

"Underground Railroad"

Name Originated in Ohio

The incident that is credited with having led to the coining of the term "Underground Railroad" took place in Ohio in 1813. In that year, says a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, a negro by the name of Tice Davids escaped from his plantation in Kentucky and was making his way toward Ohio.

Reaching the shore of the Ohio river, with his master in close pursuit, the fugitive knew that there was no other path for him but to jump in the water and strike out for the opposite side. After some time the master located a skiff and started out across the river in pursuit, all the while keeping his eyes on the escaping negro. Almost until he reached the Ohio shore the slave-master followed the fugitive with his eyes, but by the time he got out of the skiff and onto the land he lost track of the negro who had disappeared—somewhere.

The truth of the disappearance was that a group of abolitionists in Ripley, seeing the negro swimming breathlessly toward the shore, gave him a hand and hurried him away over the hills of Brown county, and he was guided from one station to another until he reached northern Ohio. Near Sandusky he settled down to spend his days in freedom.

Finding no trace of the missing negro after a thorough search in the vicinity of Ripley, the master asserted: "That fellow must have gone off on an underground road."

This incident and the master's remark became popular among the abolitionists who soon adopted the term "Underground Railroad" for their system of helping runaway slaves.

First U. S. Machine-Made Paper Delaware Product

The great development of paper-making machinery and its introduction into the industry here dates back to the first quarter of the nineteenth century. The first machine-made paper manufactured in the United States was made by Thomas Gilpen in 1817 on a cylinder machine in Brandywine, Del. The first Fourdrinier machine made in this country was made in 1820. In Europe machinery was utilized in the paper-making industry from about the year 1770.

Rag paper, which was known to the Chinese before the Christian era began, was introduced into Europe by the Saracens in the eighth century, first through Spain, then France, Holland, Italy, Germany and England. The Saracens or Arabs are thought to have learned the art when they captured the Chinese city of Samarcand in 704, A. D.

There was little demand for paper at first in the American colonies, with few books printed, no newspapers for some time, and little personal correspondence. Parchment was still in use, while the paper that was required was imported from Europe. The first paper mill in this country was built in 1690 in Germantown, Pa.

Legendary Power of Lough Neagh

According to an Irish tale, Lough Neagh fishermen have petrified legs, and when they want to sharpen their razors, they merely turn up their trousers and use their shins as hones. No child visits Ireland without firmly planting a stick in Lough Neagh and vowing to return in future years, when, like the legs of the fishermen, it will have turned to stone.

Value of Cod Liver Oil

Among other things, the cod has a very valuable liver which, when boiled down, yields that delectable cod liver oil. This, like spinach, is supposed to be of great benefit to babies, and cliff-dwellers who see but very little of the sun. It is put up in glass or capsules and sold as "bottled sunshine."

CASCADE LOCKS

J. A. Merrill spent Monday in Portland on business. He failed to return soon enough to attend city council meeting that night.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Glazie, and son, Howard, and Mrs. Fred Gray spent Sunday in Portland.

Kirk Ruthroth, genial automobile salesman, is back showing off his new cars after half a week's stay in Stevenson General hospital with a severe case of influenza. He says he's feeling better now than he has for years.

Will J. Carlson visited Portland on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Smith of Dew Drop inn entertained Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hendricks of Portland last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tharp were business visitors to Hood River last week.

Charles Hill visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Youman in Hood River several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Lash were visited by Miss Katherine Grace of The Dalles several days last week.

Hood River County Deputy Sheriff Clarence Brown—Brownie to his friends—startled Locks citizens a bit the other day by appearing in town in new form-fitting riding breeches with a bright red stripe down each outside seam.

Kenneth Piper and Noble Hyde, Jr., hiked Thursday to 7-Mile camp on Herman creek to pass their 14-mile hike test for first class scout. They were nearly scared out of their wits, said they, by growls that sounded like a bear or wildcat.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Smith of Dew Drop inn visited Portland Thursday.

