

KLICKITAT RIVER

Called the Cataract River by Lewis and Clark.

SEAT OF A POWERFUL TRIBE

The City of Goldendale—its Past and Future—An Extraordinary Indian Collection.

By a Staff Writer—Fourth Letter.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Dec. 5.—New as it is, this country of the Klickitat is not without interesting traditional and historical associations. The Klickitat River is mentioned in the report of Lewis and Clark, who camped at its junction with the Columbia and had some traffic with the Indians. The name of Cataract River was applied to it by the explorers, and very properly, since for several miles upward from its mouth it is a series of tumbling and foaming rapids. At one point about three miles north of Lytle the stream, ordinarily 15 to 20 feet wide, flows through a rock channel less than ten feet across and of practically unfathomable depth; and such, curiously, is the configuration of the banks that it has been found necessary, in order to carry the railroad track across this narrow space, to build a bridge one hundred and seventy and some odd feet long. And in the making of this bridge, as in other features of the work, the purpose of the management is manifest, for the construction is of the best with concrete foundations and piers designed to last for all time. Thoroughness at every point marks the work, and it is plain that the road has been built with an eye to permanence and serviceability.

The Klickitat Indians who inhabited the Canyon of the Klickitat River and the valley beyond were distinguished among the aboriginal tribes as travelers and traders. It was their habit to accumulate great stores of dried salmon—caught in the Dalles rapids, which were within their territory—of dried roots and other commodities valued by the Indians and to send out caravans or trading parties who ranged the country between the coast and the Blue Mountains, and from the Skokymos on the south to Puget Sound on the north. In this traffic, long maintained, they became shrewd and intelligent, and grew to be great fighters. They were constantly at war with the tribes close about them and held through ages, if the native traditions can be believed, something like a hereditary feud with the Yakimas, who lived immediately north in the territory beyond the Simcoe Mountains. It was this reason that the Klickitat protested against the settlement which, after the Indian War of 1855, undertook to establish them on the Yakima reservation. They stood so firmly by their purpose and presented their case with such force that the Government finally consented to their settlement in severalty upon lands in their own country; and to this day a remnant of the famous Klickitat nation lingers in the Klickitat Canyon and on the western borders of the valley. It is their course through several tracts of land owned and occupied by Indians, and it was no easy feat of diplomacy to make them understand what was wanted and to obtain cession from them of right of way.

One old patriarch, Skokymos by name, who has acquired something of the white man's habit, was inconsiderable for the loss of his domestic Indian and quiet, and at the same time disposed to make as good a bargain as possible. His presence in this case before the officials of the railroad company in their office at Lytle was at once shrewd, amusing and pathetic. He came to the meeting with his family about him, bearing samples of the products of his lands to illustrate their value, and made a speech in which his fears of injury for himself and his children and the despair of his race in its losing fight with civilization were curiously and almost painfully reflected. A sum in money, several times enough to compensate him for any possible damage to his property, was offered him, and over the railroad for himself, his wife and his papoose, finally won him over, and today old Skokymos is a firm friend of progress—though disposed to get out of it all that may be diverted to his own pocket.

The presence of this little remnant still gives to the Klickitat Valley something of the character of an Indian country. The blanketed redskin with his accoutrements of burden-bearing squaws is a common figure on the streets of Goldendale, and there is in the local practice of the merchants in displaying their goods an obvious appeal to the savage taste for gaudy colors. All this gives it an unpleasing touch of the picturesque to the town and makes it a resort for the searcher after Indian curiosities who has come to be common of late years.

The treasures of the Klickitat Valley in this line were many and very curious; they have been very largely saved from destruction by the enthusiasm and liberality of Dr. R. E. Stewart, a well-known citizen of Goldendale. Coming to the valley some 12 years ago at a time when every Indian lodge was still a treasure-house of native manufactures, he at once set about the business of making an Indian collection. His office in Goldendale became known as a market for every thing characteristic of the Indian life, and as he paid with a liberal hand and has never ceased to be a buyer, his collection has come to be a thing of amazing variety and interest. It includes several hundred examples of heavy stone work, a great assemblage of baskets, ornaments, weapons, utensils, costumes, charms, trinkets and novelties of every sort. But above all, it is rich in its store of arrow heads, aggregating in numbers some 4,000 specimens. In some respects this collection surpasses any other in existence. That of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington comes nearer to it than any other, but it is far behind in the matter of arrow heads, both in number and variety. Powers of description fail when it comes to treating of Dr. Stewart's store of treasures. They represent every principle of Indian workmanship, every form, every species of flint, every color and every age. In their beauty and variety they are bewildering, while in their prodigious number they give one a new impression of the extent of the Indian arrow industry. If these many have been saved by a mere remnant of the Klickitat nation—until long after

the period of their practical utility, what must have been the store of the nation in its fighting age? And one marvels at the patience and industry with which, with imperfect and barbarous instruments, wrought such marvels of precision and delicacy, and at the taste which selected for special forms the rarest tones of color and shading. This collection is not only highly interesting in itself, but it has a special local interest as connected with the aboriginal life of the country, for it is an exposition essentially of prehistoric Klickitat workmanship. It belongs to the country, and it is to be hoped that it will never be dissipated or permitted to leave the Klickitat Valley.

