ORIGIN OF NAME OREGON EXPLAINED IN SEVERAL WAYS

No One Seems Certain of the Derivation of the Word; Is One of Oldest in History.

[This is the third of a series of articles on Oregon and its history written for The Sunday Journal by J. B. Horner, professor of history, Oregon Agricultural college.]

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So many are the questions asked relative to the derivation and meaning of the name "Oregon," and so diverse are the answers, that the name will be briefly discussed in this connection.

Jonathan Carver applied the name "Oregon" to the "River of the West" as early as 1778, two years after the Declaration of Independence. He said he had heard the river called that name in 1766, by the Indians living in what is now Minnesota.

At least six explanations have been offered regarding the meaning and derivation of the word "Oregon."

OPINIONS VARY

Various authors ascribe Oregon to "O-rig-a-num," a wild plant said to have been found growing in abundance along what is now called the Oregon coast. This explanation was commonly given in school geographies a half century ago, but botanists tell us that the origanum was never found so abundant along the Oregon coast as to attract attention. Students of names have, therefore, more recently sought a more satisfactory explanation of the meaning and derivation of the word.

Hall J. Kelley, who wrote pamphlets concerning the Oregon country as early as 1829, claimed to have traced "Oregon," the name of this river, to a large river called "Orjon" in Chinese Tartary.

William G. Steel, who published a booklet on Oregon names, and who was the first president of the Oregon geographic board, says it is claimed that "Oregon" came from "Oyerungon," a Shoshone word, meaning "a place of plenty."

Bishop Blanchet, connected with the Catholic missionary movement in Washington and Oregon, decided that "Oregon" is a form of "Orejon" (plural Orejones), meaning "big ears"—a term applied by the Spaniards to Indian tribes whose ears were enlarged with loads of ornaments.

The poet, Joaquin Miller, who affectionately called Oregon the Emerald state, referred to the derivation of its name "from some Spanish words, 'aruga aruga,' meaning falling waters, a poetic reference to the cascades and many waterfalls of the 'Oregon river,' that, according to the poet Bryant 'heard his own dashings.'"

NAME IS OLD

"The Popular History of Oregon" tells us that "Oregon" is a form of the name "Aragon," which in Spain is pronounced much like "Oregon," with the accent strongly on the last syllable, as most

ORIGIN OF WORD "OREGON"

ORIGANUM (Wild Thyme)

Americans pronounced the word 50 years ago. In support of this theory, it may be suggested that the name might have been given to the new country by Spanish missionaries as a mark of coutesy to Ferdinand of Aragon, prince consort of Queen Isabella, who offered to pledge her jewels to make possible the voyage which resulted in the discovery of America.

Although "Oregon" probably came from one or more of these words, it could have other derivation. While we are not certain as to the derivation, we do know that it is a peculiar name introduced by Jonathan Carver and made famous in literature by the poet Bryant in his poem "Thanatopsis," written in 1812 and which appeared in the North American Review, 1817; that it was applied to the river now called the Columbia, then to the entire region drained by that river, then restricted to the territory which later became the thirty-third state of the Union.

CARVER'S MAP OF THE RIVER OF THE WEST, 1778

Top, left to right—Jonathan Carver, who first mentioned in print the name "Oregon"; Origanum, a plant, the name of which may have been the source of this state's name. Below—Map of Oregon country printed in the eighteenth century.

Lodges of Baker County Name New Official Staffs

Baker, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Eliza Galbraith has been chosen worthy matron of the Eastern Star lodge at Prairie City, according to word received in Baker. Elbert Belknap, worthy patron; Willia Belknap, associate matron; Jennie Tucker, treasurer; Elizabeth Knight, secretary; Mary Drewitt, conductress, and Laura Bradford, associate conductress.

Officers elected by the Haines Knights of Pythias lodge are: D. M. Cartmill, chancellor commander; Norris Poulson, vice chancellor; Earl Hearing, prelate; Henry Dahl, master of works; G. G. Womack, master of exchequer; F. A. Brickett, keeper of records and seals; T. B. Lethlan, master at arms; Walter Pratt, inner guard; J. R. Spearman, outer guard; C. W. Davidson, trustee.

Bristow lodge No. 112, I. O. O. F., also at Haines, elected Guy Smith, noble grand; William Chambers, vice grand; Henry Dahl, secretary; Jesse McHanna, financial secretary, and John Hammond, treasurer.

The Haines Rebekahs elected Mary McKanna, noble grand; Nellie Christensen, vice grand; Marjorie Snook, secretary; Ethel Smith, financial secretary, and Nina Dahl, treasurer.

Oldest Chauffeur Is Claimed by Jackson

Jackson, Mich., claims the oldest automobile driver in the United States, if not in the whole world, in "Uncle" Elmore Dennis, who has driven a car for the past six years. He is in his ninety-third year and is active in the management of his small farm, using the automobile "to get over the place" every day.

Ione Masons Elect

Ione, Dec. 20.—Ione lodge No. 120, A. F. & A. M., elected officers as follows: J. W. Howk, W. M.; Elmer Griffith, S. W.; Charles M. Howe, J. W.; C. W. Bowers, secretary, and C. A. Lowe, treasurer.

