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BACK ON THE FIRING LINE

**John Walred Tells of His Trip To
Gettysburg. Visits Spot on Which
He fell When Wounded. Declares
Trip Greatest He had in Life.**

Gettysburg, June 25, 1913.

Editor Beaver State Herald:

Oregon sent 69 G. A. R. men to the anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. We left Portland on June 25 at 2 p. m. There was an immense crowd to see them off. At Hood River the ladies strewed roses from the back end of the observation car, which were eagerly picked up. Mosier is a nice town, nestled between the mountains, and there is an island in the river, said to be an Indian burial place.

The Dalles is a very nice city, but the country around it generally is very rocky, and the Columbia runs through rocky gorges. The city has about 12,000 inhabitants. Just beyond The Dalles is a large salmon cannery. After leaving The Dalles we passed through a large scope of country that was level and covered with sage brush. Umatilla is a nice little town. The ladies threw roses from the end of the car. Hermiston is a nice town. The farming is mostly fruit and alfalfa.

On June 26, when I awoke, we were in Huntington. This is a nice place of about 400 inhabitants, with mountains on each side. We crossed the Snake river about 6 a. m. into Idaho. Weiser is a good town, having a large level country. They raise mostly alfalfa. The Payette Valley is very nice. Here they raise lots of fruit. Caldwell is a fine city. It has street cars and a fine country around it. Alfalfa and fruit look fine, but wheat and oats light. Alkali can be seen in many places. Nampa has a fine school building and fine park and depot. American Falls on the Snake river is a good power site. Pocatello is a railroad town. MacCammon is a good town situated in a good fertile country. It has a large school building.

At 5 o'clock p. m. we passed snow-capped mountains, and at 7 o'clock we entered Wyoming. Here we passed over a large marsh, with water over most of it. Wyoming is mostly a grazing country.

Fort Larimer is a city of about 1400. The Elk mountains, covered with snow, can be plainly seen from the cars. This is a part of the Rockies. At Larimer is also the large cement works, where they make the Portland cement. Cheyenne is the largest city in Wyoming.

Nebraska is all prairie and is used for grazing. They also raise lots of alfalfa and apples. Julesburg has a fine large park at the depot. North Platt is a lively town and is surrounded by a fine farming country. Here we crossed the North Platt river.

We woke up the morning of June 28, in Iowa. Crops are looking well. Cedar Rapids is a fine city. Corn in Iowa and Illinois is about waist high and looking fine; small grain is also in good condition.

