

"Call of the Wilds" Harmonizing Element

(By Jack Hunter)

While the number of campers and outdoor pleasure seekers on Catherine Creek has somewhat diminished at the close of the golden summer just passing, there are still many campers distributed along this beautiful stream of Eastern Oregon; starting at a point near Union, the biggest little city on the Old Oregon Trail, on up to the Forks, a distance of 15 miles.

A record kept of the number of people that passed the "Big Log Cabin" at the Forks, will probably be interesting.

From April 15th to September 1st, there has been 560 men, 254 women and 258 children, a total of 1072 persons. This includes the larger camping outfits of the Baker and Union counties Boy Scouts.

Besides the many anglers and huckleberry pickers and those that were out just for an outing, there were the forest men who follow the mountains as a vocation. Of these there were rangers, fire fighters, trail makers, trail cleaners, prospectors, camp-tenders, sheepherders, cowboys and cattlemen.

For the pleasure workers who responded to the "Call of the Wilds" this summer has been exceptionally alluring. At least, it has seemed so on this stream with its enchanting banks winding thru the evergreens of the delightful foothills of the Granite Range of Mountains.

Nature Most Appealing.

There are spots, and many of them, which are much more frequented for their artificial elegance. There are places elaborately landscaped into artificial beauty and splendor. There are mountain resorts widely advertised, for their modern conveniences that attract a class which clings to the daily customs, habits and conventionalities found in palaces and mansions of the wealthy.

But, all this contrived wealth, comforts and luxuries, including the attached necessary evils to such flummery—the champagne and policeman, to the real lovers of the wilds, appeal at all.

As we are not invidiously inclined, we do not condemn those whose pleasures seem to be a lazy sort of pastime, rather than an active outdoor stimulant for over-stressed nerves. We merely suggest, that the simple yet beautiful unspoiled natural attractions of this most wonderful little stream, entice many to its refreshing possibilities.

Many Visit.

This is best attested by the great numbers that are drawn from all parts of the United States and Canada, with not a few from foreign lands.

Of those who visited this most natural bit of mountain region, we had the pleasure of meeting people from various nationalities, or blood extractions.

There were French, English, and Germans. There were Swedes, Norwegians and Danes. We met Italians, Spaniards and Mexicans. We saw Greeks, Montenegrins and Albanians. We also had the acquaintances of 2 Romanians, one Poleander, two Slavonians, one Lithuanian and one Serbian.

Indians Visited.

We came in contact with Indians of several tribes. We spoke to Indians from Umatilla, Colville and the Flathead Reservations.

Naturally, Americans were the predominant feature in this great number. But, curious enough, no Japanese, no Chinese, and no Negroes passed the cabin this year.

And this by no means includes all that passed this place. For there were many who passed unobserved. And then, this is 14 miles from the first camp on the creek near Union. So the number of campers along the whole 15

miles might be well estimated at not less than 5,000.

This is best appreciated when the number of cars parked on both sides of the stream has been taken into consideration.

In 4-1-2 miles from the Cabin, down the creek, besides the cars that have not been counted, in that same period, we have met down the following:

Figures Given.

504 Fords; 210 Dodges; 74 Chevrolets; 40 Starks; 18 Fords; 7 Marmones; 3 Buicks; 5 Overlands; 2 Franklins; 10 Oldsmobiles; 12 Buicks; 9 Studebakers; 2 Pierce-Arrows; and 42 others, the names and makes of which were not set down. And 25 Trucks of various makes and capacities were also counted. This makes a total of 972 cars in only 4-1-2 miles.

Then there were horse drawn vehicles, saddle ponies and pack horses.

Goats in Service.

And there was one small vehicle drawn by two little goats.

A smaller vehicle than all the rest was drawn by a large Newfoundland dog. Of course those last two were owned by some lucky kiddies.

About 75 per cent were native Oregonians. The rest were largely from California, Washington, Idaho and Montana, with a remainder from other states as far east as Massachusetts and Maine.

And there were some direct from Germany, France and Belgium. Some from England, Ireland and Canada. And there was one from Hawaii.

