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LETTER FROM FORMER LA GRANDE MAN RECALLS EARLY DAYS

Theodore F. Miner, Former Partner of the Late W. J. Snodgrass, Writes to Mayor of La Grande—He was in Business in This City From 1877 to 1883—He Asks Information About the Company of Volunteers Formed in La Grande, July 3, 1878.

THAT WAS THE TIME OF THE INDIAN UPRISING

No. 30 North Weymouth, Ave. Atlantic City, New Jersey, April, 1917. The Mayor, La Grande, Oregon. My dear sir:—The writer was formerly in the general merchandise, milling and forwarding business in La Grande. My partner was the late W. J. Snodgrass. The firm's name, was Snodgrass & Miner (See attached clipping from La Grande Gazette of Nov. 22nd, 1879.) Our stores and mills were at old La Grande and Oro Dell. I was in La Grande from 1877 to 1883.

May I ask you to refer this letter to the party who can give me some information concerning the company of volunteers that was formed in La Grande, July 3rd, 1878?

It was at the time of the uprising of the Bannacks, Snakes, Umatillas and Warm Spring Indians.

The company was organized in the public hall over our store, and I recall that my name was one of the first on the roster, and that I was one of the first squad detailed for guard duty.

My post that night was on a trail from the mountains, some two or three miles from La Grande, on the road to Union.

I cannot recall who was in charge of the company's records and accounts.

I would like, if possible, to have a copy of the company roster, or if not to be had, then some information and my identity with it from some of "The Old Guard," who were connected with the company.

If my old chum, Henry Dwight, is still with you he would, I know, gladly look up this information and give his own version of the matter.

In fact, any of the 'old boys' who were in the saddle in 1878, would, I feel sure, take up the hunt, willingly.

I find, by reference, that I mention the La Grande volunteers, in my letter of July 3d, 1878, to Ex. Sen. H. W. Corbett.

I am now 73 years of age, but the same spirit of loyalty and patriotism that inspired my enlistment in the First Regiment, Oregon State Militia, in the early 'sixties' at Portland, still stirs up the red corpuscles in my veins, and I have enrolled in our "Home Defense League," here, for any service of which I am capable.

The La Grande volunteer company, in 1878, was based upon sentiments even higher than loyalty and patriotism, i. e., the defense of our families, our homes and property from the depredations of Indians.

The memories of George Coggan, Alf Bunker, Olney McCoy, James Meyers, and other brave men from the Grande Ronde Valley, who were killed or wounded, in the Bannack war, will be ever fresh in the minds of those who took active part in that campaign.

I must, however, put the brake on this train of reminiscences, as you may possibly be an entire stranger to me.

I feel at a loss to know whom to address at La Grande, with any assurance that they are still living, and have, therefore, taken the liberty of addressing you.

I wish it were in my power to send a message of kind regards to all of my old Grande Ronde Valley friends.

The beautiful valley itself, and the rigorous, "hail fellow, well met," type of its inhabitants are a very pleasant memory to me.

Thanking you in advance for any assistance you may give me in my quest, I am,

Very truly yours, THEODORE F. MINER, 30 North Weymouth Ave. Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Enclosed in the letter is the advertisement of Snodgrass & Miner from the La Grande Gazette of November 22, 1879, which is reproduced in another column. On the back of the advertisement are the news items also reproduced in another column.

The editorial heading of the Gazette follows:

GAZETTE, PUBLISHED Every Saturday Morning. By SNODGRASS & MINER La Grande, Or., November 22, 1879 City Officers.

Mayor H. Dwight Councilmen—

W. J. Snodgrass, Geo. Robinson, D. Chaplin, A. C. Huntington, P. Kuhn, Jos. Palmer.

Recorder J. A. McWhirter Marshal Jos. Shambough Treasurer Theo. F. Miner Street Commissioner, Jos. Shambough Finance Committee—

A. C. Huntington, Geo. Robinson, W. J. Snodgrass, Committee on Streets and Public Highways— Jos. Palmer, Peter Kuhn, Dan'l. Chaplin. Fire Wardens— Jos. Shambough, A. C. Huntington, Geo. Robinson.

H. Dwight, Geo. Robinson, J. A. McWhirter, Jos. Shambough, W. J. Snodgrass, Dan'l. Chaplin have passed away.

Those who are still living of the city officers of 1879 are A. C. Huntington, Jos. Palmer, Theo. F. Miner, the writer, George Robinson, and Peter Kuhn.

The Observer would like to hear from some one who can give the history of the volunteers which Mr. Miner desires.

Mr. W. J. Snodgrass was the father of J. H. Snodgrass, J. G. Snodgrass, L. L. Snodgrass, Mrs. Jay Van Buren and Mrs. Dittebrandt, of this city; Will S. Snodgrass of Colfax, Mrs. Abbott of British Columbia; Mrs. Bartlett of Estacada, and Mrs. Wells of Kansas City.