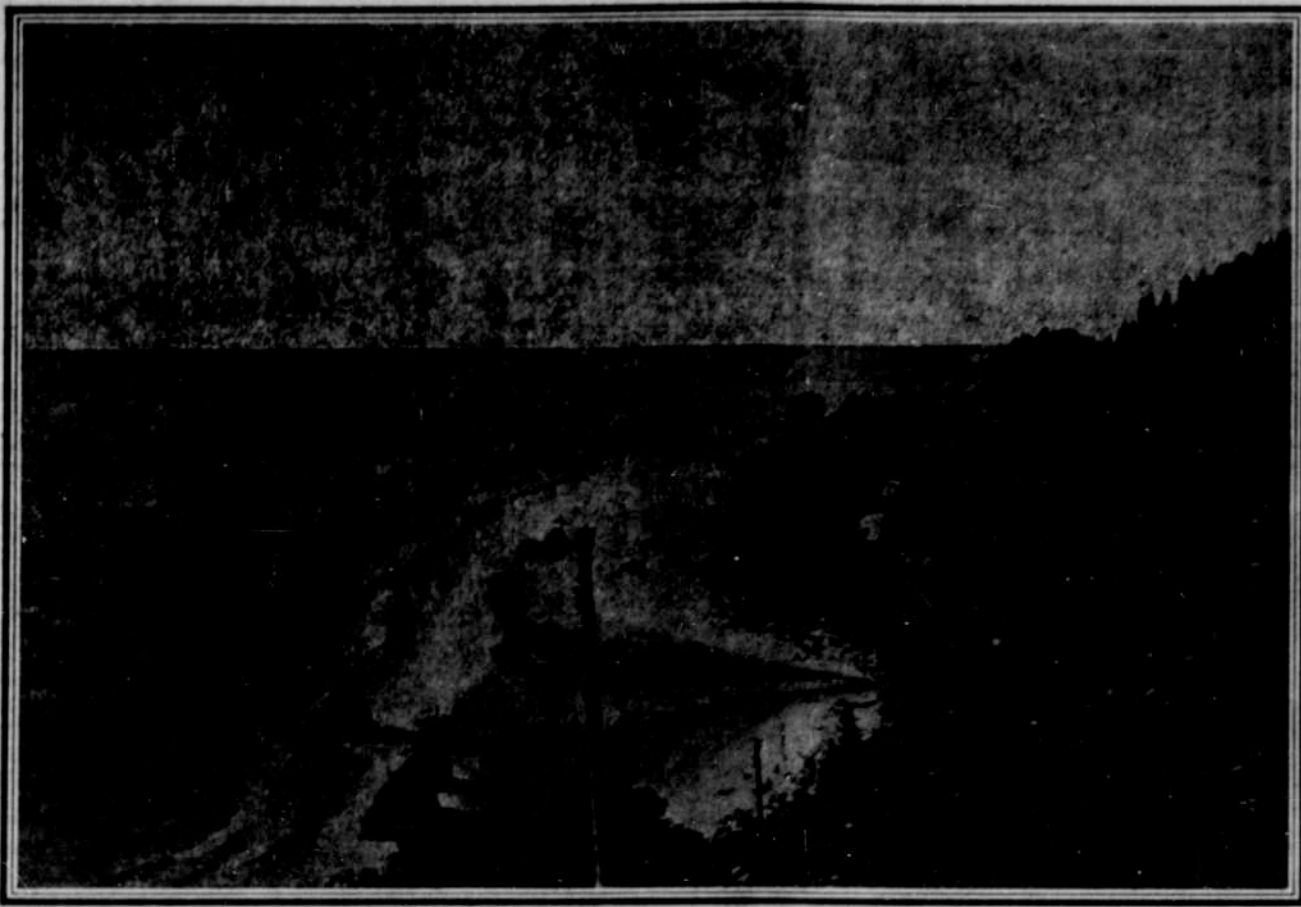
We left Chicago for Gettysburg at 7 p. m., and at 5 a. m. the next morning we were in Youngstown, Ohio. Here are large iron and glass works. At 1 p. m. we were in Pittsburgh, Pa. This is a great manufacturing city. After leaving Pittsburgh we went through several tunnels. Sunday services were held in the Observation car.

Cumberland, W. Va., is a nice, large city, lying at the foot of the mountains. We crossed the Big Four river in Maryland at 5 p. m., and through Williamsport at 5:30, thence through Hagerstown, arriving at Gettysburg June 30, and put in the day inspecting the camp.

On July 1 two comrades and myself hired an auto and went over the historic battlefield. I was not aware that the battle ground covered so much space. Everything of importance was marked. In the afternoon the Iron Brigade had a reunion.

The morning of July 2 I went to the place where I was wounded. Everything looks natural, only I could not find the depression I made in the ground when I fell. I wanted to bring that home with me.

July 3—The Iron Brigade had another reunion. They say I was the coolest man in that battle—I was so, so cool that I shivered.



GARIBALDI BEACH, TILLAMOOK OREGON

JAMES SNYDER A VICTIM AT SEASIDE

After the Fourth of July celebration at Astoria, James Snyder and Harry Burnham of Lents went to Seaside for a short outing. They thought to enjoy a plunge in the ocean the first thing and the outcome was decidedly different from what they thought. James soon got beyond his depth and could not get back. Harry undertook to save him, but the undertaking was too much. After going down twice Harry had to let go. James disappeared and his remains had not been found up to Monday evening.

