

Site of Historic Fort Lane at Tolo Will Be Marked by Monument Is Plan of Local Daughters of Revolution

By ERNEST ROSTEL An almost forgotten spot, a few mounds of earth and a nearly obliterated outline of building foundation long ago turned back into earth from whence they came, is all that remains of Fort Lane, southern Oregon's proudest military fort and headquarters.

the old military fort are three unmarked graves. It was not long after a decision had been reached to construct the military post, though the Indians were thought to be peaceful, that one of the most important events of early pioneer days occurred when James C. Kyle, a Jacksonville merchant was murdered on October 6, 1853, by Indians of the Table Rock reservation.

Winter rains have come and gone and summer winds and summer heat have done their bit, but they have failed to erase the spot entirely. Situated on a little rise not far from the vacant Tolo store, which once served as a postoffice, the site of the old fort overlooks the northern edge of the valley toward Table Rock, years ago the stronghold of the Rogue River Indians. It does not take a trained eye to note that the fort stood on a spot of ground 150 feet long and 50 feet wide. The ground is beaten deep and the grass has not yet had sufficient courage to grow there as tall and as thick as it does outside its borders.

Hains of Fireplaces Two mounds are mute evidence that they once served as foundations for fireplaces—probably in the quarters of the commanding officers, whose families were with them during the time of Indian strife. Silence has reigned decade after decade where strode heavy booted soldiers, keeping vigil and ready to protect residents of the valley from hostile Indian outbreaks. For three years the fort was lived with soldier songs, dress parades, morning, noon and evening calls of the bugler, echoing against a tree covered mountain side to the west.

Abandoned in 1856 When Indian warfare was abandoned in 1856, the old fort was abandoned and its force of 150 soldiers who had guarded its wooden ramparts, was scattered, many of them finding a soldier's grave. Some of them died for the flag that waved above the fort and others forsook that flag to join the "Lost Cause," the Great Rebellion and were lost with it, but the tree from which the flag was flown still stands surviving mention of a bygone day.

When the Indian war of 1853 was over, the warlike savages were safely domiciled in the Table Rock section, their reservation extending north and west of these two well known landmarks, the upper and lower rocks. The Indians liked it there. Camas and Ip-a roots grew in profusion and salmon in their season swarmed in the river, not to speak of the wild game in the neighboring mountains and hills. Deer were not hard to kill and Indian bucks enjoyed hunting, leaving the monotonous camp work to willing squaws.

Fort Lane raised its imposing front not far from the peaceful borders of the reservation upon the resolution of military authorities to found a permanent fortified camp near Table Rock. It was commodiously and even handsomely built, and in a manner well adapted to the use of such a post. A wooden stockade enclosed a spacious area, including a parade ground, barracks for private soldiers, houses for officers, an amory, a hospital, stables and other buildings, all constructed of logs.

Three Unmarked Graves In its roster were included the names of graduates from the West Point military academy, far from the Indian-troubled southern Oregon, and soldiers were there from all parts of the nation. In a little draw east of the site of

the old fort were held responsible. Under terms of the peace treaty, two Indians, George and Tom, were surrendered to authorities as the murderers. They were tried in the United States circuit court in Jacksonville in February of 1854 and were hanged two days later in the court yard.

The old fort was named after General Joseph Lane, in charge of the campaign against the Rogue River Indians during the course of the Indian war. He was a southerner, born December 11, 1801. At an early age in Indiana, he was a representative in the state legislature and later a state senator, followed by service in the second regiment of the Indiana volunteers who took part in the Mexican war. He took an active part in the battle of Buena Vista and though he sustained a serious wound in the shoulder, he remained on the field of battle.

Lane Named Governor President Polk, of the United States, a staunch friend of the Oregon territory, appointed General Lane as governor of the territory, which included all of the state of Washington. Within three days after receiving the commission, General Lane had disposed of his property and with a small party was on his way to the far-off wilds of Oregon. After a journey of six months, only seven of the original party reached San Francisco, where they took passage on the schooner, Jeanette, and reached the Columbia river after a voyage of 18 days. Those that reached Oregon were General Lane, Marshall Meek, Lieutenant Hawkins, Surgeon Hayden and three enlisted men. In due course, the little party reached Oregon City where General Lane took over the duties of governor on March 2, 1849, holding sway over a population of 9983 people.

