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Too many congressmen have half an eye on duty and an eye and a half on what effect their doings will have on the next congressional election.

Men continue to discuss women's clothes just as though their opinions had weight with the gentle ones—which they do not.

Should that disarmament conference do its manifest duty, the war lords will have to hunt a more useful occupation.

No one has risen up to say that the senate has ratified the peace treaties with unseemly haste.

After all is said and done, mere man is very glad that Adam's rib underwent that transformation.

D. A. R. Dedicates Marker to Pioneer Builders of Road

(Continued From Yesterday.)

Mrs. Bert Anderson and Mrs. Gordon MacCracken then removed the huge American flag covering the monument, which presented a striking appearance, surrounded by beautiful flowers and children, grandchildren and friends of the sturdy pioneers. The monument is of Jackson county granite and on it is a handsome bronze tablet with this inscription:

"Erected 1921 by the Crater Lake and Mount Ashland Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution in honor of the following pioneers who, in the year 1846, blazed the first trail through the wilderness of southern Oregon and the Rogue River valley."

Then follows the names of the pioneers: Lindsay Applegate, Jesse Applegate, William Parker, Henry Boygus, John Owens, Robert Smith, Moses Harris, Benit Osborn, Levi Scott, John Scott, J. Jones, Samuel Goodhue, Davis Goff, William Sportsman, Benjamin Birch.

All of these men now are dead. The party was led by Lindsay and Jesse Applegate and they made the trip on horseback, having thirty pack and saddle horses. A full account of this expedition, written by Mrs. Alice Sargent, was recently published in this paper.

Mayor C. E. Gates, of Medford, made a splendid talk complimenting the two chapters for their patriotic work in erecting the marker along the route of the original road blazed by the pioneers in 1846. He paid a glowing tribute to the fifteen men and called attention to the difference in the wilderness they had to blaze through and their mode of travel, by saddle and pack horse, to those of today, along the same route, on a paved highway in automobiles.

The mayor called attention to the historic fact that when the "famous fifteen" first came to the great northwest, or Oregon country, comprising what is now Oregon, Washington, Idaho, part of Wyoming and Montana, there were only nineteen white women in this whole territory and that William Parker, one of the party of fifteen, afterward married one of them

The exercises were closed by Mrs. C. C. Van Scoyoc, who offered the prayer of the national association, written by "The Father of His Country."

Three of the party of fifteen pioneers later located in Jackson county, as follows: Lindsay Applegate, Jesse Applegate and William Parker.

The children of Lindsay Applegate, living in this county now, are: Mrs. Alice Sargent, of Jacksonville; Mrs. Rachel Alford, of Medford; Capt. O. C. and L. B. Applegate, now of Klamath Falls; also his sons. Mrs. Alice Peil and Miss Lydia McCall, of Ashland, both of whom attended the unveiling, are grandchildren. Frank, son of Capt. O. C. Applegate, also lives in Medford.

Jesse Applegate has no children living here now, but Mark Applegate, of Medford, and Dan Applegate, of Ashland, are his grandchildren.

Mrs. Atlanta Satchwell, of this city, is a daughter of William Parker, and S. A. and S. S. Parker, of Ashland, are his sons.

There are several grandchildren of these pioneers living, whose names we did not learn.

The officers of the Mount Ashland chapter are: Mrs. Gordon MacCracken, regent; Mrs. J. P. Dodge, vice regent; Mrs. William Curry, second vice regent; Mrs. H. O. Anderson, secretary; Mrs. Alice Peil, historian; Mrs. Mary Swigert, chaplain.

Officers of Crater Lake chapter: Mrs. Bert Anderson, regent; Mrs. M. J. Norris, vice regent; Mrs. W. M. Van Scoyoc, secretary; Mrs. C. B. Warren, treasurer; Mrs. Julia Bishop, registrar; Miss Sarah Van Matre, historian.

Mrs. John A. Keating, of Portland, state regent, sent a message expressing appreciation of the state for the splendid memorial.

