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## **History of Old Fort Boise**



#### NSIDE VEW OF FORT BEFORE ON SNALE BUT

The history of Old Fort Boise is apt to be somewhat confusing as there were actually two old forts called Fort Boise. In 1863, some time after the old forts had been abandoned, a company of soldiers camped on what is now Government Island in the Boise River (near Boise) to protect miners and settlers from Indian attack. A permanent barracks was established called Boise Barracks, but known to some as "Fort Boise". Old Fort Boise Days is concerned with the earlier forts and the inestimable value of the role they played in the development of what was then the "Oregon Country"

Prior to construction of the Boise River, an attempt was made by Donald McKenzie, an official of the Hudson's Bay logs, stone, and adobe; a pole Company, to establish a post stockade (later replaced by an at the mouth of the Boise River. adobe wall); a building contai-Want of food and hostility of the natives forced it to be quarters, and a kitchen; a store; abandoned. The presence of American and British fur trap- door oven. The proprietor, brought about an agreement be-Great Britain for joint occupa- twenty years, welcomed travetion of the territories west of lers with gracious kindness. the Rocky Mountains. There was Visitors described their remuch rivalry between these ception in glowing terms; "We of the State Highway Fund to at an agreed rendezvous (Pier- power". re's Hole, now Teton Basin). When this man, Nathaniel Wyeth, necessity, Wyeth built the first Snake River washed away most

By Norma Nelson River (Boise River) during 1834- gon Country, explored and 1835. This fort was built in opened the way for missionaries direct competition to Wyeth's and later pioneers. Many of post to keep Indians from giving those who came for furs and their fur trade to Fort Hall, the lure of gold stayed to deve-Although the exact location of lop the agricultural possiblithis early fort is not known, ties of the country. Names of there is some evidence it was these early settlers are still built on the site of McKinzie's familiar to valley residents. early post, near the present through personal acquaintance and in the person of their detown of Notus.

Members of Marcus Whit- scendants. Records kept by the man's missionary party de- fur gatherers are almost the scribe the fort as "a miserable only history we have of that pen of a place . . . in fact, period of time . . . . historical the whole concern could hardly events which played a vital part be called a passable corral". in America's early expansion The Whitman party stopped at and winning of the Oregon Counthis first fort in August, 1836, try. The Old Fort Boise Days and shortly after a second fort celebration serves to remind was built on the Snake River us of the founding and expansion at a point known as Three of the civilization of the "Ore-Islands. This second fort gon Country" which is now the first fort near the mouth of the (actually constructed in 1838 states of Idaho, Oregon, and by Francois Payette) was a Washington. Information and documenmore permanent structure of tation: Valley", by Annie Laurie Bird (Parma High School Library) 'Idaho in The Pacific Northning a dinning room, sleeping west", Barber and Martin (Nyssa Library) servant's quarters; and an out-

pers in the fur-rich valley Francois Payette, a French- STATE DISTRIBUTES Canadian in the service of Hudtween the United States and son's Bay Company for over HIGHWAY FUNDS The semiannual apportioning

American fur traders and the were kindly received and enter- the incorporated cities of Ore-Hudson's Bay Company. At tained by the gentleman in gon was made today by the this time an American trapper charge, who kindly proffered to State Highway Commission.

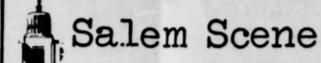
"Boise, The Peace

traveled to Boston for mer- let us have such provisions as Funds to be released by the chandise to be delivered to the we needed and to render us any Commission total \$6.038.070.06. Rocky Mountain Fur Company additional service in his which will be distributed to 226 incorporated cities in Oregon

With the wane of fur trade whose population now totals in the valley the fort was main- 1,178,527. The allocation is reached the rendezvous he found tained as a trading post and based on the statutory 12 perthe company dissolving and his comfort station for weary tra- cent for the period January 1 goods refused. Thus, out of velers. In 1853 a rise in the through June 20, 1970.

fort on the Snake River to take of the fort. It was partially The funds come from the care of his goods. This fort rebuilt and maintained until In-came to be called Fort Hall, dian hostilities (the Ward mas-hicle registration and ope-

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#### by Jack Zimmerman

It used to be that if you dared ject -- financed wholly by prisay economize to a politician vate businesses and industries he'd scoff and brand you poli- lending Task Force members, tically naive.

