

Ceremonies Mark Opening Of New Freeway Section

WAGONMAN CUTS TAPE AT KAMELA INTERCHANGE

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The sun sparkled briefly on the blade of the hunting knife, then flashed down, cutting the red ribbon strung across the highway. With this brief ceremony, Wagonmaster Tex Serpa officially opened the new section of Freeway between Glover and Meacham on Highway 30, in the name of the Oregon Centennial Wagon Train.

The wagon came rumbling over part of the new highway lined with curious sightseers to be greeted by W. C. Williams, State Highway Engineer, Charles Reynolds, former member of the State Highway commission and Gordon Clarke of the La Grande city commission.

The wagonmaster raised his hand and halted the seven wagon caravan just short of the ribbon as a crowd of approximately 100 persons, mostly travelers, stood and watched.

Sharon Noyes Helps

Sharon Noyes held the ribbon as Serpa slashed through the red strip but the ceremony was far from over.

From out of the brush the roar of a shotgun sounded and around a corner of an access road roared the Blue Mountain Boys "uncovered wagon." Grandpappy jumped spy-ly from the truck and wanted to know who was traspassin' on the clan property.

Amidst the roar of the shotguns and "Let's get back to the still before it blows Grandpappy" the Blue Mountain boys presented the wagon train with a special camping permit. Thyrsa Pelling held the permit, a piece of bark with "Blue Mountain Camping Permit" lettered in white paint, as the wagon train proceeded off the highway to their camp site for the night.

Wagoners Get Cameras

Serpa was also decorated with a necklace of pine cones as part of the ceremony.

The Blue Mountain boys didn't have all the fun though. The wagoners dove into their wagons for cameras and asked the Boys to pose for pictures.

George McIne, driver of the Rouge River wagon, crept from his wagon and fired a few shots at the Boys and they responded with a shotgun blast.

Five Hour Trip

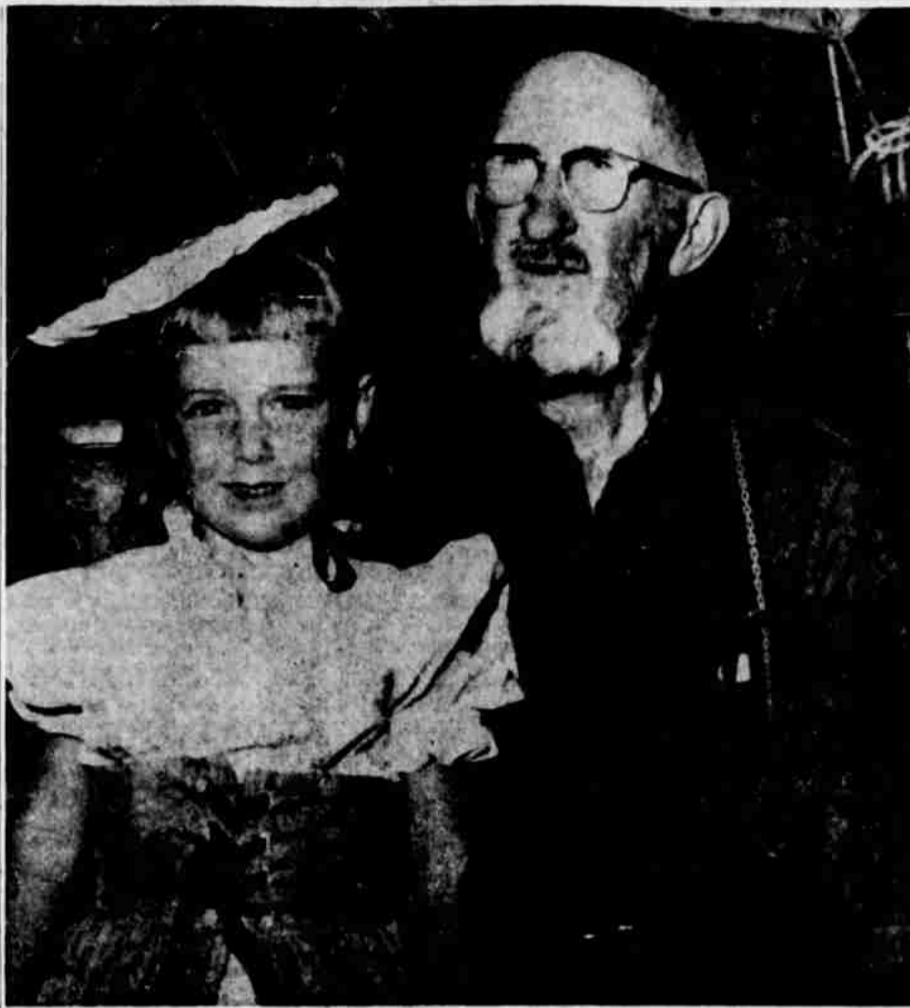
The wagons made the 18 mile trip to the ceremony in just a little more than five hours, arriving at the ceremony shortly after 10. The caravan crawled slowly out of La Grande and started the long, uphill trek at about five this morning.