Goldendale is a thrifty-looking town of about ten or twelve hundred people, the natural center of the country. It grew from a ranch station to a town through natural causes, and its future is in the nature of things bound up with the fortunes of the country. In its earlier career it was a sort of gateway to Central Washington, the lines of ingress and egress into that country being through The Dalles via Goldendale. But with the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad 20 years ago its general relations ceased and it fell back upon its immediate resource as the chief center of the Klickitat country; and that is what it is today and will always be.

Goldendale is pleasantly situated in the northern part of the valley, near enough to the mountains to enjoy fine views and to have somewhat in its superficial aspects the character of a foothill town. The Little Klickitat River runs through it, affording water power for a considerable mill, and assisting the local drainage. The streets are wide and bordered with imposing shade trees; the stores are numerous and appear to be well stocked. In every respect the town seems awake and thriving. It has the open and hearty ways of pioneer life and I can personally bear witness to its cordial and hospitable habit.

But the town has one marked deficiency, namely, the lack of a hotel. Some months ago its one good hotel burned to the ground, and up to this time no practical step has been taken to reproduce it. The opportunity is of a very special kind; the opening is one in which a practical man with a little ready capital may easily make his fortune. There is a need about the business; it is here and in sufficient volume to assure success.

The Klickitat country is just now at the end of its pioneer era—an era which has been long delayed by the special circumstances of isolation in which it has stood. With the railroad, which another 30 days will give it, it will be "in the running" with the other productive districts of the country. It will, of course, gain much, for its system of production is bound to expand in response to the new condition; its population is bound to increase; its connection with the world of active life is bound to become closer; its special and neighborhood characteristics are bound to be lost or modified in the rush of the new and larger life. And I am wondering if, when I shall come again, say five or 10 years from now, I may not find a little group of old-timers of the Klickitat, a group of gray in his hair than now, who will say to me: "Well, the old times were the railroad when there were only a few of us—and when we were all more or less poor together—the best times after all."

HOWARD IN COURT AGAIN.

This Time as a Witness in Notorious Cattle Rustler's Case.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Manny Howard, the noted cattle rustler, who has figured as a defendant at almost every term of the Circuit Court of this county for the past three or four years, is back again this term, but will only appear as a witness.

He was brought up from the penitentiary to appear as a witness in the case of the State vs. William and James Hall, who are to be tried for cattle rustling. The Halls are said to be a portion of the gang of cattle rustlers that have been active in this part of the state for the past 10 or 15 years. They have made their headquarters at Durkee, a community that has furnished more candidates for the penitentiary than any place of equal size in the state. There is a strong contingent of reputable citizens of Durkee back of these prosecutions, their purpose being to rid the community of the law.

While many hundreds of head of cattle and horses have been stolen by the rustlers, a little gray mare worth less than the means of their undoing, Manny Howard and Alexander Cederlund have already been convicted on the charge of stealing this mare from Robert Palmer, County Treasurer of Baker City. The case was tried at the Hall, boys were also mixed up in the transaction to the extent of assisting to change the brand. The little gray mare has cost the county and stockmen for the prosecution of the case and the defendants for the defense, fully \$25,000. While the expense has been very heavy the taxpayers consider that the money has been well spent, because the community has been rid of one of the most noted of rustlers in the West.

It is said that if some of the chiefs of this gang would only tell what they know of the operations of the gang the extent of their operations would stagger the people who think they have a pretty fair idea of the magnitude of their operations.

Wallace Did Not Steal the Sheep.

The trial of the case of the State vs. Frank Wallace on the charge of stealing sheep resulted in a verdict of not guilty yesterday. Wallace was accused of stealing a lot of blooded rams from the O. R. & N. stockyards last fall, when the case came on for trial the defendant was able to prove conclusively that he had purchased and paid for the rams himself, and that the case was a mistake. It developed on the trial that the thief was an employee of Mr. Durbin, the owner of the sheep, who sold the rams to Wallace and delivered them to him himself. Wallace, as was agreed to, had Wallace paid for the rams with a check.

MEN WERE NOT KILLED.

No Lives Lost in Snow Slide at Cornucopia.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 5.—Owing to the wires being down in many places it is impossible to learn the full particulars of the snow slide at Cornucopia, which occurred yesterday. However, it has been ascertained that no one was killed, and the two men supposed to have been crushed are alive. The extent of the slide is not known.

Snow is still falling in the valley and in the mountains. Old mountaineers predict serious disasters in many places, because the fall of snow has been so sudden that it has not had time to become packed. The least disturbance will cause a slide now, where there would be no danger if the snow was packed and frozen.

