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THE CRADLE OF THE RACE.

Peru, the region of mystery, and of wealth, untold in the early days of Aztec supremacy, may prove to be the real cradle of the human race.

This theory is the basis of the Yale Peruvian expedition of 1912, headed by 1912, headed by Prof. Hiram Bingham and several others, now en route for the land of the Incas.

A previous expedition has revealed traces of a civilization far older than history has heretofore recorded. Last year Professor Bingham discovered bones of men at the bottom of a stratified mass of gravel which covered at one time a depth of 125 feet and must have been of glacial origin.

When Dr. Bingham returns in December, it is quite possible that he may be in possession of authoritative data on this subject. Already he has found ruins which point to the great antiquity of the Inca race, as well as a remarkable resemblance between their architecture and that of the Romans, their thoroughfares, especially, being greatly like the ones which have been found partly intact in places all over Europe.

That Peru, as discovered by the Spaniards, was already an ancient civilization, is well known. That Peru may date back to the veritable dawn of the universe is the belief of the members of the Yale expedition. And, if such is the case, great will be the debt the world owes to the intrepid men who are now at work to establish the truth of their theory.

BIG PUBLIC LAND SALE.

The president and the secretary of the interior have ordered about one and one-half million acres of Indian lands in the former Shoshone (in Wyoming), Uintah (in Utah), and Crow (in Montana), Indian reservations to be sold at public auction by James W. Witten, superintendent of opening and sale of Indian lands, at minimum prices ranging from 50c to \$1.50 per acre. The sales will begin at Lander, Wyoming, on September 19; at Provo, Utah, on October 8, and at Billings, Montana, on October 21, 1912.

Not more than 640 acres will be sold to any one purchaser on bids made in person or through agents, and no residence or cultivation will be required. Patents will be issued as soon as the purchase price is paid.

The supreme court says that wholesale liquor dealers cannot sell less than three gallons of booze to any one person. Three gallons! That should be enough to satisfy "any one person."

The Bull Moose convention applauded the prayer for its brevity and then listened enthusiastically to a 16,000 word speech of the colonel. However, we do not believe it fair to presume that this is a real gauge of their religious devotion.

A New York woman who eloped 50 years ago and has had ten children, 14 grand children and three great-grandchildren, now advises other girls not to elope. Shows how selfish women are.

It would seem that Cowherd, Democratic nominee for governor of Missouri, ought to belong to the Bull Moose party.

Getting warmer, isn't it? Elinor Glyn has published a new novel.

Y. M. C. A. NEWS.

SCOUTS ENJOY CAMPING WEEK

Edited by J. H. Rudd.

The Boy Scouts of La Grande, 15 strong, arrived at their camping place on Catherine Creek, ten miles above Union early in the afternoon of Tuesday, the 14th. The "grub wagon" made its appearance about an hour later. As we were just about through with our first feed one of the boys made the simple remark, "Feeding the multitude." He had it about right not only for that meal but for every meal which followed.

It was at supper the second night after a fruitless search for the caves which were reported to be some place in the vicinity that another of the boys suddenly announced, "We have found the cave at last; it is Williamson's mouth." So the fun continued through the week.

Perhaps the best part of each day was the evening campfire. Then we were all together. Stories of the Old Testament heroes were told. Stories of adventure, riddles, etc., were all in order and enjoyed. Saturday evening some of the boys after rehearsing nearly all afternoon presented a play, "The Mystery of Rattlesnake Gulch." On Monday night another play was given. This time it was "The Outbreak of Rain-in-the-Face." The natural stage settings proved most fitting. To Scout Clark we owe the most praise for the success of these plays.

The days were spent in fishing, hiking, climbing, work and games. Saturday afternoon the boys who were not in the play went on an exploring expedition. Within a half mile of the camp many caves of various shapes and sizes were found. The deepest was about fifty feet counting all of the twists and turns.

The ground was hard the first night and continued more or less compact during the camp. The rain bothered some but could not entirely stop the activities of the boys.



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The QUALITY Store

The camp site was ideal. Fronting on the creek, and protected on the other side by a steep wall of rock it was set in among the big pines. The boys will often look back with a great deal of pleasure to the days spent there together.

Five La Grande autos carried the boys back to their good old home city. These friends of the boys were, J. T. Williamson, McDonald, Currey, West and Clark. All arrived safely (the cars) and in good condition (the boys) late yesterday afternoon.

It is hoped that next summer a still larger bunch of boys may take part in a Y. M. C. A. camp, for next, good fellowship, fun, sport and general out-of-doors education.

A boy's reading has much to do with the formation of his life character. Cheap, trashy reading does not elevate any boy's thoughts. Our public library has some splendid reading for the boys. Here is a list of the books which you may read any time by going to the library.

- Abbott. Christopher Carson.
Adams. Harper's electricity book for boys.
Adams. Harper's Indoor book for boys.
Adams. Harper's Machinery book for boys.
Adams. Harper's outdoor book for boys.
Adams. Wells brothers.
Alcott. Little Men.
Allen. David Crockett.
Alden. Cruise of the Canoe Club.
Aldrich. Story of a bad boy.
Arabian Nights. Stories from the Arabian Nights.
Baldwin. Fifty famous stories retold.
Barbour. For the honor of the school.
Barbour. Team mates.
Beard. Boy Pioneers.
Bennett. Barnaby Lee.
Bennett. Master Skylark.
Bond. Scientific American boy at school.
Bostock. Training of wild animals.
Blaisdell. Hero stories from American history.
Brearley. Animal secrets told.
Brooks. Master of the strong hearts.
Brown. In the days of the giants.
Brown. The four Gordons.
Bullivant. Home fun.
Bunyan. Pilgrim's Progress.
Burns. Stories of great inventions.
Burroughs. Squirrels and other fur bearers.
Burroughs. Wonderland of Stamps.

