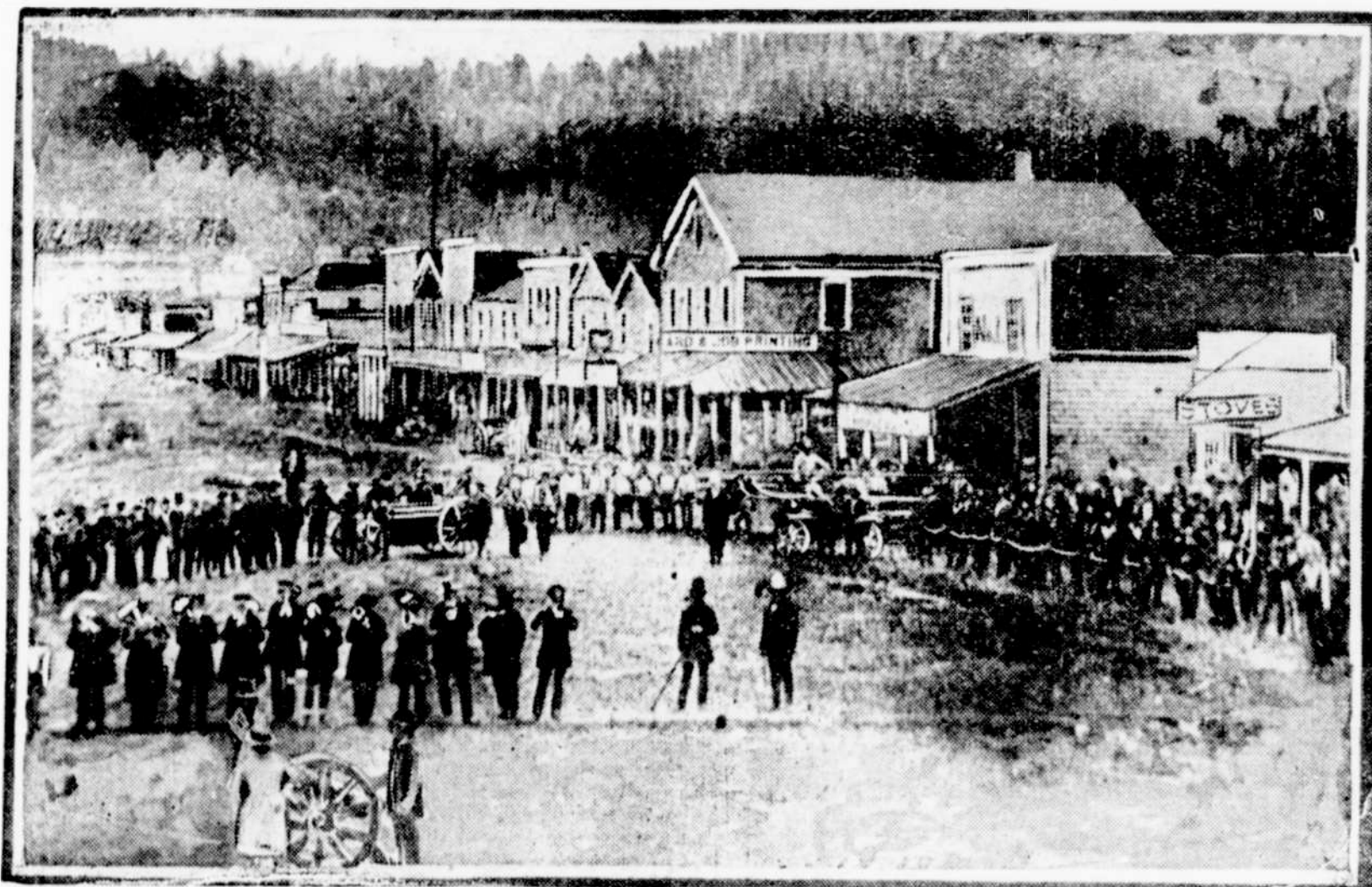


Birthday Greetings to Oregon

75 Years ago, on February 14, 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union. John Whiteaker was the first governor. In these 75 years Oregon has grown from a wilderness to one of the most beautiful states in the Union. We can do wonders here, we have everything anyone could ask for, scenery, climate, good roads, good schools and in fact everything we need to make it an ideal place to live. Let us all get together and boost for our State. We can do wonders if we will. Let's get some of the California spirit.

