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A STORY OF A CAMPING TRIP

Letter Found in a Hunting Coat Left at Local Laundry, Written to Relatives In the East

The following letter was found in a hunting coat pocket sent to a local laundry supposed to have been written by the owner to his folks in the east.

Grand Ronde Valley Ore.,

Aug. 28th 1904.

Dear Father, Mother and Nellie.

I sit down to write you about our camping trip in the mountains. We just got back, our vacation is all over and we will have to start in at the same old work for another year I suppose.

Well they all told us what great sport it was hunting, fishing and camping out and the cost being so much less than a trip to Portland we concluded to go, so we started out to get our outfit ready. We went down to a store and told the man what we wanted. He had a very good stove he said he would rent us for \$1 per day, but, as we intended to stay for some time we thought we had better just buy one, so he showed us one we could have for \$15 and he would throw in a half cord of wood, out the right length, to boot, so we just took it. Then we went to a gun store and the man in there showed us some he had for rent at \$1 per day providing we returned it in good shape so we picked out one. George said we better get part of the things at one place and part at another, so as to divide the trade a little so we went down to another store and got the shells he asked us what size shells we wanted he told him we did not care. He said "You must want ten or twelve." I told him I knew the gun was not 12 ft. so we took 25 boxes of ten at 85 cents per box so we paid him \$21.25. He was very kind and pleasant telling of the danger of buck fever as it some times went around with people from the east so we went down to the doctors office and told him what we wanted. Dr. said he could fix us up all O. K. for \$2 apiece. After having the doctor vaccinate us, we paid him

and started out to get our fish hooks. We found a place where they had all kinds in stock so we picked out ten doz. good heavy ones he was a pleasant man and asked us if we had got our bait yet as we had not thought of that yet, we told him so, so he wrote a note to the butcher and gave us and he said about 12 lbs. of bacon would be about right and owing to the strike in the east that kind would be 50 cents per lb as it was the best for bait on the market so we paid him \$6 and took that. Going down the street we met one of the boys we work with and he said we ought to have a dog by all means so we went back to the gun store and ask about one and he said he had one but he would have to have \$1.50 per day for him and we would have to feed him well and let him ride up as they got foot sore and would not work good so we agreed and took the dog.

Well we got our stuff all loaded in, stove, wood, gun, dog and a lot of other things one needs on a trip like that and started out, we got to the creek where we had been told the fishing was good we tried that first we sat down on the bank and fished for about two hours but did not get a bite, a couple of boys come along down the creek and we asked them if it was any better up the creek they said, "bout the same". We asked them what luck and they said about 180 but I guess they was joshing as they only had a little basket with some minnow in, then George asked them what kind of bait they used and one of them said "perry wigglers." We didn't go down to their camp to see if they did have 180. Well we quit fishing and went to get some supper ready and get a good sleep so as to start in early next day.

We fished until about noon next day but did not get a bite. Then a boy come along and he said we would have to get some perry wigglers or we would

not catch anything, so we asked him if he would get us some and he said "yes" so we told him to get us some. In about 2 hours he come back with a can full we asked him how much they was and he said "two bits a dozen" and he had 20 dozen so we give him a \$5 shiner and started in new. We broke the point of about a dozen hooks trying to put them on but could not get them on, so we took a piece off of our line and tied 5 or 6 of them on and tried them but we did not have a bit better luck than we did with bacon.

The same two boys were seen the day before come along past us and we noticed they only had some little feathers tied on the end of their lines so we offered them some of our hooks one of them looked at them and look ed at them and laughed a little and said "You had better keep them, the old man gets the hay hooks made by the dozen at the black smith shop" so we didn't say any more to them and they went on. The next day we thought we would go out and get some grouse we got our gun and shells out to look the dog and started out the dog had only gone a little ways when he stuck his head down to the ground and commenced to wag his tail as in he smelt meat or some ones tracks that he knew, he only went a little farther and then he stopped and held up one front foot and stuck his tail right out straight we knew right away he was foot sore as the man said he would be but thought as good care as we had taken of him he ought to last longer than that we called and called him but just would not leave so we went back to camp.