- Buxton. Stories of Norse heroes.
Cervantes. Don Quixote.
Chapman. Story of Oregon.
Clemens. Adventures of Tom Sawyer.
Clemens. Prince and Pauper.
Coffin. Boys of '76.
Collins. Boy's book of model aeroplanes.
Collins. Second boy's book of aeroplanes.
Cooper. Last of the Mohicans.
Cromwell. Famous Legends.
Cummock. School Speaker.
Custer. The Boy General.
Dana. Two years before the mast.
Defoe. Robinson Crusoe.
Dodge. Hans Brinker.
Downs. Fire fighters and their pets.
Du Chailu. Land of the long night.
Du Chailu. Wild life under the equator.
Dudley. Following the ball.
Duncan. Adventures of Billy Top-sail.
Earl. On the school team.
Earl. The school team in camp.
Earl. The school team on the diamond.
Eastman. Indian boyhood.
Eggleston. Household history of the United States.
Eggleston. Stories of American life and adventure.
Eggleston. Stories of great Americans for little Americans.
Famous adventures and prison escapes of the civil war.
Faris. Winning their way.
Finnemore. England.
Finnemore. Japan.
Finnemore. Story of Robin Hood.
Forman. Stories of useful inventions.
Franklin. Autobiography.
French. Junior cup.
Goss. Jed.
Graham. Practical track and field athletics.
Greene. Blind Brother.
Greene. Legends of King Arthur.
Greene. A Lincoln's conspiracy.
Greenwood. Norse England.
Grey. The young pitcher.
Grinnell. Harper's camping and scouting.
Hale. Man without a country.
Hall. The boy craftsman.
Hall. Panama and the canal.
Hawthorne. Tanglewood tales.
Hawthorne. Wonder book.
Harris. Aaron in the wildwoods.
Harris. Story of Aaron.
Hill. Fighting a fire.
Hill. On the trail of Washington.
Homer. Odyssey for boys and girls.

- Homer. Boys' Iliad.
Howard. Famous Indian chiefs I have known.
Howden. Boy's book of railways.
Hughes. Tom Brown's school days.
Jenks. Electricity for Young People.
Jenks. The Fireman.
Jenks. Photography for Young People.
Jewett. Good Health.
Jewett. Town and City.
Johnston. Famous Scouts.
Judson. Myths and Legends of the Pacific Northwest.
Kaler. Mr. Stubb's Brother.
Kaler. Toby Tyler.
Kelman. Stories from Chaucer.
Kieffer. Recollections of a Drummer Boy.
Kipling. Captains' Courageous.
Kipling. Jungle Book.
Nils.
Lagerlof. Wonderful Adventures of Lagerlof. Further Adventures of Lagerlof.
Lamb. Tales from Shakespeare.
Lane. Triumphs of Science.
Lansing. Barbarian and Noble.
Lansing. Life in the Greenwood.
Lindsay. Daniel Boone.
Lodge. Hero Tales from American History.
Long. Secrets of the Woods.
MacLeod. Book of King Arthur and His Noble Knights.
Miller. First Book of Birds.
Miller. Second Book of Birds.
Moffett. Careers of Dander and Daring.
Moore. Life of Abraham Lincoln for Boys.
Morley. Bee People.
Munroe. Campmates.
Munroe. For Seal's Tooth.
Page. Two Little Confederates.
Price. The Land We Live in: The Boy's Book of Conservation.
Pier. Boys of St. Timothy's.
Pier. Harding of St. Timothy's.
Pyle. Men of Iron.
Pyle. Story of Jack Ballister's Fortunes.
Reppner. Book for Famous Verse.
St. John. How Two Boys Made Their Electrical Apparatus.
St. John. Things Boys Should Know About Wireless.
Seavell. Paul Jones.
Sewell. Black Beauty.
Sloane. Electric Toy-Making for Amateurs.
Schwartz. Children of the Cold.
Starr. American Indians.
Stoddard. Little Smoke.
Tappan. Alfred the Great.
Tappan. American Hero Stories.
Tappan. England's Story.

- Tappan. Old World Hero Stories.
Tappan. Our Country's Story.
Tappan. Story of the Greek People.
Tappan. Story of the Roman People.
Tomlinson. Three Colonial Boys.
Three Years Behind the Guns.
Wheeler. Boy's Napoleon.
Wheeler. Woodworking for Beginners.
Wilmot-Buxton. Story of the Crusades.
Williams. How It Is Done.
Walter. Russia.
White. South Africa Today.
Winslow. Distant Countries: Asia, Africa, Australia.
Winslow. Europe.
Winslow. Our American Neighbors.
Winslow. The United States.
Wyss. Swiss Family Robinson.
Zollinger. Widow O'Callaghan's Boys.

Florists at Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 20.—With a large attendance of delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada, the annual convention of the Society of American Florists and Ornamental Horticulturists assembled in Chicago today. The initial session was devoted to the exchange of greetings and the annual reports of officers and committees. The convention will continue until Friday. Among the interesting matters to be considered and acted upon will be a proposal for the erection of a permanent memorial to the late William Robertson Smith, for many years superintendent of the National Botanic Garden in Washington.

Missouri Editors in Session.

Hannibal, Mo., Aug. 20.—A large and representative attendance marked the opening here today of the annual summer meeting of the Missouri Press association. The leading features of the program at the opening session this morning were the address of welcome by Mayor Charles T. Hays and the response by President E. L. Purcell of Fredericktown. The meeting will last until the end of the week. The entertainment program provides for visits to the birthplace of Mark Twain and

Sherman's Notification.

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 21.—Vice President Sherman's formal notification of his renomination by the Republican national convention took place here today.

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