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## Oregon Roads Are Praised

### Desert Roads of Utah and Nevada Rough Traveling

## Saw Homestake Gold Mine

### F. E. Malmsten, who With Family Recently Returned From Iowa Tells of Country Traveled

(By F. E. Malmsten)  
After having had a long enjoyable stay in different parts of Minnesota and Iowa, we started homeward and left Swea City, Iowa, on August 17 and went as far as Huron, S. D., the first day from 11 a. m. We stayed over night there in a hotel.

We got a fairly early start the next morning and the second night we arrived at Timber Lake, S. D., and there we stayed with A. L. Anderson, Mrs. Malmsten's brother, who is county auditor for Dewey county, S. D. The next night we stayed at Lead, S. D., at Jubilee camp, where good accommodations were offered.

The next day we went through the mills at the Homestake gold mine, which is said to be the largest in the world. It was very interesting to see where the ore was hoisted from the mine and dumped in cars and transferred to the stamp, rod and tube mills. The Homestake mine was discovered in April, 1876, by Moses Manuel; and \$200,000,000 had been taken out of the mine up till January 1, 1926.

We stayed at Hot Springs, S. D., the next night and at Lusk, Wyo., we left the A. Y. P. trail and went south to Cheyenne, Wyo. where we stayed over the next night. Cheyenne is a live town and has big railroads shops.

Salt Lake is a beautiful city of 150,000 souls. The streets are unusually wide and are laid out so that traffic movement is orderly and it is easy to find the way. It is the commercial, manufacturing and industrial center of the intermountain empire. We stayed here over two nights and here too, we had two punctures. We started from Salt Lake at 7:20 in the morning of Thursday, the 25th, and the speedometer registered 5990 miles.

When one starts out in the morning over a road never before traveled one wonders what the country and the roads are like; and we had no idea of traveling through such desert land as we went through between Brigham and Snowville and on this way. The dust was so deep that ruts could not be located. The only way was to drive slow so that the bumps would not be so hard.

At Snowville we met a couple driving through from Portland who said that we had better turn back, as they had broken an axle on their Dodge car a few miles out from Snowville. We were not scared by their complaint of the road and ultimately got through the bad stretch without any mishaps. When we did, we surely appreciated the goods roads the more.

We arrived at Burley that night at about 5 o'clock and looked up W. L. Turner and his wife, who were my boyhood schoolmates. They insisted on our staying with them at least for the night, which we did, and needless to say had much to talk about. The scraps we had had, as well as the pleasant season of our boyhood days were dwelt upon. Willie told me that the hardest licking he ever got was administered by my brother, Otto. He admitted that he deserved it, however, and held no grudge against him. I was surprised, as I had never heard Otto say anything about the episode and always thought him to be a very peace-loving brother. How true the saying, "Appearances are sometimes deceitful."

Mr. Turner is in the Shell gasoline and oil wholesale business and one of his sons has a filling station there. Mr. and Mrs. Turner went along to call on Mr. and Mrs. A. Lindquist formerly of Vernonia. The crops on his place were looking very good and the country looked prosperous.

We surely would have liked to stay longer in Burley but that fact that it was Friday and wanting to be home by Sunday we decided to hasten on. We figured it was 723

## Three Vernonia Men Drawn on Jury Panel

The panel of jurors for the October term of the circuit court for Columbia county has been drawn as follows:

Weed, O. G. Vernonia, farmer; Snider, Lewis, Warren, farmer; Clark, L. F., Rainier, farmer; Smith, John C., Goble, farmer; Tarbell, Ray, Yankton, farmer; Levi, W. A., St. Helens, machinist; Tarbell, A. H., Warren, farmer; Shortlidge, E. F., Clatskanie, farmer; Ivy, Joe, Clatskanie, hotel-man; Hogberg, E. E., Birkenfeld, farmer; Spangler, E. L., Clatskanie, farmer; Robinette, D. M., Yankton, farmer; Bergerson, Charles, Vernonia, farmer; Cayot, A. C., Rainier, farmer; Daniels, Ross W., Rainier, farmer; Rose, J. W., Vernonia, logger; Skeans, Jesse C., Rainier, farmer; Sibley, Harry, Houlton, merchant; Culbertson, R. E., Clatskanie, freight-agent; Hutchinson, A. E., Goble, farmer; Adams, Fred, Scappoose, farmer; Lindberg, E. J., Clatskanie, farmer; Romine, L. D., Rainier, farmer; Young, Warren M., Clatskanie, farmer; Roberts, William, Mayger, farmer; Taylor, F. B., Houlton, farmer; Larsen, C. J., Warren, farmer; Flippin, T. J., Rainier, sawmill-man; Hooker, Joseph Q., Yankton, farmer; Hackenberg, Joe, Rainier, farmer; Ommundsen, John, St. Helens, carpenter.

## Swarms of "Ladybirds" Discovered by Farmer

A farmer at Waterloo, Oregon, recently discovered what he described as "an enormous bunch of ladybird beetles" and wrote in to the experiment station to find out if they were harmful to crops or if possibly they were so beneficial as to be a value when obtained in such quantities.

These little red or orange beetles have developed a habit of quitting the lower altitudes in the fall and seeking hibernation in sheltered hills, according to Don C. Mote, head of the department of entomology. In certain parts of California they have been collected by the ton and kept in storage to be liberated in the spring in farm lands.

Normally the beetles emerge in spring and fly back to the valleys where they multiply rapidly and feast on various species of aphids. A daily meal for a healthy ladybird larva is about 25 aphids, while an adult will easily consume more than 50 of the juicy morsels daily. Knowing their fondness for plant lice, experimenters have tried to develop a means of wholesale control of aphids through capture and release of these beetles, but neither in Oregon or in California have the attempts proved really successful.

The trouble encountered in the experiments was chiefly that in cold, late springs when aphids were exceptionally bad, multiplication of the ladybirds was retarded by the low temperatures, while the aphids were untroubled by the frigid environment. It was also found that even under most favorable circumstances mortality among the beetles stored amounted to 20 to 40 per cent. Finally, they showed such a tendency to scatter after being released that there was no assurance who would get the benefits of a given batch.

Professor Mote advises that these beetles are good friends of the farmer, but that it is little use to try to "hurry them up."

## Red Cross Bill Cancelled

An act that displays a splendid spirit of co-operation and public spiritedness on the part of a large business concern and one that has been the source of great satisfaction to the Red Cross was the receipt of a bill from the Mississippi Power and Light company in the sum of \$603 with the notation paid written across the face of the bill.

John Cremer, Red Cross representative, is greatly pleased over the action of the light company in cancelling the large bill for lights used by the Red Cross.

miles from Burley to Vernonia, so Hazel and Marshall conspired to be home by Saturday night. They drove hard, and when we reached Oregon just at the west end of Snake river the good Oregon roads began and good time was made. We arrived home at 7 o'clock on Saturday evening, the 27th, having been on the homeward trip 10 days, counting the time we stayed at Timber Lake, S. D., and Salt Lake.

We surely did have a good, wholesome vacation, and the trip did us a world of good, and can recommend such a trip to anyone who would like to see the country.

## Dairy Prices Improved In Oregon During August; Good Grain Crop

### Conditions Indicate a Good Crop Of Potatoes in Columbia County; Dairy Industry Fairly Good.

Hot, dry weather in August was favorable for harvest operations but caused pastures to dry up and spring grain yielded less than expected in several districts. Late potatoes suffered from lack of moisture in western Oregon. More than the usual number of potato yields are being grown for certified seed. In some districts dairymen have overcome the lack of summer pasture by planting Japanese barnyard millet, reed canary grass, alfalfa, ladino clover or other similar feed crops, thus sustaining dairy production during the dry months.

