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Colorful John Day Highway Described By E.P.Truesdell

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When John Day, a member of a Pacific Fur Company expedition left the party in what is now known as the state of Idaho, in the summer of 1811, and crossed over the Blue Mountains locate into what is now the state of Oregon, he, and his few companions, by chance or divine intervention, struck the best western of the southern trace that leads his name. And in so doing not only discovered a new route, but one of the most scenic vistas of the west.

That valley, in the valley of the John Day River did not lay on western of the main traveled wagon trails of the day, but lay just far enough south of the "Old Oregon Trail" to be little known, or until about 1862, when the records of another exploration party showed great what is now the site of the Boisette mines of Canyon City, where, also in pioneer days they found gold in the bed of a sparkling stream, "Canyon Creek" and also in what is yet known as "The Old Town Ghost." Possibly, and it is but a remote possibility, the site of the Ice Lapout, and other much sought "Blue Bucket Mine." For history says no to, that the party that a member of the party, while going for a pail of water, picked nuggets of pure gold from the bed of the stream, later factoring them on a wagon tire without a true realization of what the find really meant, and stated he could have picked up a true basket full.

But he had an it may, the news was not long in spreading, and in the early sixties there was a mining camp of many thousand up and down Canyon creek. These miners scattered the surface, doing not something like billions, million in gold, and passed on, with little or no alteration to the other and more permanent mine — the, soil of the John Day valley, and the range for cattle on the adjoining mountain sides.

There was one thing John Day missed as he passed through, and that the river he discovered had three tributaries or branches, each of beauty equal one, beauty and fertility. Those branches are known as the North Fork, the Middle Fork and the South Fork.

These four rivers spread out like like and water like veinlets and over yet almost virgin valleys, and with the mountain sides that bound them, populate from cattle.

When you enter Grant county from the east, via the John Day highway, you cross the range of the Blue Mountains, passing through, high up in the hill timber, the new mill home of Austin and Bates, the present lumbering center of the county, and then down the long slope of Dixie Mountain, to the broad valleys of the main John Day river.

Here is situated the thriving town of Prairie City, metropolis of the valley, and terminus of the S. P. Ry. Co. line. Then John Day valley opens here, probably to the greatest width, and presents from the town, with the Strawberry range as a background, a view of a fine agricultural and stock country.

Or, as there you may, westerly over the smooth surface of the highway, following the natural water grade of the river down through the John Day valley with the many fine farms, by well cared for fields of hay and grain, by herds of cattle and bands of sheep to the town of John Day, the agricultural center of the county, a town of fine schools, churches, excellent garages and business establishments. Passing on your left the town of Canyon City, the county seat, and rich in romantic history of Oregon's early days. On through the small town of Mt. Vernon and to Dayville, close to the west county boundary line. A distance of about 40 miles, all a continuing scene of well cared for ranches with the beautiful tree lined John Day river on your right and to the left, the forest covered slopes of the Strawberry Range, with Strawberry Peak, 9,200 ft. elevation, towering above.

At Dayville you enter a fertile little village of shady tree lined streets, attractive homes, excellent schools and stores filled in season with produce and the other fruits of the lower John Day. It is here the North Fork and the John Day empty units and water one of the richest portions of the valley, where fruit and grain are abundant.

Following the united waters and northerly from Dayville, you soon enter the portal of the Picture Gorge, one of the scenic wonders of the west. A deep narrow cleft, in solid limestone formation, cut by nature's hand into a thousand fantastic formations, and painted with all of the colors of the rainbow. Towering some with needle points others with table tops one or on either side. The great Pipe Organ is on your left as you leave the more narrow portion of the rocky canyon, with its hundreds of perfectly formed pipes, painted green, blue and yellow. The group is named as the home of the three blind horse.

The old rail grade has nearly passed, but the highway still takes their rail.

Congress Ends

When next time great issues come of the capital open it will be to consider the second session of the 69th congress. Seated left to right: D. Hogan, left, and Representative Bertrand Kennedy are shown performing the ceremony of turning the lock on a chapter of history.

War Vets Prepare to Dash to North Pole

PARIS, July 17. (AP)—Twenty Frenchmen will soon prepare to reach the north pole by the old fashioned method of boats and dog sleds, according to Lieutenant Darrin who is making plans for the expedition. Lieut. Commander Byrd's flight in an airplane and Amundsen's in a dirigible do not interest the French explorers.

Women are barred from the exploring party, although Lieut. Darrin says he has had several applications from women for membership.