Some Historical Events

This interesting data was secured from people attending the unveiling exercises:

The historic Culver house, which stands just below Phoenix and is so well kept by Loyd Culver and wife, was built by his grandfather, Sam Culver, and John Davenport in 1855, and was a hotel and store. Many notable pioneers and weary travelers stopped there in earlier days. It was a block house built of big timbers, dovetailed and fastened with wooden pins. It had portholes to be used in case of attack. The building was weatherboarded and otherwise fixed up many years ago.

Two of the oldest pioneers in the county who attended the unveiling Friday were Mrs. Mary A. Dunn and Mrs. Anna H. Russell,, sisters, and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hill. Mr. Hill crossed the plains from Tennessee with oxen in 1849, took a donation land claim now known as Kingsbury Springs He returned to Tennessee and brought Mrs Hill and the children across the plains by ox team in 1852. Mary Hill married Patrick Dunn, who took a donation claim in 1852, and George Dunn, their son, with whom Mrs. Dunn makes her home, lives on the original place now. Mrs. Dunn is 85 years of age. Patrick Dunn was formerly clerk of Jackson county; was elected to the legislature in 1854, and died in 1891.

James H. Russell, Hugh Barron and John Gibbs took a donation land claim, known for a long time as Mountain House, now known as the Barren place. Mr. Gibbs was killed by Indians in 1853. Hugh Barron's sons, Ed and Homer, live on the old place now. George Barron and the widow of Hugh Barron live in Ashland, as does Mrs. Alice Butler. Her daughter, Anna Hill, married James H. Russell, who died in 1895. They had eleven children, nine girls and two boys, ten of whom are living, the only ones in this county being Mrs. O. Winter and Miss Nellie, who lives with her mother in Ashland. Mrs. Russell is 83 years of age.

"Grandma" Merriman, who recently died at Medford, and two other women, whose names were not learned, had an exciting experience during the Rogue River Indian war. They held out for twenty-four hours against an Indian attack in a small cabin near the present town of Rogue River. The Indians shot flaming arrows at the cabin trying to set fire to it, and when they would approach close to the cabin the women would take a shot at them from portholes. When relief arrived, twenty-four dead Indians were found around the cabin with no casualties to the brave white women.

Capt. O. C. Applegate, of Klamath Falls, says when the party of fifteen left the Willamette valley to lay out the road they started from near where Portland now stands, but the city had not been founded then and there were no American settlers between Portland and Fort Hall, on Snake river, now in Idaho. The object of the expedition was to get connection with the government post at Fort Hall. The party traversed principally what is now the Pacific highway to Ashland, by the present new Green Springs mountain road over the Cascades to the Klamath country, crossing the Klamath river near the present town of Keno and over the line into what was then Mexico, now California Encountering the lava beds, they crossed back into the Oregon country at the stone bridge on Lost river, where the next marker is to be erected, through what is now Nevada, up the Humboldt river to Fort Hall, intersecting the Oregon trail down the Columbia.

They desired this route for two reasons—one because the Hudson Bay company controlled all the posts between the mouth of the Columbia and Fort Hall, and the trouble between England and this country had not been settled, placing the lives of the Americans in jeopardy unless they had connection with the United States troops and, second, because of the treacherous rapids of the Columbia at The Dalles, where both Jesse and Lindsay Applegate had lost a son by drowning.

Lindsay Applegate and family came to this valley in 1860, locating on what is known as the Dollarhide place, in the Siskiyous, and took charge of the toll station. The road had been built a few years before by legislative franchise. The Applegates later moved to the Hargadine place, on which most of Ashland now is built, which was the family home for years. They moved to Klamath Falls after the first treaty with the Klamath, Modoc and Snake Indians in 1863, and Lindsay Applegate was the first Indian agent. Capt. J. C. Applegate was captain of state troops and scouts during the Modoc war in 1872-73 and was also Indian agent at Klamath Falls several years after his father.

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