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#### **IRONSIDE NEWS**

Spring is here at last. Old Mother Earth certainly locks good after four months of snow. People find it quite difficult getting around through the mud. Clarence Howard, the present stagedriver has had a hard time getting the mail from Brogan. We are looking forward to the extension of the highway before another winter.

Ray Wise got the contract as stage driver, and is preparing to take charge July 1st.

A. Cooley of Malheur river, and Arthur Nichols of Ironside, went to Vale and Ontario on business last Thursday.

Orval Nickola and C. Locey re turned Friday from Bolse, where they have been attending Link's business college.

W. R. and Earl Lofton attended the stock meeting at Hardy's ranch on

Camp creek, Sunday. Lloyd Judy of Unity, spent Sunday night with Ironside friends. Alva Lawrence returned to his

ranch at Unity, Sunday. Arthur Beam went to Brogan to help Ralph Harvey with his sheep. Eli Rice was an outgoing passenger on Tuesday's stage, to Vale. Mrs. Henry Cape and family were Ironside visitors Monday.

The dance given at the Community hall Friday night was well attended, and all report a good time. Mrs. H. C. Elms has been quite ill for the past two weeks.

J. P. Smith who has been feeding his cattle near Brogan, brought them to this vicinity last week.

Ike Powers moved back to his homestead Saturday. He has been feeding cattle for Hub Walters and its belongings. through the winter.

Ralph Harvey of Brogan, made a business trip to Ironside Tuesday. Grandpa Locey has been in poor health the past month. He is now 86 year of age. Mr. and Mrs. Locey taught the first school here; al-

Alva Lawrence will be range rider, and will distribute salt on the range for the Unity and Ironside stock association this season.

It is reported that the sheep belonging to the M. L. L. Co., that were wintered at the E. J. Beam place are dying at the rate of about 15 a night.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Sunday School, 10: a. m. Crade Roll Exercises, 10:36 a. m Preaching, 11:00 a. m. Subject "God's Amen. Easter Sermon. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Easter Catata, 7:30.

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# STORY OF THE FAMOUS OLD OREGON TRAIL

A Narrative of the Wilson Price Hunt Expedition in 1811-12 and the "Great Migration" Into

(Continued from last week.)

Mr. Hunt and his party in the largest of the boats were trapped near a sandbar in the river by a party of Arickaras, Mandans and Minatrees and would have been exterminated had it not been for the friendly Arickaras who were friendly to the whites.

These Indians invited the party to visit their village which was not a great distance away and the invitation was accepted.

Mr. Hunt and his party intended to leave the river soon and strike out overland.

The Arickaras had plenty horses and Mr. Hunt hoped to able to trade with the Indians for a sufficient number to carry the party and its luggage.

A stay of several days was made in this village which was near the present site of Pierre, South Dakota, and brisk trade was kept up with the Indians.

Guns, powder, bullets, highly colored beads and blankets, knives and tomahawks were traded for horses and finally after much trafficking, eighty-two horses were secured and loaded with members of the party

The party now turned its back upon all communication with the outer world and set out upon its tedius and dangerous lowney over the mountains and plains which separated it from the object of its trip.

The Cheyenne Indians were next so conducted the first Sunday encountered from which the party traded for mre horses. In Wyoming, the Crow Indians were met and more horses obtained. The party was forced to watch these Indians continually to avoid treachery but finally parted with them without any trouble.

> The Shoshoue and Flathead Indians were the next tribe encountered and trading for more horses and for buffalo meat was presecuted. The party reached Wind river, Wyoming, in September, 1811 and proceeded up that stream for a number of miles, then crossing the mountains and coming upon the headwaters of the Snake river the latter part of September.

the Mad river. At this point Alex- by Pierre Dorion remained. ander Carson, Louis St. Michel, Pierre Detaye and Pierre Delauncy left the party to remain to trap and

sion and prothe party took po float down the river. At this place Robinson, Hoback, Rizner and Mr. Miler, one of the partners, stayed to hunt and trap for beaver and other amimals.

The party embarked on the river October 18, 1811. On October 21st, what is now American Falls, was reached. It was necessary to lower the boats around the falls by means of ropes.