On the whole, however, dairy production fell off but prices improved slightly. There is a good demand for milk cows but offerings are limited. Poultrymen are still finding it necessary to cull heavy and otherwise meet the narrowing margin between receipts and costs. The livestock men are optimistic with plenty of feed at reasonable prices and good prices being obtained for cattle and sheep.

Some eastern Oregon counties report the best yield of wheat for years. The winter grains yielded well generally. Hay is a heavy crop and range conditions are good although getting dry. The irrigated farms have produced well as a result of a favorable water supply in most districts.

More cash buyers than for years are showing up in apple sections according to reports and pears are meeting a strong demand. There is a good crop of prunes on the trees but the season is late and there is danger of damage from brown rot and unfavorable weather at harvesting time. Fresh prune shippers have enjoyed a more favorable season than usual but prices dropped off at the close of the month. Berry growers are less inclined to increase acreage and there is some trend toward other enterprises because of the uncertain market situation for small fruits.

Agricultural conditions in Columbia county were fairly good during last month. Most of the harvesting completed in eastern part of the county, with very good yields in most of the grains. Crop of apples and pears will be considerably less than average. Indications are that there will be a very good crop of potatoes. Late rains in August have been especially good for assuring good fall pastures and maturing the late potatoes, root crops and corn. Pasture conditions have been rather dry on the hills, but most of the farmers were provided with plenty of forage crops to carry their milk stock through the dry period. There has been plenty of feed for all of the dry stock. Dairy industry is fairly good this summer with the food that has been available and with the advantages of markets that have been obtained for dairy products. Good demand for dairy cattle at good prices.

## Signs in Silver Falls District

The Oregon State Motor association will place signs in the Silver Falls district the last week in September.

The signs will guide the tourist around Salem-Silverton-Silver creek Falls loop and will make more convenient for the motorist this series of nine falls which comprise a scenic district as we have in the state.

## Weekly Is Endorsed

Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president of the General Motors Corporation recently gave a strong indorsement of the value of the country weekly newspaper.

In discussing this year's advertising campaign for General Motors Corporation, Mr. Sloan, among other things said: "I believe in the country weekly newspaper. I believe that no printed matter in the United States is more thoroughly read, or has more influence than the pages of these home town newspapers."

## The Timely Reminder

The following sign is posted by the roadside as you enter a Western town. It says: 4,076 people died last year of gas. 39 inhaled it. 37 put a lighted match to it. And 4,000 stepped on it.

## Judson Weed Recounts Early Sunday Schools Of His Boyhood Days

### First Sunday School in Nehalem Valley Was Held in an Old Log Cabin; Later Abandoned House.

Judson Weed, eminent Nehalem valley pioneer, entertained the children of the Evangelical church last Sunday with a short talk on the Sunday schools of his boyhood days. He also told of the Nehalem valley's first Sunday schools and churches.

The first meeting house Mr. Weed attended was a log house in southern Ohio, which was later supplanted by a frame building, known as a church. He said that, although the services were addressed mainly to the older people, barefooted boys often walked as many as four miles to church.

When Mr. Weed came west about 65 years ago, there was a church in the Nehalem valley, he said, for, although the settlers had brought their belongings west on packhorses, they had not forgotten their Bibles.

Church was held in an old log cabin and later in an abandoned house near Mr. Weed's home. Today Mr. Weed attends the Evangelical church in Vernonia. Following Mr. Weed's talk Rev. G. W. Plumer promised the children a special illustrated sermon on the same topic October 2.

## Towns Should Place Informative Signs

"Just what do towns do to make themselves interesting to the vast and increasing streams of automobile passers by?"

This question has been asked an increasing number of times by the State Motor association in its efforts to provide "interesting places" for visiting motorists.

Practically every person has an hour or two to spare in seeing the interesting things along his line of travel, but most frequently the interesting things are not on the main highway and the motorist passes through the town and on to the next, often times missing the very thing that he has traveled thousands of miles to see.

