

WHITTIER: BY ELIZABETH STUART PHELPS

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LITERARY TALKS AND REMINISCENCES

BY ELIZABETH STUART PHELPS.

Thirty years ago a girl who had written in the Atlantic Monthly Magazine a story called "The Tenth of January," came from the postoffice up Andrew Hill with a wonderful letter in her hand. This was penned in the delicate, flowing script of the Quaker poet, and was signed with the great name of John G. Whittier.

Whittier: By Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. The kind courtesy of the editors of that periodical has allowed me to select for the readers of these pages the Whittier anecdotes herein related, and also to quote from some of the poet's letters. These were more fully given in the earlier publication.

I feel every change in temperature with a sensitiveness that I am ashamed of, he pleads as a reason for deferring a certain visit. Then, hurrying on with his vigorous cheerfulness, he writes: "The Lord in his loving kindness has hung his wonderful pictures on all our hills and woods this Autumn. I never saw such colors."

I have been ill ever since, but I went to the Holmes breakfast for the good of my country. He and all his very old friends, not merely literary friends. We love each other."

WHITTIER AS A YOUNG MAN.

are swelling and the hepatics and violets begin to appear, and when the golden dandelion comes it will be really Spring. I would rather see these flowers in the world beyond than the golden streets we are told of."

"These November days of Indian Summer make me happy that I have lived to see them. "I am glad to be permitted once more to see the miracle of Spring."

"General Gordon—my hero—is dead: an unselfish enthusiast of humanity. No more wonderful figure has for centuries crossed the disk of our planet."

"I have just been to see an old friend a little advance of me in age. We talked as men talk who listen the while for the inevitable sound of grief and loss."

It remains only to say the shortest, simplest, truest word of all that can be said for his dear and honored name. We shall remember him longest because of the largest thing which he did for us, and what that is it is not possible to doubt.

He gave us the music of human freedom of human brotherhood, of passionate human purity and integrity with Nature more widely comprehensible than that of Wordsworth and scarcely surpassed by that inspired pantheist. But he gave us something beyond all this; he gave us faith in God.

In an age when doubt darkens the bravest heart, when science and art grope for their author and find him not; when genius (what we call it) deviates into little sketches of little subjects and cuts crosspaths through mire and walks blindfold under the stars—this poet, being dedicated, has done more to hold the faith of the American people to the God of their fathers than any other one man in our Nation.

Elizabeth Stuart Phelps.

Newton Center, Mass.

TROUBLESOME TAKU.

Always Bears Brunt of Empire's Foreign Quarrels.

London Daily News. The Taku forts, which defend the mouth of the muddy and shallow Ho River, have already in the past, on three occasions, been the scene of fighting between an Anglo-French force on the one hand and the Chinese on the other. Twice they were captured by their European assailants; once they withstood attack, and a serious defeat was inflicted upon the "foreign devils" by the Chinese soldiery.

In May, 1858, during a second war with China—a war in which England had the alliance of France—an Anglo-French squadron, under Admirals Sir M. Seymour and Bissault, appeared off the mouth of the Pei Ho. Six French and five British gunboats crossed the awkward bar at the mouth of the river, and crossed without swimming. The forts, the Chinese had directed a way for the flotilla by gallantly ramming at full speed a formidable boom which the Chinese had thrown across the river. The boom was broken by the ramming of the British gunboats.

As the fighting was over, and on the 26th reached Tien Tsin, where the terrified Chinese made peace. The peace did not, however, last long. On June 18, 1860, an Anglo-French squadron, under Admiral Hope, was refused passage by the Chinese commander of the forts, and determined to force a way. Since 1858 the works had been repaired and much strengthened, the pick of the Chinese army had been placed in them, and the river had been filled with obstacles of all kinds—booms, strong rafts anchored across the stream, and sharpened stakes placed so as to pierce the bottom of any vessel steaming up stream.

