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Hardships of Winter In Days of Long Ago

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tempt to return, and the next day we received orders to take the big wharf boat and go into winter quarters across the river. It took us all day to move over and make everything snug. About dark it clouded up and blew a gale. Rain and sleet fell, striking us broadside. I believe, beyond question, it was the worst storm I ever experienced. We were lying in a sheltered bay with the wharf boat between us and the shore. As the evening wore on the wind increased in fury. The spar lashings that held the wharf boat from shore were snapped like tow strings and she was driven bodily up on the beach. In that raging storm nothing could be done, so we returned again to our cozy cabin, and spent the time spinning yarns until the storm began to lull. As we separated to go to our state rooms I made the remark, "God help anyone that is out in this storm tonight; no human being could ever live through it." Little did we think that at that very moment a young man, the hope and stay of a widowed mother, was fighting a fierce battle, with all the strength in his chilled and failing body, against that merciless storm. The morning broke, cold and clear. The storm had passed, leaving in its trail a sheet of glittering ice. After repairing the damage the storm had done I took a boat crew, and crossed to Umatilla, to learn the news. I found the town all agog with excitement. Two men from the ice bound steamer, John Gates, in winter quarters at Simons Landing, about eight miles above town, had on their way down, found some tracks in the snow by the railroad track. Following them for nearly two miles they came across the body of a man lying in the snow. He was still breathing but unconscious. On closer examination they recognized the features of young Silas Lowe, a clerk in the company's office at Umatilla, well known among the river men and in Portland. One of the men hurried on to obtain assistance, while the other took off his overcoat and, wrapping it around the inanimate form, endeavored to retain the vital spark until help came. This was the cause of the excitement.

The O. R. & N. Company was at that time building a narrow gauge road from Umatilla to Wallula, some twenty-five miles east, to connect at that place with a narrow gauge formerly known as the Baker road, to Walla Walla. This was about completed but not used, only by construction trains, which were hauled by two little dinky engines. About eight inches of snow lay on the ground, with some drifts, which put the dinkies out of commission. About noon the day previous a dispatch for the Gates came, which young Gates volunteered to deliver. Mr. Penbody, the agent, wanted him to get a livery horse; but Lowe, on account of the cold, preferred to walk. He had reached a point within about two miles of the boat when the storm overtook him. Evidently fearing that he might miss his destination in the blinding storm and darkness, he had turned and attempted to retrace his steps. Worn out by his long tiresome walk through the pathless snow and chilled to the bone by the driving sleet, he pulled some branches from the sage brush and some splinters from a telegraph pole. In doing so he had torn the flesh, almost to the bone, from his fingers. Falling in his efforts to start a fire he started on again, his bleeding fingers leaving a trail of blood. This first attracted the attention of the two men.

The dinky engine was fired up, as no horse could travel through the crust on the snow, and a dozen or more men with shovels started to the rescue, arriving all too late. Everything possible to resuscitate the lifeless body was done, but in vain.

Young Lowe's untimely and awful death cast a gloom over the little burg. He was a general favorite with all, and stood well with the company. His widowed mother lived in San Francisco.

The weather steadily grew colder, and prospect was good for a month's freeze up, or more, and the idea of spending a winter in that "never to be forgotten place" was not to be considered seriously for a moment. The ice was still moving in the river long as it moved a boat would and move also, so I proposed to some of the Baker's crew that had been laid off, that we get a small boat and go down with the ice. This they agreed to and flitting a suitable craft, in

spite of the remonstrances of our friends, we pushed out in that sea of ice. It was certainly a dangerous, ill advised, undertaking an utterly unnecessary risking of our lives. The sixty odd miles between Umatilla and Baloaks landing was without a human habitation on either side of the river, and in case the river should block we would have to tramp the balance of the way through snow from twelve to eighteen inches deep, with a heavy crust, that would make walking very difficult even had we gotten ashore safely. We, however, made reasonably good time. At Canoe Encampment, a small rapid near Castle Rock, and about twenty-five miles from Umatilla, the ice had formed from each shore, until only a small space was left in the center, through which the ice was forced by the rapid current. There was no escape, and into this horrible grinding vortex we were driven. Our frail little skiff was tossed around among the great crushing cakes of ice, so that we could hardly keep our seats, and finally, lifted bodily some ten feet above the water, on top of the swift moving flow and to safety. The din of the ice was something awful. Speech was out of question, and only by motions I could make the men understand me. We soon floated out of the gorge, and into smoother waters. At Castle Rock we found a great pile of Northern Pacific ties and we concluded to camp there that night, although it was early. It was a bitterly cold night, the mercury at Umatilla registering twenty-two below zero, and morning found us more than willing to resume our journey. At a point where Arlington now stands, we abandoned our boat, and walked the eight miles to Baloaks, on the newly made grade, as we were afraid to run the Owyhe rapids, fearing a repetition of our canoe encampment experience.

