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There is no accounting for the eccentricities of genius. Mr. Robinson for some time has been traveling incognito through this section of the west, in search of "local color" and material for short stories. He is so delighted with the beauty and climatic conditions of Eastern Oregon valley that he "pitched camp" and decided to remain in Wallowa until the hot weather had somewhat abated.

In his early life in Michigan, the poet served his time as printer's dev-

il on a "weakly weekly" (as he expressed it) but did not make his mark as a writer of verse at that time.

There were too many amateur rural poets contributing to our waste basket and I specialized on writing obituaries," he said, as he puffed a cigar in a reminiscent way. "I soon had the reputation of being able to say more nice things about a paid-up deceased subscriber than any other man on the force—which meant the editor.

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