

RAILROAD FOLLOWS IMMIGRANT TRAIL

Old South Road Blazed by Pioneers of '46 Used During Gold Rush.

University of Oregon, Eugene, May 25.—Interesting light is thrown on the history of the railroad situation in Oregon by Frederick G. Young, dean of the school of sociology, one of the founders of the Oregon Historical Society, secretary of this organization since 1898, and editor of its quarterly, who has pointed out that the Old South Road, which corresponds to the present route of the Southern Pacific, was blazed by Captain Levi Scott and the Applegates, famous Oregon pioneers, in 1846 to avoid the perils of the Cascades.

In 1843 approximately 1000 persons started for the Oregon country following the Old Oregon Trail through Fort Hall to The Dalles and down the Columbia. Dean Young said. Two of this party, the Applegate boys, lost their lives on the last part of the journey, so a new route was planned to eliminate further accidents.

Captain Scott met the fall immigration of 1846, and successfully guided the party through the Klamath country, up the Rogue river across the Umpqua into the Willamette valley, thus creating the now famous Old South Road.

Trapping parties with pack ponies, under the guidance of John Work, a chief factor of the Hudson Bay company, had come as far south as the Umpqua in 1834, and made a regular trapping road up the Long Tom river on west of Cottage Grove. The first trail extending through the state was made a short time after this by employees of the Hudson Bay company who made regular trips to California. The pioneer South Road immigration of 1846 blazed the first good, popular trail to the California line, and this route was more fully opened by the Oregon argonauts, or gold-seekers, in the fall of 1848.

"The pioneers had not been prospering properly in their new homes," Dr. Young said, "and when news of the gold discovery of 1848 in California came, nearly two-thirds of the able-bodied manhood went to California. This great exodus of gold seekers made a beaten track which probably was the first form of highway to the south."

California filled very rapidly after the gold rush, and the pony express was established to connect it with the eastern part of the United States. Oregon's connection with the world was mainly via her southern neighbor, so a regular stage line was opened between the two states, Dr. Young explained.

Summarizing the various factors which led to the permanent route between Oregon and California, from 1834 until the completion of the Southern Pacific in 1888, Dr. Young said:

"The trapping parties under John Work were the first to blaze a trail as far south as the Umpqua, and they were followed by the Hudson Bay parties, who traversed the length of the state. Captain Levi Scott and his South Road immigration party blazed the trail which the gold seekers took in 1848. This beaten track made possible the stage line, and it in turn gave rise to the railroad which was completed through to Eugene in 1872 and to Portland some 15 years later."

BOARDMAN

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Commencement exercises for the class of 1926 were held Thursday evening at the auditorium. There were four graduates, Katherine Brown, Caroline Hunt, Bessie Cruishank and Howard Packard. The exercises opened with a piano solo by Mrs. Lee Mead, invocation by E. W. Warrington of Corvallis, Salutatory by Caroline Hunt, Class History, Howard Packard; Class Will, Bessie Cruishank; Valedictory, Katherine Brown; piano solo, Linda Hango. The address of the evening was given by Mr. Warrington and was of only interesting but well worth hearing, but was marred by the behavior of a few of the boys who were old enough to know better. Mr. Warrington also presented the diplomas. Maxene Balenger and Catherine Mead were the little flower girls who carried lovely bouquets of sweet peas, the class flower, to the graduates.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Macomber and Sybil Grace went to Grandview, Wn., to attend the wedding of Belle Macomber, Nate's sister, who was united in marriage on Sunday to Ted Bailey.

Two Famous Inventors Meet



While attending the National Electric Light Association's Convention at Atlantic City, N. J., two famous inventors met for the first time. They were Robert W. DeForest and Thomas Edison, electrical experts, who are interested in perfecting the new device combining the motion picture and phonograph into one unit, "talking movies."

The Neatest for BATHING



One of the newest novelties in smart beach costumes is this elaborate model, fashioned of silk pongee in red and white design. The tunic has a two-piece effect, with the skirt slightly gathered to give it a graceful flare from the waist. It is worn with jersey knickerbockers, of solid color, underneath.

A number of fight fans of Boardman attended the smoker Thursday night at Umatilla.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson were overnight guests Thursday at the Chas. Wicklander home. The Dicksons were enroute to Baker to attend the state grange meeting. Mr. Dickson is a director of the Grange Fire Insurance Co.

