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WAGON ROAD IN UTAH AND OREGON.

MEMORIAL

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OREGON,

PRAYING

For a grant of land to aid in the construction of a wagon road from Winnemucca, in the State of Nevada, to Pendleton, in the State of Oregon.

JANUARY 9, 1871.—Referred to the Committee on the Public Lands and ordered to be printed.

To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled :

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the State of Oregon, would respectfully represent that an urgent necessity exists for the establishment of a wagon road from Winnemucca, at the north bend of the Humboldt River, in the State of Nevada, on the Central Pacific Railroad, to the town of Pendleton, in Umatilla County, Oregon, *via* Paradise Camp, McDermott, Baker City, and La Grande, for the following reasons :

First. Because, as a matter of military importance in the protection of immigration to and from Nevada, California, and the Eastern States, and mining parties east of the Cascade Mountains, as the proposed road lies through a region formerly inhabited by warlike savages, while it is the shortest and most practicable route from the States of Nevada, California, and the Eastern States to the immense gold-fields, and for the places discovered in Northern and Eastern Oregon, and in the Territories of Washington and Idaho.

Secondly. Because, by affording protection and traveling facilities to parties immigrating for agricultural and mining purposes, from the States of Nevada, California, and the Eastern States to that part of our State lying east of the Cascade range of mountains, the proposed road would be the direct means of settling with a large and industrious population an extensive region of country inhabited by Indians only.

Thirdly. Because, the proposed route being the shortest and most practicable between the Eastern States and the State of Nevada, to that of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho lying east of the Cascades and north of the Pacific Railroad, a road between these points is imperatively required as a means of postal importance ; further, a large amount of rich mineral and agricultural country lying along the line of the proposed road. Wherefore we pray your honorable body to make an

appropriation of land to aid in building and completing of said road, of the same character and to the same extent as made to the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain Wagon-road Company; and as in duty bound we will ever pray.

Passed the house 19th, 1870.

B. HAYDEN,
Speaker of the House.

Passed the senate October 20, 1870.

JAMES D. FAY,
President of the Senate.

STATE OF OREGON,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, *Salem, December 5, 1870.*

I, S. F. Chadwick, secretary of the State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of house joint memorial No. 4, now on file in this office, and which passed the legislative assembly of Oregon at its sixth regular session.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of the State of Oregon the day and year above written.

[SEAL.]

S. F. CHADWICK,
Secretary of State.