In due time, another president of the United States was elected. General Lane was deposed and he was making his way south when he heard of Indian hostilities in southern Oregon—that the Indians were by-as solum (fighting mad) and on a rampage. This aroused the general and his little party and he made haste to strike one of the first blows in the suppression of the war. It was not long until he found himself along the green banks of the Rogue river. He had no military or civil authority, but he became the man of the hour.

Indians Badly Beaten The fighting that ensued was disastrous for the savages. They were defeated in every fight, according to a diary the general made, and over 50 were killed. A number of prisoners were taken and these were later turned over by General Lane to Governor Gaines at some spot along the river. The Gaiques treaty was signed at the end of the war, but was said to have been kept in poor faith by the white settlers, who took it on themselves to settle on Indian lands. There were subsequent hostilities and General Lane remained in command. In one skirmish



Bell Forged in Royal Foundries

The University of Santa Clara Mission was recently presented with a bell forged in the royal foundries of Spain. King Alfonso XIII is the donor. For over a hundred years the kings of Spain have presented bells to the Mission at Santa Clara. A Chevrolet coupe is shown in the foreground in front of the Mission.

while leading a small party, he received a severe bullet wound through the right arm. Still exposing himself, he was forcibly dragged back behind a tree, according to an account of the battle, where he continued to direct the course of the fighting. The savages held a strong position and could not be driven from it, but when they learned General Lane was in command, they began to call to him and the soldiers, professing their readiness to treat for peace.

Not anxious to let them know of his wound, the general went through about him for protection. A long pow-wow ensued, painful and hard for the general, and the decision was reached at length that a final peace talk should be held at Table Rock. Seven days were set aside for the armistice, during which time the red men were to deliver their guns to the military authorities. War's stern terror gave way to the joys of peace and Indian ponies indifferently munched grass with the army horses, as their owners worked together in the care of the wounded and burial of the dead.

General Lane's work was done and agricultural pursuits took his time and interest, and though he did not have the advantages of early education, he began systematic study at the age of three score and through uncommon perseverance acquired an enviable store of knowledge. In such manner the old general passed the later years of his life surrounded by his children and grandchildren, a bond to him by more than ordinary regard and affection. His work was done and as his long and well spent career drew to a close, the Indian fight had no regret in looking back upon the years, which had been filled with so much action. He died in April, 1881, having nearly attained the ripe old age of 80 years.

To Place Monument In memory of Fort Lane, and

indirectly in memory of the grand old Indian fighter, a fitting monument is soon to be placed on the nearly forgotten site of the fort by members of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Medford. A program is being prepared and efforts are being made to have Professor Irving E. Vin- ting of Ashland make a speech upon the unveiling of the simple marker. In keeping with the lives which southern Oregon's pioneers so simply, yet which made possible the prosperous southern Oregon of today, devoid of the dreaded Indian dances of war, ambushes and oft times death.

Dedication, October 31. If present plans are carried out, the program will be held on the afternoon of October 31, and pioneers of all southern Oregon are expected to be among those present. Efforts are also being made to have full-blooded Cherokee Indians present in full dress. The placing of the monument will be the biggest event in Tolo for years and is expected to attract a great crowd of pioneers. Tolo once had shrilly shrieked and other interested people. Tolo once had ambition to become a city and still has a large number of city lots, empty and deserted, but residents of the section, hoping that the California Oregon Power company may eventually build a new dam at Gold Ray and that the Fleischacker interests of San Francisco, because of their recent purchase of 3300 acres of land along the river, may build a summer resort, still feel that Tolo will grow, and that the site of the fort will be in the midst of a thriving little city in time to come.

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (AP)—Nearly a million cedar tree seeds were sold by the department of forestry here this year to Porto Rico and Cuba whose governments are trying to reforest sections of those islands. In addition 6,000 teak seedlings and thousands of cypress seeds were exported.

DURANT ROADSTER COVERS 2472 MILES IN JUST THREE DAYS

Some owners have such confidence in their motor cars that they cannot resist temptation, when opportunities offer, to put their cars to trials of endurance. Those trials, if the cars live up to the owner's expectations, lead to greater confidence and enthusiasm.

