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Henry Spalding was a seminarian who had once proposed marriage to Narcissa Prentiss but was rejected. Whitman was among those who heard him speak at the Wheeler Presbyterian Church and later met with him privately.

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Because of his missionary model, Whitman looked at the influx of Anglo-American settlers as a positive development. Marcus Whitman brought medical help to the Cayuse and even mild immunizations to them but when they saw more of the white settlers live than their group, they came to suspect the missionaries were killing them off in an effort to steal even more of their land.

## SoulEpigraph: The Whitman to the Oregon Country (1836

Because the massacre involved American citizens, Polk immediately recommended Congress pass legislation to annex Oregon as an American territory.

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Drury admirably attains his purpose of presenting an epic story of great Christian devotion on the Pacific Northwest frontier. Henry Harmon Spalding 1803-1874 , a newly ordained Presbyterian minister who had just been appointed by the American Board as a missionary to the Osage Indians in Missouri. In 1953, the state of Washington donated a by the sculptor to the in the.

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