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Dear Lib -

Well, thus far I've been unable to get for you those 2 copies of the Oregonian, but still have hopes.

A day or two after I wrote you I had occasion to be in town so went to the Or office to get the papers. They sent a messenger boy to get them - he came back saying they were out of those two numbers! I was surprised and much disappointed. Some way I felt that the boy had not looked very thoroughly. Have stopped a few times at the office since but each time they've been so busy with the want-ad-people that I have not asked. One of my D A R friends said she thought she could get them for me. The D A R's being interested in history - especially Oregon history - all want to keep their copies themselves. They know that Tabitha was a real Daughter of the Am-Rev. If you want the story for Mrs Spooner I suppose I might send her my papers - Am not sure that I had to keep it for myself.

Applegate claimed he had seen them the pass on horse back - no wagons had been there.

27 Vic says that after the Pringle party had such a terrible time people accused Applegate of decoying the party off so that they would open a road through to his part of the country. He was the founder of Yoncola in southern Oregon. Came I think in 1843. He maintained that the reason he did it was to keep them from being imposed upon by the "Britishers" and Hudson Bay people who had been loaning wheat to the emigrants. For each bushel borrowed they had to pay back $1\frac{1}{2}$ bushels the next fall. Applegate said that was too much. Also he said that if they had come thro the right pass (I think he meant the Calipsovia pass) they never would have had such an awful time. But they kept going farther south to find a pass thro the mountains - way down into the Klamath country - and the Rogue River. If you had taken the trip Anna would you to you could have seen some of that country yourself. Beautiful now with its good roads.

Grandpa Orus ^{and others} tried his best to keep the Pringles from going that way, and at last when he could not persuade the men of that party - he told them to "go to Hell then"! Later when he took the 4 pack horses laden with food - mostly