

OLD OREGON TRAIL MONUMENT DEDICATED

MEMORABLE ACT OF MEMORABLE TIMES

HUNDREDS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN PRESENT

The laying of the monument to perpetuate the memory of the Oregon trail, took place yesterday afternoon. Ezra Meeker, the inspiration of the movement, pulled his ox team and "prairie schooner" in front of the United States Land Office, and hundreds of people gathered round about. At two o'clock Captain Meeker gave the marching order and the procession started. Upon arriving at the High School, eight hundred children joined in and proceeded to the site selected where the old trail started up over the hill above the old town.

At the proper time Miss Naomi Williamson, a granddaughter of the early pioneers, unveiled the monument which bore the inscription "Old Oregon Trail, 1843-'57." The school children sang "America," followed by a few remarks by Ezra Meeker who introduced the orator of the day, Turner Oliver, who spoke as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

"Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war" and we are met here today to celebrate a great achievement of humanity which called forth heroism not less worthy of emulation than that shown on the fields of battle, and achieved results for the race, the magnitude of which we can hardly contemplate. It takes heroism of a certain type to face the marshalled hosts of battle and on a wave of enthusiasm be carried to the cannon's mouth; but it takes a higher type of heroism to take wife and child and all that is dear to man on earth and tread an unknown path through thousands of miles of wilderness, inhabited only by blood-thirsty savages, knowing that if the traveler and his family escape massacre on the long journey he must face poverty, and possibly starvation, before he reaches his destination. Yet such was the type of heroism that traversed the deserts and wilderness of the West and established civilization in this great country by the sun down sea.

In the first half century about the only white people that inhabited this country were the fur traders of the Hudson Bay Company, who claimed the territory as British, and a few straggling traders who were induced to come West by John Jacob Astor, and who claimed the country for United States. It is true that Gray, a Yankee skipper, discovered the mouth of Columbia, and Lewis and Clark explored the river to its source, but the earliest population was largely British, and the only way the territory was held for America was by settling the same and establishing local government, and this was accomplished by the pioneer heroes who suffered every hardship while toiling their wearisome way over this trail, and through the "Oregon Country."

Today we dedicate this monument on the side of the hill overlooking the thriving city of La Grande and the magnificent Grande Ronde valley to the memory of those daring souls who braved so many hardships and accomplished so great results. Not all who traveled this weary journey across the plains reached their destination, but if an enduring monument could have been erected at the grave of each who died on this long journey there would be no need today of recalling to memory the old trail and marking its course by monuments, because there would be a string of monuments from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean; for the old trail was lined by the graves of dead, some of whom were slain by the Indians, others by hardship too great for the human constitution to bear, but like Caesar's soldiers, they died facing the task they were accomplishing, and in all that struggle no man was "hit in the back" or died looking backward, but fell with his face toward the setting sun.

At the south end of Third Street in La Grande are eighteen or twenty graves of as many heroes. In the early 60's these graves could be located by pieces of wagon tire set up at the head and foot, but these tiny iron monuments have long ago mingled with the dust which they covered, and the thoughtless throng tread above their graves without ever realizing that they are on sacred soil.

The earliest record we have of white people passing through Grande Ronde valley was the Hunt party of the Astor expedition. This party, consisting of thirty-two men, one woman and two children, reached the valley near where Union now stands in the latter part of December, 1811. They had made a desperate effort to pass down Snake river, but had met with obstacles in the Box canyon which even their iron nerves, and stubborn will could not overcome. They turned westward, nearly famished with hunger, with nothing to eat but a little parched corn, and reached the Grande Ronde valley on the 29th of December. They had toiled through snow waist deep in places, and that night Dorien's Indian



MR. AND MRS. BEN BROWN
The First Settlers of Grande Ronde Valley

wife gave birth to a baby boy, the first child with Caucasian blood in its veins that was born in all this region. The rest of the company toiled on and found a camp of Shoshone Indians on the Grande Ronde river, probably at Probstel's crossing, where they bought a cayuse and a dog, on the flesh of which they feasted and spent New Year's day, 1812, in jollity and mirth. Dorien with his wife and three children caught up with the party here and struggled westward through the snow and about the 6th of January reached an Indian camp on the Umatilla river where they found plenty of horses and provisions, but Dorien's infant child succumbed to the hardship and was buried on the western slope of the Blue mountains.

