

EARLY HISTORY OF MALHEUR AREA
DISCUSSED BY J. R. GREGG, EX-RESIDENTEARLY HISTORY OF MALHEUR
(Continued from last week)

It will be noted that the Oregon Trail entered Oregon, within the present boundaries of Malheur County, at least four different points. As far as I know I am the first and only one who has attempted to trace the various routes followed by the early emigrants after the trail came into the Snake River valley and the four different points at which the trail entered Oregon, all of which are in the present boundaries of the county. Some Idaho historians contend that the Oregon Trail did not enter Oregon until after crossing Olds ferry on Snake River below Weiser. Backed by the published statements of the historian, Bancroft, and other statements published by some of the first emigrants who came over the trail, as well as statements made to me by some of the early Malheur County pioneers, I am willing to discuss the facts with them. I am sure I can substantiate the fact that the first Oregon emigrants entered the present state at old Fort Boise. The first ferry across Snake River

was installed at that former British trading post in the early 50's. The original Fort Boise, that was built of cottonwood logs, located on the east side of Snake River about six miles above the present city of Nyssa. Later the log fort was replaced by adobe. This old Indian trading post was built by the Hudson Bay Company in 1830 and 11 years was in charge of a French-Canadian fur trader and trapper in the employ of this British fur company, Francis Payette. The river, lake, city and county of Payette are named for the factor of old Fort Boise. Fort Boise took its name from the Boise River. The name of the Boise River is also of French origin, meaning "woody" or "wooded" river.

About 1853 Fort Boise was abandoned by the British and for a short time the fort was occupied by two Americans, H. P. Isaac and Orlando Humason, who conducted a way station on the old emigrant road and installed the first ferry across Snake River. Soon after the Ward massacre, near the present town of Middleton, that occurred on August 20, 1854, the fort and

ferry were abandoned and the old fort was allowed to go to decay.

In 1855, about three years after the first discovery of gold in what is now Malheur County, in Morrison Basin, another rich deposit was located on upper Willow Creek, in what became known as the Shasta mining district. Three years later, 1858, Eldorado, the first town in what is now Malheur County came into existence. The principal business establishments in this first Malheur County town were three general stores and a hotel. The stores were conducted by Stevens Bros., O. C. Kirkpatrick and Charles Goodnough. S. D. Reeves, who has the distinction of being the first farmer in Malheur County—whose homestead was located near the old emigrant ford on lower Willow Creek, and later known as the Norwood place, operated the Eldorado hotel. I believe Mr. Reeves was the father of Miss Eva Reeves, one of my old Ontario schoolmates. She became the wife of Chas. C. Carter, one of Ontario's early day business men. Both are now deceased. They were the parents of Misses Mell, Villa and Mary Carter, and Chas. Carter, Jr.

In 1870 the mining town of Malheur City sprang up on the homestead of Wm. Morfitt, a mile or so southeast of Eldorado. Like Eldorado, the main business firms in Malheur City were three stores and a hotel. Two of the stores were owned by Wm. S. Glenn and Lake Bros. The third store was conducted by George Collins and his sister, Miss Mary Collins. The hotel landlord was J. W. Leatherwood. Miss Mary Collins married Gallatin Richardson, who was conducting a saloon in the town. After his death Mrs. Mary Richardson went to Baker City to reside. Most of the town of Eldorado moved down to the new town of Malheur City, and Eldorado, like Auburn, the first mining town in eastern Oregon, became a ghost town.

In 1871 W. S. Glenn moved his store from Malheur City to lower Willow Creek, near the present town of Jamieson, and the place became known as Glennville. Wm. S. Glenn was the father of Arthur W. Glenn and Walter M. Glenn, and was the grandfather of the present sheriff of Malheur County, Charles W. Glenn.

In 1870, Louis B. Rinehart, who had turned the first bunch of range cattle loose in the northern part of Malheur County two years previous, near the Washoe ferry, purchased Jonathan Keeney's interest in the wayside inn at Vale hot springs. Mr. Rinehart was a son-in-law of Wm. S. Glenn. Mr. Rinehart built the famous Stone House, in the present city of Vale, and on New Year Day, 1873, opened that noted old time hostelry to the public with a grand ball. For the next ten or eleven years the present city of Vale was known as the Stone House. In 1883, Henry C. Murray, another son-in-law of W. S. Glenn, leased the Stone House from his brother-in-law, L. B. Rinehart and ran a small store in connection with the hotel. Soon a postoffice was secured, with H. C. Murray as the first postmaster, and it was then Vale assumed its present name. When Malheur County was created in 1877 Henry C. Murray was named the first sheriff. About that time W. S. Glenn moved his store and other buildings from Glennville to Vale and Glennville lost its identity.

Kingman Kolony

Dorothy Jean and Ida Mae Deffenbaugh were Sunday dinner guests in the Clarence Nelson home in Ridgeview last week.

Maurice Deffenbaugh is visiting in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Moore and son, Kenneth and Rudolph Zimmerman, were guests in the James Sneed home in Letha, Idaho Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cotton and Mrs. Nellie Newbill were Sunday callers in the Frank Cummins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Sparks and family had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hopkins and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sparks and daughter, all of Parma.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Peary arrived Saturday from Pueblo, Colorado.