Breakfast was served at Riverside park by the Scroptimists at four. Back to Pioneer park and the bustle of hitching-up began.

Tonight's camp will be on Strickland flats near the Kamela Interchange.

The wagons are situated in a flat about a quarter-mile off the highway completely surrounded by trees. Preparations were underway for lunch just before 11 and the mules and horses unhitched and watered.

Repairman Too Late
RAEFORD, N.C. (UPI) — A defective television set that already had given shocks to several members of a family Wednesday electrocuted nine-year-old Linda Furmage. A repairman was to have picked up the set to fix it today.



POP TELLS TALE

"Pop" Clark tells four-year-old Linda Elaine Fihn about his trip along the Oregon Trail. Clark is from Hillsboro and is the oldest member of the train. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Fihn. (Observer Photo)

OLDEST MEMBER OF TRAIN AT 66

'Pop' Clark Claims He'd Do It All Over Again Tomorrow

By VIRGINIA ANDERSON
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Kids were whoopin', yelling, popping guns and killing "injuns" by the score at the wagon train yesterday trying to tame the "wild west" single-handed before dinner time.

A man with a graying beard leaned against one of the wagons taking it all in . . . just call him "Pop."

"Let's sit down . . . this is the only wagon in the train with a veranda on the back."

Weaver "Pop" Clark is 66 and the oldest member of the Wagon Train.

He was born and raised in Oregon. At 16, he was driving a 4-horse freight team for a mining company in Gates, and has worked all his life in Oregon's lumber camps and sawmills.

"I'm hoarse because I hollered so much when we came across the line," pop said referring to the train's crossing into Oregon.

Pop Clark started his beard in February and has had it trimmed once, that was when his wife came to visit the train.

The only thing pop had with him besides his wagon was a few cents and some arrowheads, but he's sent home several boxes of "pictures, telegrams, letters, post cards." Besides all this he says that he's "met a world of wonderful people."

"In the morning I'd go back and do it all over again," Clark said. Clark was bitten by ticks during the journey and had to spend four days in the hospital.

The modern pioneers left La Grande this morning after a 4 o'clock breakfast served by the Scroptimists.

Yesterday after they were escorted into La Grande by riders from the Elgin Stampers and the La Grande Mavericks, a lunch was served by the Salvation Army.

City Commissioner Gordon Clarke gave wagonmaster Tex Serpa a key to the city and bathing and swimming facilities were provided for the Fifty-niners.

Dinner was on the Lions club and Junior Chamber of Commerce and later in the evening the wagoners were driven to EOC for a presentation of the Centennial production of "Dr. in Buckskin Clad."

The play, the story of the Whitman family prior to their massacre, was written by Al Kaiser and directed by Dick Hiatt.

Walking Grandma Continues West After Rest Stop
PENDLETON (UPI) — Mrs. Emma Gatewood, Ohio's walking grandmother, continued her way westward on foot today after spending the night at Pendleton.

Grandma Gatewood was met by 12 members of the Pendleton Mainstreet Cowgirls Wednesday, who escorted her the last few miles into this eastern Oregon city. Pendleton Mayor Normal Gorkfle officially greeted the 71-year-old hiker.

There was a Rotary Club luncheon in her honor. But Mrs. Gatewood begged off any nighttime activities. She said she wanted to get a good night's sleep before heading west again today. She said she is as determined as ever to complete her hike to Portland, to attend Oregon's Centennial Exposition.

there was an arrangement between Herter and Gromyko to end the conference next Wednesday.

Western diplomats believed the Russians had only one thing in mind: To blame the West for the unsuccessful conclusion of the conference, thereby making it Western responsibility to try to settle the critical issues of Berlin and German reunification at the summit level.

Russia Plants Seeds For Cold War Wrangle
GENEVA (UPI) — Russia today laid the seeds of another major cold war wrangle by denying any part in the decision to break off the Geneva foreign ministers conference next Wednesday.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko was clearly understood to have agreed to ending the Big Four meeting in his talks Wednesday with Secretary of State Christian A. Herter. But only a few hours after leaving Herter's villa, the Soviet diplomat began backing off from the agreement.

"There was no agreement to end the Geneva talks," declared Soviet delegation spokesman Mikhail Khariamov. "Our position is that we should continue working here for positive results."

U. S. delegation spokesman Andrew H. Berding's reply to this was, "I repeat what I said—

he feels, because of considerable pressures within the Soviet Union which might persuade the Kremlin to accept an agreement.

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Such goals could be achieved in the Soviet Union, economists estimate, only with a reduction in the amount of Russia's total production that is devoted to military purposes.