If the car is equipped with balloon tires it is a good plan to test the tires to see if it is low enough to go under the axle when the tire is deflated.

A tooth broken out of the gear material gear will cause knocking which will cause every revolution of the wheel.

Before tossing your lighted cigarette out of the car window, think of the fire damage it may cause.

Wobbling wheels are dangerous and should be corrected immediately.

HEROISM SEEN IN PEST WAR

(From New York Times)

A roll of honor in Washington contains the records of those who have risked life sometimes to save it, in the interests of American agriculture. The list includes engineers who have searched the world for new plants that might be grown in the United States, inspectors who have faced death while enforcing regulations beneficial to agriculture, with animal hunters, forest rangers, game wardens and laboratory workers who have handled deadly germs and poisons.

The records of the Department of agriculture include an account of the guerilla warfare waged against Federal inspectors who endeavored to enforce regulations designed to eliminate the Texas fever tick. The discovery of the tick as the cause of scientific fever led to the additional discovery of the possibility as the bearer of malaria and yellow fever. Carelessness in tick-infested territory is responsible for annual restrictions to the shipment of cattle, from an infected district to other states. Dipping vats are set up in the tick infested districts, and dipping vats are built as they were built, and civil force government work.

Expeditions were equipped with horses, guns and many cattle were purchased to remove the situation. Then leading many cattle owners in the benefits, and said time to have the cattle at the dipping vat on certain dates or they would come and get the animals. Cattle have been dipped regularly every fourteen days since then. In one section of Georgia where tick had been taken up, men with rifles and machine guns were detailed to protect inspectors and property.

Dangerous Infections.

Glanders and kindred fever are said to cause most of the accidental deaths in animal disease laboratories. Glanders is a disease common to horses and is very infectious to man. A department employee some years ago brought from Europe a number of milk goats. He feeded the animals on the farm and drank some of the milk. The goats were after he arrived in the United States sent to the department. The goats had been infected with glanders.

The deadly Malta fever.

Although there were no deadly insects in the country, according to the government entomologists, many insects are carriers of death-dealing diseases. A few years ago department scientists went to study spotted fever, which is carried by a tick that is a parasite of ground squirrels. The disease was particularly severe in the Bitter Root valley of Montana, where a doctor of the public health service and a state public official met their lives in combating the plague.

The agricultural department's plant explorers go to out-of-the-way corners of the world, into jungles and among savage tribes in search of new plants. They bring back many tales of narrow escapes from death. One such account is of an adventure in a Burmese village where the explorer helped the natives trap a man-eating tiger, and of his travels in countries infested with bandits. Another explorer was beaten to Chinese soldiers and escaped with his life, only to be drowned in a Chinese river.

A government plant explorer who has had long experience in Central and South America, has been shot in four, assisted several times, robbed on a number of occasions, and arrested and jailed as a spy, robber and a revolutionist several times. He has lived among Indians dying with yellow fever, and has himself repeatedly contracted tropical malaria. Once he was wounded in a small battle element while travelling up the coast in Tierra Del.

Two federal game wardens were shot from ambush and seriously injured recently while performing their duty in the Sangamon River Bottoms, Illinois. They had heard considerable shooting and, working toward the source of the shots, found a case of shotgun shells and two duck. As they stopped to make observations, a man concealed behind a tree 25 yards away opened fire on them with a shotgun. The wardens had no cover from the fire, and although they returned it, the assailant was protected by the trees and finally escaped. A government warden in Iowa recently was shot in the back and killed. Another warden in Illinois was held up by three dark bandits, who held him severely and left him in the marsh.

Hunt Wild Animals.

Many are the exploits of government hunters in engaging wild animals that prey upon cattle. There is the account of the infamous Custer wolf, called the "master criminal of the animal world." For eight years the wolf lived as an outlaw in the sugar country, killing sheep and other live stock valued at upward of $25,000 before he was finally trapped and slain by a government agent.

A thrilling story is issued by the forest service is that of Robert Pulaski, a lieutenant of the famous Pulaski soldier who aided the colonies in the American Revolution. Forest fires were raging in an area in Idaho. A body of men with Pulaski were trapped, and they took refuge in an old mine. They hung a wet blanket at the opening, but as the fire raged closer the men in the mine became panicky and tried to rush out. Pulaski pulled his gun and held the men back until the fire had passed.

There is a remembrance in a western state who was formerly an inspector charged with the dipping of cattle and along the sentiment on the wall of his office are the guns that were taken from cattlemen and sheepmen who tried to prevent him from enforcing the law.

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