Just before dusk we reached our destination, and were ferried across the river to where one of the company's boats had gone into winter quarters, and were heartily welcomed by great big Bob Campbell, well known by all steambot men in the company's employ. After a hot supper, we gathered around the cabin fire and related the incidents of our trip. After it was all told, Bob relieved his pent up feelings

by saying that "we were certainly the biggest set of blankety-blank fools that it had ever been his misfortune to meet."

"Of our party I only know the whereabouts of one, Jack Fitzgerald, second engineer of the Baker, who has been for many years jailer of the Wasco county prison at The Dalles. Big hearted Robert Campbell lives at Coeur d'Alene. May his shadow never grow less.

About a week after the trip, Henry Thellson and his party, in descending these rapids, was forced on a large rock, narrowly escaping drowning. Mr. Thellson was chief engineer of the O. R. & N. Co. H. C. COE.

EXPERT SEES FUTURE FOR ALASKAN FARMING

Important Statement by Government Agent Just Returned.

There are many thousands of miles of good tillage land in the valleys of the southern coast of Alaska, to say nothing of the great interior, according to Levi Chubbuck, special agent for the department of agriculture, who has just returned from the northland.

Mr. Chubbuck spent the entire summer making a general reconnaissance of agricultural lands that may be surveyed for homesteading by the general land office. The chief areas examined were the Sushitna basin north of Seward, the Copper river and the Tanana valleys. Concerning agricultural progress and possibilities in Alaska he makes statements that may be considered most conservative, but that will be amazing to the great majority of those "outside."

"The most obvious fact concerning nearly all the valleys of this area I have seen—from tide water northward 150 miles—is that they are natural grazing lands. There are certainly thousands of square miles of a very high quality of wild grass, the nutritive value of which for stock seems well established. The grass often stands six and seven feet high and is of the most luxuriant growth; also it can be cured and is of good keeping quality.

A Great Dairying Country.

"Nearly all of this land except some side hill areas has more or less standing and fallen timber on it, but such is immediately available for grazing. With adequate winter protection stock thrives, and the market with the development of roads would seem assured. At present every pound of meat consumed must come from Seattle, and meat is of first importance in the dietary of so cold a country as this. In many parts of the country also it costs the consumer \$1 a pound. All dairy products, too, are brought in by steamer at high cost, and this is certainly a dairying country.

"There need be no speculation as to some present possibilities. Farming has just begun in a few localities in this region, and local conditions are most varied, but oats and barley are being successfully grown, timothy flourishes, and the root crop is of high excellence.

Found Many Fine Farms.

"I have been astonished at the amount of farming under way around Seward. I had expected practically none, and instead I find half a dozen flourishing ranches on a commercial basis and dozens of home gardens. Potatoes of first quality are being grown in half a dozen neighborhoods, excellent turnips grow freely, and there seems no difficulty with beets, carrots, radishes, beans, peas and lettuce. Cabbage and cauliflower are a surprising success in some localities. I believe this list can be extended almost indefinitely with careful selection of varieties, a study of soil requirements and acclimatization by selective breeding. The possibilities are still practically unknown, but we do know that they are far greater than most people even here in Alaska imagine. Some of the most promising parts of this area have not been tried at all, and the most successful tests have generally been in the least likely localities.

"Regarding climatic conditions I have been somewhat surprised. Within a thousand feet of sea level in fairly open country the growing season is not shorter than in the mountain region of New Hampshire. Pears are safely planted in May, and danger from frost is considered over after the first few days in June. In the fall the first frosts are rarely before the second week in September. It is true that the summers are cooler than in the northern states and on the immediate coast have more rain, but there is compensation in the fifteen to eighteen hours of sunshine daily and the continuous daylight for nearly three months.

"The exact area of the tillage lands in the Sushitna group of valleys, as an example generally applicable, is still impossible even to estimate, as much of the territory is uninhabited and still because of its undeveloped state rather than because it is inaccessible. There is a total area of about 2,500 square miles along the western edge of Kenai peninsula bordering Cook inlet, the greater part of which is probably available and some small valleys in the interior of the peninsula. I roughly estimate the rest, which includes the Knik Arm region and Matanuska valley to the eastward, the Yentna to the westward, the main Sushitna valley and smaller tributaries running northward far into the interior at, say, 2,500 square miles, but it might exceed this considerably."

CLASSIFIED COLUMN

Advertisements for insertion under this heading will be charged for at the rate of 25c per month for (usually) three lines—no display. Cash should accompany copy, otherwise payable by the 10th of the month. As a medium for reaching the people the News stands alone and unexcelled.