On October 28th, the party armany hardships. One of the boats was wrecked and one of the boatmen, Antoine Clappine was drowned.

travellers was indeed gloomy as a and steep that it was difficult to of the river. secure water for drinking purposes.

four men started across the desert horse for food. and Mr. Hunt and thirty-one men besides the squaw and two children river where a band of Shoshones of Pierre Dorion stayed in camp. In were camped. From them he traded three days Crook and his party re- for a couple of horses, a dog and turned, deeming it impossible to some dried cherries. After considersecure the horses and get back to able bickering he procured an Inthe party before winter. The main dian guide to lead them over the party then kept on down the river, mountains to the Columbia. On Desubsisting on fish and an occasional beaver. The party then divided. Snake leaving it with no regret, the Mr. Hunt and eighteen men going Canadians calling it the "Accursed on one side of the river and Mr. Mad River." Crooks and eighteen men on the other side.

Some Snake Indians were on-

Oregon Country, in 1852-3

By Walter E. Meachen, Pres. of Old Oregon Trail Assoc.

countered from whom some salmon and a dog were purchased. On November 17, several Indians were met, one of whom had a horse. Mr. Hunt finally purchased the animal in exchange for au old tin kettle

after having offered a gun, ammu-

Mr. Hunt here left the river and

nition and beads in vain.

started over the desert. The party encountered great suffering and hardship on this journey and finally reached the Boise river and an Indian camp where fish and dogs were purchased for food. The Pay-

> and the Snake finally reached again. November 28th, a bag of meal and some fish were purchased from a party of Shoshones who informed Mr. Hunt that they had seen white men on both sides of the Snake river within the last few days.

ette and Weiser rivers were forded

Washington Irving, in his account of the Hunt expedition has this to say of the country west of the Snake:

"A dreary desert of sand and gravel extends from the Snake river almost to the Columbia. Here and there is a thin and scanty herbage, insufficient for the pasturage of horse or buffalo. Indeed these trackless wastes between the Rocky mountains and the Pacific are even more desolate and barren than the naked upper prairies on the Atlantic side; they present vast dreary and thirsty wilds between the habitations of man, in traversing which, the wanderer will often be in danger of perishing."

If the same party could go over this route now, what a different story they would have to tell, for the magic hand of reclamation has made a garden out of the former desert and populous towns have sprung up in the Snake river valley where members of the Hunt expedition nearly perished of hunger and hardship.

Mr. Hunt and his party continued on down the river canyon which was very steep and difficult to negotiate. Food was very scarce, the party subsisting on a black-tail deer, a beaver and some frozen berries. The horses were killed and eaten The Canadian voyageurs called it one by one until only that owned

On December 6th, 1811, Mr. Crooks and his party were seen on the other side of the river, returning after a vain attempt to get On October 8th, the party arrived through the narrow precipitious at the post erected by Mr. Henry of canyon of the river and seeing noth-the Missouri Fur company. The ing but mountains piled upon moun-Two miles straight west of town. post was abandoned at this time and tais for miles ahead. Crooks and his men were almost starved, having ceeded to build boats on which to subsisted on a few beaver and old moccasins. Hunt and his men then turned about and started back up the river.

> In their extremity Mr. Hunt suggested that the horse of Pierre Dorion be killed and eaten, but the Phone 188J owner doggedly refused to part with his animal. Continuing on ,the party came unexpectedly upon a camp of Shoshone Indians who fled in great fright when the white men came in rived at a point near the present sight. The party immediately caught site of Twin Falls. Here the party five horses and killed one for food. met with many reverses and endured They made a boat of the skin and sent meat over to the starving men on the other side of the river. One of the Canadians, Jean Baptiste This place in the river was called Provost, returned in the boat and be Caldron Linn. The situation of the cause of his hunger and enfeebled condition, became excited on beholdsurvey of the river showed that it ing the ment reasting before the fire was impossible to navigate it and and upset the cance and was the banks of the river were so high drowned in the cold, swift current

A station on the Homestead There was no game in the country branch of railroad down the river is and the company began to suffer named after the unfortunate Canadian and also in honor of Barde-The party divided into several pie, another Canadian boatman who groups to try and discover the best ferried meat across the treacherous way out of the dilemma. McLennan stream for the relief of the men on and three men kept on down the the other side. Proceeding along river. Crooks and five men started the river banks the party met with back up the river to secure horses some Shoshone Indians and the lure left at Fort Henry, McKenzien and of an old tin kettle secured another

Mr. Hunt now came to the Welser cember 23, the party crossed the

(Continued next week)

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The first notice hereof is publish this twenty-third day of Mar 1922.

ROSA B. MORTON Administratrix of the Estate John A. Morton, deceased. Last publication April 20, 192