And to further prove that this "Call of the Wilds" to this unconventional beauty spot of nature appeals to the liberal free nature of all mankind, we find it in the fact that 80 per cent of all these outdoor sports came from the highly paid conductors and engineers of trains to men of professions and business including bankers. Only 20 per cent were of the workers and farmers.

No doubt the small percentage of the working elements was largely due to the unsettled conditions in the labor industries and the uncertainties of the prices in farm products.

Summary.

To sum it all up, taking in consideration, that no matter how beautiful this place is, it is nevertheless small and insignificant to compare with the more noted resorts of the country. That it becomes significant indeed, is to find such a large percentage patronizing its free and unspoiled woodlands.

The only answer to this is that the inhabitants along the banks of Catherine Creek for about 10 miles are residential farmers. They are of that common stock of good Americans who believe in absolute freedom. They are not only generous and hospitable, but go out of their way quite a bit to make happy all the people they come in contact with. Therefore they not only willingly grant permits to camp on their most beautiful little park like spots on the banks of the loved stream, which flows through their fields and orchards, but also join in with the pleasure seeking visitors in having a good time by sharing with one another as real neighbors do.

Of course the few snobs, law violators and the otherwise invidious characters are not counted much here as anywhere else. They soon eliminate themselves from our shores.

Then on up the creek, we find some of the most enchanting camping grounds that nature can give. Here men, women and children are about as near being in their free domain, as it can be expressed. The few little laws

Explosion at Camp Knox



Army officers are still marketing at the explosion of this 18 mm gun in Battery C at Camp Knox. The tube of the gun was blown off the cradle during practice. A similar explosion never has been experienced in this service.

which are to be followed are as simple and so beneficial in themselves for all concerned, that only a most disheartened mind could possibly have any contrary impulse.

Mingling Beneficial.

Therefore, this is why, we of the mountains, meet so many of our fellow men from nearly all parts of the world, and from all classes, professions and callings. It is with pleasure and gratification that we appreciate the mingling with the intellectuals, the fortunates, and the successful. For here, it seems, that this contact with nature's most natural environment, while these people, in a way recognized as one superior, causes us to meet on real common grounds.

It is highly interesting that the friendship thus acquired, is very seldom forgotten on either side. We chat for hours with bankers on the steps of our cabin door. With him we exchange "knows" of what we understand of the mountains, and they of most any subject interesting to good citizens. For let it be known, that the bankers who visit here are highly interested in the whole welfare of the community rather than their own. And perhaps in the city they may be clothed as "cool individuals," here they are brought back at any rate to themselves and gladly say so. So the banker, or most of necessity be posted on all subjects, for he is at the back of it all, so to speak.

Talk of Religion.

We have long discussions on the true religion of the brotherhood of man, with ministers, who sometimes have a whole week's growth of beard on their faces, and look for all the world like real men. And so they are. "The temple of God is within them."

Lawyers, too, become real good fellows, and one imagines how quick the change is made. Here the lawyer who in the city, would charge a fee of \$10 for five minutes' talk, will converse an hour giving us real legal advice, and won't charge us a darn cent.

If a child is sick and a doctor is clamped within five miles, he will walk in the middle of the night over rough trails to relieve the child, or any other persons for that matter. Upon inquiry as to the bill, he will answer:

"Wait till I send you the bill." And this expected bill of about \$25 never comes. Why? Because when he was with us in the mountains, he was one of us. He was not very lucky at finding and out little fox, on one occasion took down twelve nice trout to his camp for his family's supper. That's why. He was a neighbor here.

And in that same spirit do we meet and converse with merchants, real estate men, and men of all classes and professions.

And in reality both sides glean more knowledge, makes a more keen friendship, and in all round

Seeks Office



Miss Kate S. Morrow won the Democratic nomination for the office over two male opponents. She has served as secretary of the Democratic State Committee and has held several important state positions.

NORTHERN MEN OWNERS OF BIG FLORIDA TRACTS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., (AP) — Land in areas one-fifth the size of Leon county, one of the Florida state capital, is controlled in territory adjacent to this city, largely in this county, by northern capitalists whose combined wealth runs into the hundreds of millions of dollars. They have purchased the land and set it aside for game preserves, and for winter homes, according to records revealed in connection with the state's centennial celebration Nov. 3-15, which comes simultaneously with the opening of the hunting season.

