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George Chandler Tells Of Oregon Trail Route

Portland Pioneer Describes Path Trodden by Trekkers in Early Days; Declares Abbott and Dailey Communications Were in Error.

George Chandler, a pioneer of the west, writes an interesting letter to the Portland Oregonian, giving his idea of the true route of the Old Oregon Trail.

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Salmon river in Idaho. This mining camp town was founded in 1862 and is located 29 to 30 miles from Lewiston, Idaho. The old trail from Fort Hall followed the Snake river on the south side, sometimes close to the river and again several miles away.

Visited Old La Grande.

There, leaving the main valley, it crossed over some tablelands six or seven miles and, coming to the Powder river but not crossing the river, made a detour around a small mountain and back to the river, which it crossed a mile or two below.

Crossed River in 1862.

The trail never crossed Snake river at Fort Hall until 1862, and the crossing at that time was not for the purpose of reaching Oregon or Washington, but was for the purpose of trying to get to the newly-discovered gold mines of the

Death Rate Shows Decrease

As-England-Cares for Babies

LONDON (AP).—Despite the wetness of the climate, England is a healthy place to live in. If statistics are anything to go by, the death rate for England and Wales during the third quarter of 1924 was 9.2 for each 1,000 inhabitants, or the lowest on record, according to the registrar general's report. The birthrate of 19.2 a 1,000 was also the lowest in any third quarter of the year, except during the war.

The chief reasons for the improved death rate return are the absence of summer epidemics among children, and the improved care of infant life.

The rate of natural increase of the population continues to go down. It was 178,719 in the third quarter of 1921, 194,791 in 1922; 88,812 in 1923 and this year only 86,495. More people were married in 1924 than last year, so far as figures are available.

Dunham Wright Tells Of Days Of Country's Birth

Fred Lockley Reprints Comments of Oregon, Idaho Pioneer; Many Interesting Events Are Described in Chronicle.

Dunham Wright, pioneer resident of Eastern Oregon and former member of the Oregon legislature, now living at Medical Springs, in Union county, wrote me a letter a few days ago and enclosed an article he had recently written for the Eastern Oregon Scout. There is so much of interest in the article that I am going to quote it in part. He says:

'Union county was cut off from Baker county in the fall of 1854, and the following March was the time set to take a vote to locate the county seat. La Grande and Union were the candidates. Excitement was rampant. Each candidate retained teamsters and packers week and months in advance to vote favorably. Every person was allowed to vote at least once, irrespective of race, color or nationality. On election day all prominent corners near the polls 10-gallon kegs were there with their heads knocked in and loose handed cups hanging on the chairs as thick as beads on an Indian business's neck. This is the way the county seat question was settled some three score years ago on the viva voce vote of voting. La Grande was elected by a small majority.'

'I took a pack train load of four from Umattila heading to Boise basin in the winter of 1862-4 at 20 cents a pound freight. I loaded the train with baled hay on the river below La Grande to carry over the mountain. I started out one windy morning, and had got to where the town of La Grande now stands, when a great canoe came on a rear animal. It started to run and stamped the whole train of 40 animals running to all points of the compass, spilling hay all over the present townsite of La Grande.'

'On my return trip I stopped over one day in La Grande. In Judge Abernethy's store I met an emigrant. He had with him his two little children who were thin, clad and shivering with cold. He wanted to make them comfortable with something to eat and wear, but had no money and was among strangers. He had with him a little pony that was the pet of the family and which he wanted to sell. This made me know he was in dire need of help. I paid him the price for the pony with a promise to look after him and the children to take good care of him. The price of the pony was \$50. He immediately went to buying food to make his family comfortable. I went to looking for something to load this little pony that would be profitable.'

'Judge Abernethy said he had 200 pounds of oats that a farmer had pounded out with a club and was tucky enough to find wind enough in the valley to blow the chaff out of them. I loaded the pony with 200 pounds of these oats, for which I paid the old judge \$25, or 12 cents a pound. I paid him to Nims Bros., on Horseshoe bend, on the Payette, at their first offer of \$60. I have wondered many a time if this good fortune was not due in part to helping those that needed help in a strange land. These two sacks of oats were the means of furnishing the seed oats for Idaho, Payette and Weiser valleys.'

'It was a perilous undertaking at that early date to attempt to make a trip from Umattila to Boise basin with the pack train in the dead of winter. The animals had to gather their living from the bunch grass on the bank, high points where the snow had been blown away. Men had often to build their beds down on from 12 to 18 inches of snow with a few branches of supplebrush thrown down for feathers. We used our riding saddles for pillows. We had the broad canopy of heaven for a cover, while snow drifted over our backs for warmth and the yelling of hungry coyotes in the distance

Distinction



It isn't often that courts of half a state are dominated by jurists from one family. Yet west Texas has Judge J. F. Sutton, 34, and C. L. Sutton, 37, brothers, who will on Jan. 1 take jurisdiction over 28,864 miles, a territory as large as seven eastern states, with plenty to spare. And in addition to having jurisdiction of the largest territory, the brothers are among the youngest jurists in the United States.

lulled us to sleep.

