

Trail From Scappoose One Of Tualatin's Chief Roads

TRADER'S DIARY RECOUNTS CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL, COLUMBA TO UMPQUA RIVERS '34

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(Continued from last week)

The rich productivity of the Tualatin valley, in pioneer times, added real incentive for road builders. Competing freight concerns established three main lines of entry into the present Washington county, vying with each other for the abundance of agricultural products and furs in the beginning of a flourishing traffic. The Columbia river, and its nearby tributary, the Willamette, were avenues of trade for other parts of the new West as well as the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii) and other markets. Without the river, sparsely dotted with other settlements, much of the need for articles of trade would not have been so demanding.

The closest artery to the Columbia river, nearest the Pacific ocean, brought a traveler out to the present site of Scappoose and by 1848, the road was well marked. Well-marked it was, too, fourteen years previous, as related in the diary of a party headed by John Work, extensive traveler and trader for the Hudson Bay company. He set out May 22, 1834, on a trading expedition from Fort Vancouver across the Tualatin Plains and the Yamhill basin into the Umpqua river country.

Work and party, leaving the upper end of Sauvie Island, bypassed Tom McKay's farm at Scappoose and went directly by across to the "traverse" or mountain trail leading toward Scappoose in one direction and into the Tualatin Plains by the other direction.

This traverse was on Willamette slough, described by Work as a little channel a mile or two north-west of the present site of Holbrook and about five miles south of McKay's Scappoose farm.

Landing in a driving rainstorm, the travelers were shortly dripping

wet and their baggage, too, absorbed quite a soaking. "Very unpleasant" was the necessity to make camp in wet grass, fighting "plenty of mosquitoes" and with "very little wood to make a fire."

The party remained at this bedraggled campsite for a day while part of the men were sent off to the Tualatin Plains to round up horses which Tom McKay had sent there for grazing. They returned from their errand in the evening, soaking wet.

The second day out, the traders proceeded across the mountain to "the beaver ground at Tualatin Plains." At the present site of North Plains, some four or five miles north and east of the present county seat, they camped. Horses not needed as pack animals were started back to McKay's grazing herd.

As Work relates in his journal, "We were three and a half hours crossing the mountains," a distance of eight to ten miles in a southwesterly direction. The road in many places was steep and rugged, particularly on the north side of the hill.

The wet gloomy weather and numerous trees fallen across the road made travel slow.

As the trader related, the country was not thickly wooded but heavily overgrown with underbrush. Trees were principally pine and cedar, many of them of good size. There were also medium sized oak trees fringing the edge of the woods near North Plains, and some ash and other trees as well.

Describing the looks of present Washington county some century ago, Work wrote, "It is a continuation of plains which commence here and continue on to the southward, separated by narrow strips of timber." The soil was a rich mold covered with grass and other plants; many strawberry plants then bearing fruit and scarcely a

shrub or a stone to interfere with the plow.

"Though termed a plain," he continued, "from being clear of wood, the country is not a dead flat but composed of level land with gently rising ground. Portions of the flat lands are springy. The vegetation is not rank, yet yields a great deal of pasture."

It was the sixth day out that the group continued the journey. McKay creek was easily forded. At Dairy creek, it was necessary to swim the horses and transfer baggage over an improvised bridge, made by felling a tree from bank to bank. Gales creek was the fourth and last fork of the Tualatin river that they forded.

Banks of all these forks were steep and of heavy, slippery clay.

From this point on, the traders continued into the trading area. By the time they returned, some two months later, they had a beaver skin and eight other pelts, plus detailed information on a new territory.

From the accomplishment of each journey from the Columbia river into the Tualatin Plains, the

route that was to become an important avenue of trade became more and more widely known. And Tom McKay's settlement at the Scappoose end of the trail played an increasingly notable part in the traffic development.

(continued next week)

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OUT OF TOWN
Out of town guests at the home of the Glen W. Sweet were her mother, Mrs. Mary McElrea of Long Beach, Calif. and her sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Miller of Seattle and Alfred and Robert McElrea of Iowa, her nephews. Mr. and Mrs. Al Johnson of Rockaway Beach also attended.

BEACH WEEKEND
Mrs. J. K. Macdonald and two children spent the weekend at Gearhart.

AT BAY OCEAN
Mrs. John Matchek and two children on Bertha-Beaverton highway are visiting at the Lautorette home at Bay Ocean. They will stay there for one month.

DOUBLE DATE

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chadwick and family are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Richly at Longview. The occasion was the Chadwick's wedding anniversary plus Mr. Chadwick's birthday.

VISITORS WELCOME

Visitors are welcome at the Emanuel hospital to see Russell Chadwick, of Scholls Ferry road, who suffered a broken leg early this week in a tangle of his bike with a car, on Taylor's Ferry road. He had just returned Saturday from a month's vacation in Southern Nevada. Now he is in hospital and expects to be there for about three weeks.

All friends who would like to make his long days in bed seem a little shorter are asked to drop in for a visit at the regular calling hours.

BACK AFTER TWO WEEKS

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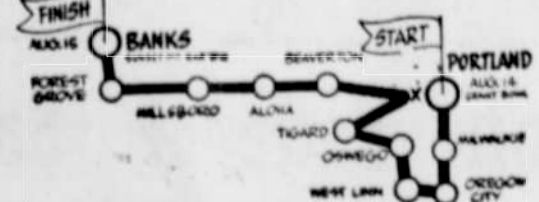
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