

First Ladies Of Oregon

Editor's Note—This is the second in a series of three articles on the story of Mrs. Zenas F. Moody, written for American History Month by Mrs. Bert C. Thomas, Eulalona Chapter, DAR on the subject "First Ladies of Oregon."

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We had with our party a family named Hunt. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hunt died of cholera. Their two girls who were about 17 and 18 years old disposed of their oxen to the other emigrants and packing what they needed for the return trip on horses they started on the back trail for their old home. One of the girls later married Mr. Manning who lives in Salem. Isaac Manning, one of their sons, is in the consular service and Albert Manning, another of their sons, is a professor of mathematics at Stanford.

On May 27 while camped on the Platte River bottom we saw a herd of buffalo. Some of our men mounted the fastest horses and went out to get some buffalo meat. Two of the young men overhated and finding water in a buffalo wallow drank the stagnant water. Next day Swain, one of the young men, died of cholera. Before we had left the Platte 22 of our own party had died of cholera. We buried two little girls at Pacific Springs near the Sweetwater.

We came to Ash Hollow on June 4 and a few days later had to lay by for a day or so on account of Dr. Crawford's boy, Tom, being dangerously sick with the cholera. The only one of our party who had the cholera and lived through it was Tom Crawford, now a professor at Oregon Agriculture College.

On June 9 we came to Court-house Rock and Chimney Rock. I was always in for doing anything that anyone else would. The rock was of sandstone and had names cut out all over the face. I climbed out and with a pocket-knife cut my name next to the highest one on the rock. Sometimes my love of adventure brought me into trouble. On June 18 we camped in view of Laramie's Peak in a grove of trees where the water and grass and shade were plentiful. Next day when we had gone about six miles we came to a deep canyon.

We had made an early start. I got one of the others to drive the stock and with a few of my girl friends and some young men we decided to walk through this canyon and catch the wagon train later. We walked hard all day and were still in the canyon when darkness overtook us.

Meanwhile our people had become anxious about us, so some of the young men came back with extra horses to get us. We were pretty glad to get on the horses and ride into camp late that night and we got pretty well scolded.

It was late in June when we came to a ferry across the Platte. The stream was a bad one so we decided to take the ferry. They called it "the emigrant's dug-out ferry." The ferry boat was formed of six dug-outs or canoes lashed together with slabs fastened over them and the charge was \$5.50 for each wagon, 50 cents for each animal and the \$1 for each person. Two or three days later we came to Independence Rock with the Sweetwater only 5 1/2 miles away. At Independence Rock we were all invited to witness the wedding of Josephine Gray and N. Smith.

Independence Rock as I remember it was a very peculiar monument. It was about 1,500 feet long nearly 500 feet wide and over 100 feet high. It was covered with names. We all registered our names. Some of the names dated as far back as 1844. A few miles

beyond Independence Rock we struck a little trading post on the Sweetwater at Devil's Lake. But prices were tremendously high.

On June 29 we camped at the Narrows. Another party was camped there. They had stopped to try one of their number for murder. An old man of their party had employed a young man as a teamster to go across the plains. They had a good deal of trouble all the way across. Finally the old man suggested they walk out from camp a ways to see the road.

The old man killed the young man and dragged him to one side of the road. The body was discovered the next morning. A trial was held and it was decided to hang the old man for murder. Three of their wagons were run together with their tongues in the air to form a triangle.

The tops of the tongues were fastened together, the wheels were blocked so the wagons wouldn't slip back, a rope was fastened from the top of the three wagon tongues, a noose was made and placed around the old man's neck. He stood on the box, the rope was drawn tight and the box was then kicked out from under him and he strangled to death.