On June 8, Admiral Hope attempted to force a passage, but with no success. Of his 11 gunboats six were disabled or compelled to retire. In the Plover, one of the vessels that suffered most, 21 out of a total crew of 60 were killed or wounded in 30 minutes. The Admiral himself was severely wounded, and the losses in officers and men were exceedingly heavy. It was on this occasion that Captain Tallmadge, the American officer who afterwards commanded the Confederate ironclad Merrimac in her famous encounter with the Monitor, came to the aid of the British with the cry, "Blood is thicker than water!" He rowed off to the British Admiral in the very thick of the fight, and offered to remove the wounded, an offer which was not declined. Some of his men actually went to one of the British gunboats, the crew of which had fallen, and fought it for some minutes. Toward 7 P. M. Admiral Hope determined to fling his last throw, and to put in a

TWO MILLS WERE BURNED AT SPOKANE.

LOSS OF \$25,000 ENTAINED BY FIRE. Blaise in McMinville Cost \$4000 and Came Near Sweeping Much of the Town. SPOKANE, Wash., July 20.—Fire this afternoon destroyed the large lumber plant of the Holland-Horr Mill Company and caused a loss of \$25,000; insurance, \$13,000. It also destroyed the Crescent Shingle Mill; loss, \$3000; insurance, \$1000.

\$9000 LOSS AT M'MINVILLE.

Lack of Wind Enabled Firemen to Stop It Quickly. M'MINVILLE, Or., July 20.—Fire started this morning at 1 o'clock in Fred Tibbs' bicycle shop, and spread rapidly to the adjacent building, which was destroyed by the fire department within 30 minutes after arrival. There was no wind. The total loss was about \$9000, divided as follows: Tibbs' bicycle shop, loss \$1000; insurance, \$500.

3000 ACRES BURNED OVER.

Fire Stopped by Plowing Furrows Across Its Path. THE DALLES, Or., July 20.—Word was received this morning that a large fire started by sparks from the eastern-bound passenger train passing about noon yesterday destroyed 3000 acres of pasture on the hills side of the Des Chutes River. The greatest damage done was to the Floyd ranch, now occupied by John Dalrymple, where 700 acres of forest, including 2000 sheep, was ruined, which will prove as great loss as though the land had been covered with grain. The fire started near the willows on the hill as far as the Cooper and Linton ranches. Mr. Linton, by plowing furrows, was able to save his place and stop the flames from extending further south. No buildings were destroyed.

Report of Statistics for Past Year.

Notes of State Capital. SALEM, July 20.—Superintendent Ackerman today received the annual school report from the county. The following is a summary compared with last year's report: General statistics—1899, 1900. Number of persons of school age, 1899, 1500; 1900, 1500. Total enrollment, 1899, 1200; 1900, 1200. Average daily attendance, 1899, 1100; 1900, 1100. Number of teachers employed, 1899, 80; 1900, 80. Enrolled in private schools, 1899, 4; 1900, 4. Length of school year, weeks, 1899, 21; 1900, 21. Total receipts, 1899, \$25,000; 1900, \$25,000. Financial condition—1899, 1900. Value of schoolhouses, 1899, \$38,460; 1900, \$38,460. Value of apparatus, 1899, \$3,000; 1900, \$3,000. Average salary of male teachers, 1899, \$1.50; 1900, \$1.50. Average salary of female teachers, 1899, \$1.00; 1900, \$1.00. Paid for teachers' wages, 1899, \$13,500; 1900, \$13,500. Total disbursements, 1899, \$15,000; 1900, \$15,000. Clerks, March 5, 1899, 20; 1900, 20.

WHERE STORMS FORM.

Nine kinds of them and They All Aim at New England.

Theodore Walters in Alsines'. United States storms, according to Professor Bigelow, have nine average places of generation. The greatest majority form in Alberta, north of Montana, and after coming into the United States, travel eastward. A few come in over the North Pacific Coast. A third group forms on the northern Rocky Mountain plateau. A fourth forms in Colorado, being born on the very high mountainous elevations. A fifth forms in the Texas lowlands and strikes the Atlantic coast and moisture moves eastward. West Indian hurricanes form the sixth class. The Seventh Atlantic Coast storms which come in from the Pacific on the southwest from the eighth, and finally a class of minor storms is generated in our central valleys.

A PLUCKY WOMAN.

Mrs. Fleetwood Treed a Bear and Held Him Till He Was Killed.

