

KNOWLES SIGHTED; BARK WRAPS LEGS

Campers Run Across Nature Man 10 Miles From Start; Fish Shown.

BODY IS MUCH SCRATCHED

Modern Primitive to Seek Rare "Weeping Fir" Shelter Is Belief. Educators Compile Books by Campfire Light.

BY A. L. FAIRBROTHER.

KNOWLES CAMP, Klamath National Forest, via Grants Pass, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—Badly cut up and bruised from briars and brush of the forest, Joe Knowles has been located and spoken to. He is alive and well. He has had food in plenty, so far as could be seen. He refused to speak to those who saw him but he waved a string of fish he had on a branch and looked happy and almost contented.

Ray Briggs, who has a hydraulic mine on Sucker Creek and who is now camping on Grizzly Creek, James Frandin, of Holland, and J. H. Brown, of Seattle, were the three men who stumbled upon Knowles about ten miles from the Knowles Camp Thursday. The news was brought to camp by these men yesterday as they passed over the divide on their way into Oregon.

ODD FOOTPRINTS ATTRACT

"Thursday forenoon" said Frandin, "we were poking along Indian Creek trail when we noticed peculiar prints in the soft soil along the bank. They did not look like the marks of shoes or anything we had ever seen. It may seem strange but they looked more like the tracks of a wild animal, but what wild animal we had not the slightest idea.

"Going on we followed the tracks and suddenly in front of us something white loomed up through the brush, then the full figure of a practically naked man came into view. I knew in an instant it was Knowles, for I had read in The Oregonian what he had done and I had seen the photograph of him. He was as thin as a stick and his legs were wrapped in bark. He was looking at us with a stare and we spoke to him he waved them as we spoke to him as if he were not hearing us. You see I am not starving yet."

KNOWLES CARRIES FISH.

"When we got up close enough we saw that his feet were encased in some kind of sandal, made apparently from bark, with the soles of wood. It is not at all strange the tracks puzzled us for I understand Knowles has no knife and he cut the soles out with a stone. He was carrying a small string of fish on a forked branch and as we spoke to him he waved them as we spoke to him as if he were not hearing us. You see I am not starving yet."

ONE OF US YELLED: 'HELLO, KNOWLES.'

"One of us yelled: 'Hello, Knowles.' as we came in sight of him, but he did not reply to us. He looked around, shook the fish and in an instant plunged into the brush out of sight.

LEGS COVERED WITH BARK.

"His body was badly marked by the thorns and briars, his legs were apparently covered with bark of some kind which was wound around and around in the manner of a legging. He looked well and apparently he was not starving. I couldn't count the fish on the stick but he had several, but they were quite small.

JOE HAS TOLD ME OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT THERE WAS ONE THING HE WAS NOT CAPABLE OF DOING, AND THAT WAS TO EAT RAW FISH.

"I simply can't do it, and if I do not get anything but fish and have no fire I shall have to give up the experiment," he said. It is natural to suppose, therefore, that he has not been on his way to his den or shelter when he was met by the three men.

DR. WATERMAN CONFIDENT.

It would seem as though Dr. Waterman and Professor Edwards would be able to pick up the trail easily now. Both these men are in the forest all day, and as yet no report as to Knowles' actual experience has been received at camp. Yesterday before the two men left the camp on a search for Joe, or for some record he may have left on the trail, Dr. Waterman said this:

"The nights since Tuesday have all been cold even in camp, and I am of the opinion that Knowles has had sufficient time to show whether he can stand the climate or not. He must have succeeded in getting it and a place to sleep comfortably, or I am of the opinion he would have been back in camp by this time."

Knowles has repeatedly said that he would not go into the woods to die; that if he found he could not live either because of the climate or from lack of food, he would come out and acknowledge himself beaten. That he has not returned, and it is now five nights he has spent naked in the forest, would seem to prove that he has found shelter, warmth and food of some character.

KNOWLES TO PROSPECT, TOO.

All the men in this country are gold crazy. Pocket hunters they are called until they make their strike, and the fever has even entered the Knowles camp. Joe himself said before he went into the woods that he intended doing a little prospecting himself. It is but a short way from the camp to where the first gold was discovered in Oregon in 1852 by sailors who deserted from their ship at Crescent City and came into the mountains to search for the metal.

Bert Lambert, the photographer of the party, has purchased a pan and spends most of his time trying to pan gold when he isn't using the same pan to wash dishes. In this manner the camp has kept up a little interest in things since Joe disappeared. The tale of the three prospectors brought joy to everyone. There is not one in the party, including the two university professors, who does not believe that Knowles will make good, but the time hung heavy waiting for the first news.