The Roy Brown home was a center of festivity over the week end in honor of the graduation of their daughter Katherine. Their house guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Demaris and four daughters of Walla Walla. Mrs. Demaris is a sister of Mrs. Brown. Adeline Kennedy of Weston, a niece, and Mrs. Frances Kennedy of Walla Walla, mother of Mrs. Brown, completed the guest list, all motoring down on Thursday and returning to their respective homes on Sunday.

Roy Howell and Mr. Blue of Bickleton, Wn., were business visitors in Boardman on Tuesday and called at the Royal Rands home. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Huff left on Monday for The Dalles where they will be employed in the cannery for a month.

The annual hegira of teachers is completed. Miss Flossie Officer, 5th and 6th grades teacher, left Sunday night for Baker where she will visit for a time before returning to her home in Dayville. She was accompanied by her sister Iva who has been visiting her the past two weeks. Miss Beougher, the home economics teacher, left Friday for her home in Albany. She plans to take summer work in some school and will return to Boardman in the fall. Miss Elsie Silver, teacher of the 3rd and 4th grades, returned to her home in Astoria. She will go to summer school also, possibly in California, and will resume her work here in the fall. Mrs. Katherine Mulkey, 7th and 8th grades teacher, left the fore part of the week. Mrs. Olive M. Wilson, primary, went from here to Spokane to visit her daughter and see her son who is in the cavalry of the U. S. army, but who will be transferred to California soon. Mrs. Wilson will teach at Echo. Miss Malloy returned to her home in Seattle. Mr. and Mrs. Carr went to Mabton, Wash. Mr. Carr will return in the fall. He is instructor in manual training and science. The Beardsleys have not gone as yet. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fry of California were overnight guests at the Royal Rands home enroute to Walla Walla. Mrs. Fry is a niece of Mrs. Rands. Katherine Brown leaves shortly for Ellensburg, Wn., where she will enter the Washington State Normal. Her cousin from Walla Walla who graduates from Walla Walla high school June 10, will also attend school there. Caroline Hunt will visit at her home in Republic, Wn., for a time and then go to Seattle where she plans to enter business college. Edna and Ethel Broyles will return soon from school. Ethel will attend summer normal at Pendleton. Haying is in full swing on the project at present and a trip through the country shows hay stacks of various sizes, shapes and descriptions.

There are tall skinny stacks, short fat ones, long low ones, some wobbly looking ones that look as though a breath from the desert wind would topple them; some neat and trim-looking ones, but regardless of size, or shape all represent a vast amount of time and labor in the past and a tidy sum of money for the future. At present there is practically no hay selling.

M. K. Flickinger lost one of his fine Jersey cows last week. This was one of the herd he purchased recently from the cattle association at Canby.

Mrs. Macomber, son Eldon and daughter Belle returned to their home in Grandview, Wn., after a weeks visit at the Nate Macomber home.

Mrs. J. F. Gorham and children Janet and Mardell have returned from a pleasant visit in Portland and Clatskanie. Mrs. Gorham attended the Rebekah assembly in Salem last week.

A delightful silver tea was given Wednesday by the Ladies Aid at the home of Mrs. Nate Macomber. The afternoon was spent socially with some handling bits of needlework. A short but pleasing program was given with musical numbers and recitations.

Uram Messenger, son of E. T. Messenger, will receive his diploma this month from O. A. U. Uram has worked his way through school entirely "on his own" and his Boardman friends are very proud of his achievement and wish him the best of success when he enters his chosen field of work.

Mr. and Mrs. Spagle returned from a trip in the valley, Mr. Spagle bringing the water tank from Salem, and is now hauling water for the trees along the highway.

Those from here who attended the ball game at Arlington Sunday came home cheering for Boardman had won the game 6 to 1.

Geo. Mefford and family visited over Sunday at Boardman.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors, the Oddfellows and Rebekahs and the ladies of the Ku Klux Klan who so kindly assisted us, and for the beautiful floral offerings, during the recent bereavement in the death of our beloved wife and mother.

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MRS. PERRY CONNER,
MRS. ARTHUR HUNT.

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