Daily Olympian. Mrs. W. W. Fleetwood, residing six miles east of Olympia, had an exciting experience Tuesday afternoon when her lucky stars that she got through it without injury. While employed about her house she heard the dogs setting up a great howl, and going out to ascertain the cause she saw a bear cornered in the underbrush near by. Nothing daunted, Mrs. Fleetwood seized a club and went to assist the dogs in driving out the bear. In a moment Bruin made a run for a tree close by and was soon up in a very few moments so that down he came and made at them, and also at Mrs. Fleetwood. But she did such effective work that the bear soon drove him back into the tree. About this time a man named Wright came along the road, and she sent him immediately to get a gun. In a few minutes when the gun was brought, Mr. Wright took careful aim and brought down Bruin in a heap at his feet. Mrs. Fleetwood and her dogs had held him in the tree three-quarters of an hour before he was killed. The bear was of the black variety, and a big fellow.

Unatilla Indian School.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Special Indian Agent John Hawley, who has jurisdiction over a large section of the West, is now in Washington conferring with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. A short time before he left the West he visited the Unatilla school in Oregon, and made himself thoroughly acquainted with conditions there, and studied the school generally, with a view to making what improvements were considered necessary. In talking with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Mr. Hawley said that the Unatilla School is one of the best schools in the West, and that the Indian Office reports its superintendent, Miss Mollie F. Davis, as a lady of fine executive ability, who has established a reputation

THE PALATIAL OREGONIAN BUILDING

Richard D. Creech, of 1062 Second Street, Appleton, Wis., says: "Our son Willard was absolutely helpless. His lower limbs were paralyzed, and when we used electricity he could not feel it below his hips. Finally my mother, who lives in Canada, wrote advising the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and I bought some. This was when our boy had been on a stretcher for an entire year and absolutely helpless for nine months. In six weeks after taking the pills we noted signs of vitality in his legs, and in four months he was able to go to school. It was nothing else in the world that saved the boy than Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."—From the Crescent, Appleton, Wis.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have effected cures in cases of Paralysis, Locomotor Ataxia, Rheumatism, Neuritis and other serious diseases of the Blood and Nerves, when all other means known to the medical profession have been tried and failed; they have saved many who were on the brink of Consumption, and have restored to the bedridden the full use of limbs that had long been powerless. Such wonders have been performed by this great life-giving medicine as the best guarantee that it will not disappoint when used for simple ailments.

At all drug stores or direct from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Salem, N. Y., postpaid on receipt of price \$1.00 per box, six boxes \$5.00.

After Forty-one Years.

Hood River Glacier. H. I. Pittcock, one of the proprietors of The Oregonian, accompanied by Mrs. Pittcock and daughter, arrived in Hood River, Friday, on their way for an outing at Trout Lake. While here, the party visited W. P. Watson's fruit farm and gardens near town, and were delighted with what they saw at Watson's fruit farm. While here, the party visited W. P. Watson's fruit farm and gardens near town, and were delighted with what they saw at Watson's fruit farm.

Two Locomotives Collide.

ROSEBURG, Or., July 20.—A collision between two light engines occurred a little north of Riddies this afternoon. Conductor Frazer's right arm was badly cut, and he was immediately transported to the hospital. Fireman Cavenor was badly scalded on the right side, and his collar-bone broken. Lucas, Stanger and Smith were slightly bruised. The engines were badly damaged. Trains will be delayed several hours.

Wilson River Road All Right.

FOREST GROVE, Or., July 20.—There is considerable travel now over the Wilson River road between Forest Grove and Tillamook. Barring the muddy road in the heavy timber, the road is in splendid condition, and the bridges are safe, teams passing over daily heavily loaded.

A Tale of the Pullman.

Chicago Times-Herald. Brentwood had "lower lip" in the Philadelphia sleeper, and he was weary. "Lower lip" he said, "I'm tired as my berth as soon as possible. I want to go to bed. You don't seem to have many people in this car tonight."

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Made Up of Malcontents.

New York Tribune. The "Boxer" Society is made up of malcontents and extreme conservatives, opposed to railroads and foreign ideas in general. The first we know of them was that they were destroying property along some German railway lines in Shan Tung Province. The Emperor has allowed them to break to get beyond her control. Her soldiers will fight the "Boxers" with great reluctance, if at all. She dismissed her Chinese troops, and she has now looked sides with the anti-foreign element. But she is not better in her opposition to foreigners.

Advertisement for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, including a testimonial from Richard D. Creech and a list of local agents.

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