Mr. Snyder is a Lents boy, 22 years of age, and has been employed around town at various times for the past year or so. He leaves a number of relatives and a good many friends to mourn his loss.

INCENDIARY FIRE AT BALL PARK

Lents Ball Park was the scene of what undoubtedly was an incendiary fire on Saturday evening, about 11 o'clock. There was no reason for a fire starting there at that time of day, or at any other time for that matter. But just why anyone should be interested in burning down the grand stand seems to be a mystery to most of the people. The ball grounds are not used during the week and Sunday is the only time when the most of the boys who belong to the team can afford time to play, so reasonable people would take that into consideration and be glad to see them enjoy themselves. Unfortunately, Lents has a number of people who would rather see a funeral procession with some of the young people of the town in the hearse than to see them enjoy themselves a little. The supposition must be that some enemy of Sunday enjoyment had a part in disposing of the ball ground property. But as one of the team says, they did not burn the ground up. A reward of \$100.00 is offered for the conviction of the guilty party or parties.

GRESHAM BANK DECLARED PROSPEROUS

An item in last week's Herald caused some question to be asked of the Bank of Gresham during the past week. The information was furnished that the bank was in good condition and so far as its continuance was concerned there was no cause for alarm. The Herald informant seems to think he knows what he is talking about, but perhaps in this, as in many other instances, the publicity was unnecessary, at best. The Herald has always been on friendly terms with the Bank of Gresham, and would not care to hear anything that would be detrimental to its interests. There have been some changing around of interests in the bank of late and that may have been the cause of the ideas which were published.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY EVENING

If present prospects are carried out the Friday evening meeting of the Lents Commercial and Civic Improvement Club will be the biggest thing yet. One of the questions that has been bothering for some time is that of dues. Just how to maintain the club and meet its expenses without dues is a much discussed question. If it were not for the small expense of maintenance there would be no occasion for worry, but some very easy plan must be devised. All those interested in this phase of matters in the situation will be interested in coming out.

Since our absorption by the city of Portland there is a probability that there will be plenty to discuss on that account. One of the first things to be taken up is that of better police protection. One of the most satisfactory things incident to the coming into the city is the frequent appearance of a police officer on the streets of the town. It is having a good effect and will no doubt have a tendency to quiet things down quite a bit. But instead of having one come out here for his dinner or supper, we want one here all of the time. The club should appoint a good live committee to wait upon the mayor and get immediate action on the matter. The longer that is delayed the harder it will be to do anything with it.

Another matter that is alive is that of the local branch library. It is thought by some that the location would be improved by placing it nearer the school house. The present location has been quite satisfactory in the past, yet it is thought that more children would be interested in it were it located as mentioned. There is also some talk of trying to get a new building especially prepared for the purpose.

The Water Department will have to be seen relative to better service in this district. Many of the mains are too small, and others of them are made of wood, and are constantly bursting. They would not stand much pressure in case of a fire. Insurance companies are not likely to make much changes in rates until there are improvements made in the water supply. This should be attended to at once.

The meeting will be held at the Seward Hall at about 8 o'clock.

LENTS BOY LOSES EYE.

The Fourth of July passed off at Lents without much worth telling. The best part of it is that there are very few accidents. One boy, however, will have occasion to regret the day the remainder of his life. Lowell Brandon lost one eye by reason of his exploding a firecracker too close to it. His face was somewhat burned and the sight of one eye is thought to be permanently destroyed.

The great Sunday school Fourth of July parade held in Portland proved to be among the largest and most pleasing and successful parades ever held, of its kind, in Portland.

GIRLS HOSE TEAM TAKES THIRD PLACE

Did we have a good time at Astoria? Well, I rather guess we did.

Upon our arrival at Astoria their Girls' Hose Team met us at the depot and marched to the hotel with us.

At one-thirty p. m. we formed in line for the parade, and were placed immediately behind her majesty, Queen Beatrice.