Such is the opinion of Mr. H. H. Sabin & Rindt, local Durant dealer who points a recent cross-country pleasure trip taken by R. G. Gamble of Los Angeles, Durant owner-enthusiast. "Driving from Huntington Park, Calif., at exactly five minutes after ten o'clock in the forenoon in his Durant roadster, Gamble arrived in his dust and mud-covered car at Des Moines, Ia., three days later. He had covered a distance of 2,472 miles, stopping only for food, gasoline, water and oil. The car averaged 22 1/2 miles to the gallon of gasoline, he reports, and at times reached a top speed of 72 miles an hour.

"The weather was fine when I left Los Angeles," Gamble said, "but it changed to cold when I hit the mountains and then became so hot on the desert that I turned black in the face. In Iowa I encountered heavy rain and slippery mud roads." When asked why he made the run, Gamble stated that it was just to see whether he could drive all the way alone and without sleep.

W. C. T. U. Notes

Medford W. C. T. U. will meet October 24th at 2:30 p. m. at the Y. W. C. A. building. A good program, with Elder Theumler speaking and special music will be given. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

The Fifty-fifth national convention of the W. C. T. U. was held at Indianapolis September 19-25, hundreds of delegates from all over the country attending. President Hoover sent special greetings saying "I am daily impressed with the great need for extended work of education in the moral, physical and economic benefit of temperance. Since the adoption of the prohibition amendment too many people have come to rely wholly upon the strong arm of the law to enforce abstinence, forgetting that the cause of temperance has its strong foundations in the conviction of the individual of the personal value to himself of temperance in all things." An epoch-making service at the state capitol occurred at the dedicating, unveiling and presenting to the state of Indiana the memorial tablet to Frances E. Willard and acceptance by Governor Leslie. A fleet of aeroplanes flew over the capitol building during the ceremony, dropping flowers and prohibition literature.

A new department was adopted by the organization that of non-alcoholic fruit products, that the

use of all kinds of fruits and non-alcoholic drinks be popularized. Reports brought to the convention were of 40,000 new women recruited for the W. C. T. U. this year. On the Sunday of the convention 4750 young people from the Sunday schools of Indianapolis took part in the youth's parade.

"Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Prohibition," was adopted as the slogan of the W. C. T. U. for the year. It was further recommended that at least one new union be organized in every county of the United States. Also stress was laid on greater publicity being given of the work by more general use of local press.

The World's Temperance Sunday falls on November 3. All pulpits recognize the temperance cause in sermons on that date. Mrs. Ella Boole, national president of the W. C. T. U., will be present at the Oregon State convention of the organization which will be held at Pendleton, October 21-24. Mrs. J. C. Woods, of Medford, Jackson County delegate, will attend the convention.

A Rite Worth Reviving An old wedding-day rite which because of its beauty and sentiment seems well worth reviving is that of planting bridal-trees, one for the bride and one for the groom, not far from the threshold of the newly established home.

Leftover gravy combined with bread crumbs makes a tasty filling for meat, green peppers or tomatoes baked. It may also be added to chopped meat and potatoes and baked in a moderate oven for 20 minutes.

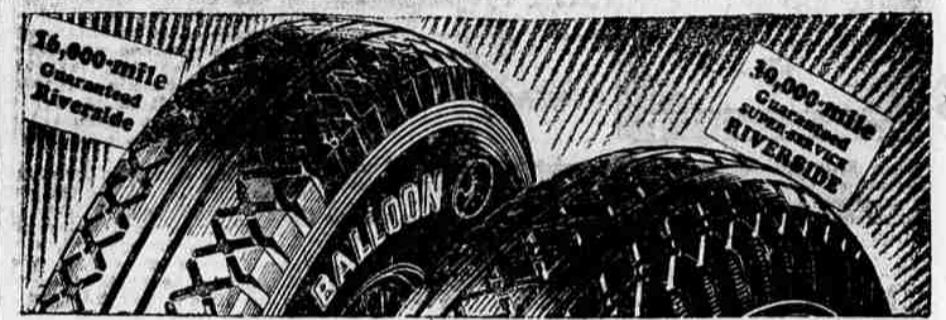
TEN MILLION DOLLAR MOVIE TONE STUDIO FOR FOX STUDIOS

A "Miracle City"—a dream come true—representing an investment of \$10,000,000, which will be the future home of Fox Movietone productions, is nearing completion at Fox Hills in Westwood and will be formally dedicated on October 28. The idea and plans for this miracle city were conceived and executed by William Fox, president of the Fox Film Corporation.