If every city or town would place along the highway directional signs showing the direction of and giving a description of the historical spots within its boundaries, the visiting motorist would find his trip of much greater value to him and the town and district would not only receive greater publicity from the word-of-mouth advertising of the motorist, but the merchants of the particular town would receive immediate returns in many ways from the motorist who "stopped to see, but remained to buy."

## U. of O. To Establish Educational Research Laboratory There Soon

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore. Schools of the state, both elementary grades and high schools, will be requested to cooperate with the school of education of the University in the establishment of an educational research laboratory, it is announced here by H. D. Sheldon, dean. Educators throughout the state will be furnished with all material and information upon request.

The work, which is to be concentrated in two fields, diagnostic testing problems of school finance, will be under the direction of Dr. B. W. DeBusk, who is already well known for his activity in the Portland schools, and Dr. C. L. Huffaker, who comes here from the University of Arizona.

## Life With Dogs Vexes

Declaring that she was required to live in a house of two rooms where her husband kept a pack of dogs, Ethel E. Pasto filed suit for divorce in circuit court here recently against her husband, Dr. George Pasto, a practicing physician at Vernonia, Oregon. The couple married in Portland November 24, 1925.

She wants her former name Ethel E. Leksell, restored, and also wants \$100 monthly support money during pendency of the suit and \$150 for court costs.—Oregonian.

The American Legion Auxiliary will give a dance in the Legion hall Saturday night. It is said that a feature of the dance will be the serving of light lunches.

## Oregon Courts Not Lenient With Minors

The police and the courts have made automobile stealing for mere joy-riding much less popular than it was ten or fifteen years ago. Girls, on the other hand, have grown more insistent that their boy friend provide them with the thrill of a spin down the highway. If the boy friend hasn't a car, some other boy friend has. Result, the boy friend, who is often a minor, provides himself with a car on the conditional sales plan. Often, before the car is fully paid for, the minor wrecks it, loses his job or his girl. Then, he calls for the dealer who sold it to him and says, "I was a minor when I signed that contract, here's your car. Give me my money back."

In many states the minor is able to get away with it, too, and the merchant is compelled to give back what money he has received and take back what is left of the machine without any compensation for its use or depreciation, a sadder and a wiser man.

But, the courts of all the states have not followed this ruling, and some that have followed it have differentiated between certain conditions, holding differently in cases where the contract was performed partly performed, or to be performed in the future; also, letting their decisions be altered by such questions as "Was the contract one for necessities of life? Was it beneficial to the minor? Was it fair and reasonable?" and many others.

The question of a minor's right to disaffirm his contract and secure back anything of value he might have paid on it, was never presented to the Supreme Court of Oregon until 1920. It is interesting to note that the case in which it was first presented involved a motorcycle, and the second an automobile.

When the question was finally presented, the Supreme Court began its opinion as follows:

"The amount involved in this proceeding is not large, but the question of law presented is a very important one, and one which has been much disputed in the courts, and about which there is a great and irremediable conflict in the authorities, and we have, therefore, given the matter careful attention."

Following a discussion of the decisions of the various state courts and of England, our court laid down the law in Oregon to be "where the minor has not been over-reached in any way, and there has been no undue influence and the contract is a fair and reasonable one, and the minor has actually paid money on the purchase price, and taken and used the article, that he ought not to be permitted to recover the amount actually paid without allowing the vendor of the goods the reasonable compensation for the use and depreciation of the article, while in his hand."

Of course, if there has been any fraud or imposition on the part of the seller, or if the contract is unfair, or an unfair advantage has been taken of the minor in inducing him to make the purchase then a different rule would apply."

The reader will note that the rule set out above applies only in cases where the contract is already executed. A different rule would apply in the case of an unexecuted, that is, one where every part of its performance was delayed until a further date.

