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TO THE UNION: HELD UNDER THE  
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Hon. LAFAYETTE GROVER, Portland	- - - - -	*1850
Hon. WILLIAM H. PACKWOOD, Baker City	- - - - -	*1849

\*Date of arrival in Oregon.

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### ON BEHALF OF THE SENATE.

HON. M. A. MILLER, Linn County.

HON. W. C. CHASE, Coos and Curry Counties.

### ON BEHALF OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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### ON BEHALF OF THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

FREDERICK V. HOLMAN, President, Portland.

GEORGE H. HIMES, Assistant Secretary, Portland.



## INTRODUCTORY.

As the Legislature of 1907 made no provision for observing the Semi-Centennial of the Statehood of Oregon, and as the Legislature of 1909 would not convene until January 11th, on June 26th, 1908, the Board of Directors of the Oregon Historical Society called a special meeting for July 1st, "To consider and take action on celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Admission of Oregon as a State into the Union."

At this meeting Frederick V. Holman, President of the Historical Society, was appointed a committee of one to secure a speaker for that occasion. He performed that duty by corresponding with a number of distinguished gentlemen in different portions of the states east of the Rocky Mountains, and at length, about the first of December, secured the consent of Hon. Frederick N. Judson, LL. D., an eminent lawyer of St. Louis, Mo., to prepare the anniversary address. Meanwhile President Holman laid the matter of this celebration before Governor George E. Chamberlain, briefly outlining the purposes of the Society in thus taking the initiative in this matter, and also apprised him of what had been done. The Governor heartily approved the action of the Society in the premises, and agreed to do what he could in securing the co-operation of the Legislature in the proposed celebration.

The Legislature convened in its Twenty-fifth Biennial Session on Monday, January 11, 1909, whereupon House Joint Resolution No. 1 was introduced by Hon. C. N. McArthur, Speaker of the House, as follows:

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1.

Whereas, the fiftieth anniversary of the admission of Oregon to the Union occurs on the 14th day of February, 1909, and  
Whereas, the appropriate observance of such anniversary is conducive to creating and upbuilding a true commonwealth spirit, fostering a zealous study of its institutions by its people, and promoting patriotism; therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:*

That the State Senate and House of Representatives meet in joint assembly on the 15th day of February, at the hour of

4 P. M., for the purpose of holding appropriate exercises commemorating the said fiftieth anniversary of the admission of Oregon to the Union; and

*Be it further resolved*, that the members of the Oregon Historical Society and residents of the State generally, be invited to attend and participate in said exercises; and

*Be it further resolved*, that a committee of three on the part of the House and two on the part of the Senate be appointed to arrange the details for said exercises.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State February 25, 1909.

This resolution was adopted by the House on January 22d, in compliance with which Speaker McArthur appointed Representatives J. L. Carter, of Hood River, L. M. Davis, of Multnomah, and Louis E. Bean, of Lane, as a committee on celebration on the part of the House.

This resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 22d, pursuant to which President Jay Bowerman appointed Senators M. A. Miller, of Linn County, and W. A. Chase, of Coos and Curry counties, as a committee on behalf of the Senate to co-operate with the House committee.

A meeting of the joint committees of both houses, together with the committee from the Oregon Historical Society, was called by Representative Carter, chairman of the House committee, for Monday evening, January 25th, at the Capitol. The three committees met at 8 o'clock P. M. in the office of Hon. J. C. Moreland, Clerk of the Supreme Court, and organized by electing Senator Miller chairman and Representative Chase secretary.

The chairman called upon President Holman, of the Oregon Historical Society, to state what had been done by him as chairman of the committee of that body, and was informed that Hon. Frederick N. Judson, a distinguished lawyer of St. Louis, had been secured to deliver the principal address.

A programme of exercises was then prepared as follows:

Music	McELROY'S BAND
Calling to order and introduction of the President of the day	Hon. Jay Bowerman, President of the Senate
Prayer	Rev. W. R. BISHOP, Portland
Address of Welcome	Gov. GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN
Address	FREDERICK V. HOLMAN, Portland, President Oregon Historical Society
Address to Oregon Pioneers	Hon. GEORGE H. WILLIAMS, Portland
Music	McELROY'S BAND
Anniversary Address	Hon. FREDERICK N. JUDSON, LL. D., St. Louis, Mo.
Music	McELROY'S BAND

As February 14th, the Anniversary Day, came on Sunday, it was decided that the commemorative exercises should be held on the day following, February 15th.

Representative Davis and George H. Himes, a member of the committee of the Oregon Historical Society, were appointed a committee on invitations, and the following form was submitted and adopted, with instructions that it be an engraved invitation:

*The Legislative Assembly  
State of Oregon  
and the  
Oregon Historical Society  
cordially invite you to attend the Celebration  
of the  
Fiftieth Anniversary  
of the Admission of Oregon to the Union  
to be held in the Capitol, Salem  
on Monday, February the fifteenth  
One thousand nine hundred and nine  
at three o'clock*

*M. A. Miller*

*Chairman Senate Committee of Arrangements*

*J. L. Carter*

*Chairman House Committee of Arrangements*

*Frederick V. Holman*

*President Oregon Historical Society*

Mr. Himes was appointed a committee of one to superintend the engraving of the invitations, and to send out the same. Nine hundred and fifty were printed and they were mailed as follows:

President and Vice-President of the United States.  
President and Vice-President elect.  
Members of the Cabinet.  
Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States.  
Governors of the United States.  
Surviving members of the Constitutional Convention.  
Surviving members of the first State Legislature.  
Ex-State officials of Oregon now living.  
Present State officials.  
Pioneers, Indian war veterans and other citizens.  
Principal historical societies of the United States.