Movietone City covers forty acres lying across the southern end of Fox Hill studios ten miles west of Hollywood. As late as July 28 of this year the site of the "Miracle City" was just California acreage. Twenty-five buildings comprise the group—four of them are each 212 feet long and 165 feet wide. The walls are 45 feet high and each of the four buildings are two sound proof stages; making eight in all. Each with its own equipment—apparatus rooms, test laboratories and projection rooms. On the second floor on stage number one is the world's largest Wurliitzer organ ever built. The administration building is 210 feet by 60 feet and is topped with a decorative tower 75 feet high. At the extreme back portion of this walled city are two 100 foot

towers—one is a cooling tower for the air conditioning system and the other is a gravity tower, the base of the automatic sprinkler system. About 1200 skilled workmen labored seven days a week in eight hour shifts in construction. This is the Fox Movietone City built by a pioneer in the industry, a man who has always kept pace with its growth and development. This is a "Miracle City," William Fox's dream come true. This is the city that will turn out sound and talking pictures that will be shown in Fox West Coast theaters—a part of the mighty Fox organization—presented in Medford by the Craterian and Hault theaters.

Green-Pepper Pineapple Salad This is an ornamental salad as well as delicious to the taste. Select three firm green peppers, remove the seeds and stuff with the following: Two packages of Philadelphia cream cheese, 1/2 cupful of crushed pineapple, 1 pintino, cut very fine, 2 tablespoonfuls of pecan nuts, chopped fine, 1 teaspoonful of gelatine. Mix the cream cheese, the pineapple, drained for mts juice, the pintino, and the nuts. Soak the gelatine in two teaspoonfuls of the pineapple juice, and dissolve over hot water. Add this to the pineapple mixture. Fill the pepper shells and set on ice to harden. With a very sharp knife, cut crosswise the peppers into thin slices and serve on lettuce leaves with mayonnaise dressing. Victim: "But officer, it's not that kind of a car."



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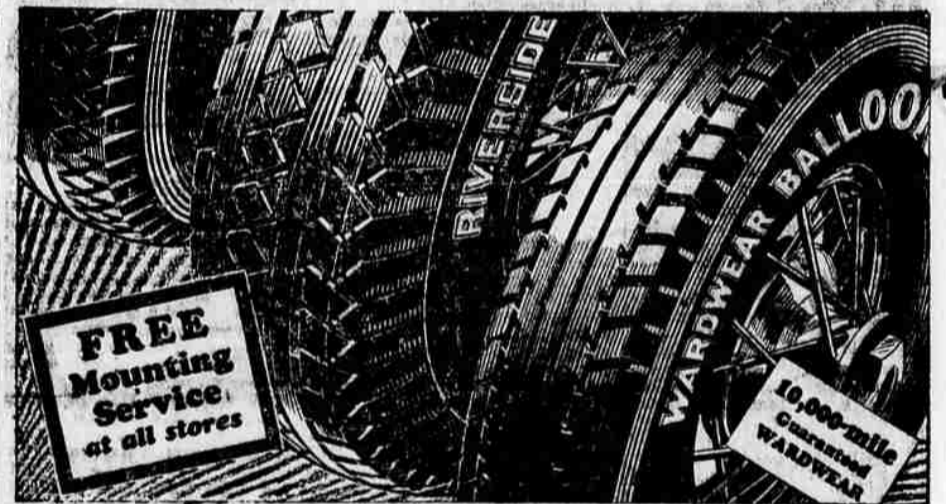


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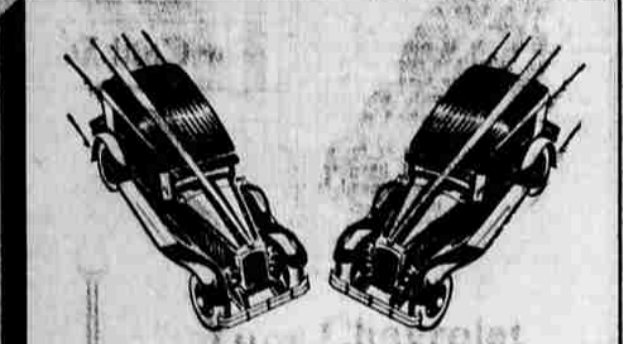
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