

NEWS DEPARTMENT

Markers for the Oregon Trail

The Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution have undertaken to place ten markers on the Oregon Trail in Washington at the following places: Tumwater, Bush Prairie, Tenino, mouth of Skookum Chuck, Chehalis (formerly Saunders Bottom), Jackson Prairie, Toledo (formerly Cowlitz Landing), Olequa, Kelso and Crossing of Lewis River. The first three have been unveiled with appropriate ceremonies.

The first programme was at Tumwater on August 18, at 9:30 a. m. The meeting was called to order by General Hazard Stevens, Chairman of the Oregon Trail Committee of the Sons of the American Revolution. The exercises included the following: Invocation by Hon. P. D. Moore, Chaplain of the Pioneer and Historical Society of Thurston County; Song, "America;" Introduction, by Mrs. J. S. McKee, First Vice-President of the State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Marking the National Old Trails, by Mrs. Henry McCleary, Chairman of the National Old Trails Committee of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Presentation of the Marker to the State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the State President of the Sons of the American Revolution, by Mrs. Overton Gentry Ellis, Chairman of the Oregon Trail Committee of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Acceptance, by Mrs. Edmund Bowden, State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Acceptance, by Mr. Orison J. C. Dutton, State President of the Sons of the American Revolution; Unveiling, by Miss Anne Bayliss, Miss Elizabeth Jaynes, Master Charles Alden Artzel, Master James S. Stanford, Jr.; Address, by Mrs. William Cummings Story, President General of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Presentation of the Marker to the State and to the City of Tumwater, by Mrs. Eliza Ferry Leary; Response for the State, by Governor Ernest Lister; Response for Tumwater, by Mayor O. S. Lee; Song, "Star Spangled Banner."

The second and third unveilings were combined with a celebration of La Fayette's Birthday on September 6. At Tenino, at 2 p. m., Mr. Orison J. C. Dutton, State President of the Sons of the American Revolution, was the presiding chairman. The programme included

the following: Invocation, by Rev. D. E. Ellis; Song, "America;" Presentation of the Marker to the State, by Mrs. Edmund Bowden, State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Unveiling, by Miss Jessie Louise Campbell; Response for the State, by Governor Ernest Lister; Response for Tenino, by Mr. J. F. Metzger; Tribute to La Fayette, by Mr. Ernest B. Hussey; Song, "Star Spangled Banner."

At 4 p. m. at Bush Prairie, the presiding chairman was Mrs. Edmund Bowden, State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The programme was as follows: Invocation, Hon. P. D. Moore, Chaplain of the Pioneer and Historical Society of Thurston County; Song, "America;" Address and Unveiling, by Miss Anne Gaston; Presentation of the Marker to the State, by Mr. George A. Virtue; Acceptance, by Governor Ernest Lister; Song, "Star Spangled Banner."

The Simmons Monument

In the April number of this Quarterly, pages 136-143 and 178, references were made to the work of the Pioneer and Historical Society of Thurston County in preparing a monument to the memory of Colonel Michael Troutman Simmons and the pioneers who founded at Tumwater in 1845 the first American settlement on Puget Sound. The heavy snows of winter had prevented a completion of the monument in time for the meeting on March 2, but an ample and successful programme was provided for the meeting on July 12, as follows: Song, "Star Spangled Banner;" Invocation, by Hon. P. D. Moore; Address of Welcome, by General Hazard Stevens, President of the Society; Response, by Judge Overton G. Ellis, of the Sons of the American Revolution; Response, by George H. Himes, Secretary of the Oregon Pioneer Society; Basket Dinner in the adjacent park; Address at the Monument, Governor Ernest Lister; First American Settlers, by Professor Edmond S. Meany, President of the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington; Address, by P. M. Troy, Chairman of the Monument Committee; Address, by W. P. Bonney, Secretary of the Washington State Historical Society (which gave the beautiful bronze tablet on the monument); Address, by Mayor C. S. Lee of Tumwater; Unveiling of the Monument, by Mrs. Bertha Simmons Fairson, Miss Mary Bush and Christopher C. Simmons.

The cost of the monument was defrayed by the heirs of the late Leopold F. Schmidt.