But "economy" in govern- sults that would combine to ment is no longer a dirty word. create biennial savings of as This is especially true in Ore- much as \$25 million. gon. The cost of doing governmental business has been going the Task Force has been comup right along with everything pleted. Some 27 major state else. This fact has placed a agencies have been examined. severe strain on state government's pocketbook -- and like- jects already have been released in the world. wise has stretched taxpayers' but the final report is not expurse strings near the breaking pected before Oct. 15, accorpoint.

Consequently, government's assistant to the director of the search for additional funds and Executive Department. taxpayers who have balked at providing new revenue sources of preliminary findings alone, have combined to put economy expects the "savings" to exhigh on the accomplishments ceed the initial \$25 million list of even the most politically estimate. astute.

economize.

"The Task Force project will Gov. Tom McCall was quick have tremendous impact on rerecognize this change of organized state government," events. Voter rejections of a he said, "and actual results will plan to boost income tax re- continue to be measured over venue -- plus historical aver- the decade ahead." sion toward a state sales tax, Some notable results of both

must have played a part in the reorganization and Task Force McCall Administration's early activity are significant examples determination to reorganize and of the effectiveness of both. The State Highway Division, A logical first step was Gov. for instance, eliminated 447

McCall's creation of the Pro- positions from its budget reject 70s Task Force on June quest for the second half of 28, 1968. Composed of faculty the current biennium. No one members from Oregon's state was actually fired. That many universtities, the Project 70s unfilled and vacant poistions Task Force made recommenda-, were simply omitted from the tions for sweeping state govern- new budget.

Legislative reorganization ment reorganization. With few exceptions, this re- created the Department of Reorganization plan was adopted by venue, combining the old Tax the 55th session of the State Commission with the Inheritance and Gift Tax people show Legislature in 1969.

The logical next step was a 40% revenue increase this year creation of the Management 70s over last with a 6.4% work Task Force on July 11, 1969. load increase accomplished with Hailed as a bold, new plan to 27% fewer personnel and an borrow top-level Oregon cor- 11% operating budget reduction! porate executives to study and All results of the Managerecommend more economically ment 70s Task Force will not efficient methods of operating be measured strictly in dollar the newly reorganized state savings, however. Many are government, the Management program efficiency oriented --70's Task Force is nearing making state agencies more

completion of its assignment, customer conscious and aware Charged with "capturing" of the need to satisfy citizen savings resulting from reor- service requirements. ganization, the Management One such example is an ex-Task Force consists of some 20 periment by the Motor Vehicles

loaned executives headed by a Division involving keeping steering committee chaired by offices open evenings and Satur-Ralph Voss, president of the days for customer convenience. First National Bank of Oregon. No one particularly enjoys Operationally the Task Force having an outsider tell him was divided into teams con- how he can do his job better. sisting of a project leader, And Management 70s Task of the Oregon public for a long three additional loaned execu- Force people probably wouldn't time to come -- the taxpayer. one-party systems and penali-

tives and two state analysts, one from the executive department

QUALITY" WEEK Governor Tom McCall has proclaimed August 23-29 as

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in Oregon. The Governor said, "In Oregon we grow nearly every crop it was hoped to produce reindigenous to this temperate Because of our mild zone. climate, cool nights, abundant rainfall, fertile soils, and Actual investigative work of skilled growers and processors. we produce a variety of food and fiber products that are unsurpassed in quality anywhere Results of some individual pro-

"Oregon is synonomous with the word quality. Our manufactured products, too, are ding to Kenneth T. Underdahl, sought throughout the nation and the world because of this distinction of prime quality. Gov. McCall, on the strength

"In recognition of this achievement of man and fortune of nature, the Agri-Business Council has created an Oregon symbol of excellence called the "Landmark of Quality," and an annual week-long observance of Oregon's quality products called Landmark of Quality Week.

"I do hereby designate the week of August 23-29 as Landmark of Quality Week, and call upon all citizens of the State of Oregon to participate in this tribute to Oregon products of consistent and established quality."

#### OREGON BOND SALES REMAIN HIGH

A report received here today by County Chairman Jim Leslie shows that sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in Oregon stayed on a high plane during the month of July.

"Savings Bonds sales last month in this state were \$2,-434,244, within about \$17,000 of our sales in July a year voted interest and detailed study ago. It was a very good month, do bringing our total sales for 1970 to \$19,257,505, about \$1,-400,000 more than they were

a year ago at this same time. 'Sales in our own county amounted to\$105,978, compared to \$151,007 in July of 1969. National sales were \$2,916,000-000 for January through July, slightly above those of 1969 to the same date."

