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TO THE PIONEERS OF KLAMATH BASIN

Greeting: The editor and publisher of the Klamath "Republican" and "Evening Herald" consented to give two columns of his paper each week to the members of the Klamath Pioneer society in which they are invited to describe their individual experiences, incidents and anecdotes relating to early days and facts concerning the early settlement of the country that are not generally known.

It is true that a brief history of early settlement and progress of this country is given in a large volume entitled "History of Central Oregon" and so far as it goes that history is quite accurate; but as it necessarily concerns itself largely with public records and dates, it lacks the interest that attaches to a narration of facts and incidents by the actors themselves. The personal and human element is lacking. While the crude outlines of the true history are there, there are many blank pages that can only be filled by those who were the real actors in the making of history.

This is what is wanted of you. You may say that you cannot write a newspaper article; but you can write a letter to a relative or friend and tell what you wish very plainly and interestingly. And such is the essence of what we want—a straightforward narrative of experiences, of facts and incidents as you knew them, straight from the heart, or shoulder. If you cannot write them yourselves, tell them to a son, a daughter, or a friend who will write them down for you, and send them on. They will be very welcome, and if lacking in proper form, can be put in form.

We want them, for it is of such individual knowledge and experience that true history is made up. Tell us how you came to the country; how you lived; what your intentions were as to making it your home; what

were your surroundings, your pastimes, your experiences; who, and how far away were your neighbors, your schools; how you got your supplies—and all the incidents and experiences of your pioneer life. If you came here before the Modoc war, we want your opinion of the conduct of that war and of the causes leading up to it.

If these individual experiences are given as they can be given, there will be a mass of interesting material out of which an interesting and truthful history of this country can later be compiled; and while to you these things may have seemed trivial and commonplace when they occurred, they will not be so regarded by coming generations whose lives will have been cast in more pleasant places and less strenuous times.

We take to ourselves much credit for the upbuilding of this country; we are equally as entitled to the credit of building our neighboring city of Ashland; for that town owes its growth and prosperity very largely to the pioneers of this side of the mountains. When the first settlers came over this side of the mountain Ashland was a very small village of less than a hundred people. There was but one small store—that of R. H. Hargrave—a grist mill, sawmill, marble mill, hotel (Emery's), and a blacksmith and wagon shop. It was the trade from this side of the mountain that made Ashland the best town in Rogue River valley. Let those dispute that fact who may.

Those who have traveled across the mountain between Ashland and the Klamath Basin at any time during the past twenty years are wont to declare that it was no wonder this country did not settle up—the roads were so atrocious that no one would willingly go over them the second time; and yet, compared with what they once were, they are now equal to a turnpike.

The old road, as formerly traveled, was the old emigrant road first trav-

eled by the Applegate party in 1845 when they came out from the Willamette valley, through the Umpqua and Rogue River valleys and through this and the Goose lake countries to meet a train of friends and neighbors destined to the white settlements in the northern part of the state. It was thought by them to be a shorter and safer route than the northern trail by way of Ft. Hall and down Snake river.

As the objective point of these emigrants was westward, and they never anticipated any attempt to return over the road, their only concern in crossing a mountain range was to find a practicable way up; the going down was easy. Their usual mode of descent was to remove all their teams except the wheel oxen (generally a pair well broken to steer and hold back), chain or tie fast the hind wheels, and fasten a good sized tree by rope or chain to serve as drag, and down they went. Now between Ashland, or rather between the Soda Springs, and the Klamath there were three or four such wagon slides. One of them, at Jenny creek, over one-fourth mile long; the Koon creek not quite so long, but steeper; as the teamsters used to say, it "hung over a little"; the Green Spring summit and Strychaine hill, just below Tyler's. At these places it was necessary to unload all wagons and pack on animals or carry on the backs of individuals the entire load, as it took four good horses to pull the empty wagons up these places. When pack animals were used, as was frequently the case, no trouble was experienced.

When the weather was good the task of hauling supplies, though tedious and slow, was not dangerous, but sometimes the early rains or snows would come and catch the settler on the wrong side of the mountain, when trouble of a serious and often dangerous character ensued, as many can testify to their sorrow. The first attempt to better the road was made in the fall of 1865, when the writer circulated a petition among the settlers this side of the mountain asking the County Court of the county (Jackson) to have viewed and surveyed a wagon road from a point on the stage road near the Senger place by Soda Springs across the mountains to Brown's ranch on the Klamath, thence up the Klamath valley to and across Link river, thence down Lost river and around Tule lake to the state line. Considerable opposition to the measure was found on the west side of the mountain, partly caused by a local feud among the settlers on Emigrant creek and partly by Ashland citizens who were contemplating the asking of congress to authorize a military road to the Klamath Basin by way of Dead Indian and Buck lake, with a land grant of six or ten sections per mile. However, the urgent needs of the people out here caused the court to consent to the survey, upon the condition that a bond of \$1,000 be first furnished to secure the cost in event of survey being rejected. The bond, with F. B. Sprague and the writer, was given, and in the spring of 1866 W. F. Senger, O. T. Brown and Samuel Culver were appointed as viewers, and the road was surveyed and accepted.

As the new road as surveyed, made some very material changes in the old emigrant road to overcome the steep grades, it was necessary to secure funds in some way to open it up, as there was then no county road fund for such work. A subscription was started and \$400 pledged for the work. The settlers in the Klamath Basin in Oregon then numbered not more than a dozen families, with a large number of hachelors. The poll books of the election in 1870 showed but thirty-two voters. Yet of the \$400 subscribed over \$400 was by residents of this county, O. T. Brown and George Meese each subscribing \$100 and others from \$5 to \$50. On the other side of the mountain but one person below Ashland contributed (D. E. Stearns on Wagon creek). Sam Culver took charge of the work, and for the amount of money expended did the largest and best work ever accomplished at one time on that road.