CHRISTMAS TRACES HUMAN HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

December 25 Not Generally Observed as Christ's Birth Anniversary Prior to Chrysostom.

To trace the festivals of the world through all their variations would be to trace the entire history of human religion and civilization. The origin of Christmas is lost in the mists of the past. While it has evolved into purely a Christmas festival it was undoubtedly adapted, as many of our feasts, from pagan times. In its Christian character it celebrates the birth of Christ.

The institution of this festival as a part of the Christian liturgy is attributed to Telesphorous, who flourished in the reign of Antonius Pius 138-161 A. D., but this is unhistorical. It is unknown just when it originated, but December 25 was not generally observed as the anniversary of the birth of Christ prior to Chrysostom's time, fourth century, in the eastern church, although it was celebrated much earlier in the western church. There was no uniformity in observing the period of the nativity among the early churches. Some held the festival in April or May. Others in January. In the eastern church January 6 was the usual date for the feast of the nativity and still continues to be the date in the Armenian church. Some modern scholars hold that January 6 was also the date in early times in Rome and that December 25 was adopted under Pope Liberius in 353 or 354. The celebration of December 25 spread to most parts of the east in the fourth and fifth centuries.

EXACT DATE OF BIRTH UNKNOWN

It is impossible to establish any date as the exact time of the birth of Christ. It is often objected that December 25 could not have been the true date for it is then the rainy season in Palestine when shepherds would hardly have been watching their flocks by night in the fields.

The spirit of Christmas is, however, of far more importance than the historic exactness of its time. The reasons for the selection of December 25 as the date of the birth of the Messiah can not now be determined. Calculations on somewhat arbitrary grounds may have influenced it. The desire to displace the orgies of the Roman saturnalia is now less often ascribed as a reason than formerly. The wish to place a Christian feast in opposition to the feast of the sun at the winter solstice may have had weight. The early church was eager to replace pagan festivities by Christian. As Christianity spread, the feast of the winter solstice, the time when the days begin to increase and light to triumph over darkness, was easily turned into the feast of Christ, the light of life.

GERMANS HELD YULE FEAST

At the winter solstice the Germans held their great Yule feast in commemoration of the return of the fiery sun wheel and they believed that during the 12 nights, reaching from December 25 to January 6 they could trace the personal movements and interference on earth of their great deities Odin, Berchta, etc. Many of the beliefs and usages of the old Germans and also of the Romans relating to this matter passed over from heathendom to Christianity and have partially survived to the present day. It was also the aim of the early church to purify the heathen customs and feasts which it retained in its grandly devised liturgy and its dramatic representations of the birth of Christ and the first events of his life. Hence sprang the manger songs and a multitude of Christmas carols.

Hence also originated at a later period the Christ tree or Christmas trees adorned with lights and gifts. Thus Christmas became a universal social festival as well as a religious one.

ST. NICHOLAS PART OF CHRISTMAS

Inseparably connected with Christmas is St. Nicholas, who was bishop of Mysa in the time of the Emperor Diocletian. He was persecuted on account of his faith. In art St. Nicholas is commonly depicted with three children, standing in a tub by his side. Of this there are various interpretations. One explanation is sought in the legend of St. Nicholas miraculously restoring to life three rich youths who had been murdered and concealed in a salting tub by a thievish innkeeper or butcher in whose house they had taken refuge.

A legend of St. Nicholas' surreptitious bestowal of dowries upon three daughters of a poor man who was unable to procure fit marriages for them is said to have originated the old custom of giving presents on the eve of St. Nicholas, December 6. Subsequently this custom was deferred till Christmas eve. Hence the association of St. Nicholas, or Santa Claus, a corruption of the Dutch for St. Nicholas, with Christmas.

St. Nicholas is the patron saint of Russia, the special protector of children, soldiers, merchants and sailors.

Gasoline Users to Lose $600,000 With Old Gravity Test

Salem, Dec. 20. — Retention of the present specific gravity test for gasoline on the statute books will cost Oregon consumers of gasoline more than $600,000 during the year 1920, if the recent increase of 1½ cents per gallon on that commodity in this state is due to this requirement alone, as is contended by representatives of the oil companies.

This figure is based upon data filed with the secretary of state's office which indicate a total consumption of 41,000,000 gallons of gasoline in the state during the next 12 months, based upon a normal increase over the consumption of the past 12 months. A total of approximately 27,000,000 gallons of gasoline have been sold in Oregon in the eight months since the state license law became effective. These figures, it is estimated, will be increased to approximately 34,000,000 gallons for the 12-month period.

A normal increase of 20 per cent in consumption for the next year, based upon a similar increase in the number of consumers, is regarded as highly conservative, giving a total of 41,000,000 gallons for the coming year. The penalty of 1½ cents per gallon which the oil companies are imposing upon Oregon consumers because of the enforcement of the specific gravity test requirement will therefore amount to approximately $600,000, if not a great deal more.

