

MARKING OF OREGON TRAIL IS DISCUSSED BY DUNHAM WRIGHT

How shall we appropriately mark the Old Oregon Trail, for anything that is worth doing is worth doing well, and as I traveled over this trail more than sixty years ago at slow pace, I feel that I know what the conditions of every mile of this old trail was then. I therefore suggest it to be laid out in five divisions and at the beginning of each division the old trail shall be spanned by an arch with the number and name of each division inscribed thereon.

Therefore, apprehend a brief description of what each division of the conditions of the old trail of three-score and more years ago, and what it is today. There should be erected three arches on the Missouri river, one at each starting point, Independence, St. Joseph, and at Council Bluffs, inscribed thereon "This is the first division and starting point of the Platt river and Butte division of the Old Oregon Trail."

Now it is one great corn and alfalfa field with thousands of comfortable homes and many thriving towns and villages.

Spanning the old trail with an arch at the base of the Rockies inscribed No. 2, South Pass and Rocky Mountain division of Old Oregon Trail. Then, crossing as it did the backbone of the world, to the waters of the Pacific Ocean, being the route traversed by Gen. Fremont in the early forties, and by the Mormons in 1847, traveling to the Great Salt Lake valley making the Old Oregon Trail a very dear remembrance to those people and their descendants jointly with the first old settlers of old Oregon.

Now we come to Big Sandy, the third division of Old Oregon Trail, and known as the Great American Desert for several hundred miles to Powder river. This division brought more hardships, heartaches, grief and sorrow than all other divisions combined for it was on this division that most of the cruel Indian massacres perpetrated and the deadly cholera scourge of 1852 raged, making it a veritable burying ground. I feel safe to say at least two-thirds of the estimated persons per mile for the length of this old trail, are silently sleeping in isolated unmarked graves in this division. The roadside was literally strewn with piles of ghastly bones of faithful beasts of burden that had fallen famished and exhausted. So we feel it appropriate to name this the "Graveyard and the Great American Desert Division" of the Old Oregon Trail.

Conditions Changed. What is this division today? Why man has converted water from old

nic roadway in the whole world, we cannot afford to detract from the beauty of its name, but we can inscribe on an arch spanning this great highway at The Dalles: "This is the Great Columbia River Highway Division" of the Old Oregon Trail, to Astoria and the Pacific ocean.

In dedicating this great national highway with all its modern improvements of four score years, to the memory of the first old trail-blazers and pathfinders, that their young and rising generations may appreciate their grand work in habitating the wilderness and establishing civilization, churches and schools and laying the foundation of our great and growing state.

Let it be done by holding an Old Trail Exposition at the Metropolis of Oregon, in 1927. That all states through which this grand old trail passes may have the pride and privilege of contributing to the exposition, to perpetuate the names and work of this grand army of old pioneers. The sentiment is prevalent in the air that Portland shall hold a great national fair to honor the aged, the feeble and frail who came to Old Oregon over the Old Oregon Trail.

Pay tribute to the trail-blazers ere it is too late for the work that he did in founding our state, though many have passed on to the land of the Lode. To honor the dead as the spirits feel.

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given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Orton, a family affair. Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen entertained a number of friends Monday. Covers were laid for ten.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lockwood entertained Mr. and Mrs. Judd Geer and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Puckett. It was another family affair. A big dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fulg.

Evangelistic services began at the Baptist church on Sunday evening. Rev. Ford Burek of New Plymouth, Idaho, assisted by several singers, is conducting the service. The house was filled with people from all denominations.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conley have been spending several days in La Grande, the guests of their daughter Mrs. Ray Goodnough.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Conley are also La Grande visitors. Mr. and Mrs. John Dean will leave Tuesday for Los Angeles where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. F. W. Conklin gave a small dinner on Sunday in honor of her daughter Marion who is home from Whitman college.

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