After the parade we spent an hour or so in viewing the principal street scenes. Then the first hose race was called. This was a 100 yard dash with Astoria's huge racing cart. It was run on the plank roadway on Commercial street. The Astoria girls won this race in 18 4-5 seconds; Gresham second in 20 1-5 seconds; and Lents in 21 seconds.

After supper Captain Hull took us for a ride in the bay on the Steamer Wenona, and we viewed the fire works from her decks.

On the morning of the fifth we were taken in a large auto bus to the city park and water reservoir. From here we could see the beautiful Youngs Bay district, the Lewis and Clark river, old Fort Clatsop, Warrenton, Saddle Mountain, Cockscomb Hill, and many of us had our first view of the mighty Pacific ocean. On returning to the city we could command a perfect sight of the harbor and in the distance, Knappa, Wash., Government Quarantine Station, Hungry Harbor, Ft. Columbia, Ft. Canby, Cape Hancock, and Desdemonia Lights, as well as three seining grounds in operation.

Then Captain Wolf entertained us on the Regatta Flag Ship, the United States Revenue Cutter McCullough, where we took in the ship from kelson to flying bridge.

After dinner came the races again, at 2 p. m. The dry test was run on the plank street on Bond street. This was run 100 yards, lay 150 feet hose, connect to hydrant, break coupling and couple nozzle. In this race Astoria and Lents tied for first place; time, 34 4-5 seconds; Gresham time, 35 1-4 seconds. In this race Miss Wrisley, Miss Huxley, and Miss Davis were compelled to withdraw from the races on account of sprained ankles. This left the Lents team in very poor shape to finish the series.

But at 4 o'clock the wet test was called. This consisted of running 100 yards, lay 150 feet hose, connect to hydrant, break and connect nozzle and get water. Gresham girls won in 33 2-5 seconds; Astoria was second, with 41 1-5 seconds; and Lents in 45 seconds. This was remarkably good time when the fact that there were only six girls running against ten in the other teams.

This ended the hose races. Captain E. W. Spooner of Portland entertained the three hose teams and their managers and chaperons at dinner at the Hotel Weinhard. After dinner the teams were taken for short auto rides. Then they were entertained on board the U. S. Quartermaster's steamer, Captain James Fornance, by her commander, Captain Byrn. This gallant vessel lead the illuminated marine parade, and won

first prize. We rode three times around the course, enjoying the music of the band on deck and taking in the parade. When we landed, autos were called for the members of the teams who did not feel able to walk and were taken to the principal theatre and there we spent a pleasant hour.

We were introduced to the Queen of the Regatta, and after receiving her blessing we were introduced to Admiral Morgan, who complimented us most highly.

Sunday morning Captain Peter John and daughters took us for a ride to the lower harbor on their spacious launch Rose. Here we saw the South jetty entrance to the river and again saw the forts and light houses, but this time we were nearer them.

After roaming around the city for an hour or two we took train for home.

As famous as Astoria is for hospitality, she eclipsed any former record this time. Every auto, every vehicle of any sort was at our service; in fact, we "owned the town."

The young ladies of the Astoria hose team were the best of hosts. Fred Brown, their jolly manager, was there at every opportunity to show us a good time. Fred Johnson, chairman of the Land Sports Committee, was as constantly in attendance on us as his arduous duties would permit. The members of the Admiral's staff acted as escorts to us upon every opportunity; in fact, every citizen of the city by the sea was a host in themselves. The Astoria fire department acted as special police during the races and Chief Foster and his men did everything they could to assist us. Nothing that could have been done for our comfort, pleasure or amusement was left undone.

We have certainly had the time of our lives. While the racing on the plank roads was hard on us, we enjoyed the trip and every minute of it. It was a pleasure to meet a foe as worthy of our steel as those Astoria girls were. We see Regatta Queens in them for years to come.

Three cheers for Astoria, three cheers for Queen Beatrice, and three times three cheers for the Astoria girls and their manager.

— LENTS TEAM.

