

OREGON HISTORY.

Oregon, in 1847 was just settling down to the serious business of growing. The year previous its boundaries had been determined by a treaty with Great Britain, and in 1848 it became a territory. The year 1847 was an intermediate period in which to become accustomed to the idea that it was a part of this country and not of British America and to prepare for the part it was to play in the future history of the United States.

In 1846 the dispute with Great Britain over the boundaries waxed very bitter and the newspapers on this side were full of war talk. The territory in dispute was bounded on the west by the Pacific, on the south by the 42nd degree of latitude, on the east by the Rocky Mountains and on the north by 54:40 latitude. For 28 years a treaty of joint occupancy had been in force, but with the settlement of the country, the provisions of this treaty grew irksome. Each side made a compromise offer. The United States conceded all north of latitude 49 to Great Britain, while the latter wished to cut out of what would thus be left to the United States the territory north and west of the Columbia River. "The comparatively small territory which remains in dispute," the Anglo-American of November 29, 1845, contemptuously remarked, "is not one-tenth of the whole of Oregon."

The American offer prevailed and latitude 49 became the northern boundary, with the exception of the southern part of Vancouver Island, which, although below the line, remained British.

Out of the Oregon defined by the treaty signed June 15, 1846, Congress on March 2, 1853, carved Washington Territory. On March 3, 1863, Idaho was sliced off from Washing-

ton, and to Montana and Wyoming were added parts of the original Oregon Country.

The bill providing for a territorial form of government, passed both houses on August 14, 1848, and General Joseph Lane, a Mexican War veteran, was appointed the first governor, after the position had been refused by Abraham Lincoln, who was destined to play another part in the country's history.

The first United States postal service west of the Rocky Mountains was authorized by congress during the winter of 1846-47.

It was in 1847 that Marcus Whitman, missionary to the Indians, and 13 others were massacred by the Cayuse Indians at Walla Walla. Five years before that Dr. Whitman had made his famous journey across the continent to Washington to urge the administration to stand firm in the American claim to Oregon. "It is just," says the New England Magazine, "to rank Marcus Whitman with Fremont and other great pioneers."

The massacre led to the "Cayuse war," which was prosecuted by a "Provisional Government," which declared war, raised an army, secured the funds to carry on the war and fulfilled the requirements of a government—all this without the least authority from the government of the United States. "In this respect the Oregon story is unique in the history of the states of the American Union."

The Provisional Government was managed by an executive committee of three until June 5, 1845, when George Abernethy was elected governor, with a full complement of officials. Abernethy was succeeded by Governor Lane in 1849.

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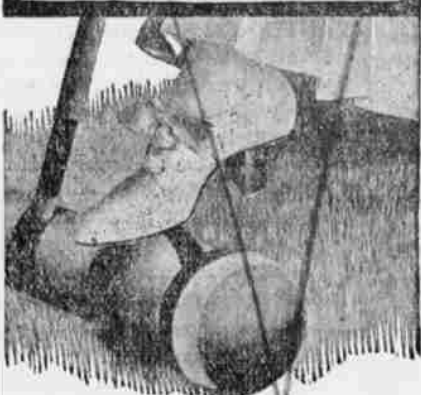
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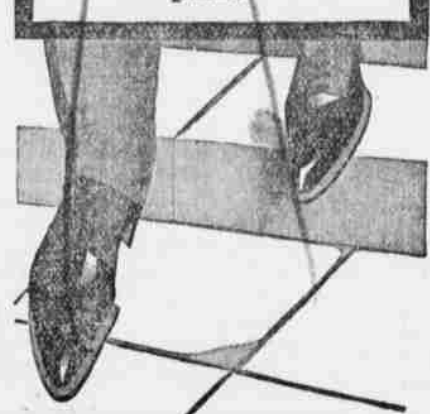
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