Infant Is Drowning Victim At Pendleton
PENDLETON (UPI) — The body of John Paul Jacobson, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Jacobson of Pendleton, was found in McKay Creek about two miles south of here Wednesday afternoon.

The boy had been missing since Wednesday morning and his body was recovered a few hundred yards from where he apparently toppled into the creek — which is running bank-full with irrigation water.

Nixon Hints At Talks Between Ike, Nikita

Without Resort To Force

IT ISN'T NECESSARILY FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR

CHICAGO (UPI) — Jane Caroselli, 25, learned Wednesday that all is not necessarily fair in love and war.

Women's Court Judge George L. Quilici ordered the brunette to quit harassing Bernard Spena, 21, a handsome, happily married department store clerk.

The store, the Fair, haled Miss Caroselli into court on charges she was impairing Spena's work by pestering him constantly for dates.

"I didn't mean it," Miss Caroselli protested. "I was just teasing him."

"I go out with a lot of fellows. I don't have to pick on a married fellow, if you know what I mean."

Teasing or no, cut it out ordered the judge, who fined Miss Caroselli \$2 for disorderly conduct but suspended the fine on her promise to keep out of Spena's hair.

DEGYTARSK, U.S.S.R. (UPI) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon told a Russian miner in the depths of a dank copper mine in the Urals today that "our leaders must have a chance to talk seriously in a climate where something can be done without resort to force."

Nixon's remarks were construed as a broad hint of a possible meeting between President Eisenhower and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. Some people around Nixon feel strongly that a Khrushchev visit to the United States would be helpful.

Nixon's copper mine appeal for a top leadership talk followed by one hour a similar suggestion made in front of a Russian audience in a nearby area.

Shortly before going 700 feet down into the mine, Nixon said in drinking a toast at a lunch given by officials:

"This certainly is an occasion to point out that what we need for the future is to reduce the suspicion and reduce the area of conflict which exists."

Wants Person Contacts
"Certainly one of the most effective ways is not by letters and not by statements made halfway around the world, but by personal contacts such as this today. I do not mean that personal contact will solve our difficulties, but it will serve to reassure each of us and reduce the area and it does create a climate in which difficulties can be solved without resort to force."

"This occasion is for this reason a most happy one for all of us. I hope that it may be one of the first steps toward understanding and will be followed by other increasing contacts among leaders and people."

From the lunch, Nixon went to the mine head, donned a miner's outfit, and with a group of mine officials and members of his entourage, went by elevator 700 feet down into the innards of the Russian Urals.

Beavers File Suit Against Major Leagues
PORTLAND (UPI) — The Portland Baseball Club of the Pacific Coast League today filed suit in Federal court here seeking \$1,000,000 damages from the major league and seeking to break up their "monopolizing" control of baseball players throughout the country.

The suit, considered an opening gun in the attempt of minor leagues to halt what they call the inroads of the major leagues, seeks an order for major league clubs to dispose of all players over the 40-player limit, and release control over them.

The suit contends that the defendants should be required to respect the territorial rights of the minors and should be enjoined from engaging in any unfair competition through television.

Clyde Perkins, vice president of the Portland club, said 10 years ago there were 61 minor leagues with 8200 players and now there are 23 with 3100 players. He charged that 90 per cent of the players are controlled by the majors.

Arch Kingsley, president of the Portland Baseball club said: "The Portland Baseball Club has for a long time attempted to negotiate and settle serious problems within the baseball family but to no avail."

EOC Art Gallery Features Exhibit
The Art Gallery in Pierce Library on the Eastern Oregon College campus is featuring a dual exhibit by two Oregon artists this week.

Dr. George Nightingale, Chairman of the Art Department, has on view a collection of his sculpture which utilizes only local clays and glazes. His work goes from La Grande to the Art Museum on the University of Oregon campus where it will be featured from December 15 to January 15.

Also on display here is a watercolor group by Ruth Grover of Otis, Oregon. Her art, which stresses coastal scenery, is being sponsored and circulated by the Oregon Art Alliance.

Khrushchev Calls For Summit Talks

MOSCOW (UPI) — Premier Nikita Khrushchev said Wednesday night that "the time has come" for the Big Four to hold a summit meeting, it was reported today.

The official Tass agency, reporting a speech made by Khrushchev in Dnepropetrovsk, quoted him as saying that the foreign ministers in Geneva "are coming up against big difficulties because they have to deal with complex unsettled international issues."

He did not comment directly on the impending breakup of the deadlocked Geneva talks.

"These (unsettled international) questions are more amenable to discussion, and especially to solution, by the heads of government, because the heads of government have vast experience of settling international problems," Khrushchev said. "They also have wider powers."

"It seems to us that the time has come for the heads of government to tackle this difficult job. Let the ministers exert fresh efforts to find mutually acceptable solutions and reach agreement on what they can agree upon."

