1843 these pioneer settlers held a series of meetings at which a temporary form of government was adopted, purely democratic in principle. A few weeks after this the great immigration of 1843 arrived, consisting of three hundred men upwards of sixteen years of age, with women and children sufficient to make a total of about eight hundred. These immigrants brought wagons as far as Fort Hall, where they were advised, as formerly, to leave them; but Dr. Whitman was with the party, and upon his earnest solicitation and assurance that the wagons could be taken through the advice of the Hudson Bay Company agent was rejected, and in consequence the wagons were brought through to the Willamette valley, though with infinite difficulty...

In speaking of the pioneers it is meet that honorable mention should be made of one who was the pioneer's friend and aid in times of need, the venerable Dr. John McLoughlin, whose portrait is given on page two hundred and twenty-three. He came to Oregon in 1824 to manage the affairs of the Hudson Bay Company on the Pacific coast, and continued in that capacity until he retired from the service of the company and became an American citizen. The contest between the settlers and the great monopoly for the possession of this region naturally engendered bitter feelings, and the odium in which the company was held naturally attached to its resident officers, or whom Dr. McLoughlin was the chief. The policy of the company was to discourage the settlement of Americans in this country, even to the extent of refusing them commercial privileges necessary almost to their existence; but the chief factor must be dissociated entirely from the company in this matter, since he failed utterly to carry out this heartless policy. He was ever the sympathizing friend of the needy pioneer, and liberally aided him when in distress; and when called to account, in 1844, for not enforcing the company's policy of withholding from American settlers all assistance whatever, resigned his position and became nearly penniless, because of being held personally responsible for the debts he had permitted many destitute immigrants to contract at the company's store. His was a grand and noble character, and his memory is honored throughout Oregon by those who chanced to know him well. Dr. McLoughlin died on the third of September, 1857, at the advanced age of seventy-three, and a stone marks his last resting place in the Catholic church yard at Oregon City.

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From Althouse.

JULY 21.

Rattlesnakes large and plenty this hot weather. On Sunday, George Hook while on his way from his claim to Beach and Platter's met his snakeship on the trail. The creature was of a too inquisitive turn of mind, and Hook, not wishing to have any closer acquaintance with so unpleasant a neighbor, gave him the full strength of his arm and the weight of a stout oak stick, which so demoralized the creature that Hook cut off his jinglers, seven in number, and brought them to the store as a trophy of his victory. On Sunday week, Ciscol and the Giradelli brothers went across the mountain to Indian creek, and on their way they met with and killed one of the largest snakes seen in these parts for some time. It was about four and a half feet in length, and as thick as a man's leg, not a dude's, but a good stately looking underpin for any man to stomp around on. Well, they put a rifle ball through two coils of Mr. Snake and, wonderful to relate, they found that he had swallowed a whole jack rabbit, ears and all. They took from this monster, ten rattles and a button.

A BEAR FIGHT IN JOHNSON'S GULCH. Johnny Geradelli was out hunting the other day in the thick brush of this section and quite unexpectedly came upon a large black bear. Now Johnny is an old hunter and kills his bears every fall for winter meat; but in this hot weather, smaller game is more to his liking, so he took off his hat, bowed politely to the black gentleman and told him to move on; as his room was better than his company at that time. Brevin was not of the same opinion and began to talk pretty rough and showed his teeth rather too plainly to be misunderstood. There was no mistaking the signs of the times here, for on came Mr. Bear. Johnny retreated for a space, got his tree and brought his repeater to his shoulder in good time to send a bullet smashing through the creature's brain, and a second shot finished the battle and Geradelli returned home with one more bear's scalp to grace his wigwag. It is not often that the black bear shows fight unless you wound their cubs. I presume this old lady had her cubs stowed away in some old tree close at hand and that was why she was so cankerous.

During the past week it has been too hot to think, eat or sleep. TRAVELER.

The quakers have spent \$40,000 during the past year in mission work in Madagascar.

A fishing party from Chicago captured a sea turtle in Narragansett bay, weighing 1,000 pounds.

The late Chicago school census shows that less than one-fourth of the population is of American origin.

The Massachusetts legislature passed a law forbidding the sale of tobacco to persons under sixteen years of age.

The Mississippi Agricultural college has a chair of dairy husbandry, and has just graduated a class of butter and cheese makers.

Two women, aged 104 and 77 years, respectively, were recently arrested at Louisville, Ky., for fighting. The eldest one held her own for some time, but the youth of the other finally triumphed and 104 was knocked flat.