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Overland Stage Company (also called Pioneer Stage Company)

John Hailey, Proprietor

Salt Lake to the Dalles

On February 1, 1869, John Hailey purchased Salt Lake to Boise Line from C. W. Lockwood. At the time, he was already running a line from Boise to the Dalles which he had purchased in 1866. When the railroad came to Kelton, his line ran from Kelton to the Dalles. Route from Boise to Kelton: Boise City to Black's [Creek], to Baylock's, to Canon Creek, to Rattlesnake, to Cold Spring, to King Hill, to Clover Creek, to Malad, to Sand Springs, to Snake River (Clark's Ferry), to Desert, to Rock Creek, to Mountain Meadows, to Oakley Meadows, to summit of Goose Creek Mountains, to City of Rocks, to Raft River, to Clear Creek, to Crystal Springs, and then into Kelton. Meal stations were established at Baylock's, Cold Springs, Clark's Ferry, Oakley Meadows, Clear Creek, City of Rocks, Kelton, and Boise. In April, 1870, C. W. Lockwood became a partner with Hailey. In the same month they lost the Overland U. S. Mail contract to Theodore Lee of Utah. Subsequently, in July they sold their Overland holdings to the Northwestern Stage Company which had gotten the mail contract from T. Lee because he couldn't afford to stock line.

Overland Stage Company

Ben Holliday, Proprietor

Salt Lake to the Dalles and Walla Walla

In 1864, received two U. S. Mail contracts to carry mail between Salt Lake and the Northwest. First contract called for triweekly service between Salt Lake and the Dalles from July 1, 1864 to September 30, 1864 for \$156,000 per year. Granted an additional contract for service between October 1, 1864 and June 30, 1866 for \$186,000 per year. On August 11, 1864, the first stage reached Boise from Salt Lake. Additional contract called for service between the Dalles and Walla Walla. He received \$39,000 on first contract and \$325,000 on second. He granted a cheap subcontract to Thomas & Company for service between Boise and the Dalles. Thomas held this subcontract until 1866 when he sold out to Hailey and Greathouse, who assumed the agreement. Main stations between Salt Lake and the Dalles: Salt Lake, Farmington, Ogden City, Boise City, La Grande, Walla Walla, and the Dalles. In 1867, sold Overland Stage routes to Wells Fargo. He had previously received extension on mail contract to

September 30, 1868.

Overland Stage Company  
C. M. Lockwood, Proprietor

October 1, 1868, took over Overland Stage route between Salt Lake and Boise when Wells Fargo lost mail contract and abandoned line.

John Hailey continued until Lockwood as subcontractor for Boise to the Dalles. February 1, 1869, sold Salt Lake to Boise Line to Hailey.

Northwestern Stage Company  
Fuller, Parker & Company, Proprietors

On July 1, 1870, they were awarded U. S. Mail contracts from Kelton to Virginia City, Montana, the Dalles, Boise, and Winnemucca. In July 1870, bought out Hailey's Overland Line. Also purchased Hill Beachey's Line, John Earley's Line and Eb and Joseph Pinkham's Boise to Boise Basin Line. Sold major interests on July 1, 1878 to Utah, Idaho, and Oregon Stage Company when they lost their mail contracts. For eight years they had a monopoly on Southern Idaho staging. During this time, they had stage lines from Kelton to the Dalles; Boise to Winnemucca via Silver City; Boise via Idaho City to Quartzburg; a semiweekly service between Boise and the Dalles via El Dorado and Canyon City; and a triweekly from Pendleton to the Dalles via John Day's River. At the height, the Company owned 85 stations, employed 50 drivers, owned 800 horses, utilized 50 wagons or stages and maintained their own repair shops. They also had 12 local agents and four division agents.

Utah, Idaho, and Oregon Stage Company

On July 1, 1878, John Hailey joined with Gilmer and Salisbury to form Utah, Idaho, and Oregon Stage Company and took over the mail and Wells Fargo contracts formerly held by Northwestern Company.

Routes from Boise went to Kelton, Winnemucca, Umatilla, Walla Walla, and the Dalles. In 1881 they extended a branch line from Blackfoot to Wood River mines. In October, 1878, changed Overland route to Glenn Road which left the old Overland route on the south side of Snake River and crossed at Glenn's Ferry forming a junction again with the Overland eight miles south of Rattlesnake Station. This move changed the old home station at Malad to Salmon Falls. The railroad caused the Company to liquidate in 1886 at 20%.

Wells Fargo

In 1867, purchased Ben Holliday's Overland routes from Salt Lake to Boise and from Salt Lake to Helena, Montana. In 1869, sold Ogden to Helena Line to Gilmer and Salisbury Company. On October 1, 1868, abandoned Salt Lake to the Dalles Line when C. W. Lockwood mail contract ran out.

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