BUSINESS NOTICES

OAKDALE GREENHOUSE
Roses, Shrubs and Vines in good assortment for fall planting. Peonies 1 and 4-year old. Six to \$1.00 each. Hardy Phlox, Bell Flowers, Campanula, Oriental Poppies, ready now. A full line of plants at all times. Phone for cut flowers.
FLETCHER & FLETCHER

SPECIAL NOTICES

Wanted—To exchange a good 12-inch Oliver chisel plow for a 10-inch and to buy a 5-foot Kimball and strainer cultivator. Address B. H. News office, 1-4

Wood to Give Away—I have standing timber, pine and oak, that will make 200 ricks good wood. Will give the same to party or parties who will cut it. Good road out of place. One-half mile above Tucker's bridge on the west side. F. L. Kelso, Route No. 2. 2-5-c

REAL ESTATE AND RENTALS

For Sale—Fine level lot 50x130 to alley, 3 room house, city water, gas, lot fenced near view of Mts. Hood and Adams. Price \$450. Terms. Phone 392-M. 3-4-p

For Sale—For short time only—5 acres in Merced county, California; fine vineyard near small town; unimproved and worth \$750. Address C. P. Sonnichen, Hood River, Oregon. 1-11-f

HORSES, COWS, PIGS, CHICKENS, ETC.

Wanted by responsible party, the use of riding pony for light exercise balance of winter, for his support of his application and sworn statement on the 10th day of February, 1910, before the Registrar and Receiver, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon. Any person at liberty to contest this purchase before entry, or initiate a corrodorated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry. W. C. MOORE, Registrar.

FOR SALE

Old Papers for sale, 5c for a bundle of 25 papers.

Hay for Sale—Alfalfa and clover, \$20. Ralph Hinrichs, phone 202-L. 51-3-p

For Sale—First class fir and pine wood: all cut from large trees and well seasoned. Prices lowest and can obtain elsewhere. Address: J. O. Goldthwaite, phone Odell 332. 52-2-p

1418 also for sale cheap. C. P. Sonnichen, Columbia near 12th. 1-11-f

For Sale—Standard Edison phonograph. Address: J. O. Goldthwaite, phone Odell 332. 52-2-p

For Sale—Good dry body fir wood, 10 per cord. Phone A. Whitehead 51-X. 2-5-c

Apples for sale. Delivered to any part of the city. Phone 195-X. 2-5-p

For Sale—If you need wood, phone Fred Paanch, 212-M. 5-2-p

LOST AND FOUND

Lost—agate watch chain with hand around it. Liberal reward for return to News office. 52-3-c

Lost—Pocket book, containing about \$16, also central high school pin, between Mt. Hood depot and East Richards. Reward for return to News office. Walter Jorgensen. 52-3-c

Found—A valuable breastpin. Same can be had by identifying property and paying cost of advertisement. 52-2-p

Lost—In post office, a glass bowl or vase decorated with coral wrappers. Finder please leave with Carl Rogas, and receive reward. 3-6-p

Lost—Horse blanket and lap robe Monday night. Finder please return or notify 323-L. 3-2-p

Lost—Between Eugene street and Baptist church, a pair of eye glasses with chain attached. Finder please return to C. A. Nutley or leave at this office. Reward, 2-6-c

EMPLOYMENT

Wanted—A man and family to take charge of an improved fruit farm, 100 acres, good house and barn, and who will also buy an interest there. General description of farm in News office. Address: John Leland Henderson, Incorporated. 46-11-c

Wanted—To let contract to clear about 10 acres of stumps and stones and then plow it and 10 acres more. Address: K. News office. 51-2-p

An expert orchardist, now in the United States government service, wants situation in Hood River Valley. Write "A News office." 52-3-c

House in Upper Hood River Valley, with right to reject any and all bids. For plans and specifications, see Thompson. Mt. Hood. Phone 734 Odell. 52-1-f

Japanese boy wants situation as cook in hotel or restaurant. Box N. 3-6-p

Wanted—Girl or woman to do general housework, beginning March 1st. For a young girl to work and attend school. Inquire of J. L. Henderson. 3-6-c

Wanted—Man to take charge of East side ranch beginning March 1st. See G. Y. Edwards & Co. Phone 228-L. 3-6-c

Wanted—Able bodied married man to work on fruit ranch. Address "G. F." care News office. 51-2-p

LODGE DIRECTORY

Canby Post, G. A. R.—Meets at the K. of P. hall the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 7 p. m. G. R. Castner, commander; S. F. Frisvold, secretary.

Canby W. R. C. No. 16—Meets second and fourth Saturdays of each month in K. of P. hall at 7 p. m. Jennie Bentley, president; Abbie J. Baker, secretary.

Hood River, No. 42, F. of A.—Meets every Thursday evening in K. of P. hall. Visiting friends always welcome. Wm. Flemming, C. R.; F. C. Foshaug, S. S.