In February, 1827, Captain Bonneville also, struggled down Snake River, trying to reach the friendly Nez Perces, but he also got stuck in the Box Canyon and turned westward. He gives a very good description of the Grande Ronde valley, but the snow in the Blue Mountains was too deep and he could not cross them. He returned to Snake River and struggled over the precipitous mountains from the mouth of Powder River to the mouth of the Imnaha and found shelter with the Nez Perce Indians; but from that time on the fact seemed established that the Powder River mountains and the Snake River gorge were impassible and the whole tide of immigration rolled over this trail. The interper Jason Lee passed this way. Whitman and his people also. Whitman made his wonderful winter journey across the continent over this trail, as did Joseph Meek. And, indeed, most of the heroes who forged this monument-waith in the wilderness passed over the ground where this monument stands.

In 1858 the last battle with the Indians was fought just east of La Grande from where the La Grande Flouring Mill now stands, to the Caviness place. The remnant of the hostiles which escaped from this battle were pursued and destroyed in a cliff of rocks about a mile south of the city of Union. Every school boy at Union has made expeditions to "Indian Cliff" in search of arrow heads and other relics, but few of them know when or how it got its name.

One of the most beautiful pieces of natural scenery in the world is the Grande Ronde valley as viewed from the mountains either on the south or the west. A lover of nature who has traveled much, told me last year that in all his travels throughout the world he had seen nothing to compare with this in beauty, except Bingen on the Rhine.

When the weary traveler had toiled over sagebrush plains and deserts for five or six months from the Missouri river, drinking alkali water, and subsisting on stale food, hauled in his "prairie schooner" from "the States," with occasionally some game he could kill or fish he could catch on the journey, he was filled with delight when his weary oxen came out onto the bald hill just east

of the mouth of Ladd Canyon, and he saw this beautiful panorama stretched out before him, the camper's paradise, with plenty of good wood, pure water, and grass waist high, his heart bounded within him, hope sprang exultant within his breast, the blood rushed through his veins with greater vim, and when he reached the valley he was sure to camp and rest up for a few days, and give his jaded team a chance to refresh also.

Many a weary traveler longingly wished to make this his home, but it was an oasis in a desert, a beauty spot in the wilderness, and he could live here only as the savage lives, without means of commerce, and with no settlement within three hundred miles. Necessity compelled him to move forward to the Willamette valley where the immigrants were concentrating and establishing community life and the institutions of civilization, so that, while this beautiful valley was discovered and traversed a hundred years ago, yet the first settlement was made here less than fifty years ago. And it is a remarkable fact that the first settler in this valley, the man who built the first house, who plowed the first furrow, is with us today; hale, hearty, and looking less than sixty years old. Let honor be given to Ben Brown, "our Uncle Ben," who has been a vigorous and useful citizen of this valley ever since he took the initial step in home building. All honor to the hardy pioneers of civilization who struggled over this trail to establish homes, churches, schools and civilization in these western wilds; and may this monument, and the others that are being erected along the line of this old trail, through the efforts of that honored pioneer, Ezra Meeker, serve to call to the minds of future generations the struggles and hardships of our pioneer forefathers in winning this wilderness to American civilization.

Concluding the address, "Columbia" was rendered by the hundreds present, and the scene, aside from its historical significance, was one that will never be forgotten.

D. WITHYCOMBE

Dr. Withycombe, who is a candidate for governor, was in the city today. He is making a clean energetic canvass and has gained strength every day during the campaign. Being well known personally to a large number of voters, and having a reputation that stands for equality to all, when the votes are counted one week from next Friday night, not a few will be surprised if the nomination does not fall his way. There is no disguising the fact that he will receive a handsome vote in this county.

LARGE MEMBERSHIP

Thirty-three representatives from 17 counties will attend the State Grange at Albany, May 22, according to an official list prepared by Mrs. Mary S. Howard, state secretary of the Patrons of Husbandry. Her list shows that Oregon contains 98 granges, with a total of 5440 members.

VEVUSIVUS ACTIVE.

for Naples, Tourists, and especially Americans, are rushing to the seat of danger instead of keeping away from it.

There is gloom in every niche of the city today. Refugees parading bearing lighted candles and chanting and expressing their grief and despair. The inmates of the observatory telegraphed late this afternoon saying that their position was most unpleasant but they would stay as long as their food lasted. They also wired that the seismic instruments show a slight decline in activities. In many of the nearby villages the price of food has soared to enormous heights. The military found the village of Agavahona in a state of riot and the starving villagers turning the place into a perfect inferno.

The Somma crater is belching out enormous quantities of hot water. Soldiers and firemen are being sent from Rome to this city in an effort to in some way relieve the sufferers. A conservative estimate places the loss of homes says that over fifty thousand people are homeless.