The conditions are so different from what they are in the Maine woods and the climate so much more severe at night that fears were freely expressed during the first two days that he could never stand it. Those who knew Knowles well knew that he will not give up without a fight and some fight at that.

LOOSENESS IS SPECTER.

One of the prospectors who came into camp yesterday told the story of a real wild man who lived in these forests some years ago. The story goes that he was disappointed in love and hiked off into the mountains to be alone and away from everyone. At last tiring of the loneliness of the woods he made his way into Holland to stay for a short time and while in the little store he met a woman. He backed out and hid it for the woods again and did not return until a searching party found him, a raving lunatic from loneliness, took him out and sent him to an asylum.

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"WEeping Fir" Sought.

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DANGER OF HUNGER REMOTE

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The Indians have ground wild acorns into flour and baked this into bread during many ages. There are many large trunks of hazel nuts over toward Indian River and Joe will range far and near for a dessert there are wild blackberries, raspberries, strawberries and huckleberries. There are two kinds of wild mushrooms, the ordinary one and a kind that is a fuzzy one which must be cooked in hot water which softens the spines and makes it safe to eat. An after-dinner cigar may be made from the soft bark of the Madrone tree. On this trail coming in we saw especially large specimens of the Madrone among the sugar pines. We were much disappointed yesterday in not getting a message from Knowles somewhere along one of the trails. However, ever these first few days of primitive housekeeping and clothes-making will be very full and correspondence by charcoal and bark necessarily limited.

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It is interesting to note how Knowles' necessity has driven him to make essentially the same device which the Eskimo have perfected as the result of the experience of generations.

STRIKES LEAD TO FAILURE

Nine Arkansas Coal Companies Place Selves in Receivership.

FORT SMITH, Ark., July 25.—Nine Sebastian County coal companies and their holding company, the Bache-Denman Coal Company, of this city, were placed under receivership today on voluntary application to Federal Judge Youmans. Five of the companies sued, are making plans to rebuild a handsome brick structure to replace the frame buildings that were destroyed. No insurance was carried on the structures destroyed by fire.

Centralia Owners to Rebuild.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—W. H. Carver and Walter Breen, owners of the north half block of Centralia business property that was wiped out by fire three weeks ago, are making plans to rebuild a handsome brick structure to replace the frame buildings that were destroyed. No insurance was carried on the structures destroyed by fire.

Roslyn Coal Rates Cut.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—The Public Service Commission has issued an order establishing new rates for coal shipped from the Roslyn district, making a general reduction in rates to all other points in the state. The reduction ranges as high as 20 per cent of the old rate.

The Owl Drug Co. "Satisfaction in Every Transaction" Washington, at Broadway

Said a man to the writer: "It is no wonder to me that The Owl store is always busy. You give the people SERVICE." And we do—from the errand boy to the cashier, salesman to the manager, all are filled with the pride of doing things well. This to you means good store SERVICE; the height of Courtesy and Efficiency from every employe to every customer.

"Churchill Soap Day" Monday Real Drug Stores

Beauty's Protector Nationally Advertised Goods at The Owl's Prices

Straw Hat Cleaner 20c Straw Hat Dye 25c

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KNOWLES WILL WIN Raymond Hunter Says Interest in Forest Trip Great

EDUCATORS TO ANGLE Springfield Officials to Fish in Headwaters for Two Weeks

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RESTROOM FUND ILLEGAL County Can't Aid Pomeroy W. C. T. U. Is Opinion

BIG MILL IS BURNED Kalamita Plant Valued at \$250,000 Insured for \$150,000

IDAHO PARK PLANS MADE Deer and Elk to Be Procured and Auto Roads Laid Out

CORNERSTONE IS LAID MASONS CONDUCT CEREMONIES AT ALBANY FEDERAL BUILDING

Ammonia, full pint... 10c Borax, one pound... 10c Buchu Leaves, 3/4 ounce... 10c

Chamois Skins Specially Priced Here is your chance to obtain the finest quality oil-tanned, uniform chamois. All priced for quick selling.

Patent Medicines Chase's Nerve Pills... 40c Cuticura Ointment, large... 85c

Cool Drinks for Hot Days For mother with nursing baby, for auto and picnic trips.

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BOISE, Idaho, July 25.—(Special.)—Heyburn Park, located in Northern Idaho and known as the "playground" of the state, is to be improved for the benefit of the people of Idaho, according to a report from the University of Idaho survey the park and lay out roads. Then these will be built to make the park accessible to many who cannot reach it now.

Spoons, 125 Years Old, Found. MONROE, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—The item in The Sunday Oregonian in regard to Albany's 90-year-old spoon has brought out the fact that Monroe can go it several years better.

At grocers and druggists 50 cents—trial box 10 cents

Vegatol A LAXATIVE CRACKER Contains a vegetable fibre which removes the causes of constipation

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