PORTLAND'S ALL TOO EARLY STATEHOOD CELEBRATION



The boys got out the band and the fire ladders and shot a cannon at the corner of Front and Washington streets on June 22, 1858, in celebration of Oregon's admission to the Union. It was a bit premature, however, as the statehood bill had only passed the United States senate. Oregon was admitted to the Union February 14, 1859, 75 years ago Wednesday—Courtesy Journal.

Chronological Table of Oregon History

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| 1765—First use of the name Oregon (or "Ouragon") by Major Roberts, in petition to King George III to explore territory in search of Northwest passage. | 1843—Great immigration started: first wagons westward from Fort Hall. |
| 1774—July 18 Perez reaches 54 degrees, 40' North. | —May 2, beginning of provisional government at meeting at Chamboos; first American government on the Pacific Coast. |
| 1775—August 17, Hegets at mouth of Columbia. | —July 5, first counties established: Champcoos (Macon), Clackamas, Tuality (Washington) and Yamhill. |
| 1778—Captain James Cook first Englishman to visit Oregon. | 1845—June 3, George Abernethy first provisional governor, takes office. |
| 1792—May 11, Capt. Robert Gray, American, enters Columbia, gives it his ship's name. | 1846—Treaty with Great Britain establishes Oregon title and sets northern boundary at 49 degrees N. |
| 1792-4—Capt. George Vancouver maps the Pacific Northwest, gives names to 75 mountains, bays, capes and sounds. | (Concluded June 15; proclaimed by president August 5.) |
| 1793—July—Alexander Mackenzie first to reach the Pacific overland. | —Joe Meek's explorations open southerly route to Oregon. |
| 1803—Louisiana Purchase brings United States territory to Oregon boundaries. | 1847—November 29, the Whitman massacre. |
| 1805—November 7 Lewis and Clark expedition reaches the Pacific. | 1848—August 14, Oregon territory established. |
| 1813—December 12, Astoria becomes Fort George under British flag. | 1849—March 3, Joseph Lane, first territorial governor, takes office. |
| 1818—October 6, Astoria again under United States flag. | 1851—Portland incorporated by territorial legislature. |
| —First joint occupancy treaty with Great Britain. | —April 7, H. D. O'Bryen elected first mayor at municipal election. |
| 1819—Treaty with Spain fixes California's northern boundary at 42 degrees N. | —December 15, first free public school in Portland. |
| 1824—American treaty with Russia limits latter's southern boundary to 54 degrees 40' N. | 1853-9—Indian Wars. |
| 1825—Fort Vancouver founded by Hudson's Bay company. | 1857—August and September constitutional convention at Salem. Ratified by popular vote on second Monday of November. |
| 1827—Second joint occupancy treaty with Great Britain. | 1859—February 14, Oregon admitted as a state. |
| 1828—Jedediah S. Smith enters Oregon from California. July 14 Smith and two others survive Indian massacre. | —March 3, John Whiteaker becomes first state governor. |
| 1829—Location at Willamette Falls (Oregon City) by Hudson's Bay Co. | 1869—May 10, transcontinental Union and Central Pacific railroads connected. |
| 1834—Methodist mission established in Willamette valley under Jason Lee. | 1873—August, great fire in Portland. |
| 1836—Whitman and Spalding missions established. | 1902—June 2, constitutional amendment providing initiative and referendum adopted. |
| 1842—Oregon Institute (Willamette University) first west of the Rocky Mountains organized at Salem. | 1905—Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition in Portland. |

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