ARCADE

Holbrook Blinn in Strong Drama

The greater love of man is the theme of the new Holbrook Blinn World Film feature, which will be the attraction at the Arcade theatre tomorrow. Although not wholly a happy ending motion picture, it is nevertheless a very gripping and interesting absorbing film play, teaching a great moral. "The Weakness of Man," as it is called, stands out as a distinct Holbrook Blinn achievement in comparison to other feature or near feature films. It is in five parts, directed by Barry O'Neill and staged with great precision in an entirely appropriate and befitting atmosphere.

Blanche Sweet Coming

Blanche Sweet will be seen at the Arcade on Monday and Tuesday in the Lasky-Paramount picture "Those Without Sin." This thrilling story of Richmond, Va., during the period just before and at the time of the Civil War, was written especially for Miss Sweet by Harvey T. Thew and prepared for the screen by George Dubois Proctor, and produced under the direction of Marshall Neilan. As this winsome daughter of the South, Miss Sweet has a splendid opportunity to run a wonderful scale of emotions. One of the novel scenes of the picture is Miss Sweet's introduction in silhouette. Others in the cast are Tom Forman, C. H. Geldert, Guy Oliver, James Neill, Charles Ogle, Mabel Van Buren, Dorothy Abril and Little Billy Jacobs.

Auto Notes

THE CARE OF MOTORS AND BATTERIES.

"Every automobile owner recognizes the fact that unless he oils his motor regularly and keeps his radiator filled for cooling, his engine is going to 'burn up' and refuse to do its work," says R. W. Leighton of the Leighton Welding & Battery Station. "Also, he realizes that unless the gears and bearings are lubricated periodically they will surely be put out of com-

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mission in short order. Therefore, he supplies oil and grease to the mechanism and water to the radiator in a regular way as a matter of course.

"It is a peculiar fact, however, that many of these same motorists absolutely ignore the storage battery until it dies an unnatural death. They seem to look upon it as an inexhaustible 'magic box' which in some way is supposed to take care of itself.

"As a matter of fact it requires as careful and regular attention as the rest of the car and if accorded this attention, most battery ills would be prevented.

"Storage batteries are like human beings in that they must have 'food' and 'drink' regularly or they will weaken and their lives be shortened. By 'food' is meant the current which must be put back by the generator. Generators are designed to meet average driving conditions. Often in city driving where the starter is used frequently and short trips made, the generator does not recharge the battery in proportion to the current discharged demanded. On the other hand, long and fast cross-country driving with little use of the starter and lights overcharging the battery which hastens evaporation of the water in the cells.

"Regular inspection will tell you the condition of your battery. If it is undercharging the specific gravity the electrolyte will be 1.250 or less, if it is overcharging it will be over 1.300 and the battery will show signs of excessive heat and spraying. The most common abuse of the battery, and one of the most ruinous, is allowing it to go dry. The electrolytic solution must always completely cover the plates in all cells. In order to maintain the proper level and mixture of the solution, distilled water must be added regularly—once a week in warm weather, to replace the water which has evaporated. The acid does not evaporate, therefore, none must be added—replenishing of the distilled water brings the solution back to the proper mixture. This is just as important as adding lubricating oil to the oiling system. If it is not done, something is bound to happen.

"We realize that great many motorists are apt to forget their batteries consequently the Exide Storage Battery Co. has established special service stations all over the country where inspection and filling service of expert character is provided for all car owners. This service is to be had at Leighton's Welding & Battery Station. Every battery user is urged to use it as often as he desires. Our experts can detect irregularities and rectify them before they work serious damage to the battery. This service is maintained for the general good of the battery users and those who do not avail himself of it regularly is

not only taking unnecessary chances with his battery but he is not getting all that is coming to him."

Conscience Troubled Him.

J. M. Choate of Summerville received the following letter from a friend in an Oregon city: "I have a confession to make, the reason for this is, I am professing to be a Christian and this stands in my way. In the year 1904 or 1905, before Imbler had a station agent, the railroad company used to put freight off and people took the chances of it being stolen. That is just what some of we young-

sters did, and as I was the main one in the act, I want to square it up. It was either a 12-pound or a 24-pound box of candy which we took, and if you will send me the bill for it, I will gladly pay it."

Receives Swedish Potatoes.

Oley Rogers, taxi driver of the Foley hotel, has received a sample of Swedish potatoes from Sweden. They are indigo blue in color. Mr. Rogers states his intention of planting them.

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Ball Bearing Steering Knuckles. This makes the Mitchell very easy steering. Just try this feature out.

Ventilating Door Latch. The front compartment does get warm in summer. With the Mitchell you can latch the door so as to keep comfortable.

Handles for Entering the car. This feature that is much appreciated by older people and is made use of by everybody.

The Mitchell in both models carries extras that you will want on the car you buy. Come and let us point them out to you and then let us show you that the Mitchell also leads in the usual automobile requirements, riding, driving, power, comfort and endurance.

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