#### win a popularity poll in some state agencies.

But if the findings turn out competency. as significant as they appear, Task Force workers will be chairmen unrep popular with a large segment the times;

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### **Packwood Wants To Abolish Seniority For Commitee Chairmen** "Landmark of Quality" Week

zing states with more dynamic Senator Bob Packwood (Rtwo-party structures. Ore.) Monday called for abo-Packwood documented valishment of a 125-year-old Serious forms of governments -nate practice which gives the free-world parliaments, com-Senator with the greatest length of service automatic chairman-

ship of a committee.

key consideration.

committees and that ability --

not seniority -- should be the

in a Senate speech as he out-

lined plans to circulate for co-

ber of the Senate at age 37,

said the seniority system would

probably work to his advantage

because most committee chair-

men are elected to the Senate at

an early age. The average

committee chairman in the Se

nate today has served 20.9 years

and his average age is 65.4

Packwood said the usual age

for retirement in private in-

dustry is 65 and if that rule

were followed by the Senate.

"all but four of the 16 Senate

committee chairmen would be

"It is illogical to assume

years, Packwood said.

forced to retire."

ganization amendment.

munist and dictatorial, state legislatures and city councils -showing that none of them used Packwood said chairmen of the seniority system. the Senate's 16 standing committees should be selected by

the membership of the individual Malheur County **4-H Members** At State Fair

Packwood made the comments Forty-four Malheur County 4-H members will compete in sponsorship a legislative reorthe 1970 Oregon State Fair in Salem August 29 through Sept-Packwood, the youngest memember 7.

Several of the girls are participating in contests. Beverly Schaffeld will compete in cake baking while her sister Vicki Schaffeld will be in the roll baking contest. Rita Farley and Marcella Guerrant form the Malheur team for the senior dinner food preparation contest. The intermediate luncheon will be prepared by Kay Roy.

Nine Gun Safety Club members will be shooting for the gun safety marksmanship title. Senior team members include Tom Mendiguren, Bob Toombs, David Smith, Lynda Towner, Teresa Schmit, and Shelly Abbe. Debra Smith, Dick Palmer and David Knapp form

that the man with the longest the intermediate team. service on a committee is there-Clothing Style Revue particifore automatically the most pants are Lori Lewis, Barbara qualified to be chairman." Anthony, and Marcella Guer-Packwood said. "Long service rant. Those 4-Hers competing does not necessarily produce in the Knitting Style Revue are expertise. Natural ability, de-Kathryn Anthony and Beverly

Schaffeld. Cindy and Sue Hiatt will exhibit their demonstration on "Some of the ablest com- "Honey". Malheur County will mittee chairmen in the history not only be represented by these of the Republic serve in this contestants but by exhibits too. body today. But under the sen- Twelve clothing exhibits, 12 food iority system, their qualifica- exhibits, and 5 knitting exhibits tions are secondary to their se- will be shown at the State Fair

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struction of Fort Hall from a to sell to his rivals in 1836, weighmasters. nearby encampment and sub- at a loss, he claimed, of \$30,sequently established a fort for 000.

named after the oldest man in sacre, 1854) caused it to be rators' license fees, gasoline and another from the particular the party. This fort was begun abandoned in 1855. Our govern- tax, use fuel tax, motor caron July 15, 1834 and was fini- ment later paid the Hudson's rier fees, and fines and Bay Company \$650,000 in settle- penalties collected for viola- have been probing and poking A certain Thomas McKay, an ment for all British claims, tions of the size and weight into every recess of each of official of Hudson's Bay These claims included Fort Hall statutes where complaints are Oregon's state agencies. Not

the Hudson's Bay Company at The fur traders, actually the ceive \$12,936.60, and Ontario's economy oriented efficiencies. the mouth of the Big Wood first white settlers in the Ore- share is \$33,061.33.

For the last year these teams Company, observed the con- which Wyeth had been forced made by Highway Division content to simply study agency operations, the Management Task Force is empowered to The city of Nyssa will re- recommend and even implement

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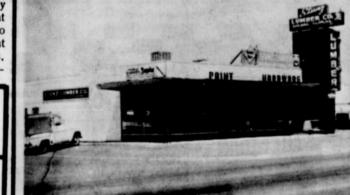
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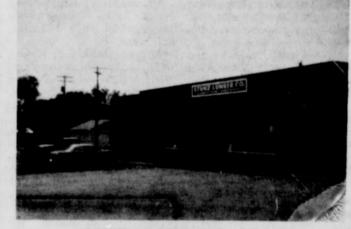
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