O. A. C. Graduate Is Named as Aide in Farm Crop Work

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 20.—C. C. Ruth, a graduate of the college, for three years engaged in grain investigation work with the United States bureau of markets, has been appointed assistant professor of farm crops.

John Dubois, who was graduated from Cornell university in civil engineering, and from another institution in classical courses, is a new instructor in the department of irrigation engineering. He has been employed for several years by the state engineer.

Miss Gertrude Strickland, for several years instructor at Washington State college, has been appointed instructor in household arts at the college. She will succeed Miss Jessie Bliss, who is being transferred to extension work.

Miss Lois Johnson Rankin of Monrovia, Cal., has been appointed instructor in the department of physical education for women. She is a graduate of Western College for Women, Oxford, Ohio, and took the teachers' course for physical training at Oberlin college. She was in the canteen service in France during the war. Miss Agnes Houck of Portland, student assistant, has completed her college course and will not be available for instructional work next quarter.

Masonic Secretary Leaves Office Held For Nineteen Years

Albany, Dec. 20.—For the first time in 19 years a new secretary was elected by the members of St. Johns lodge, No. 17, A. F. and A. M., to succeed Edward Washburn. Washburn declined re-election because of the work involved. E. D. Cusick was installed for the nineteenth time as treasurer of the lodge. R. Kelly was elected worshipful master; Fred H. Hough, senior warden; Earl A. Boyle, junior warden; E. D. Cusick, treasurer; George Taylor, secretary; C. H. Cusick, trustee.

The following are the officers of Bayley chapter, No. 8, R. A. M.: W. A. Weaver, high priest; W. L. Marks, king; J. M. French, scribe; D. L. Crawford captain of host; C. H. Cusick, treasurer; E. Washburn, secretary; W. R. Bilyeu, trustee.

The following are officers of Temple commandery, No. 3, Knights Templar: C. H. Cusick, eminent commander; C. C. Bryant, generalissimo; R. W. Davis, captain general; D. P. Mason, prelate; D. L. Crawford, senior warden; O. T. Fox, junior warden; H. B. Cusick, treasurer; E. Washburn, secretary; George Taylor, trustee.

Masonic Chapter Of Eugene Elects New High Priest

Eugene, Dec. 20.—Dr. H. T. Burnett was elected high priest of Eugene chapter No. 11, Royal Arch Masons. Other officers chosen were: R. S. Bryson, king; C. H. Young, scribe; C. J. Fulton, captain of host; Darwin Bristow, treasurer; S. M. Yoran, secretary.

W. O. Heckert, contractor, who dropped dead December 10, left $12,000 in real estate and $6000 in personal property.

Officers Are Named By Culinary Alliance

Centralia, Wash., Dec. 20.—Carl J. Thorsen was elected president of the newly formed Culinary alliance No. 316 of Centralia and Chehalis. Other officers elected were: Stella Shroads, vice president; Frank L. Shroads, financial secretary; William Eisenhour, chaplain; Joe Randall, sergeant at arms; Mrs. William Skinner, inspector. Members of the executive board are John D. Stahl, chairman; Joe Randall, Forrest Nickoa, Jack Bunter and Jesse Howard.

Woodburn Masons Elect

Woodburn, Dec. 20—Woodburn lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., elected the following officers: Harold M. Austin, W. M.; Hiram Overton, S. W.; Blaine McCord, J. W.; J. M. Poorman, treasurer, and Corry B. Richard, secretary. Charles Wakefield, retiring worthy master, was elected trustee.

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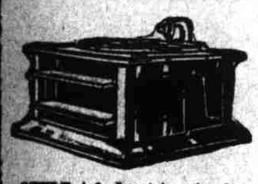

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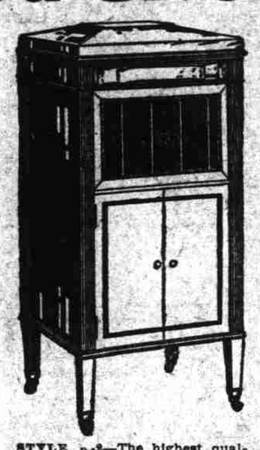

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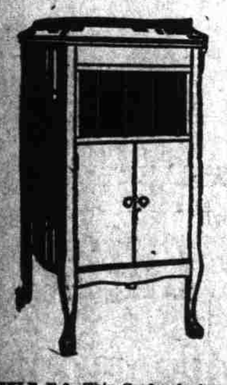

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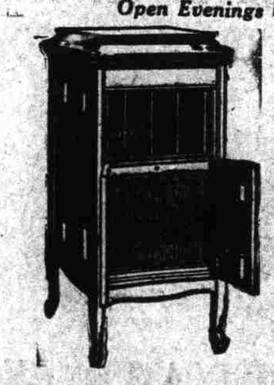

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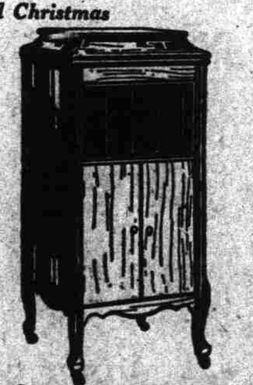

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