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CHINOOK EVENTUALLY DEFEATS OLD BOREAS

Indian Legend Is That Walla Wallas Cause Icy Blasts, but That Their Supremacy Wanes Before Avenging Warm Winds.

BY FRANCIS HARDY.

THE chinook wind!

Every resident of Oregon knows of this marvelous Western breeze that is depended on to release Winter's icy grip, turn snowbanks into banks of roses and threatening clouds into Summer skies.

Although perhaps a little hard to realize under recent disastrous weather conditions, the chinook wind is indeed a reality and a dramatic and picturesque one, too, and its origin forms one of the most fascinating of Indian myths pertaining to the forces of nature.

If the Yakima account is to be credited, a site near the town of Columbus, on the Columbia River, may lay claim to the distinction of being the source of the chinook wind. Here lived the five legendary brothers who are said to have caused the welcome breeze. And the story goes that there were five other brothers, the instigators of the cold northeast wind, called the Walla Walla wind by the Indians of the Lower Columbia. The grand parents of both sets of brothers lived where the present town of Umatilla, Or., stands.

Chinooks Are Challenged.

There was continuous strife between the two groups, the walla wallas sweeping the country with icy blasts, uprooting trees and otherwise making things disagreeable; the chinooks following with a thaw and in other ways repairing the damage wrought by their competitors. The war between the two winds became so violent and revengeful that, finally to settle the question of supremacy, the Walla Walla brothers sent to the Chinook brothers a challenge to a wrestling match, forfeiture of their lives being the penalty imposed on the losers.

Speelyel, the great coyote god, was designated as umpire and also to inflict the penalty of decapitation on the defeated group. The wily god, however, told the grandparents of the Chinook brothers that their grandsons would be prevented from falling by covering the wrestling ground with oil; and he also advised the grandparents of the Walla Wallas to throw ice on the site of the battle. The day of the great wrestling match arrived and all the Chinook brothers were thrown and killed because the Walla Walla grandparents threw ice on the ground after the Chinooks had poured on the oil.

Boy Raised to Revenge.

While the result of the gigantic match made the cold northeaster master of the situation, its supremacy was to be short-lived. The widow of the eldest Chinook brother had an infant boy, and she brought him up with one object in view, to avenge the death of his father and uncles. At an early age the boy was kept continually pulling up trees to develop his muscles, and a few years of this strenuous practice enabled him to uproot the largest fire and toss them around like twigs. By the time he reached early manhood his strength became so prodigious that his mother decided that his great aim in life should now become an accomplished fact. As a preliminary demonstration of his fitness for the task, the young Chinook journeyed up the Columbia, uprooting enormous trees and casting them aside like playthings. And then he rested for a night and a day by the Satus Creek in the valley of the Yakima, and even now the place where he lay may be seen on the mountainside.

After resting, the young Chinook turned back to the Columbia and sought the hut of his grandparents, finding them in a condition of great misery and distress. He was much angered to learn that the Walla Walla brothers were the cause of their trouble. It seems that the vanquishers of his father and uncles had been taking full advantage of their supremacy during the past few years and had imposed on the old folks in a most heartless manner.

The grand father was in the habit of going out on the Columbia in a small boat to fish for sturgeon, and when he had a good haul, the Walla Walla wind brothers would set on him and rob him of the results of his labors.

After hiding himself in the bottom of his grandfather's boat to watch for the Walla Walla wind, the young Chinook told the old man to row out in the stream and fish as usual. A good catch was secured, and the Walla Wallas were quick to chase the prize. Much to their astonishment, however, the old man's boat would shoot forward at marvelous speed just as they were about to seize it, and they were left far behind. The coveted fish were therefore landed safely, whereupon the young Chinook took his grandparents to the stream and washed from them the filth that had accumulated on them during all these years of privation and misery.

Walla Wallas Again Challenge.

And then a miraculous thing happened! The filth was at once transformed into trout, and this is the origin of all this kind of fish along the Columbia.

The Walla Walla brothers soon learned that there was a new Chinook champion in the field, and demanded a fresh test of supremacy in the same form as before—a wrestling match. Although the young Chinook would be obliged to meet all five of his opponents, he had such confidence in his superior strength that he readily accepted the challenge.

The god Speelyel was again the umpire and again did he advise the grandparents of the belligerents to throw ice and oil, respectively, on the wrestling ground. But, remembering the cause of the fall of the Chinooks at the previous test of strength, Speelyel told the Chinook grandfather not to throw the oil on the ground until the ice had been used up. The result was that the lone gladiator defeated four of the Walla Walla brothers, one after another, and they were duly decapitated by Speelyel, as arranged. Amazed at the fall of his brothers, the youngest Walla Walla lost courage and surrendered without a struggle.

Although Speelyel saved the young Walla Walla's life, he took from him the power to freeze people to death, only permitting him to blow gently. The god also curtailed the young Chinook's power, decreeing that he should only blow the hardest at night and, furthermore, that in order to prepare the people for his coming, the mountain ridges must be blown on first. So it came to pass that the chinook wind is always the victor over the bitter northeaster.

As a result of the wisdom of the great coyote god, deliverance from snow and ice is always heralded by a black line upon the horizon at the place where the Chinook first blows upon the mountains.

This is an interesting legend, and Oregon has awaited patiently fulfillment by the sign that the gentle chinook is on its way to rid it of its recent burden of snow and ice.

HARVARD FILLS REGIMENT

Students Are Enthusiastic Over Army Instruction Course.