In 1875 a bill granting \$25,000 towards surveying and constructing the Southern Oregon wagon road was passed by the Oregon legislature. The funds, however, were to come from the sale of swamp and overflowed lands, and as they depended upon a very unpopular and questionable source, it was difficult to get money on the warrants. The governor appointed as a commissioner to construct, or supervise the construction of the work, Silas J. Day of Jacksonville, George Morse of Linkville and Judge Mason of Goose lake. George Morse at that time was the owner of a toll bridge across Link river, built

in 1869 at a cost of \$1,500; this he sold to the commission for \$3,500. Judge Mason did the survey work and kept a team of mules and wagon at an expense of six dollars per day for the team, while other exorbitant expenses ran the preliminary survey and other costs up to such a sum that it is generally believed there was not to exceed \$10,000 in money actually expended in work. Several changes have since been made by this county and much money spent out of private as well as public funds, so that the road is much improved over former conditions. No one here regrets that they are no longer obliged to pull their teams over that mountain to obtain their supplies.

In those early days the keepers of road houses were important citizens, and at times of the year their accommodations were taxed to the utmost. No early pioneer but remembers the hearty cheer and hospitable board of Mrs. O. T. Brown on the Klamath, of Mrs. Henry Duncan at Johnson Prairie, of Mrs. Jas. Purvis at Jenny creek, and of Mrs. Susan Howard or Mrs. Will Breedings on Green Spring mountain. Others have come since, but theirs were the pioneer houses of the road, and the thoughts of their bountiful tables and excellent cooking heartened up many a storm-bound and weary traveler and are cherished as among the pleasant recollections of those days.

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would be to move up No. 15 a couple of hours and send it out of Portland say at 5:45 or 6 p. m. and hold the Wood-Klamath Falls train a little longer. This would give direct connections between Portland and Klamath Falls, and so far as I can see the only difference it would make would be in the arrival of No. 15 at San Francisco a little earlier in the morning. I don't know whether the business interests of Portland and Klamath Falls have influence enough with the Southern Pacific officials to secure either one or the other of these concessions. It wouldn't make any difference which plan was adopted, it would give ideal facilities to both cities.

Klamath Falls Booming
Judge Baldwin and other officers of the Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce took this matter up with the Southern Pacific months ago, but the complaint has been hanging fire ever since. Touching upon the general era of prosperity through which Klamath Falls is passing, Judge Baldwin spoke in glowing terms.

"Our people are prosperous and thrifty, for the deposits carried in our banks aggregate over \$500,000, and that is pretty good for a population of about 3,000. Within the last few months much colonization work has been going on in the tracts which are under the government irrigation canal. One group of sixty-five Bohemians, most of them men of families and all of them thrifty farmers of the Middle West, visited our valley and already nineteen of them have bought from 40 to 60 acres of land each, and we have assurance that a great many more of them will settle in our section. Other communities in different parts of the country have sent their agents to Klamath Falls recently, and we are getting a great deal of new and high-class population as a result."

Work on Extension

"The contractors are rushing the Klamath Falls-Natron extension with almost speed. Four miles of track have been laid north of our city and work will be pushed right along through the winter until the whole 35 miles of the present project have been finished. The Natron and is the scene of similar activities, and it will not be many months before the entire 59 miles under the two contracts will be completed. We have been given to understand by the railroad company that the remaining 120 miles will be taken care of in the budget of 1910. When this gap has been closed it will mean a tremendous impetus in the trade relations between our district and Portland. Why, even now we are shipping hay into Eugene via the circuitous route through Wood, Cal. The livestock industry is picking up, and when we have the direct connections with Portland I look to see the Klamath Basin converted into one of the finest dairying districts in America, and Portland will be the natural market. Truck farming is on the boom, and we can raise celery now that will hold its own with the best of the Michigan variety."

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Lost—Bunch of keys, name check attached. Finder please leave them at Herald office. Suitable reward.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Klamath in the matter of the estate and guardianship of Charles Hughes and Mary F. Hughes, minors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, guardian of the persons and estates of Charles Hughes and Mary F. Hughes, will sell at private sale an undivided one-sixth interest each of said minors in and to:

Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 of section twenty (20); 5/8 of SW 1/4 and lots 6, 8, and 9 of section twenty-one (21); N 1/4 of NW 1/4 and lot 4 of section twenty-eight (28); 5/8 of E 1/4 and NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of section twenty-nine (29), all in township thirty-nine (39) south of range eleven and a half (11 1/2) E. W. M., all in Klamath county, Oregon, containing 975 acres, more or less:

On or after the 8th day of December, 1909, for cash, pursuant to order of said court made and entered in the above proceeding on the 8th day of November, 1909.

Dated at Klamath Falls, Oregon, November 5th, 1909.

FRANCIS HUGHES, Guardians of the persons and estates of Charles Hughes and Mary F. Hughes, minors.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, October 6, 1909.

NOTICE is hereby given that James B. Humphrey, whose postoffice address is Klamath Falls, Oregon, did, on the 23d day of April, 1909, file in this office sworn statement and application, No. 01827, to purchase the 8 1/2 of NE 1/4, W 1/4 of NE 1/4 section 23, Township 37 South, Range 9 East, Willamette meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised, June 16, 1909, the timber estimated at \$45,000 board feet at \$0.75 per M. and the land \$100.00; that said applicant must offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 9th day of December, 1909, before R. M. Richardson, United States Commissioner, at Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

ARTHUR W. ORTON, Register.

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