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## All Honor to the Pioneer

Sunday a bronze marker was set on Lost River at the stone bridge near Merrill, which tells a solemn story of its own. As future generations view that monument they will hear the story of bravery, of privation, of chivalry that marked the pioneers who first settled this country.

It was a proper ceremony Sunday and that it should have been sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution was highly proper. Pioneers from long distances came to help establish for all time to come a proper monument that would indicate to the younger people what settling a new country actually means.

How picturesque, indeed, was that old stalwart character, Captain Applegate, the man who kind providence has spared to relate the interesting details of early days to the present generation. His upright form, his clear mentality and his dignified manner graced the occasion Sunday.

Of all the surviving pioneers of Oregon today we believe that Captain Applegate and Dunham Wright of Medical Springs, Oregon, are the most interesting of the men. Of course all the pioneer ladies are interesting for they sacrificed more and endured more hardships than did the men.

But the Applegates and the Wrights are on their last lap. Although strong physically and mentally now, the machinery is old and one of these days both of these old patriarchs will be called to their long home. It is then the silent marker on Lost River will be of more value to society than at present. For then will come the questions about the historic Oregon, the questions about the Indian battles, the lava beds and many other things which today Captain Applegate and Dunham Wright can answer, but after they have gone it will be the printed page that must tell the story.

## Modern Trading Simplest

Quoting the axiom to our own use, "the retail price covers a multitude of sins or benefits of civilization," depending on the perspective whether the intricacies and complexity of civilization are an evil or a benefaction.

The retail price of any commodity as paid by the customer over the store counter must recompense the producer of the raw materials, the transporter of those raw materials to the factory, the manufacturer of the finished product from the raw materials, the distributor of the finished product among the retail stores and the retail merchant. In each step there is labor and capital to be paid for services rendered.

Mines, factories, large farms and stores are but a few centuries old. Transportation facilities for commerce are older. Colonial America depended in the main upon the family independence. There was no commerce between towns and but little between settlers in any one colony. There were few imports and little trading and merchandising. Each family made its own shoes, cloth, clothing, furniture, house, and raised its own food. The trading consisted chiefly of gun powder and tea.

Every public school pupil remembers the stories in the school histories of the hand-craftsmen of the Old World. Where commerce existed at all it was single-exchange between the producer and the consumer. As the centuries passed there were traders on land and sea who bought up the products of one country to sell them in another.

How much easier it is today. The modern store has reduced the entire process to one step for the consumer at merely the cost of the service.

The present state head of the Grange is not known to us but from the way he is starting out it would seem he too is of the Spence and Pierce type.

The state income tax is dead—forever dead, and if the Grange wants to ruin itself completely all it has to do is to continually attempt to resurrect the corpse of that defunct issue.

Governor Patterson is arranging for his economy congress. Let us all hope that it will be a good one, for the way to economize is to cease spending money. The governor was not raised a pet, neither does he possess inherited wealth, hence when he gets his sleeves rolled up we believe that old economy will be spelled with a big "E."

The record wheat crop of the northwest is soon to be harvested. Now, if wheat hits a two dollar a bushel mark the McNary-Haugen bill will be forgotten and Coolidge will be sitting pretty.

Every vote over in Douglas county in the recent election cost the county \$1.40. We supposed Senator Ben Eddy had his people trained to vote whenever the opportunity presents itself but it would seem that such is not the case.

## Stewart's WASHINGTON LETTER

BY ROBNEY DUTCHER  
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Washington—Back in George Washington's time, a negro coachman one day drove the pole of his team into a pedestrian with fatal results. When an attempt was made to arrest him, it was found that he was a servant of the British ambassador and hence entitled to diplomatic immunity. Ever since, the matter of diplomatic immunity has been a problem to the Washington cops.

Theoretically, a diplomat here

can get away with murder. Fortunately, few of them try to do so and, practically, they can't for the State Department is likely to squawk to their home governments unless they misbehave within certain limits.

Many a cop has cussed roundly when confronted in an aggravating case by the fact that the member of a foreign mission can't be arrested.

Perhaps the majority of the ambassadors, ministers, secretaries and attaches are both gentlemanly and cultured, anxious not to abuse their privilege and ever mindful of the fact that when one is in Washington one must eat Washington pie. But some of them have difficulty in fitting into our laws and customs outside their legations and some of them, according to police officials, seem to act on the theory that they can do as they darn please.

Traffic offenses, however, provide the principal complaint of the cops. This may give away a secret of state, but one is given to understand that Mr. Kellogg's department has sent to all legations and embassies a selected set of rules of the road with the suggestion that it might help all around if everyone followed them.

The heads of mission are generally tactful enough to keep out of trouble, feeling that any gross

breach on their part would react on the prestige of their respective countries. Hence it is more often the under officials or members of their families who collide with the police.

The latest instance of the intermittent warfare between diplomatic folk and cops involved Sarsfield Smiddy, the son of the minister from the Irish Free State, who was undiplomatic in more ways than one. After Sarsfield had been stopped early one morning for speeding across a bridge at 74 miles an hour instead of the permitted speed of 22, he was asked for his driver's permit. He replied that he was a legation attache and had left it at home. The police then found, they say, that he had never taken out a permit. So the commissioners of the District of Columbia for-

warded a complaint to the State Department about it.

Damages Hard to Collect  
Occasionally one of the big boys gets into a jam, however. The Swedish minister some time ago smashed into a newspaperman's car, damaging it considerably. It appeared that the fault was the minister's, but there was no way for the newspaperman to collect repair costs without suing in Sweden, which was out of the question. The newspaperman says that the minister subsequently offered to pay \$100 if he would take the blame, and that the offer was indignantly refused. The state Department had an ear in before the matter blew over, but the

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