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Picturoque Windings Through a Region: Reminiscence of Pioneers and Indian Occupancy.

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Everybody who fishes in this part of the Northwest claims acquaintance with the White Salmon river, opposite Hood River, since along its foaming rapids and chums of its flung the road to Trout lake, that Mecca of all anglers.

Some day it may become a popular summer resort to put one's finger upon the top, select a mountain stream for fishing, for recreation, and a wagon load of merrily merry, truck it from month to month, through wild and flower-tangled meadow, till the glen becomes a canyon, the canyon runs into a mountain gorge, and sheep-dotted fields give way to glaciers and alpine heights, that can only be traversed afoot, with ropes and stalwart guides.

It does not take him long to discover that the correct map has never been made of the region, and when he returns from his hunt, sun-battered and unshaven, but happy, he is sure to buttonhole the first man he meets on the street, and, pulling a ragged and benighted square of folded paper from his breast coat, point out all the glaring and idiotic errors of the pretended mapmaker.

Rises in a Glacier.

And then he will show you how White Salmon river rises in a glacier on the south-west side of Mount Adams, where its waters can be seen glistening beneath the snow and ice, how it flows underground until it reaches the snow line, going west, then southeast, then three miles south, and then two miles south-east, then south—behaving altogether as if it had quite lost its head.

Most people, the Original Investigator goes on to say—and there is a touch of scorn in his voice—imagine that because the road that runs alongside of the White Salmon is full of windings and crooks, the river is also full of windings and crooks. But this is not all the case. The road is as crooked as a woman, but the river is as blunt and straightforward as the typical old Oregonian.

Home Burned, but Sculpin Saved.

There Mrs. Jewett found her husband, already seized, ready to die for his life and merrily awaiting her arrival. The faintly left everything behind them, and, only a few minutes after they were out of sight, their house was plundered and burned to the ground, amid the whoops and yells of the Indians.

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managed the business of the farm, taught music, cooked delectable dinners, furnished contributions to the Arena, and since she was 18 years of age has, at one time and another, reared twenty children, of various ages, most of them orphans, especially consigned to her motherly care.

Pioneer Woman's Indomitable Pluck.

At least one illustration of her pluck in overcoming difficulties has become known from one end of the state of Washington to the other. About six years ago she invited the state Grange to meet at her home. Just before the time of the meeting, the house was burned to the ground.

Sportsman's Paradise.

In their shady thickets, conifers, wild cats, coyotes and bears have their lair. Wild canaries, several species of snow birds, magpies, black birds, blue jays and hawks make their home in the tree tops, while pheasant, grouse and a few quail are in the brush below.

It was in such a spot as this that the first exploring party from White Salmon to Trout lake crossed the river 15 years ago, at which time the Trout lake country was first explored and settled.

There are two other lakes in this section—Stemboat lake, where Trout stream heads, containing a mound like the bow of a boat, and Fish lake, which is an extraordinary fall of very large trout, 300 to 400 in a school.

The ice-caves are probably the best-known feature of this section. One of these is 12 or 13 feet in height, and contains thousands of shining icicles, from one to two feet thick, the top being about the same thickness.

The large lava cave, which is nearly a mile in length, 50 feet high and 25 feet broad, is fully as interesting as the ice caves. It has been known only three years. The opening is from the top, a 30-foot ladder carrying one down into what seems to be the timorous stranger the infernal pit itself.

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blowing up of the Maine and the ill treatment of Cuba, and that it would be suicidal and cowardly for us to retreat. Other democrats indorse expansion because of the enlarged trade which it is sure to bring to our shores.

"The gold standard has come to stay. Republicans with whom I talked are determined to have an unequivocal declaration on the subject, to the end that gold shall be firmly and perpetually established as the monetary standard of the United States."

"Eastern republicans are hopeful of success in the presidential election next year. The indications are that Bryan will be the democratic nominee. If he is nominated, the republican candidate, no matter who he may be, will be elected.

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