Funeral of Mrs. Rimonds.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. W. F. Rimonds was held from the family residence, on Missouri Flat, of Western Josephine County, Sunday. Mrs. Rimonds was a Southern Oregon pioneer. She was born while her husband was in the army, and came to Oregon in 1854. She was the daughter of George W. Beade, of Big Bend, Jackson County.

MEETING OF YOUNG MEN

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Delegates From Oregon and Idaho in Session at Newberg—Prominent Workers in Attendance.

NEWBERG, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The annual convention of the Oregon-Idaho division of the Young Men's Christian Association opened here this evening in the Friends Church. The convention was presided over by J. Thorburn Ross, of Portland, the president of the branch in the two states. The event of the evening was an address, "Our Web and Loom," by Rev. E. L. House, D. D., pastor of the First Congregational Church, of Portland.

After the meeting was called to order by the president, all joined in the beautiful song service, led by E. W. Peck, the state secretary of Minnesota. Mr. Peck is said to be one of the best leaders of men's voices in the country, and the

present, as this factory had a payroll of 25 hands, who are now out of employment. The output of the factory was about 3000 windows and 4000 doors per month.

There is little doubt that Mr. Pluse will get about rebuilding as soon as matters can be arranged. He has a more favorable site selected on which he was preparing to put up a building of his own, and to which he intended removing his machinery. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought to have started in one of the drying-rooms of the factory. Lute Perry, one of the young men who worked in the bucket brigade, fell from a building during the fire and broke his arm. The steamer Joseph Kellogg and the dredger W. L. Ladd did valuable service with their pumps in keeping the fire under control.

INSTITUTE AT LEWISVILLE.

Farmers' Meeting Under Auspices of Oregon Agricultural College.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Beginning Wednesday, December 10, and continuing over Thursday a farmers' institute will be held at Lewisville, this county. It is the intention of the promoters of this institute to make it one of the most representative ever held in the valley. It will be held under the

auspices of the Oregon Agricultural College and the Grange.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Ackerman, Professor Kent and Withycombe will unite to make it a success.

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NO HOPE FOR THE SIGLIN

OWNERS OF MISSING ALASKA VESSEL GIVE UP.

Not Seen Since October 13 and Caught in Worst Storm of Many Years in the North.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 5.—The managers of the Behring Sea Fish and Transportation Company, owners of the schooner General Siglin, have practically abandoned all hope that the vessel will ever reach port. She will be two months out from the mouth of the Kuskokwim, and she has not been seen since October 13. On the following day the worst storm of the year set in and raged for 88 hours. It was this gale that struck the schooner, and which Captain Siglin describes as one of the worst in his 46 years' experience on the sea.

Nothing is known here of the personal of the crew, except that Captain O. C. Burtell was in command and John Murray, one of the owners, was on board.

PROMINENT MEN AT OREGON-IDAHO Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION.

President J. Thorburn Ross, of Portland.

E. W. Peck, State Secretary, of Minnesota.

E. T. C. Olson, of Chicago.

There were nine or 10 people in all on board. The schooner had on board provisions enough to last until Christmas, but by using the salmon packed in the hold and cutting down the rations, the people could live until spring in case the vessel has been driven onto some beach.

The belief is growing, however, that the vessel foundered and has gone down with all hands.

CITY IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE.

Salem People Complete Its Organization.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The Capital City Improvement League held an enthusiastic meeting in the City Hall last evening, completing the organization begun just before the Summer holidays. The league will immediately begin a campaign for the improvement of the appearance and sanitary conditions of the city to the end that it may be made a beautiful and healthful city of homes.

One suggestion made by President George G. Bingham this evening found much favor, and will probably be put into practice. It is that a price of about \$40 be offered to the child raising the best flower garden next Summer. With this large prize as an incentive to effort, the children would make their city a veritable garden of flowering plants.

The officers of the league are: President, G. G. Bingham; first vice-president, Mrs. E. E. Bean; second vice-president, Mrs. E. E. Vandevort; secretary, Miss Merle Davey; treasurer, H. A. Thomas. The following chairmen of district committees were also named tonight: Mrs. H. Raymond, Mrs. H. B. Thidwell, Mrs. U. J. Lehman, Mrs. H. Hubbard, T. Rigdon, August Hucksstein. The club will meet again next Friday evening.

DISPOSITION OF ROAD FUND.

Clatsop County Last Year Expended \$23,568.44.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—A report filed by the experts in the County Commissioners' Court today shows that the amount expended this far by the county on the construction of a road from this city to the Upper Nehalem Valley is \$23,568.44, which has been paid for out of the fund raised by a special levy. Besides this amount the county has expended during the past two years in the line of road work \$13,923 for machinery, as follows: For rock crusher and engine, \$2,667.62; for grader, \$300.90; for portable cement mixer, \$222.10. The special levy of 2 mills, made for constructing the Nehalem road, raises about \$6000 per year, and as it runs for a period of four years about \$24,000 will thus be secured.

The county estimates that the road has been completed, so if the full 40 miles of road as originally intended is built, another levy will have to be made.