We saw a squirrel and thought we would shoot that we went to load our gun but the shells were so big they would not go in as all so we could not shoot. After we had been in camp about an hour the dog came sneaking in he acted just as if he knew he had played out on us he staid around we fed him and then left and we didn't see him until we got home guess he thought as he was no good to us he better go home to save expenses. Well that night it commenced to rain so we thought we better put up the tent we had rented we got it out and the man we got it of did not put in the pole for the top or the pegs for the bottom so we could not use that at all. We thought we would make some but coffee as we were both wet and cold but when we went to use that the boy in the store had not ground it so we had to let that go and drink cold

water the rest of the trip

The next morning the boy we bought the perry wigglers of come along and we talked to him about hunting. He looked at the gun and shells and said "Yes it is a hard job to get 10 shells to work in a 12 gun but you might make her work," but he says "if you see fella want some grouse I will set my brother to kill you some and fetch em down to you but don't you show em to anyone for they will cinch a feller for selling grouse to quick." We told him all right send them down, so in about an hour in come a feller with six nice gr use in a sack. He made us promise not to show them to a living soul and we promised. He said he always got a dollar a piece for this kind but we could have the 6 for \$5, so we took them. When he went away we went out and cleaned them all nice. They are a wise looking bird, big eyes and a flat face, long claws and a little bunch of feathers on each side that look like ears. We were a little disappointed in the taste of them from what we had heard as they was a little tough but I guess it was the way we cooked them as it was the first ones we ever cooked but we eat them just the same. Well we stayed the week out but did not have much luck so we pulled up and started for home.

George said we better take the shells back to the man we got them of and tell them about it, so we went down and there was another fellow in there so we told him and he said "Oh come off I am here to sell shells, the boss tends to the buying" and that was all we could get out of him. We told some of the boys about the perry wigglers and asked them if they were good bait and they said "You bet that kid was on to his job." Well we figured up our expenses and have it about all in except a few incidentals and find we are out just \$37.50 a piece, but we had a good time though will write again soon with best regards to all inquiring friends and love to all. I am yours as ever. Will.

PUBLIC DRINKING FOUNTAIN

Will Be Dedicated this Evening With Appropriate Exercises by the W. C. T. U.

The city fountain, which will be dedicated to the public, with music and oratory a short time after this issue of the Observer goes to press, is a fitting monument to the high purposes and noble impulses of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of La Grande and the generosity of their many friends. It is also a typical reminder of the difference between modern and ancient civilization. The fountain in outline and structure is "a thing of beauty" that cannot fail to make a pleasant and lasting impression on all beholders, but unlike the sculptured figures and costly monuments of the ancients, that appealed only to the abstract love of the beautiful, it represents the modern idea of providing for man's convenience and catering to his every day wants and physical comfort. While not neglecting the higher desires of the human mind for the aesthetic modern civilization unites the aesthetic with the useful for man's comfort and pleasure, as does this fountain. The life sized female figure that surmounts the structure is an elegant plea for universal brotherhood and good will to man, while the substructure provides pure water for man and his patient help mates, the dumb animals.

This structure, which will dispense its blessings for ages, cost over a thousand dollars. Measured by the addition it makes to La Grande's reputation for taste and consideration for the comfort of her people and visiting strangers, it is perhaps the best investment her people have ever made, and for which generations yet to come and enjoy it, may thank the noble women of the W. C. T. U. and their generous aiders.

The following program will be rendered this evening.

Selection.....La Grande Concert Band
Am rica.....Chorus
Dedictory prayer.....Rev. Walker
Vocal Duet by Misses Merle Al-
drich and Bessie Worstell.
Presentation address.....
.....Mrs. Lillian Thompson
Response.....Turner Oliver
Remarks.....Mrs. M. R. Stephenson
Closing song.

Piling For Panama

From the following information received from Portland this morning it seems that work is going on at Panama. The dispatch reads:

If the negotiations now being carried on between the Robertson Lumber & Raising company of Portland and the Panama canal commission are brought to a successful termination, hundreds of millions of feet of logs and piling will be sent from the Columbia river logging district in immense rafts to the isthmus, to be used in the construction of the temporary work of the canal. The commission has been requested by the men who have the construction of the canal in charge to purchase 40,000 sticks of piling for use in the work at the canal, and this requisition is now in the hands of the purchasing department of the commission. This amount of piling is equivalent to 32,000,000 feet of lumber, or equal all told to four of the huge rafts that are built on the Columbia

river and towed to San Francisco at the rate of three each summer.

OS-TE-OP-A-THY

BOWEL TROUBLES

What has been the result of Osteopathic treatment of various diseases characterized by loose bowels such as dysentery, cholera morbus, flux, and many others of like character? Dr. A. T. Still the founder of Osteopathy astonished himself and the community in which he lived by first curing great numbers of cases of bloody flux. His graduates continue to have great success with this condition. This success is all based on the anatomy and the physiology of the tissues. We have a method which is scientific, safe and successful.

Labor Day Celebration

Arrangements have been made for a grand Labor Day Celebration to be held Monday Sept. 5 at George Kruger's brick yard at 1 p. m. All Union men are cordially invited and all others who wish to attend can receive permits from the committee on the grounds. A good time assured. All kinds of refreshments. La Grande Cornet Band in attendance.

By order of committee

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