Troops are trying to clear the streets of debris that the threatened disorders may be prevented. Riots and disorders are on the verge of action here all the time. Ashes today drifted as far as Sicily.

The papers here assert that Sarno, a town of ten thousand was destroyed. The little city contained a very ancient castle, many factories and also some noted sulphur baths.

Washington, D. C., April 11.—Prayer was offered today in the House by Chaplain Rev. N. Couden for the victims of Vesuvius. He also invoked divine blessing on the King and Queen of Italy for their efforts to relieve the distressed.

HAZE OVER PARIS

Paris, April 11.—A thick haze like a fog is on the horizon and a yellow tint is noticeable. It is contributed to the eruption of Vesuvius. It is probable that the ejecta is carried vast distances by an upper strata of currents.

New York, April 11.—The committee here has already raised eighteen hundred dollars for the relief of the Vesuvius victims.

RICH LOAM

Extra rich black loam, for filling gardens, etc., for sale and delivered. I also have gravel for street filling, close in delivered or on the place.

J. L. MARS.

HOARSE COUGHS STUFFY COLDS

QUICKLY CURED BY

Foley's Honey and Tar

There is no case on record of a cold resulting in pneumonia, or other serious lung trouble, after Foley's Honey and Tar had been taken.

It will cure the most obstinate racking cough, and heals and strengthens the lungs.

Foley's Honey and Tar has cured many cases of incipient Consumption and even in the last stages will always give comfort and relief.

Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick relief to Asthma sufferers, as it relieves the difficult breathing at once.

Remember the name—Foley's Honey and Tar—and refuse substitutes that cost you the same as the genuine. Do not take chances with some unknown preparation.

Contains no opiates.

Cured of Terrible Cough on Legs.

N. Jackson of Danville, Ill., writes: "My daughter had a severe attack of La Grippe and a terrible cough on her lungs. We tried a great many remedies without relief. She tried Foley's Honey and Tar, which cured her. She has never been troubled with a cough since."

Consumption Cured.

Foley & Co., Chicago. Dana, Ind. Gentlemen:—Foley's Honey and Tar cured me of Consumption after I had suffered two years and was almost desperate. Three physicians failed to give me any relief and the last one said he could do me no good. I tried almost every medicine I heard tell of without benefit, until Foley's Honey and Tar was recommended to me. Its effect improved steadily from the first dose and am now sound and well, and think Foley's Honey and Tar is a God-send to people with Throat and Lung Trouble. Yours very truly,
MRS. MARY AMBROSE.

Three sizes—25c, 50c, \$1.00.
The 50 cent size contains two and one-half times as much as the small size and the \$1.00 bottle almost six times as much.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF UNION COUNTY

I hereby announce myself as Candidate for the Republican nomination for County Judge, subject to the primary nominating election to be held April 20th.

J. C. HENRY.

NEW REAL ESTATE OFFICE

I have moved my real estate and insurance offices to room 3 over J. M. Berry's store, where I am better equipped than ever to handle farm lands and city property. I also write fire insurance on farm property.

G. H. FOWLER,
The Minnesota Land Man.

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TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF UNION COUNTY

I hereby announce myself as Candidate for the Republican nomination for Representative for Union county subject to the primary nominating election to be held April 20th.

S. R. HAWORTH.

ANNOUNCEMENT

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF UNION COUNTY.

I hereby announce myself as Candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff of Union county, subject to the primary nominating election to be held April 20th.

T. B. JOHNSON.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination for the office of County Judge on the Republican Ticket, subject to the will of the Republican Electors, at the primaries to be held April 20th, 1906.

WM. B. SARGENT.

ANNOUNCEMENT

TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF SOUTH LA GRANDE DISTRICT

I hereby announce myself as Candidate for the Republican nomination for Justice of the Peace, subject to the primary nominating election to be held April 20th.

WM. CHANT.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Desire nomination on Republican ticket for re-nomination.

JOHN E. HOUGH

Justice of the Peace

ANNOUNCEMENT

TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF UNION COUNTY

I hereby announce myself as Candidate for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Union County, subject to the primary nominating election to be held April 20th.

CHA'S. HUG.

JACKS and STALLIONS

C. R. Hibberd will stand two Jacks and two Stallions on the Bennett ranch.

TROGAN is the largest Jack that was ever in Union county, stands 17 hands weights 1180 lbs. terms insured for \$12. Another Jack weights 1000 lbs., \$10.

