

Journal of the Old South Road

(Continued from Yesterday)

NOTE AND REMINISCENCES OF LAYING OUT AND ESTABLISHING THE OLD EMIGRANT ROAD INTO SOUTHERN OREGON IN THE YEAR 1846.

By Lindsay Applegate

As we stood on the Sierra ridge, we surveyed the vast desert plains to the eastward of Surprise valley, apparently without grass or trees, and marked by numerous high rocky ridges running north and south. After deciding on our course, we descended the mountain and soon came to a little stream, the banks of which were lined with plum bushes completely loaded with fruit. There was a grove of pines at hand, and there we decided to noon, as the day was extremely hot. Game seemed plentiful about this rich valley, and while we were nooning a large band of antelope grazed in sight of us. Spending about two hours among these pines, which were the last we saw during our long and weary march on the desert, we packed up and moved across the valley eastward. After crossing the valley we entered a very sandy district, where the traveling was laborious, and next ascended to a table land, the surface of which was covered with small gravel. By this time most of our horses were barefooted, and our progress through the rocky country was consequently very slow. The county was so desert-like that we had almost despaired of finding water that night, but just at dark we unexpectedly came to a little spring. There was but little water, but by digging some we were able to get quite enough for ourselves and horses though it kept us busy until about midnight to get the horses watered. Although we had met with singularly good fortune in thus finding water at the close of the first day's march on the desert, we could not always expect such good luck in the future; and as we lay down in our blankets among the sage-brush that night, we could not help having some gloomy forebodings in regard to the future of our expedition.

From the Little Spring on the Desert to Black Rock

On the morning of the 16th of July, we found an abundance of water in the basin we had scraped out at the little spring early in the night, so that we were able to start out on the desert much refreshed. Our horses, however, looked very gaunt as there was a great scarcity of grass about the spring. The landscape before us, as we made our start this morning, was anything but inviting. It was a vast sand plain. No trees or mountains were in sight. Far in the distance were some dark looking ridges. There was no vegetation excepting dwarf sage and grease wood growing in the sand and gravel. At about 3 o'clock in the afternoon we came to a huge volcanic wall, varying in height from twenty or thirty to several hundred feet, extending north and south as far as the eye could reach and apparently without any gap through it. We divided at the wall so as to explore it both ways. The party going southward, after proceeding a few miles, came to a little stream forming a beautiful meadow at the base of the wall, and flowing through a narrow gateway into the ridge. They immediately dispatched one of their party in pursuit of us with the good news, and we returned to the meadow early in the afternoon, and decided to turn out our horses and give them a chance to feed and rest, while we explored the defile on foot. We found it a very remarkable chasm, extending nearly due east. The gateway was about sixty yards in width and the canyon was, in some places, a little wider than that perhaps, and at others, was only wide enough for a wagon road. The little bottom was grassy and almost level, and, indeed a remarkable track for a road. In many places, the cliffs on either side towered to a height of several hundred feet, and, in some places actually overhung the chasm. These overhanging cliffs afforded excellent shelving places for the Indians, and the signs betokened that it was a great place of resort for them. Sage hens and rabbits were plentiful, also mountain sheep, but the latter were so wild that we did not succeed in killing any of them. After making quite an extended trip into the canyon, we returned to the little meadow and spent the night.