## Hard Rain at Mist

The territory immediately around Mist suffered from a hard rain storm last Friday. The rain started at noon and continued until 1 p. m. A. B. Melis stated that it was the hardest shower he has ever seen in the Nehalem.

## Pie Social at Natal Grange

Natal Grange met last Saturday night in the Grange hall. The members voted to have a pie social and party on Saturday night, October 4. Thirty members were present at the meeting. Refreshments were served during the social hour.

## Denies Attack Charge.

Clifford Friend, who was recently charged by his wife with an attack in which she claimed that he injured her severely, has denied all the charges made and asserts the whole story is a frame-up and of her own fabrication.

He expressed regret that the Jablonski girl had received any publicity in the matter, asserting that it would be a rank imposition to injure her present good reputation.

## Auto Accident Fatal To One

### Paul Epperly Succumbs To Injuries Received.

## Is Crushed by Automobile

### Young Vernonia Man Unfortunate Victim of Crash at Foot Of O.-A. Hill Friday.

In coming to the foot of the turn of the Oregon-American hill Friday, H. O. Parker, Paul Epperly, Everett Wood, and Lee Wood, in a Studebaker sedan skidded and crashed into the automobile owned by Dr. Geo. Pasto standing in front of the Square Deal garage, wrecking both cars and fatally injuring Paul Epperly.

Epperly was rushed to the hospital, still conscious, but succumbed about midnight of internal rupture, it was said. His funeral was held Tuesday afternoon in the Brown chapel, Rev. Teddy Leavitt of the local Church of Christ officiating. Interment was in the Vernonia cemetery.

Paul Ernest Epperly was born August 12, 1901, at Waldo, Ore. He resided there until 17 years of age, when the family moved to Corvallis. There he was married to Miss Mildred Archibald. To this union were born two children, Pauline and James Albert.

From Corvallis the family moved to Vernonia, where they have lived about one year. He leaves to mourn his departure, besides his wife and children, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Epperly, five brothers and one sister: Herman of Klamath Falls, William of Salem, Earl of Sheridan, Guy of McMinnville, Albert of Corvallis, and Mrs. H. H. King of Vernonia.

## Nehalem Valley Pioneer Answers Last Roll Call

Another of the Nehalem valley pioneers answered the last roll call Friday when Mrs. Mary M. Roberts died at her home near Vernonia Friday, September 23, at the age of 62. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon from the Brown funeral home, Rev. G. W. Plumer officiating.

Mary McNeal Roberts was born in Michigan October 28, 1864. She was married to Mr. Roberts in 1879. She united with the Evangelical church in early childhood and was a member of the local church for 27 years, being a faithful Christian to the close of her earthly days.

She leaves to mourn her loss three sons, John, Burt and Reuben, and two daughters, Elma, Marie and Nona Imbeck. There are also 18 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Mrs. E. H. Washburn sprained her right ankle Saturday evening when she slipped and fell while stepping out of an automobile.

A. K. Lunn has purchased the interest of Mr. Clark in the Vernonia Billards. He was formerly located at Creswell, Oregon.

Josephine McDonald, formerly of Portland, has leased the New Willard hotel. It was opened for business Saturday.

Mrs. L. Cates returned home Sunday after spending a week in Portland at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Cates.

Lester Sheeley and D. B. Reasoner were in Banks, Buxton, Roy and Hillsboro Friday in the interest of the new Catsop beach highway and to attend the Washington county fair.

Among those who attended the dedication of the Knights of Pythias hall in St. Helens, which is declared to be the finest in the state outside of Portland, were the following from Vernonia: Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Culbertson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Florin Mills, and Emil Messing.

Geo. Thayer and Frank Allen went to Lobster creek, in Curry county, on a deer hunting expedition for one week. "We expect plenty of deer on display on their return," says E. W. Holtham, who is running George's Place during his absence.

Little Florence Cates of Portland is visiting at the home of her grandfather.