Among the large holders of property in this section are George F. Baker, president of the board of directors of the National City bank, New York, with 12,000 acres; Perry Boyne Whitney, 14,000 acres; Percy Chubb, New York 12,000; Carl Fleischman, 6,000; Fred Fleischman, 16,000; George A. Foote, Montclair, N. J. 2,000; A. H. Lapsky, Hartford, Conn., 10,000; Louis Thompson, Philadelphia, 10,000, and the estate of the late Dr. Tennant Ronalds of Scotland, 12,000.

Miss Frances Griscom of Philadelphia, former amateur woman golf champion of the United States, is another well known holder of lands in this section.

She is one of America's leading woman field shots. Another woman landowner is Mrs. A. H. Tiers, of Montclair, N. J., whose husband's scientific experiments affected the sulphur supply of the world. The Griscom estate includes 10,000 acres of woodland, lake and meadow, lying between the Dixie highway and the Meridian road, and is one of the best known quail preserves in the country. The Tiers place covers 5,000 acres.

Russian House Servant Fares Best With Labor

MOSCOW (AP). — American housewives who think their servant problem a difficult one, should turn to Bolshevik Russia where housemaids, cooks and pantry workers demand many more privileges than do servants in the United States. In addition to an eight-hour day and one day off each week, servants here have a month's vacation during the year, full insurance, the right to attend trade union meetings whenever they desire, and other liberties.

In Moscow employers must supply their domestics with two dresses a year, two pairs of shoes, four pairs of stockings, half a dozen aprons and numerous other articles. As a class, Russia servants are now better off than any other category of workers. They draw more salary than skilled workmen, enjoy greater freedom, better food and superior living accommodations. Their position in present-day Russian life is an strong that special courts have been established by the government to hear their grievances.

Our old-fashioned notion is that there was just as much efficiency before there was so much talk about it.

Do Women Work Harder Than Men?

No man should smile until he has followed a woman who does her own work through her daily round of household cares. What does he know of the monotonous succession of cooking and washing and ironing and dusting and sweeping and sewing? As the incessant falling of drops of water wears away stone, so a woman's endless tasks may destroy her youth and strength of body and soul.

Perhaps the greatest of all electricity's wonders is what it has done to lighten woman's work in her home. From electric ranges to vacuum cleaners, from dish and clothes washers to electric irons and motor-driven sewing machines, labor-saving devices innumerable have been brought within the means of even modest households by cheap and abundant Eastern Oregon power.

For wherever Eastern Oregon electric power enters the field of labor, in home as well as in factory, the cost of the work done is lessened and labor is saved.

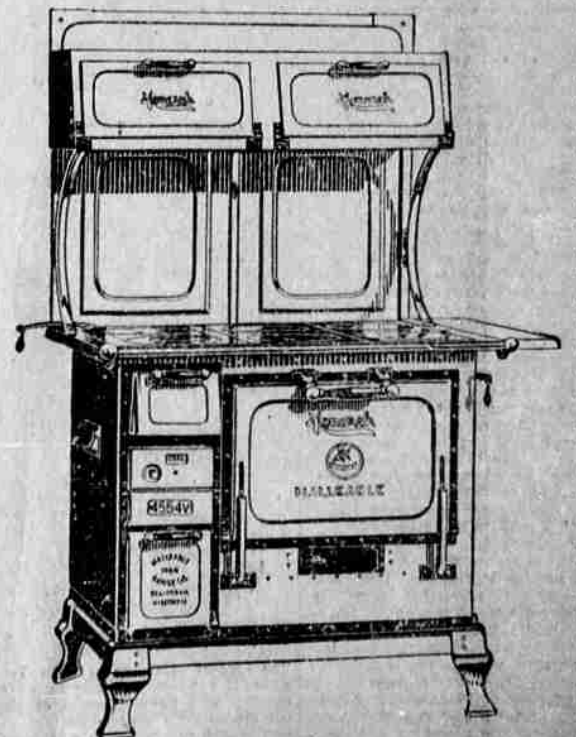
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