'We camped one night at Express ranch, near Burke. We heard some disturbance at the station in the night. The next morning when driving in our pack train, there was a man hanging on a juniper tree with a rope around his neck. This man was a rough character. He left the mines pretty well gassed up and every station he passed he pricked his nostrils with his great spurs and pushed him through the door, asking the bartender to get 'em up at the point of a gun, riding away afterwards at full speed. A small party followed him and left him hanging on this juniper tree.'

'A few evenings later we camped near Olds Ferry where a friend of mine and his partner had camped a few evenings before, taking his winter supplies into the mines. His name was Sam Hogan. He thought he heard a noise about the camp in the early morning. He sat up in his bed and a shot rang out. A bullet pierced Hogan's back. He fell back on his blankets and died. A search was made for the party doing the shooting. Fresh tracks were found in the light snow, and down on the banks of Snake river, nearly in the willows. These tracks were made by old Big Foot, who terrorized Southern Idaho in its early settlement. He was finally killed on Reynolds creek, near Silver City, by a man named Wheeler. Big Foot was a desperate Indian and a great hunter. He carried a long rifle and could swim the Snake river whenever he came to it, and carry his gun. He could talk fair English and acknowledged to Wheeler while his life blood ebbed away, the massacres he had been in. He claimed to be of Cherokee and negro blood.'

'The first American flag unfurled on the breeze in Union county was on the Fourth of July, 1862, at the little town of Union, which was then a part of Baker county. Who conceived the idea of doing this, as well as furnishing the cloth and making the flag, I feel should be made a matter of history. Mrs. Hester, widow of Hender, shot Union and Mrs. Harriet Lewis of Union were the promoters. The Civil war was at high tide. Those ladies were loyal, patriotic women, and they wanted to appropriately celebrate our national day. They couldn't do so without Old Glory, and there was no place in the whole country to obtain cloth to make a flag. Mrs. Henderson took a red worsted dress and had laid away as a keepsake, belonging to one of her daughters who had died. She cut it into strips and pieced it, for the red stripes. Mrs. Lewis furnished a white sheet for the white stripes. But where the blue field was to come from was the puzzle. Mrs. Henderson remembered seeing Miss Martha Koger, a young lady of Cove, riding horseback, having on a long, blue riding habit. This was the only chance for an American flag. Mrs. Koger was interviewed and she consented to allow the skirt of her riding habit to become a part of the first American flag made in the county. Soon needles, threads and fingers got busy, and 45 stripes and 13 stars on the blue field were put together by the two Harriets. All the contributors to a flag have answered the final summons.'

(By FRED LOCKLEY)

Oregon Journal Writer.

Dunham Wright, noted pioneer of Eastern Oregon and Idaho, relates reminiscences of the old pack train days. It covers such points as seed oats for pioneer farmers, the depredations of "Big Foot," the outlaw, and the making of the first American flag in Union county. The sketch will be concluded in a succeeding installment.—Mr. Lockley's note.

BUENOS AIRES NEARS

2,000,000 POPULATION. BUENOS AIRES (AP).—The population of this, the largest city of the southern hemisphere, is approaching the 2,000,000 mark. Although no census has been taken since 1914, when the population was 1,575,000, statistics based on births, deaths, immigration, emigration and other factors, kept by the municipality, give a population on August 31 last of 1,817,000.

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Stockholders Annual Meeting. Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the La Grande National Bank will be held at their banking house in La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 13th, 1925, at 10 o'clock a. m. At this meeting a Board of Directors will be elected to serve for the year 1925 and such other business will be transacted as may properly offer. H. E. COOLIDGE, Cashier 12-11-20-24

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JALOUS STATES OF EUROPE REMIT TO SECRET AGENTS AMSTERDAM (AP).—Continental travelers are firmly of the opinion that more men and women bent on secret service are roving about Europe today than was the case before the war. The hotels seem filled with them.

These operatives are not always referred to as spies, nor does military information necessarily claim their attention in spite of the fact that 3,000,000 more men are under arms in Europe today than 10 years ago. The espionage of the present time relates more to questions of economics and matters of policy and politics. Many investigators doubtless are active in the interests of the Soviet government at Moscow.

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Notice of Final Settlement. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Union County his final account in the estate of the late of John S. Elliott, deceased, and that said court has set Thursday, the 15th day of January, 1925, at ten o'clock A. M., at the courtroom of said court house at La Grande, Union County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and for the settlement of said estate. Dated this 17th day of December, 1924. J. P. PHILLY, Ancillary Executor of the Estate of John S. Elliott, deceased. dDec. 17-24-31-Jan. 7-14

Notice of Bankruptcy Sale. Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of January, 1925, at 10 o'clock A. M., at La Grande, Oregon, the undersigned Trustee in Bankruptcy of the Estate of Geo. F. Hartvigson, Bankrupt, will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, and at that time and place receive sealed bids for all real property of the estate and described as follows, to-wit: Lots 7, 8, 9, North part of Lot 10, Lots 11, 12, 13, Block 2

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