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UMATILLA INDIANS FIRST LEARNED OF CHRISTIANITY FROM DR. WHITMAI 48 1 Tutuilla Mission Directed for Many Years by Rev. J. M. Cornelison, Has Accomplished Much.

(By Rev. J. M. Cornelison) Back to the stirring days in the eighties, when Dr. Marcus Whilman and Rev. H. H. Spaulding crossed the plains to teach Christianity to the In-dians, dates the beginning of mission-ary work among the Umatilla Indians of the reservation.

ary work among the Umathia Industry of the reservation. Most people in the Northwest know in a greperal way about the early mhe-sion work among the Industry bergun in 1836 by Dr. Whitman and Rov. Spaulding who came west in that year with their young irides. They also know that on Nov. 27, 1847 Dr. and Mrs. Whitman, together with about a dozen others were massacred at Walliatpu where a mission church and school had been begun for the chris-tinhization and education of the In-dians. Few people have read further or remember any more relative to the Indian mission work so bravely begun and earlied on by Dr. Whitman. The general Impression has gone forth



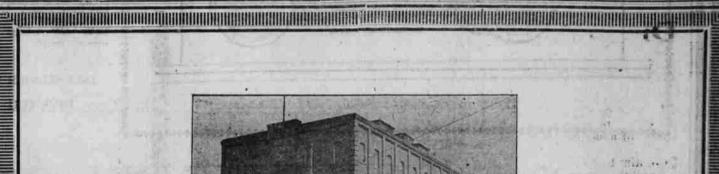
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he thus hesitated a sharp command onme from that little black eyed girl which was heard by all the rest in line. "You get in here Mr. Cornel-ison, you asked me several days ago to

take you to the train, and now I am here to do it. " She flashed defiance at the other drivers who were men. The missionary humbly obeyed. The car plunged forward and the other cars ale her dust al the way to town. It was thus I left the mi at Tutuilla and by consent of the Pres at Tutuilla and by consent of the Pres-bytery of Pendleton entered oversens Y. M. C. A. work. I joined the motor transport department as a track driv-er for the reason that I desired to set right into the thick of the fight and work right down among the men and just as near the front lines as a wel-fare worker was allowed to go. I got a desire to are hearts delight. fare worker was allowed to go. I gots my desire to my hearts delight. In Paris after a conference I was assign-ed to the 57th New York division which was at the time of my arrival fighting in Belgium "in Flanders fields" just back of Kemmel Hill and Ypren. Then the "Y" was very short of commercialion as I was sent for of transportation so I was sent for about ten days to conduct a canteen close Defind the lines, so close that we were not allowed to open the caneen till dark. For just as soon as any one got out in the road before the can-een the whis bangs began to come

over. Before we left Belgium I got my Ford truck. I did my first motor-transport work in and around Proven, Belgium. I had my first experience in driving in the pitch darkness on strange roads where no lights were al-lowed. I finally developed regular owl eyes and didn't need any lights. It d that same 27th division ng the rost of the war into re

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