God Camping Place Found
On the morning of July 11, we again entered the gorge and traveled ten or twelve miles to a place where the stream formed quite a pool, and nooned. At this season, the stream ran no farther than the pool. Here another canyon comes in from the north, and at the junction there is quite an area of level ground—perhaps two acres mostly meadow, forming an excellent camping place. After noon we proceeded on our way, following the dry bed of the stream, and, after a march of perhaps ten miles, came out on the east side of the ridge. Here we found a lake basin of several acres in extent, where there was but a little water and a great deal of mud, hence strongly suggesting the name of Mud Lake, which it has since always borne. Earlier in the season, when the little stream that feeds it flows all the way through the canyon, this is doubtless quite a lake. The country eastward had a very forbidding appearance. Rising from a barren plain, perhaps fifteen miles away, was a rough, rocky ridge, extending as far as the eye could reach towards the north, but apparently terminating abruptly, perhaps fifteen miles south of our course. Along the base of the ridge, towards its extremity, were seen green spots, indicating water. After considering the situation pretty thoroughly, we concluded that it would be the surest plan to depart from our usual course and travel southward to the extremity of the ridge, as by so doing we would probably keep clear of the rocks and the more certain to find water. So we followed the dry outlet of the lake in a southwesterly direction for a distance of three or four miles and we camped at a little spring.

BRITISH FISH-MONGER DIED A MILLIONAIRE
LONDON, Nov. 24.—America furnishes many instances a millionaire who rose from the ranks, but it is doubtful if even in America a millionaire ever made such a humble start in life as did Sir George Frederick Slight, first baronet of Wetherby hall, Great Grimsby, who has just died leaving a fortune of nearly \$5,000,000.

Sir Georges began earning his living as a boy by gathering cockles on Clethorpes beach and hawking them through the town. He rose finally to be the largest individual owner of steam trawlers in the country. The greatest part of his fleet was used during the war for mine-sweeping and submarine patrolling. For the services he rendered the country in this way he was made a baronet, and the conferring of the title provoked no such scandal as has grown out of the award of many honors in recent years.

OREGON BREVITIES
Little city of Crosswell will process and pack 1,000,000 lbs. prunes.
Wallowa—40 men laying track on Minnaugh-Nibley logging road.
Union citizens building auditorium 60 by 110 feet for cattle show.
Bend—Dance netted \$400 toward a county library building.
California-Oregon Power Co., to develop power on the North Umpqua.
Machinery weighing as much as 25 to 30 tons a single unit has arrived for the new power plant of the Portland railway light and power company, hydro-electric generating plant on the upper Clackamas.

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WOULD PRESERVE FLAGSHIP USED IN TRAFALGAR BATTLE
LONDON, Nov. 24.—An effort is being made in England to raise \$500,000 for the preservation of the Victory, Nelson's flagship in the battle of Trafalgar.

HUNTINGTON—BAY HORSE MINE ENLARGING CREW.
The famous vessel is at present at Portsmouth, in a very bad state of repair. So far has she deteriorated that, if it is decided to bring her to London, she will have to come overland; she could not undergo the journey by water.

HUSBAND'S LOVE WORTH A MILLION



One million dollars is the value which Mrs. Dorrit Van Deusen of Huntington, W. Va., places on the affections of her husband. She has sued her husband's parents for that amount charging that they alienated her husband's love for her. They deny the charge.

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The crowd, which probably will be the largest attending any athletic contest in the west, will come from all directions by steam trains, electric trains and automobiles. Special trains will be run from San Francisco and San Jose and the Pacific Highway, which skirts the campus, is expected to carry long strings of machines headed for Stanford. Officials estimate 11,000 automobiles will be on the campus.

A small army of Stanford men, working under Graduate Manager Fletcher, will handle the crowd. The game and the big attraction last year close to 60,000 attended the game and the big throng was handled without a hitch. The Stanford authorities hope to do as well, if not better, this year.

Sections of the campus have been set aside for machines coming from the north and from the south so that they will not meet. Automobiles from San Jose will turn in just below the stadium while machines from San Francisco will park north of the bowl. Trains will run to a special depot not far from the stadium.

Once on the campus the throngs will find eight main entrances to the stadium and 200 ushers ready to find the seats. Each seat has an unobstructed view of the playing field.

Papoose Pup



Tired of dragging her "Fuddy" about by a chain, Blanche Mohaffey, New York, has rigged up a papoose bag to carry him in. Just like the squaws use—only it hangs in front.



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