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REBLAZING THE OREGON TRAIL

EZRA MEEKER HERE AGAIN

MAKING SECOND TRIP OVER CONTINENT TO SECURE GRATIS GOVERNMENT DATA.

TERMINUS WILL BE KANSAS CITY

Government will be given all data required for proper expenditure of appropriation in bill now pending, when trip is completed—has the same oxen which were here four years ago on first trip.

Undaunted by untold hardships and obstacles which beset him on his journey across the continent four years ago, Ezra Meeker, the intrepid traveler reached La Grande this morning at 9 o'clock, and bivouacked on the government building site where he will rest until Wednesday morning when he and his companion, W. B. Marden, another traveler of note though younger in age, will continue their journey toward Kansas City. Mr. Meeker is re-traveling the Oregon trail over which he first came to Oregon in 1843, but which was dotted by striking monuments on his trip four years ago, for the purpose of securing data sought by the Secretary of War in connection with a

bill now in both houses of Congress, to set aside \$50,000 for permanent and federal marking of the old Oregon trail. In the bill is a proviso that if the stipulated sum is not enough to do the work efficiently, other arrangements will be made and before the Secretary can act intelligently, he must know how many monuments are needed and where they will be located. Mr. Meeker volunteered to make the second trip to secure this information, and as he is not receiving any remuneration from the government for it, he is dependent entirely on public subscriptions for financial assistance.

With one of the oxen which were used in crossing the continent four years ago, and another which was picked up at Omaha en route to Washington, pulling at the prairie schooner in which the men live while on the march, and which carries provisions as well, the travelers arrived in the city today. They averaged 15 miles a day coming across the Blue Mountains, nothing out of the ordinary marking the trip. When water and fuel is abundant there is pleasure in the journey, but when the "bad lands" are reached, things are reversed and it requires an iron constitution to withstand the hardships. Though his hoary locks flutter in the wind, and his body carries the weight of almost 80 strenuous years, Mr. Meeker is alert, active and agile to a point surprising in the extreme. He intends to walk up to the La Grande monument on the Oregon Trail through South La Grande and will photograph the temporary monument of stone already there that La Grande may be given proper recognition in a book that Mr. Meeker is compiling with data secured on his

second trip across the continent.

Four years ago he went direct to New York and to Washington and conversed with President Roosevelt at the White House. The entire journey was made with ox team. This time, however, he will only go to the end of the Oregon Trail at Kansas City and there put his team in winter quarters and proceed by that more modern mode of transportation, the railroads, to Washington. He hopes to reach Kansas City by October. Four years ago this month he was camped under similar circumstances on the same spot where he stays while in La Grande this time and judges his itinerary by his former trip.

Mr. Marden was married during the trip which commenced at Tacoma, but Mrs. Marden has gone on ahead by train to Jamestown.

Seeks Aviation Prize

London, April 25.—M. Paulhan, the French aviator, will try for the Lord Northcliffe prize of \$50,000 for a flight between Manchester and London. He arrived last night and is today busily engaged in preparing his biplane for the voyage, while the British aviator who nearly made the trip Saturday will try again next week. It is reported that he and Paulhan will race to Manchester.

Hughes on Bench

Washington April 25.—Governor Hughes of New York, was today appointed to the United States Supreme Court and has accepted. He fills the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Brewer.

UMATILLAS ON WARPATH

CENSUS ENUMERATORS FIND THE RED MEN REFUSE TO ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS.

ARRESTS MAY PRECIPITATE WAR

Situation is critical for the red men are in an ugly mood and will resist arrests which have been ordered made—Will hold council next Wednesday night—All information about them withheld.

Pendleton, April 25.—Some apprehension is felt here today at the attitude of hostility displayed by the Indians on the reservation towards the census enumerators, and Capt. Applegate is hurrying from Warm Springs reservation to attempt to pacify the belligerent red skins.

The Indians have called a council for next Wednesday night, when they may don war paint. They have refused to give the enumerators any information. If the Indians persist in this attitude the United States Marshals will be sent into the reservation to make arrests.

Such action will likely precipitate serious trouble as the Indians are in an ugly mood and it needs but a spark to touch off the situation. They do not advance any reason why they should not be counted, merely refusing to answer the census questions put to them.

MARK TWAIN AT REST.

Rain Falls During Funeral Ceremonies of Noted Humorist.

Elmira, N. Y. April 25.—Today, Mary Twain lies sleeping in a grave in Woodlawn Cemetery, piled high with flowers, the tributes of friends. The interment took place yesterday under a tent with the rain beating against the canvas covering. Rev. Samuel Eastman, pastor of the Park church, conducted the brief and simple service. Only members of the family and newspaper men were present.

ENGINEER DIES AT POST

SAVES PASSENGERS BY STAYING AT THE THRUSTLE

North Yakima Engineer Dead but the Passengers Escape Unhurt.

