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### OLD MEMORIES.

(Written for THE SCOUT.)

Ah, yes, now, though the skies may be

blue, and birds may be singing their sweet

songs, I can see in old Union some memories—

some memories.

The fresh green beauties of by-gone days.

A few straggling boys, some dear bonnie

maiden.

Some saxes, whose brows are all wrinkled

and gray—

Some far-reaching hills, that greet the high

mountains.

A few spreading fields that go blooming

away.

A printer or two, a poet, a school girl—

Some boys with good qualities, hanging

around.

A good, jolly crowd, and a homestead so

charming.

Where all of life's pleasures in sweetness

abound.

A sidewalk with trees, full-leaved over-

hanging.

A girl with soft eyes and a peach blossom

check.

A few tender words, some smiles of the

sweetest.

And promises precious we promised to

keep.

—B. W. H.

### LETTER FROM ATHENS.

ATHENS, (Greece), Jan. 23, '89.

ED. OREGON SCOUT:—

Greece is the finest country in Eu-

rope. You may talk about climbing

the glittering slopes, and leaping over

the snowy abysses of the Alps, or of

wandering along among the ruins of

the winding Rhine, but it is nothing

compared with spending a few weeks

with the droll Greek, and his still droll

surroundings.

"The Isles of Greece! The Isles of

Greece!

Where burning Sappho loved and sung,

Where grew the arts of war and peace,

Where Dea rose and Phœbus sprung!

Eternal glory gilds them yet,

But all—except their sun is set!"

How expressive was the eloquent

genius of Byron, when as he sat on

the rock-ribbed cliffs that overlook the

gulf of Salamis two centuries after-

wards, he sung to the tune of the later

Muse's lyre, the lines:

"A king sat on the rocky brow

That looks on sea-born Salamis;

And ships in thousands lay below,

And men in nations—all were his!

He counted them at break of day,

And when the sun set where were they?"

Aye, even after the wear and waste

of centuries, and after the gentle

Greek had fallen, the Muse could wan-

der over the sacred ground and lip

the words that years has not drowned!

How sad it seems to think of what

has once been on this little, but beau-

tiful, strip of land! Some of the

fiercest and bloodiest of battles have

drenched the soil with rich blood;

the Turks it has been in a ruined state.

The Gothic and Ionic pillars still

stand. The massive arches, the gran-

ite colonnades, the high bay windows

overlooking the street, the stairways

of whitest marble, all these are here,

but decaying and crumbling from

neglect.

The people are classic men and

women. Noses arched, and smooth

cut, hair long and wavy, dark, restless

eyes, soft, dark skin, athletic figure,

broad and tall, a loose cloak thrown

over the left shoulder, knee pants, san-

dals and a richly made loose cap—this

is the modern classic Greek. The

working classes look more rough and

hardy, not more heroic looking, but

hardly to drudgery. They all bear a

stamp peculiarly brave yet cunning.

They can face danger to the uttermost,

but stratagem is their forte. It has

always been so. When the foe could

be outdone by cunning, he was out-

done. When he was to be overthrown

by pure bravery and heroism, then he

was overthrown by the Greek legions.

They still look upon their country as

the first and only country in the

world that should be praised. One

cannot blame Lord Byron for leaving

his native home, his friends and peo-

ple, and going down to this fair, beau-

tiful land to aid this grand old relic of

a heroic nation in a final effort to gain

the sweet freedom that had so long

been denied them. It was a grand

idea. Only a man whose life was

awake and responsive to the cries of

the fallen would have done it. He

looked at the broken monuments that

adorned her ramparts. He saw her

lyre broken and mangled at the feet

of the invader. He heard the songs

she had sung so sweetly ages gone.

He saw the sturdy brow knit with

trouble in the shades of the overhang-

ing war cloud. He saw her late

trembling in the balance—his nature

revolted. When the mighty strains of

ancient Greece vibrated on the chords

of his own responsive soul, he went to

her rescue. He died while she was

carrying on the banner his hand

helped to uplift for one time more in

the annals of her history. So with the

brave! The flowery vales of Greece

will some day be restored to their

former beauty, their former supremacy!

The grand temples that are now fall-

ing to ruin will be rebuilt—uplifted

from their ruin.

The people are not satisfied and a

constant storm is brewing. Her sons

will rise in their might some day,

when none dream of it, and re-establish

their name, their fame.

"Here has the Persian thousands stood!

Here has the glad earth drank their

blood

On old Plataea's day!

And now there breathes this haunted

### CENTRALIA LETTER.

CENTRALIA, (W. T.) March 4, 1889.

A slight fog evening the valley

this morning but cleared away by noon.

The surveyor came from Chehalis

today, to survey town property in

Hanson's addition.

Work on the cross road from Gray's

harbor is progressing slowly. The

work of surveying is not completed

yet, and work cannot go on to any ad-

vantage.

The new three and a half story hotel

is nearing completion, when com-

pleted this will be the finest hotel be-

tween Portland and Tacoma. Centra-

lia will lead the way "some day when

all lifeless have been learned."

Some thirty families from the east

came to the vicinity of this place last

week, and failed to some extent to get

homes to rent. Some new cottages

will soon be erected for that purpose

in this city, and then we can accom-

modate persons without homes.

One is reminded of spring when the

frogs make the night melodious with