Mrs. L. Kreager and Mrs. Guy Glenn called Wednesday on Mrs. Hugh Glenn who is a patient in the hospital in Ontario.

Mrs. C. W. Brown of Twin Falls, mother of Mrs. Virgil Viers, was a visitor in the Viers home last week-end. Mrs. Brown went to Klamath Falls after her visit here.

Patsy De Haven was a guest of Iolores Auker in Adrian Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle N. Raney were overnight guests in the George

De Haven home Saturday night of last week. Mrs. Raney is a sister of Mr. De Haven.

Mrs. Cummins and J. D. Cummins, mother and brother of Frank Cummins, arrived at the Frank Cummins home Monday for a visit. Their home is in Elgin, Oregon.

The H. E. club met at the home of Hazel Schaefer Tuesday of last week. The next meeting will be held with Mabel Peary February 19.

The Kingman grange met Monday night with sixteen members present. Due to the absence of Master Frank Cummins and Overseer Luit Stam, Lecturer Frances Hurst presided. A report by Agricultural Chairman D. L. Hurst and Committeeman L. J. Reager was given. The canner project was discussed. During the lecturer's hour, L. Kreager was in charge with a discussion of land improvement and land and farm development. Mrs. Kreager and Mrs. Peterson served refreshments. At the next regular meeting February 25 the F.P.A. class in charge of Mr. Reuter will present the program. The men of the grange will serve refreshments.

Keith Lane arrived home Friday from the naval base in San Diego. He will return there Saturday and then expects to be assigned to a naval training school.

Willard Hall and his brother, T. B. Hall, went to Casa Grande, Arizona Saturday morning on a short business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ashcraft were Sunday guests in the C. B. Hill home in Newell Heights.

Mr. McKoral, who lives on the Greeley place, has been very ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Cliff Wright was in Ontario on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright and Jerry guests in the James Peterson home Sunday.

Mrs. Dale Ashcraft attended a garden club meeting in Boise Monday of last week.

Sunset Valley

Jim Langley and Irwin Wolfe boarded a United airline at Boise Friday and flew to Seattle on business. They returned to their homes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wilson returned home Saturday from Greeley, Colorado, where they visited relatives the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Herring of Nyssa were dinner guests of their daughter, Mrs. Joe Hobson, and Mr. Hobson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kirkland moved onto the Ditty farm this week. Kirkland is employed by Ted Ross. Mrs. Leslie Ditty and son, Ron-

ald, were Caldwell visitors Monday. Adolph Schneider and children of Fruitland were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bergam and family.

Joe Council of Nampa spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Council. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gregg were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Main of Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Cash Tuner spent from Friday until Monday at Bates, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Jay Howard and children.

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Flanagan has been ill with pneumonia.

Shirley Price of Caldwell spent from Saturday until Sunday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Price, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mittleider and Donald, Dorothy and Kathryn of Meridian were among those attending the funeral Sunday of Alvin Nothels in Nyssa.

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Brim and children, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ditty and children, Tressa Ditty, Mary and Sharon Query and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Brewer of Owyhee attended church services at the Homedale Assembly of God church Wednesday evening.

Lester Adams was a Caldwell visitor Tuesday.

Charles Ditty was a visitor Tuesday in the John Horace home in Caldwell.

Elmer E. Cloninger and son, Pete, who formerly lived in Sunset Valley, are here looking after business interests.

Mrs. Cash Turner submitted to a minor operation in Nyssa Monday.

Mrs. Wallace Gregg of Newell Heights spent one day last week in the Bill Gregg home.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brewer and Barbara of Owyhee spent from Friday until Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Jim Langley and children.

Mrs. Joe Hobson was entertained Tuesday in Nyssa at a pink and blue shower. Bernice Gray and Ella Seward were hostesses. Mrs. E. J. Hobson and Mrs. A. L. Brim were

among those attending. Bob Reffett, second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Reffett, received his discharge and arrived home Friday.

Clarice Nothels of Portland came last week to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nothels. She was called here because of the sudden death of her brother Alvin Nothels.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wolfe of Nampa were visitors in the valley Monday.

Word was received Sunday of the death of Rev. Aden Snow Honey, pastor of the Assembly of God church at Marsing, Idaho. He was at American Falls at the time of his death, and was formerly of Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Council and Vera Faye were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Crisp of Nyssa Sunday.

Mrs. Emory J. Hobson left Thursday morning for Leota, Kansas to help care for her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Richard Hobson, who has just been released from the hospital following a severe case of pneumonia.

Valentine Party Held—
The adult class of the M. I. A.

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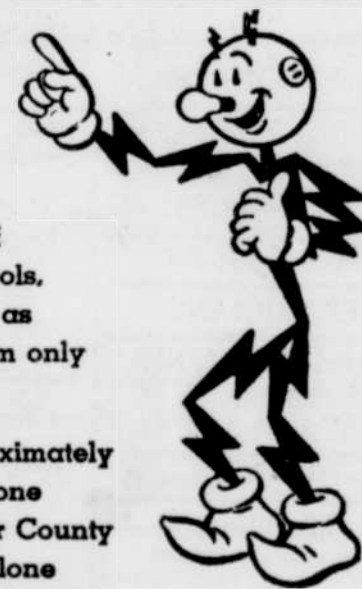
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