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### DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORY **Epitomized Review Of** Its Origin And Progress **Answers Many Requests**

"Editor's note: The following is a review of Douglas county history prepared by City Manager M. W. Slankard, who recently wrote a series of articles on Noseburg's past for The News Review.)

#### By M. W. SLANKARD

loseburg City Manage

Considerable interest has been shown in the recent past history of Roseburg. Numerous requests have been received regarding the past history of Douglas county. Few people who now reside here have any idea of what transpired when the county was first formed.

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Fur Trappers Come First

Before the organizing of Doug-las county many hardships had

overcome. There were many Indian wars through the many Indian wars through the years preceding 1850. The Indi-ans, themselves being warlike, had many large-scale battles be-tween themselves. Before the coming of the "white people," the Indians of the Rogue river and the Umpqua were finally overcome by a large tribe known as the Klickitat warriors, from beyond the Columbia river. There were many tribes in

There were many tribes in Southern Oregon, which now em-braces the five counties of Doug-las, Coos, Jackson, Josephine and Curry. This area was one of the most thickly populated by hostile reds before the "whites" came and it was the hardest to clean

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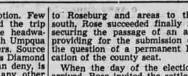
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OUT OUR WAY

The first whites in Douglas county (or of the area which was later to become Douglas coun-ty) were fur trappers of the Hud-nor Bay communication of the Hud-<text> qua is beyond description. Few people have completed the trip from the coast to the headwa-ters of either the North Umpqua or South Umpqua rivers. Source of the North Umpqua is Diamond lake, which, no one can deny, is as pretty a place as any other in the United States. Becarded bistory of Southern



NOW LISTEN -- THINK

cation of the county seat. When the day of the election arrived, Rose invited the settlers of Lookingglass valley, who also aspired to have the county seat, to accept his hospitalities. Rose's generosity so worked upon the feelings of his guests that they went in a body to the polls and voted in favor of Roseburg. La-ter, the whole town of Winches-ter was "moved bodily" to Rose-burg. burg.

The growth of Douglas County

The growth of Douglas County has been steady. The valuation in 1855 was \$908,456; the popula-tion 587. In 1853 the valuation was \$3,087,564. Indians Driven Out In 1852, the areas of Looking-glass, Olalla, Tenmile and Camas suffered considerably in Indian wars. A body of Umpqua Indians living en Lookingglass creek numbered 64. Citizens of the area struck the first blow, killed eight and drove the remainder out of the area. The Indians returned later and stole stock and burned buildings. This was perhaps the last in-stance where a real outbreak took place, where considerable blood was spilled. The Iand on which now stands Myrile Creek was purchased in 1851 for one yoke of oxen. In 1862 the site was surveyed and divided into lots. The town was started soon after, by the erec-tion of a store. A sawmill using water power was erected in 1872. The saws cut 5,000 feet of lum-ber daily. glass, Myrtle Creek, Canyonville and Roseburg. Though Winchester was desig-nated the county seat and was the largest settlement within the limits of the county, it had from he start a strong rival. Aaron Rose had laid out the town of Roseburg, and being a wide-awake, energette man, he began at once to secure for his city honors and advantages which ac-crue to a town possessing the water power was erected in 1872. The saws cut 5,000 feet of lum-

crue to a town possessing the distinction of being a county seat. Roseburg Wins Election Aided by the influx of people

water power was erected in 1872. The saws cut 5,000 feet of lum-ber daily. A little stream known as Coun-cll creek near Riddle was the scene of signing of a peace treaty with Indians of the area. Riddle was referred to at times as Rid-dleburg. However, Riddle was the official name. In 1882, the Or-egon and California R. R. termin-ated in that "lively" town. Towns Spring Up Canyonville was a most impor-tant town, as it was a terminat-ing point on the old stage route between Oregon and California. In 1852 it had a log house and blacksmith shop. The town was made into a townsite in 1858. La-ter a grist mill was installed, with a daily capacity of 24 bar-rels of flour a day. Oakland in the early 50s was the most progressive city. There were two townsites one known as "Old Town" and the present town being the original town center. Oakland, too, was a donation claim. In 1881 the two distinct towns consolidated and went on to become the fine city it is to-day. Drain was a major trading cen-

By J. R. Williams

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#### Irishman Hints At Force Probability To Get Ulster **Receipt Near Safe**

May Clear Up **18 Burglaries** 

SEATTLE, Nov. 22. — (#) —A crumpled service station receipt, found nearly two months ago near a burglarized safe in near-by Maple valley, led to the round-up of five persons suspected of is ourgarises throughout Western Washington.