TIB JR is a good stallion with a record of 2:22 of the Nutwood—Glen Wilkes bred, weight 1200 lbs. insure for \$10.

BEN is a 5-year-old Clyde weight 1800 lbs. of the Boyd stock \$5 for the season or \$10 to insure.

Would be pleased to have breeders call and look these animals over they will bear inspection.

I also have one Jack 8 months old and four Jennies which I will sell or trade for stock. Vergare phone. Imbler P. O.

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.—Notice For Publication

U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Ore., March 24, 1906.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Frank R. Brown, of La Grande county, Oregon, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 288 for the purchase of Lot 3-4-1854 SW 1/4 Section 36-nd S 1/2 NW 1/4 of section No. 31 in Township No. 4 S, Range No. 36 E, W. M. 31
And will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on Wednesday the 20th day of June 1906.
He names as witnesses: Albert C. Lemp, Edward Lemp, John Ericault, Joseph A. Hanier all of Boise, Idaho.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 20th day of June, 1906.
E. W. Davis, Register.

FARMERS

Now is the time to do your fencing, you need fenceposts, we have them for sale. Our posts were cut from green oak and lamarack trees and are thoroughly dry. We have about 5000 of them which we must dispose of this spring. We will exchange them for live stock, hay, grain, eggs, potatoes or other produce.
Leave orders at The Golden Rule or at No. 1606 Sixth Street. Also dry cord-wood for sale in any quantity.

J. ANTHONY

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, Feb. 28, 1906.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Frank R. Brown, of La Grande county, Oregon, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 278 for the purchase of the SW 1/4 of Section No. 9 in Township No. 4 South Range No. 36, E. W. M. 31
And will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 20th day of May, 1906.
He names as witnesses: Samuel E. Williamson, Bert Hughes, John T. Williamson, Thomas H. Williamson, all of La Grande, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 20th day of May, 1906.
E. W. Davis, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, Feb. 21, 1906.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Maude Nicholson of La Grande county, Oregon, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 271 for the purchase of the SW 1/4 of Sec. No. 31 in Township No. 4 South Range No. 36 E. W. M. 31
And will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on Monday the 18th day of May, 1906.
She names as witnesses: J. M. Fortes, James E. Butcher, Charles Skaggs, A. J. Grand, Oregon, and Bernard E. Burdick, of Harkey, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 18th day of May, 1906.
E. W. Davis, Register.

Timber Land Act June 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Or., March 29, 1906.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Albert C. Lemp, of Baker county, Oregon, State of Idaho, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 367 for the purchase of the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of section No. 31 in Township No. 4 S, Range No. 36 E, W. M. 31, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 20th day of June, 1906.
He names as witnesses: John Driscoll, Joseph Hunter, Henry Erickson, and Edward Lemp, all of Boise Idaho.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 20th day of June, 1906.
E. W. Davis, Register.

TIMBER LAND ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, March 24, 1906.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, William Conner of La Grande county, Oregon, State of Oregon has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 283 for the purchase of the SW 1/4 of section No. 9 in township No. 4 South Range No. 36 E. W. M. 31
And will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 20th day of June, 1906.
He names as witnesses: James McCall, Thomas F. Sherwood, William Sherwood, Frank McClure, all of La Grande, Union county, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 20th day of June, 1906.
E. W. Davis, Register.

CONTEST NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR United States Land Office

La Grande, Oregon, March 17th, 1906
A sufficient contest of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Benjamin H. Fitch, Contestee, in which it is alleged that Benjamin H. Fitch has never resided thereon for the term or other time thereon about 10 by 12 and no other time thereon and has wholly abandoned said tract, and that said alleged absence from said land was due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps, or as a volunteer private or clerical officer, seaman or writer during the war with Spain, or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged, said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegations on or before the 1st day of April 1906, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in La Grande, Oregon.
The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed March 17th, 1906, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
E. W. DAVIS Register
A. A. ROBERTS Receiver

TIMBER LAND ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

U. S. Land Office La Grande, Oregon, February 3, 1906.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Frank R. Brown, of La Grande county, Oregon, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 376 for the purchase of the SW 1/4 of Section No. 9, in Township No. 4 South Range No. 36, E. W. M. 31
And will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on Saturday, the 21st day of April, 1906.
He names as witnesses: William F. Gridler, James W. Winters, Andrew W. Hunt, M. A. Grand, and William H. Lemp, of La Grande, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 21 day of April, 1906.
E. W. Davis, Register.