

# Journal of the Old South Road

(Continued from Yesterday)

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

By Lindsay Applegate

At Fort Hall the party of four met with a considerable train of immigrants, with some of whom they were acquainted, who decided to come to Oregon by way of our route. This train closely followed our companions on their return, and reached Hot Spring valley before our departure. Before starting on the morning of July 11th, a small party of young men from the immigrant train generously volunteered to accompany us and assist in opening the road. These were: Thomas Powers, Burges, Shaw, Carnahan, Alfred Stewart, Charles Putnam, and two others whose names I now disremember. A Banock Indian, from about the head of Snake river, also joined us. This increased our road party to twenty-one men, exclusive of Scott and Goff, who remained to guide and otherwise assist the immigrants on their way to Oregon.

Nothing worthy of mention occurred during our return along the valley of the Humboldt, and not until we left the river and proceeded westward towards Black Rock. The first night after leaving the river we spent at the spring found by Scott and Parker, on the 22nd of July. This we called Diamond spring. Reaching this point about noon, we spent several hours in digging out a basin at the spring, which soon filled with pure, cold water.

Fifteen miles travel, the next day, over a good route, brought us, at noon, to the Rabbit Hole Springs. We soon improved this spring considerably, and, at about 2 p. m. took up our line of march for Black Rock, which we reached at nightfall. After we were out two or three miles from Diamond spring this morning, our Banock Indian discovered that he had left his butcher-knife, and tying his pony to a sage-bush, started back to the springs on a run, supposing he could easily overtake us, as we would be delayed considerably at Rabbit Hole springs; at any rate, he would have no trouble in following our trail. We saw him no more, and conjectured that he must have fallen a prey to the Diggers, who continually shadowed us as we traveled through their country, always ready to profit by any advantage given them.

No circumstances worthy of mention occurred on the monotonous march from Black Rock to the timbered regions of the Cascade chain; then our labors became quite arduous. Every day we kept guard over the horses while we worked the road, and at night we dared not cease our vigilance, for the Indians continually hovered about us, seeking for advantage. By the time we had worked our way through the mountains to the Rogue river valley, and then through the Grave Creek Hills and Umpqua chain, we were pretty thoroughly worn out. Our stock of provisions had grown very short, and we had to depend, to a great extent, for sustenance, upon game. Road working, hunting, and guard duty, had taxed our strength greatly, and on our arrival in the Umpqua valley, knowing that the greatest difficulties in the way of the immigrants had been removed, we decided to proceed at once to our homes in the Willamette. There we arrived on the 3rd day of October, 1846, having been absent three months and thirteen days. During all this time our friends had heard nothing from us, and realizing the dangerous character of our expedition, many believed in the news which some time before reached them, that we had all been murdered by the Indians.

As soon as we could possibly make the arrangement, we sent out a party, with oxen and horses, to meet the immigrants and aid them in reaching the Willamette settlements. For this assistance we made no demand; nor did we tax them for the use of the road, as was alleged by parties inimical to our enterprise. It had been the distinct understanding that the road should be free, and the consciousness of having better means of access to the country than was afforded by the expensive and dangerous route down the Columbia, which we had tried to our sorrow, would be ample compensation for all our labors and hardships in opening the south road.

Of course our enterprise was opposed by that mighty monopoly, the Hudson Bay company, whose line of forts and trading posts on the Columbia afforded them rare opportunities for trade with the immigrants. Many of the immigrants who followed us during the fall of 1846, had a hard time, though not as hard as

they would likely have experienced on the other route; and some of them, not understanding the situation fully, became infected with the spirit of persecution, which had its origin with the Hudson Bay company, and joined in charging us with leading the travel away from the northern route for purposes of personal speculation. Certain members of the party were singled out to bear the burden of persecution, whereas, if any member of the party was animated by improper motives in seeking to open the road, all were equally guilty, as the party was governed in all its proceedings by a majority vote of its members.