BOSTON, Jan. 27.—Harvard has completed an extensive military mobilization of its scholastic resources, and with the first of the year begins the training of 1100 students and professors to be officers of the United States Army in the event of war. A dozen other schools and universities of New England, as a result of a remarkable change in undergraduate sentiment during the last year, have taken up the military idea in some form, and Harvard, taking the lead with a plan that makes a radical departure both for our colleges and the National Government, sets an example that is likely to be widely imitated in this section.

Harvard has a new course in military science beginning January 1, and instruction by an Army officer, who has been placed in command of the college regiment, which will be known as the "Harvard Regiment of Infantry." Captain Constance Cordier, Fourth Infantry, has been designated by the War Department for this position, and has completed the work of organization begun by the students. The regiment already had enlisted 910 men from the undergraduate body and the faculty, including two Chinese, a Hindu, an Indian and a Russian, who are as enthusiastic as the Americans.

President Lowell gives the movement his support.

A fund is being raised by a committee of graduates, comprising many prominent New England business and professional men, and the "old grads" will defray the expenses, even providing uniforms for the men who cannot afford to obtain them. The uniform will be that of the regulation Army service, with the exception that the cord on the hat will be the Harvard colors, crimson and white. It is expected that guns will be supplied by the War Department.

The lectures that will accompany the practical course will be delivered by Captain Cordier and other officers of the Army, including General Wood, designated by the War Department. It is the intention to make the course progressive by enabling the men to attend students' camps which, it is already apparent, will be established in a number of places next Summer in New England. In fact, the military renaissance at Harvard and other colleges is largely the outgrowth of the Plattsburg camp of last Summer.

Eighty-four of the men enlisted in the regiment attended Plattsburg camp, while 158 of them have had previous military training of some kind. The War Department is enthusiastic over the quality of the men offering at Harvard. They are just the type of men required for company officers in the event of war, and it is expected that every graduate of the regiment will be fit for a commission at the expiration of his course.

Personal popularity of a student will not gain any man a commission in the undergradute regiment, despite the fact that these positions are coveted already as places on the varsity athletic teams. The officers will not be elected, under the system prevailing in the militia, but will be appointed by Captain Cordier on the basis of military efficiency. The men are not going to have a picnic, but hard work to the close of the term in June, after which it is the purpose to have as large a number as possible spend their vacations in the military training camps whch General Wood expects to establish.

NOTE IN SOLDIER SOCKS

Bryn Mawr Girl Gets Odd Reply From French Warrior.

BRYN MAWR, Pa., Jan. 29.—Main Line society women who have been organizing work of war relief have a "chapter" of maids who hailed originally from Old Erin's Isle, hard at work "knitting socks for soldiers." In addition to the socks they send, the maids sometimes inclose a little card, intended for a soldier's eye, with a little something on it about themselves.

One of the consignments got to a French instead of an Irish regiment, and a young Main Line domestic treasures a letter she received from a French soldier, in which he mentioned that he had a brother in America. "Quite a prominent man he is. You may have heard of him. He keeps a saloon in Jersey City."

Means of Precaution.

Aachison Globe.

Why is it necessary to print the words "The End" at the end of a story? Not that there is any use of worrying about it.

SYNOPSIS CHAPTER FIVE.

"THE GODDESS"

NOW RUNNING AT THE PEOPLES THEATER.

Dr. Sargent turned somewhat impatiently to Tom, but perceiving that he was a man of means and not a reporter, listened attentively. Tom explained his interest in Celestia and that she was being detained by the Professor against her will. Finally, after Tom informed the Doctor that he was Tom Barclay, the physician, who knew Gordon Barclay well, consented to let Tom take Celestia away. The two left Bellview in a taxi.

They went from one hotel to another, but her scant clothing caused considerable comment and no place would afford them accommodations.

In desperation, Tom asks the co-operation of Mary Blackstone. Her jealousy is aroused and she refused to aid Tom. He then thought of Gordon Barclay; the latter, for reasons of his own, was only too anxious again to have Celestia placed under the Professor's charge, and immediately consented to Tom's proposal. The two hurried downstairs, but found the cab and Celestia—gone!!

Barclay ordered Tom to search everywhere for her while he would notify the police.

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Meanwhile Celestia, free from Tom's embraces, began to realize she was forgetting her mission, and, to evade Tom, ordered the driver to go ahead. Finally the cab stopped, and Celestia, getting out, started to walk away, but the driver grabbed her arm and demanded his fare. She had no money and the scene soon attracted a crowd. In the midst of the turmoil a woman pushed her way through the crowd, whispered in the driver's ear, and, entering the carriage with Celestia, the two were soon whirling through the city. The woman, Mrs. Baxter, took Celestia to her home and, while professing friendship for the girl, arranged through her accomplice, Freddy the Ferret (whose real name was Frederick Douglas) to drug the girl and sell her to Sweetzer, a notorious underworld habitue.

After making the bargain, Mrs. Baxter is deeply impressed with Celestia's beauty. She placed Celestia in a trunk and told Sweetzer that the girl had escaped.

Sweetzer, in a rage, demanded the return of his money, but Mrs. Baxter leered at him and flatly refused. He then told Freddie the Ferret to bring him the girl dead or alive.

Meanwhile Celestia awoke and Mrs. Baxter urged her to get away to safety, giving her the money obtained from Sweetzer.

Upon leaving Mrs. Baxter's house a crowd followed her, and, to escape, she darted into an open doorway—and, unfortunately, the home of Freddie the Ferret. The Ferret's mother is about to be dispossessed and Celestia aids her with the money given her by Mrs. Baxter.

Freddie, entering, recognizes the girl, and, remembering Sweetzer's instructions, grabs up an old heavy table leg and, with a scowl of half-witted ferocity, creeps up behind Celestia.

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