Hood River Commercial Club—Meets every second Monday in each month at 8 p. m. in the pub. of the Jackson's store. Chas. T. Early, president; W. H. Walton, secretary.

Hood River Valley Hamane Society—Phone 186. L. E. Hartwig, president; F. G. Coe, secretary; Leonard, treasurer.

Hood River Lodge, No. 105, A. F. & A. M.—Meets Saturday evening on or before each full moon. L. N. Howers, W. M.; D. McDonald, secretary.

Hood River Chapter, No. 25, O. E. S.—Meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month. Visitors cordially welcomed. Kathryn Dunlop, W. M.; Lee Woodworth, secretary.

Hood River Camp, No. 702, M. W. A.—Meets in I. O. O. F. hall every Wednesday night. A. R. Crump, V. C.; E. S. Mayes, clerk.

Hood River Camp, No. 770, W. O. W.—Meets at K. of P. hall the second and fourth Saturday nights of each month. A. C. Staten, C. C.; F. W. Reynolds, clerk.

Hood River Circle, No. 324, Women of Woodcraft.—Meet at I. O. O. F. hall first and third Saturday nights, each month. Visitors welcome. Mrs. Wm. Genger, N. G.; Alice Shay, clerk.

Tillamook Lodge, No. 107, I. O. O. F.—Meets in Fraternal hall every Thursday evening at 7:30, at the corner of Fourth and Oak streets. Visiting brothers welcomed. J. M. Wood, N. G.; G. W. Thompson, secretary.

Kemp Lodge, No. 181, I. O. O. F.—Meets in the Odd Fellows hall at Odell every Saturday night. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed. J. W. Wilson, N. G.; Byron Smith, secretary.

Laurel Rebekah Lodge No. 87, I. O. O. F.—Meets first and third Mondays in each month. Theresa C. Galt, N. G.; Nettie Mason, secretary.

Mount Hood Lodge, No. 285, I. O. O. F.—Meets every Saturday evening in Gribble's hall. Mt. Hood. Robt. Lesaux, N. G.; G. W. Dimmick, secretary.

Mountain Home Camp, No. 3469, E. N. A.—Meets at Odd Fellows hall on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Mrs. H. Pealer, O. M.; Elin Dalin, recorder.

Oleta Assembly, No. 105, U. A.—Meets in their hall the first and third Wednesdays, work; second and fourth Wednesdays, social. C. D. Hartsch, M. A.; W. H. Austin, secretary.

Oregon Grand Rebekah Lodge No. 181, I. O. O. F.—Meets every second and fourth Wednesdays in each month in Gribble's hall. Mt. Hood. Or. Mrs. Millie Arntman, N. G.; Mrs. Minnie L. Larwood, secretary.

Riverside Lodge, No. 65, A. O. U. W.—Meets in K. of P. hall the first and third Wednesday nights of the month. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed. R. E. Chapman, W. M.; Chester Shute, recorder.

Wasco Lodge, No. 30, K. of P.—Meets in their Castle Hall every Tuesday night, when visiting brothers are fraternally welcomed. Joe Frasier, Jr., C. C.; H. T. DeWitt, K. of R. & S.

Waiman Temple Pythian Sisters, No. 6—Meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at K. of P. hall, Corvoan Stranahan, M. E. C.; Edith Steinhoff, K. of R. & C.

Administrator's Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Hood River County, to be administrator of the estate of Joseph Wirtzshaber, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me, duly verified, at the office of A. J. Jayne in the city of Hood River, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Date of first publication, December 22, 1909. PETER MOHR, Administrator.

LEGAL AND OTHER NOTICES

Notice of Publication.
DEPARTMENT of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, November 26th, 1909—Notice is hereby given that Mada D. Hicks, whose post-office address is Hood River, Oregon, did, on the 22nd day of March, 1889, file in this office a Sworn Statement and Application No. 94284, to purchase NE 1-4 SE 1-4, Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 10 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber claim thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisement, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised, the timber estimated at 460,000 board feet at \$5.75 per M, and the land \$60.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 10th day of February, 1910, before Henry L. Howe, United States Commissioner, at Hood River, Oregon. Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corrodorated affidavit, by filing a corrodorated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry. W. C. MOORE, Registrar.

Notice of Publication.
DEPARTMENT of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, November 26th, 1909—Notice is hereby given that Arthur S. Sisley, whose post-office address is 23 East 7th St., Portland, Oregon, did, on the 23rd day of February, 1909, file in this office a Sworn Statement and Application No. 92773, to purchase the SW 1-4 NW 1-4 and SW 1-4 NW 1-4, Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 9 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisement, and that pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised, the timber estimated at 323,000 board feet at \$1.00 per M, and the land \$165.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 10th day of February, 1910, before the Registrar and Receiver, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon. Any person at liberty to contest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corrodorated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry. W. C. MOORE, Registrar.

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