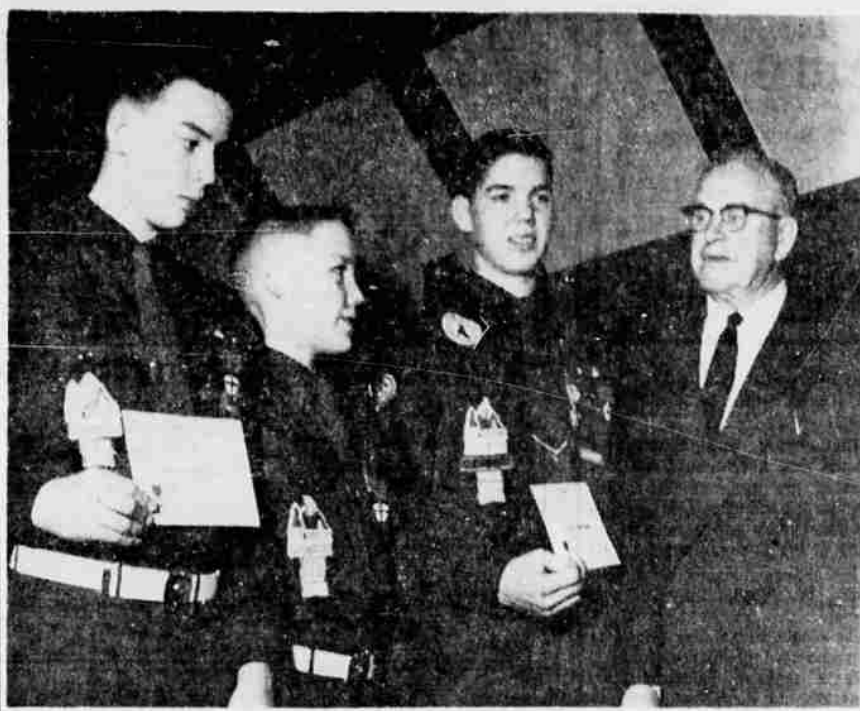
We had our first view of the Rocky Mountains on June 30, 1852. Two days later we crossed Strawberry Creek and Quaking Ash Creek as well as a branch of the Sweetwater, where we found a trading post and a blacksmith shop. Bacon was 30 cents a pound, flour 20 cents a pound, sugar 30 cents a pound, and they charged \$8 for shoeing an ox or a mule.

When we came to Ham's Fork of Bear River our party divided. The Bells, Brooks, Forsythes and Thompsons separated from the main body. We stayed with Captain Crawford's party. One day later the Worths left the main party and went ahead to join those who had gone on. On July 23 we came to Fort Hall.

The houses were built of adobe and we saw scores of Shoshone Indians around the fort. When we got to Steamboat Springs our cattle were very thirsty. They smelled the water and ran to it. The minute they put their noses in the boiling water they bawled, whirled around and stampeded. To see 25 wagons stampeding over the plains is a pretty thrilling sight.

I remember very distinctly how impressed we were with Shoshone Falls. It certainly was a beautiful falls. We saw the Indians there spearing salmon and we bought some from them. Mr. Henry had started out with 15 yoke of cattle and about 35 head of loose cows and horses. He got into the Willamette Valley with only three yoke.

We lost the last of our loose animals at Shell Rock Point on the Columbia River. It was weak and fell into the river. We struck what was then called the Uvilla, but is now called the Umatilla River on September 3. When we got to The



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Church Aide Hits Training Of Soldiers

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (AP)—A qualified charge that American servicemen are getting totalitarian training was made Tuesday.

The charge came from James Wine, associate general secretary of the council. He also said a subversive influence may have been responsible for an Air Force manual which said there is Communist infiltration of American churches.

The General Board, which meets here for two days, is expected to get a report from its policy and strategy subcommittee which heard Wine's resume of the situation. Afterward he issued a statement containing his charges.

Wine said there is "the possibility—suggested by an apparent attitude that recurs in various manuals of the U.S. Air Force—that within the military departments of the United States government, there are those who have on occasion attempted to carry out a completely un-American, in fact

a totalitarian, indoctrination of their regular and reserve personnel."

In a subsequent interview Wine said the controversial Air Force Reserve training manual could well have been inspired by a subversive influence.

The manual—rescinded last week by the Air Force—included paragraphs charging Communist infiltration of churches; Communist party membership by some ministers; and Communist front influence on a subcommittee of the National Council which drew up the revised standard version of the Bible.

Wine would not label the material either Communist or Fascist-inspired, but said, "I would say it is definitely subversive."

Demos Hit By Hatfield In Utah Talk

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield told Republicans here Wednesday night the approach of the Democrats is too materialistic.

At a Lincoln-Washington Day Dinner here, Hatfield said the defense program is one of four basic moral issues underlying the political times.

Hatfield said "Rather than putting our hope for security in missiles, in this day the contest for men's minds and hearts should be manifest in our foreign aid program."

"The majority leadership (Democrats) say we are not spending enough for missiles. But when the President sends his foreign aid budget they say it has to be trimmed. I am more interested in seeking to save men's lives and

make for happier living, rather than seeing how we can destroy men."

The Oregon governor listed these three other moral issues: "The something for nothing which, in my opinion, strikes at the moral fiber of our people."

"Group against group, which manifests itself in race and religious conflicts as well as the economic conflicts of management versus labor."

"And the need for accessible justice in the courts."

Hatfield said, "Justice delayed is justice denied."

He also accused the Democrats of delaying creation of new feder-

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