Washington. The last two of the five sus-pects were arrested Sunday in Salt Lake City where Chief of King county detectives Adam Ly-skoski and Seattle Detective Kenneth W. Thomas had watch-ed for five days to grab the pair when they showed for an appoint-ment rendezvous with the other trio. Store Ownership Has

Its First "Birthday"

Close to 150 neighbors and friends of Frank and Lea Web-ster helped them celebrate the first "birthday" of their owner-ship of the Mill street store at 805 S. Mill street last Tuesday. The Websters came to Rose-burg from Bandon, where they ran a theater for seven years. Webster also served in the South Pacific for two years during the recent war. Arrested Sunday were Mel-in James Taylor and Frank Hughey. Both have waived ex-radition and will be brought to eattle,

Seattle. Held in the county jall here were Bob Cameron, an escapee from the state penitentiary at Walla Walla; Willard L. Meilrath and a 17-year-old youth. No for-mal charge has been filed again-st Cameron, who fied the peni-tentiary in January. Taylor, Hughey and Meilrath are parole convicts police said. They and the 17-year-old boy have been charged with second degree burglary in connection with burglarizing the Blading and James company premises here Sept. 21. The crumpled service station Pacific for two years during the recent war. The Websters cut a large birth-day cake and served other re-freshments at the party. The store had been in business 40 years. It was purchased Nov. 15, 1948, by the Websters.

here Sept. 21. The crumpled service station receipt was found near an aban-doned and burglarized safe by County Detective Johnny Augus-tavo. It bore an automobile li-cense which Lyskoski and Tho-mas traced to a "Gordon Mar-shall." It turned out to be Cam-eron

 PITTSBURGH -(#) General

 Thomas Barry, hero of the rebellon that preceded Ireland's In Mereda Sin 

 Idependence, says his countrymen are willing to fight to regain the six British-controlled counties of Northern Ireland.
 We will probably have to use the same methods in Ulster (northern Ireland)."

 The six counties have remained under British supervision since Ireland declared her independence 20 years and and the count sy was partitioned by England.
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 Speaking here at an anti-partition rally of the United Irish so tietes of western Pennsylvanis, General Barry said:
 "We had to take the 26 counties of southern Ireland by force."

 ern Ireland)." General Barry, who is on a month-long tour of the U.S., said the Irish government has set aside \$100,000,000 to buy guns, adding: "We have all the money we need. Our air force is weak and our navy han only a few sloops but we have the manpower where it counts."

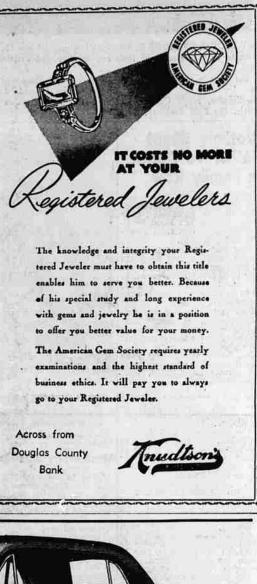
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#### to Roseburg and areas to the south, Rose succeeded finally in securing the passage of an act providing for the submission of the question of a permanent lo-cation of the county seat. When the day of the election of The county the providing has 25. Last GAR Commander Today the population has increased to an estimated 55,000. United With Children The timber has brought in new people and has provided new in-PORTLAND-(P)-Theodore A. dustry and work for these family for an and a spectral and a spectral family for the family for an and the spectral family for the second spectral family fa

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