The efforts of the Hudson Bay company to put down the road, proved an eminent failure. Its superior advantages were better and better known and appreciated every year. It never ceased to be an important route of travel, and a large portion of the population of our State entered by this channel. It is a very significant fact that the great thoroughfare of today, from the Willamette to the Sitkaiyou chain, and thence out through the Lake country and on to the Humboldt, departs rarely from the route blazed out by the road company, 32 years ago.

Those who are conversant with the facts, know that that portion of the route, from the Humboldt to the Lake country presents no serious obstacles in the way of the construction of a railroad, and had the Central Pacific company located their road on that route, from Humboldt as far as Goose lake, and thence down Pitt river to the Sacramento valley, they would doubtless have saved millions of money in the original cost of the road, as well as in keeping it in order, since the snowfall would never have been seriously in the way, even in the severest winters.

In conclusion, I will recall the names of the road company, with a few facts relative of their history. I regret that it is not practicable to make this record more ample, but the company was made up, almost to a man, of active, energetic characters, who were not satisfied with a quiet, spiritless life, and many of them long ago, were lost to the little community, "over in Polk," where they first settled, as they removed to other portions of the state, or went out into adjacent territories to seek their fortunes. Under the circumstances, it has been impracticable to learn the whereabouts of some of them, or to gather such facts relative to their later history as would amplify and add interest to their biographies. Perhaps few companies of men ever performed such a campaign without repeated quarrels and even serious altercations, but the members of the Old South Road company bore together the trials and privations of the expedition with a "forgiving and forbearing" spirit, and their mutual burdens and dangers to which they were exposed, continually developed and strengthened their friendship. A re-union of them, were such a thing practicable, would be a season of peculiar joy, one to be remembered by the veteran survivors with pleasure, until they, too, shall pass away into the great unknown.

**The Road Company**  
Capt. Levi Scott, a native of Illinois, came to Oregon in 1844, from near Burlington, Iowa. He was in the early days, quite a prominent man in Oregon affairs. He was a member of the state constitutional convention. Capt. Scott located Scottsburg, on the Umpqua river. He is now over eighty years of age, and, I believe, resides in Lane county.

John Jones, usually known as "Jack" Jones, the wag of the south road expedition, came to Oregon from Missouri, 1843. Since then, he has been a wanderer. For many years he resided in California, and, if living, is now in Idaho, I believe. Native state, Missouri.

John Owens crossed the plains in 1843, from Missouri. He was, I think, a native of that state. Have no knowledge of his whereabouts.

Henry Boggs came from Missouri in 1845. He was a fine looking, jovial and intelligent young man, and we were all much attached to him. Was probably murdered by Indians, near Fort Hall, after he left us, in 1846, to return to his home in Missouri. Native State, Missouri.

William Sportsman crossed the plains in 1845, from Missouri, which was, I think, his native state. He left Oregon in 1847, and I have no knowledge of his present whereabouts.

Robert Smith came to Oregon in 1843, from Missouri. Native state, Virginia. He now resides at the head of the Youcailla valley, in Douglas county. Mr. Smith is a son-in-law of Charles Applegate, and brother to Mrs. Governor Chadwick.

Moses Harris, called "Black Harris," came to Oregon in 1844, from the Rocky mountains, where he had been a scout and trapper for many years. He spoke the Snake language fluently, and was of great service to us on the plains. He returned to the states in 1847, as guide to Dr. White, the superintendent of Indian affairs in Oregon, and died at Independence, Mo.

John Scott, a son of Capt. Levi Scott, came to Oregon with his father in 1844. He now resides near Dallas, Polk county, Oregon.

William G. Parker, a native of Missouri, came to Oregon in 1843. He resided many years in California but is now a resident of Lake county, Oregon, and keeps the Half-Way house, on the road from Ashland to Linkville. Mr. Parker is a son-in-law of Capt. Solomon Tetheron, the old mountain man, and a brother to Mrs. Jesse Applegate.

