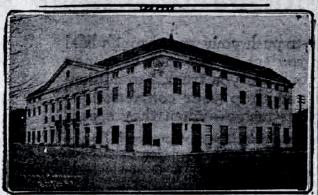
OLD WASCO COUNTY PIONEERS FORM UNIQUE ORGANIZATION

ociation to Promote Old-time Friendship and Seek Preservation of Historic Spots in Eastern Oregon.



New Auditorium At The Deller



Old Fort Dalles Historical Museum

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THE DALLES, Or., May 6.—(Special)—The 'sth anniversary of Founders' day, May 2, witnessed the birth of a unique organization at The Dalles to be known as the Old Wasco County. Ploneers' association. The call was issued by Mrs. Lulu D. Crandall at the request of the Old Fort Dalles Historical society to those residents of Wasco county from January 11, 1854 to 1832, when the ties of the first railroad across the continent were laid to Portland.
Old Fort Dalles, then a primitive postoffice called "Wascopam," an Indian mame meaning 'basin containing a spring," was the end of the "Oregon Trail" and the county seat of what was undoubtedly the largest county ever known in history.

Wasco county then embraced all of eastern Oregon, territory south of the 48th parallel from the summit of the Rocky mountains, or nearly twice the amount of territory that now comprises Oregon, its area being 130,000 square miles. It contained most of Idaho and a section of Wyoming durare miles. It contained most of Idaho and a section of Wyoming durare miles. It contained most of Idaho and a section of Wyoming durare miles. It contained most of Idaho and a section of Wyoming durare miles. It contained most of Idaho and a section of Wyoming durare miles. It contained most of Idaho and a section of wyoming durare miles. It contained most of Idaho and a section of wyoming durare miles. It contained most of Idaho and wyoming.

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Judge Fred Wilson, sen of a su-preme judge of Oregon's earliest days, and whose mother, was postmis-tress at The Dalies, recalled the fact that the fine new auditorium in which they held their meeting stood ever historic ground that had sen the arrival and departure of pony express riders and old-time state coaches.

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Clear and true came the notes of "America." "Old Lang Syne," and "Out Where the West Regins," while the pledge to the flag was thrilling in its beautiful solemnity and significance.

The initial enrollment consisted of 223 members and May 2 was chosen as the date for their yearly meeting. By unanimous consent the following prominent Dailes people were elected officers: Judge Fred Wilson, president: Mrs. Benton Mays, vice-president: R. E. Williams, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Luiu D. Crandall, historian.

The purpose of the association will be to restore as much as possible the friendssip and hospitality of bygone days, and to lend its influence and inspiration toward a preservation in such form of historic spots in eastern Oregon that the present and future generations, journeying peacefully along the highways of the west, may pause a moment in recognition of the fact that they became so through the courage, the sacrifice has very heart's blood of their ancestors, for them.