North Yakima, April 25.—In an effort to save the lives of the passengers entrusted to his care, Engineer William Gordon, of Ellensburg, yesterday gave up his own life when he stuck to his post and applied the airbrakes as the engine jumped the track near Selah station. The locomotive toppled over the embankment and Gordon and Fireman Meyers of Pasco were crushed to death. None of the rest of the cars left the track, excepting the mail car. Two Seattle mail clerks were slightly hurt.

FUNERAL TOMORROW AFTERNOON

W. H. Bull Funeral Arranged When Word Comes From South

The funeral of W. H. Bull, aged 53, who died suddenly in the J. W. White grocery store Saturday evening will be held at 8 o'clock from the Bull home at Summerville. The date of the funeral was not announced until word was received from a sister in California. Deceased is survived by a wife and four grown children. He came to the city Saturday in excellent health, and had just finished unloading a load of potatoes when he fell dead. He has been a resident of the valley for 19 years.

MRS. LANTZ OPERATED UPON

Doctors Cropp, of Walla Walla, J. H. Hubbard of this city, and Martin of Cove, this morning operated upon Mrs. J. K. Lantz of Cove. The patient is in a satisfactory condition this afternoon. Mrs. Lantz is one of the pioneer and highly esteemed ladies of Cove. The operation was performed at the Grande Ronde hospital.

LONG SEARCH ENDS HERE

HAPPY CONCLUSION OF FEDERAL SEARCH FOR TWO NORWEGIAN GIRLS SATURDAY

PACIFIC COAST COMBED BY AGENTS

Girls who left Norway for La Grande failed to advise their parents of their arrival here and Consulates on the Pacific coast are put on the alert by agents Saturday.

Long and diligent search for two Norwegian girls, believed to have been waylaid by white slave traders, came to a happy conclusion in this city Saturday night when R. P. Bonham, an immigration officer in the employ of the anti-white slave traffic bureau of the government, learned that the two girls sought were employed in a local boarding house and that months of alarm and search had all been for naught.

Last January two flax-haired maidens left their homes in far off Norway, ticketed through to La Grande. As later development disclosed, they reached their destination here without a mishap of the slightest nature, but evidently had neglected to write to their relatives in far off Norway. Correspondence between the relatives at home to consulates along the coast was commenced some time ago and immediately agent were set to work to ferret out the mystery. As time progressed the Norwegian counsel at San Francisco came to the conclusion that the girls had fallen into the hands of white slave traders and working on that supposition sent a man here to work from this end. To locate the two girls in question was but a brief work, once the man arrived here. The ungrounded fears were immediately allayed and the agent has returned to his headquarters.

This is but an incident in the tireless war against this practice and since the new federal law became effective three girls have been exiled from America, after their capture in Northwest cities.

Fire at Oakland.

Oakland, April 25.—The Hall Warehouse company's warehouse and nine cottages were destroyed by fire yesterday with a loss of \$125,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The Best in Shoes

Shoe Surprises

The surprising feature about these high class shoes is the remarkably small prices. It is an art to keep quality up when figures are on the downward sliding scale. But there downward sliding scale, but the art is understood here as in no other shoe store.

For the Ladies

Ladies, you want to dress your feet well—we can do it with these dainty strap sandals, oxfords and slippers. See our Tan, Patent Calf Gun Metals and Vics.

For the Men

Men; your lady sees your feet every time she sees you and she notices whether you are well dressed or not. You had better wear our shoes.

For the Boys

Boys Strong Hold shoes stand the wear that a boy only can give them. They are bound to hold together. Try them.

For the Girls

We have dainty Sandals, Oxfords and Slippers and High Top Shoes.



STOP INFLUX TO CANADA

PACIFIC NORTHWEST TO PROFIT BY WILSON'S SCHEME.

Strenuous Effort to be Made to Settle All Homestead Lands.

Denver, April 25.—The Pacific Northwest is to be the scene of the greatest activity in the campaign inaugurated by Secretary Wilson through the forest reserve, to induce American homeseekers to take up homesteads within the national forests instead of emigrating to Canada. This was the opinion expressed today by Paul Reddington, Assistant District Forester, and is with the idea of promoting settlement. Chief Forester Graves has started on a trip throughout the west. His efforts will be centered on Western Montana, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Northern California as ideal locations for working out the homestead plan.

LOWER WATER RATES.

Arrangement May be Made for Watering Shade Trees Cheaply

An important issue relative to the cost of watering shade trees on the street parkings and on lawns will come up next Wednesday night at the council meeting. If possible some arrangement will be made whereby property owners can water trees at a reasonable figure, and the city is anxious to continue the beautifying plan of having numerous shade trees. If a low water rate can be secured, this will be of great aid to quick shading of residence sidewalks.

Thorough Housecleaning

It is more than a simple campaign against dust and dirt. The spring cleaning should include the exclusion of germs and insects and the renewing of varnished work, etc., that has become marred or dulled. In other words, spring cleaning should be a general overhauling, cleansing, purifying and brightening.

If you need such materials as our stock affords thorough work can be done more easily than the "liek and a promise" kind of work can be done without them.

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