Addison and Gibson Harrison last week abandoned the cutting of wood for Clark's fuel yard to work for National Commissary at the dam for several days.

Viola Brink is now employed at Pointer's grill.

At the Locks Ladies Aid meeting last Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Herman Helvogt, Mrs. C. A. Brollar and Mrs. G. R. Miller tied a quilt, the top of which was donated by Mrs. J. C. Foulkes.

Miss Helen Rosenback visited Mrs. Eric Johnson in Portland a week ago.

Mrs. O. C. Lash visited friends in The Dalles last week.

Mrs. Charles Nelson and son, Henry, left Friday for Portland to spend the week end with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, and the new grandson. Capt. Nelson visited them Saturday evening and Sunday.

Jean, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Scott, has almost entirely recovered from her bad cold of last week, which had the Scotts much worried.

Mrs. R. J. Wuner went to Portland Friday to visit her son, Kenneth Wuner, for the week end. "Pop" Wuner went in Saturday evening to join them.

Howard Harrison spent Thursday in Hood River.

Wallace Anderson has been seen riding his new bicycle around town.

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INCREASE IS NOTED IN TOURIST TRAVEL

Approximately 300,000 visitors followed the highways into Oregon during 1935, as registrations of non-resident motor vehicles totaled 100,303 for the year, reports Earl Snell, secretary of state. Averaging three persons to the car, this estimate of the number who motored into the state has been made by those who follow traffic trends.

The increase in registration of out-of-state automobiles over the preceding year amounted to 8,035, which would indicate that nearly 25,000 additional persons came into the state during 1935. The 1934 total was 92,268. Increases in the number of cars checked were noted each month, except in March, April, May, and October. December registrations advanced from 3,096 in 1934 to 3,429 in 1935.

California, as usual, led among the visitors with 53,450 motor vehicles checked during the 12 months, better than 50 per cent of the total registrations. Washington was second with 17,564, and Idaho third with 3,521, while Canadian registrations totaled 2,797. Every state in the union was represented, and Delaware and Vermont, with 14 cars each, were last in the tabulation of state totals.

Distant places represented among the tourists were the Philippines, England, India, South America and the Dutch West Indies.

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COLUMBIA HOOPSTERS LOSE

Columbia Construction company's basketball team lost by an eyeash to North Bonneville in a hotly-contested game on Friday night. Score was 21-20. Playing for Columbia were Rohrer, Gregg, Ansley, Jones and eaver.

OREGON RATES WELL IN ACCIDENT RECORD

Expressing satisfaction over the improved record in motor vehicle fatalities for the year 1935, Secretary of State Earl Snell has released a report showing that deaths in Oregon for the year decreased from 313 in 1934 to 259 in 1935.

In view of the increased use of the highways, as revealed by the 10 per cent gain in gasoline consumption, the showing is considered an especially good one, placing the state among the leaders in the nation in promoting safety on the highways. Oregon's record is by far the best of any western state and it ranks third in the nation, excelled only by Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The several agencies interested in accident prevention work are doing much to improve driving conditions, according to Secretary Snell, but he adds that a sacrifice of 259 lives to car accidents in one year in Oregon shows that there is still much work to be done. He urges an aggressive continuation of this work in all its branches.

Several hundred thousand pieces of safety literature have been sent to drivers in the past year by the secretary of state, weekly broadcasts have been conducted,

and speakers have been supplied for dozens of safety talks in schools and civic organizations.

OVER 100 SIGN UP FOR VOCATIONAL CLASSES

More than 100 men had signed up this week for the state vocational classes at the dam, assuring the carrying out of the program.

William C. Wymer, representative of the state education bureau, arrived this week to stay until instructors are selected and time of classes set. Finish of this work is expected this week.

Classes include pipefitting, electricity, gas and diesel engineering, gas and electric welding. All men interested in these subjects are being urged to sign up. Classes are free.

PLAN OLDTIME DANCE

Next oldtime dance at the government auditorium will be held Wednesday evening, February 26, the BRA announced this week.

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