David Goff came to Oregon, from Missouri, in 1845. He resided in Polk county, Oregon, until his death, which occurred, I believe, in 1874, and was universally respected. He was the father-in-law of Gen. J. W. Nesmith.

Benjamin F. Burch came to Oregon, from his native state, Missouri, in 1845. Mr. Burch has long been a prominent man in Oregon affairs. He now resides at Salem, and is superintendent of the state penitentiary.

Jesse Applegate was born in Kentucky, and came to Oregon in 1843. He now resides on Mount Youcailla, in Douglas county, Oregon.

Lindsay Applegate, also a native of Kentucky, came to Oregon in 1843. Now a resident of Ashland, Jackson county, Oregon.

The subsequent history of Bennett Osborn I am not able to narrate.

With the consciousness that I have endeavored faithfully and impartially, though briefly, to relate the history of the South Road expedition, I close this narrative, hoping that my effort to preserve this much of the history of the early days may inspire other "old timers" to relate their experiences, also. I am fully aware that memory is uncertain, and that a number of errors may have occurred in my narrative from this reason, but I place it before the people with confidence that it is, in the main, correct. In doing so, I ask no other reward for the labor of its preparation, than that its perusal may cause the people to think more kindly of the old pioneers.  
(The end)

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## At the Theatres

### THE STRAND

"The New Moon", Norma Talmadge's latest Selznick picture in which she is presented by Joseph M. Schenck tonight at the Strand theatre, is a tense and thrilling drama of Russian home life as it exists today. It is not a war picture, and has no war scenes in it, but is the story of a Russian Princess, Marie Pavlovna, who is attacked in her castle by an anarchist and forced to flee for safety. In her hurried escape she is separated from her fiancée, Michael Kolyar. To insure her safety the Princess disguises herself as a peasant girl and goes to a neighboring province where she takes refuge in a small store.

As a possible means of finding a clue to the whereabouts of his lost fiancée, Michael becomes a member of the Anarchist Club under the name of Kamenoff.

Meanwhile, into the peace of the village where the Princess is finding all the happiness possible without Michael, comes the decree issued by Kamenoff, ordering all the women in the province to register for the purpose of nationalization. While some of the women are duped into believing that it will be for their own good to register, the Princess knows the true meaning of the edict and refuses to register.

### THE LIBERTY

Every human emotion is pictured, and all the elements of a really great photoplay are to be found in "A Doll's House," which the great Nazimova, who made this play tremendously popular on the speaking stage has transferred to the screen in her first production for United Artists, and which will be seen today at the Liberty theatre.

There is comedy and pathos, even to the point of laughter and tears, there is humor in the situations wherein Nora, the doll-like wife, the character pictured by Nazimova, makes her odd and ludicrous mistakes as a house-keeper and as a mother of two beautiful children and a tiny infant, and there is the lesson for all women everywhere that brings out the big point in the play, namely, that every woman has the right to control her own destiny, to the development of her own individuality and personality.

All these elements in this film version of the great Ibsen drama, as produced by the actress who made the character of Nora famous in the United States, are brought out in all their fineness of detail through the inimitable genius of the inimitable Nazimova.

### PINE TREE

"Reported Missing", starring Owen Moore, which is at the Pine Tree theatre tonight and tomorrow was made by the Selznick company in their studios in the East. Its cast, however, was recruited from the best screen players to be found in both the east and west. Tom Wil-

### FORMER RESIDENT HERE

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son, best known among the black-face comedians who frequently appear in pictures was brought on from Los Angeles especially for the important role he has in the production as was also Togo Yamamoto who has long specialized in Oriental "heavies."

Pauline Garon, who plays the leading feminine role, was recruited from the "Lilies of the Field" company playing on Broadway. Nita Naldi has supported Mr. Moore in a number of previous productions.

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