

Nell's Notes

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went south of Lewiston touring around and found a most fascinating place, Waha, Ida.

There is a small tavern there that was built in 1892, and is still the original building. It is filled with some very interesting things of bygone years, including a sterling silver chastity belt. Something you certainly don't see this day and age. In fact, there was one of our group that didn't know what it was, but I won't tell on her. They do quite a business in the winter with the snowmobilers. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Daniel, who run the store, are in the process of building a huge shed which will hold over 100 snowmobiles. Mrs. Daniel also took us out to the ice cave. This is a cave dug into the side of the hill that retains a temperature between 30 and 40 all year around, and where they keep their beer and soft drinks. The ice cave has a bar in it also which they are planning on restoring.

Took pictures of all this, then off to Waha Lake. Not a large lake but beautiful.

From there to the deserted town of Winchester, toured through all the old buildings, and got some barb wire for Tula. Then back to camp.

Arrived at Wallowa Lake campground early Friday. That afternoon we took the Gondola ride to show everyone the Seven Devil mountains.

Everyone, but Dave and I took off for home on Sunday morning. Sure was quiet without anyone to crack jokes at anymore. Dave and I took off for Rich. to visit with Pat and Bob Matheson.

On the way we stayed overnight at the Blackhorse Campground on the Imnaha River. Only one other couple in the entire campground. Shirley and Penny Pennington from Fremont, Calif.

Shirley is Chief Deputy at the Fremont Court House

Arrived at Pat and Bob's early Monday. They are remodeling their entire house and are in a bit of upheaval but that didn't bother us one bit.

We left for Baker the next day after lunch. We visited with Dave's sister in Baker for a few hours then off to Phillips Lake about 18 miles out of Baker. Wednesday we went to Sumpster. Dave wanted me to see the gold dredge and all the piles of rock it had left. Miles of it.

We visited The Black Market Antique shop, bought a book on gold panning. Took off a side road to Bourne. This is an old abandoned mining town, the few houses that are fit to live in are used by hunters and snowmobilers.

I copies this off the Forest Service sign about Bourne, Ore.: The Calconda, Columbia, E&E, North Pole and other hardrock mines are an inseparable part of our historical heritage. Bourne, named after Senator Jonathan Bourne Jr. of Portland who was intensely interested in Northeast Oregon mining, is located almost in the geographical center of the North Pole. Columbia Lode is the most extensive gold lode in Northeastern Oregon. The combined continuous ore body is thought to have produced \$9,000,000 in gold. Today activity is sporadic and limited.

Spent most of the afternoon here as it was most interesting. Thursday morning decided to head home.

If you ever plan to make the Snake River trip, and everyone should, get in touch with the Rivers Navigation Co. I have a pamphlet if you would like further information. Attended the Steelheaders dinner at the Lions Club in Wemme Friday. The food was delicious. Special praise to whomever prepared the trout.

Just heard that Forney and Bernice Buchanan had recently sold their store at Fairview and retired. They moved to Hood River, for a little peace and quiet and what happens. They were robbed again. Two such nice people have just had more than their share of holdups. We hope that this is the last and they can now relax.

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

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