"The other, most difficult matters, matters of principle, will be considered by the heads of government."

Khrushchev also revealed some details of his private talks six days ago with Vice President Richard M. Nixon, who spent two days in Sverdlovsk, 1,200 miles from the Ukrainian city where the premier spoke.

He said Russia wants a Berlin settlement to avert the danger of a war which he said West Germany might start.

"I frankly and bluntly expressed our views on all these matters to Mr. Nixon," Khrushchev said.

"I also told him that, if the West German militarists started a war, our retaliatory blows will in a few hours wipe out West Germany and the other countries where there are military bases spearheaded against the Soviet Union."

GOP Gains In Hawaii Election

HONOLULU (UPI) — Gov. William F. Quinn, Hawaii's first elected state chief executive, said today election results showed a resurgence of Republican party strength in the 50th state.

Republicans won three of the five top posts in Tuesday's general election, and Quinn said "this will assure that we will have a strong two-party state."

A record 92 per cent of the voters went to the polls to elect a governor, lieutenant governor, two U. S. senators, a representative to Congress and members of the Legislature.

Quinn defeated Democrat John A. Burns for governor while his running mate, Republican Jimmy Kealoha, was elected lieutenant governor, defeating Mitsuyuki Kido, a Democrat.

Chinese millionaire Hiram Fong, a Republican, easily beat out Connecticut-born Democrat Frank Fasi for the senior Senate seat. The junior seat went to Democrat Owen E. Long who defeated Wilfred Tsukiyaka, Republican.

The lone seat in the House of Representatives went to Democrat Daniel K. Inouye, a one-arm veteran of World War II. Dr. Charles Silva, Republican, was the loser.

Official returns showed the Republicans took the state Senate, 14-11 while the Democrats won control of the Assembly, 33-18.



WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Independence, Ore. dignitaries flew to La Grande to spend a few hours with the Wagon Train and to greet the driver of the Independence wagon, Ben Griffith, center. At the left is Roy Pearsall, president of the Independence Jaycees, and at the far right is Ray Dunckel, mayor of Independence. (Observer Photo)

Housing Bill Veto Under Fire

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower's controversial veto of housing legislation came under fire at a Senate hearing today from spokesmen for home builders, contractors and housing associations.

However, the influential National Association of Real Estate Boards supported the President's veto action and urged Congress to adopt a watered-down Republican substitute for the measure.

The Senate housing subcommittee will complete hearings on the legislation Friday and will decide next Tuesday whether to recommend trying to override Eisenhower or send him a compromise bill in the form he wishes. The President declared the vetoed bill would be inflationary.

Other congressional news: **Highways:** The White House declined any specific comment on the House Ways and Means Committee proposal for meeting the highway construction fund shortage by a one-billion-dollar bond issue.

85 Injured In Passenger Train Crash

MENOMONIE, Wis. (UPI) — The North Western Railway's speeding Twin Cities "400" passenger train went off the tracks at the edge of a cliff today and the sheriff's office reported at least 85 persons injured.

There were no immediate reports of any fatalities.

Every available ambulance in this rugged northwest Wisconsin area was rushed to the derailment scene 12 miles west of Menomonie, near Wilson, Wis.

The injured, many of them reported to be children, were brought back in loads of four to five to an ambulance to Menomonie Memorial Hospital and Baldwin Community Hospital.

The sheriff's office said seven cars of the train went off the tracks as it sped out of St. Paul, Minn., en route to Chicago. The cars tipped over perilously close to a cliff overhanging Highway 12. About 250 passengers were aboard the train.

Ed Brown, operator of a tourist museum near Menomonie who manned the sheriff's office telephones during the emergency, said the "400" generally traveled at 75 to 80 miles per hour through the area.

The first injuries reported appeared to be minor, Brown said.

HOPES FOR AGREEMENT WITH REDS

Ike Orders Review As Step Toward Goal Of Disarmament

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower has ordered a broad review of U. S. disarmament policy in another move emphasizing his most cherished goal — to reach an agreement with Russia on reduction of armaments.

The President is known to believe that Soviet public opinion may be strong enough to persuade the Kremlin leaders eventually to join in some pact for relieving the world's heavy arms burden.

The White House announced Tuesday that Eisenhower had approved the selection of Charles A. Coolidge, a Boston attorney, to

carry out the review of disarmament policy and bring it up to date.

Such a review is designed to prepare the groundwork for eventual re-opening of disarmament negotiations with the Soviet Union. These were broken off almost two years ago.

The President has told friends that the one thing he would like to accomplish most of all before leaving office is to win some agreement with Russia which would reduce tension and bring about a reduction of armaments.

He believes such an agreement is possible but is not prepared to say it is probable. It is possible,

he feels, because of considerable pressures within the Soviet Union which might persuade the Kremlin to accept an agreement.

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