

Oregon Historical Caravan Visited Brookings Wednesday Showing Old Relics of Century Of Oregon Country

The *Story of Oregon*, its discoverers, explorers and settlers—has been put on wheels on its way to show to more than 100 communities in this state, this year.

Many priceless objects are included in this traveling museum which will cover territory from the Pacific Ocean to the Snake River valley, and from the Columbia to the California border.

Sponsored as a public service by the United States National Bank, in observance of its 60th anniversary, the Oregon Historical Caravan stopped Wednesday on its tour of the state, giving people an opportunity to see and understand the social, economic and geographical development of Oregon since its inception.

As pointed out by Governor Douglas McKay in an official proclamation dated January 3, 1951, "The caravan vividly portrays the vision and pioneering spirit of Oregon's early settlers. Its many objects of incalculable value should be regarded as the ingredients that have gone into the making of a great state."

The priceless historical items, ranging from the letter in which Abraham Lincoln declined the governorship of the Oregon territory to rare Oregon beaver coins, (pictured elsewhere in this issue) are being taken around the state in two specially constructed steel buses.

These buses are so designed as to form a single display unit when viewed by the public. Visitors enter the caravan through an awning-covered ramp, pass from one bus to the other without alighting and finally exit down a second covered ramp.

The impressive white, blue and gold buses include the latest scientific devices assuring maximum theft and fire protection. An around-the-clock detail of special guards has been assigned to protect the exhibit pieces.

Selection and arrangement of the exhibits in the 14 panels, were supervised by a committee composed of Lancaster Pollard, chairman, superintendent of the Oregon Historical Society; Dan E. Clark, head of the department of history, University of Oregon; and Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction.

The historical objects and documents were loaned to the Oregon Historical Caravan by many museums, libraries and private citizens in various parts of the state.

Among the rare items visitors to the caravan saw were an original letter book of Dr. John McLoughlin, chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company at Fort Vancouver; a hand-carved rosary found among the Indians prior to the known arrival in the Oregon country of Catholic missionaries; a rifle belonging to Joe Meek, early mountain man; a copy of "The Spectator," the first newspaper published west of the Rockies.

Other priceless historical exhibits include the tomahawk reputed to be the one used to kill Marcus Whitman; a Jefferson medal, one of those given to the Indians by Lewis and Clark as a token of friendship; map made by Henry Miller while crossing the plains in 1852, showing the route the wagon trains followed.

A "piece" of Abernathy money is displayed in the panel on commerce and banking. To meet the need for some form of exchange, George Abernathy, who served as first provisional governor in the Oregon county, took a small stone and pasted it on a piece of paper with the words "Abernathy—change 35c."

Two Beaver coins, currently valuted at \$10,000, were shown yesterday in a specially constructed safe. The dies and molds used in making the "Beaver money" were on display also. Early in 1849, eight prominent citizens formed the Oregon exchange company and began minting five and ten-dollar gold coins to meet the problem of what to use for money. Although about 6,00 five-dollar coins and 2,850 ten-dollar coins were minted, few

of these early pieces are in existence today. Their rarity is explained by the fact that they actually contained more gold than their face value, and were bought up and shipped to California where they were melted into 50-dollar gold slugs.

Also included in the caravan were many old photographs and lithographs, early implements, trade items, famous letters and other documents.

Gold Beach Club To Seat Officers

Club No. 7624, Rotary International, at Gold Beach, will observe ladies night, Saturday at its first installation of officers since organization almost a year ago. An appropriate program is planned for the occasion when S. O. Newhouse will be seated as new president.

Present members of the club include: Tom Ayers, Joe Baxter, Richard Buffington, Weston Burton, Dr. W. A. Cartwright, Bert Clausen, Les Clyde, Bob Crump, Douglas DeVoe, George Dickinson, Orville Ginsmen, Morris Graves, Ralph Kessler, Vern Kolen, J. C. Leith, Rev. Charles Lever (charter president), Joe LeuLane, Robert McBeth, W. R. McBeth, S. O. Newhouse, Bud Quarters, O. F. Ramalia, Clarence Phipps, Glenn Sabin Jr., H. T. Shields, David Shaw, W. D. Sibley, Paul Sosey, and Jim Turner.

Installation ceremonies will be held at the Episcopal Youth Center, with the banquet commencing at 7:00 p. m.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jacobs returned Thursday from the south where they attended graduation ceremonies of a niece, Marjorie

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