SUMMER SCHOOL IN DEMAND

The Lents Summer School was duly opened on Monday morning. One hundred and forty-nine pupils were enrolled in regular studies. Sixty boys are taking manual training work, ten of whom are in the other work, making well over 200. Forty-five of the girls are engaged in sewing classes. The teachers engaged are Misses Cavanna, Fawcett, Monroe and Waugh. The seasons extend from 8:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

Mrs. Durand of Portland spent the Fourth with her mother, Mrs. Dunseth.

MAROONS DEFEAT LENTS GIANTS

**In a 15 Inning Game Error Gives
Visiting Team Winning Run.
Next Sunday The Giants Play the
Earnest Grays.**

In one of the fastest games ever seen on the Lents diamond, the Portland Maroons defeated the Lents Giants in a 15-inning game July 4th. The game was full of sensational plays from start to finish. In the second inning the Maroons scored with a single to center. After that there were no scores made until the ninth inning. When they were two out and two down, Nelson, the Giants' shortstop, put the ball over the fence, tying the score. The game went on for six innings more. In the 15th inning, with two out, one of the Maroons flew to center. All the fans thought there would be nothing to it for the fielder to catch it, but he dropped it, giving the Maroons the score that gave them the game. If that awful error had not happened the game would be going on yet.

Strike outs—By Webb, 23; by Harlow, 12; by Mohler, 4. Mohler replaced Harlow in the 11th inning.

Hits—Off Webb, 6; off Harlow, 8. Webb had the visitors eating out of his hand all the time and it is not his fault he didn't get a shutout. While Harlow and Mohler pitched great ball, they have to take off their hats to Webb. Score, 3-1.

Lineup:
Giants—E. Webb, pitcher; B. Boland, catcher; Grimm, first base; Nelson, shortstop; A. Boland, second base; Ikenlaub, third base; W. Webb, left field; M. Boland, center field; Anderson, right field.

Maroons—Harlow and Mohler, pitchers; Bortholey, catcher; Doby, first base; Hamby, shortstop; Wadsworth, second base; Collins, third base; E. Liepsied, left field; Powell, center field; E. Liepsied, right field.

Next Sunday the Giants play the Earnest Grays, which is sure to be a fast game.

Remember, next Sunday there will be one of the fastest games ever played on the Lents diamond, and possibly two games will be played, notwithstanding the burning of the grandstand. A section of the left field bleachers have been placed back of the home plate, and other changes made, and we will not be handicapped in the least. We trust that the narrow-minded cur with the petty larceny instinct, who dropped so far below the normal of man, and for the time being reverted to the animal kingdom, will reap a reward paramount to the deed. Nearly all of the school leagues sometime or another have used these ball grounds absolutely gratis; they have had free access to the grounds at all times, and the fact these children have had a playground, have never been asked to contribute any portion of the cost of maintenance should appeal to anyone who has the welfare of the neighborhood in mind. The boys that comprise the Lents Giants are all laborers and Sunday is the only day they can find for recreation and have a small measure of pleasure, and it would seem that the citizens of Lents should not begrudge them this sport, inasmuch as all games are conducted in an orderly and gentlemanly manner; yet there are some who have outlived their usefulness on this sphere and their only ambition appears to be the desire to create trouble for others, but thanks to the Creator this breed are in a hopeless minority, and with the sun shining the games will go on. Manager Forte will use the following lineup in next Sunday's game, and he considers it by far the strongest aggregation of players he has had together, so far, this year:

A. Boland, second base; W. Webb, left field; Ikenlaub, third base; Nelson, shortstop; W. Boland, first base; Guertz, right field; M. Boland, center field; Jergenson, catcher; E. Webb, pitcher; Hurst and Barbagalata, utility.

The Ladies of the Mount Scott W. C. T. U. held their meeting at the home of Mrs. F. Gates of Gilbert Crossing, Tuesday afternoon. The children of the Loyal Temperance Legion furnished the program. Refreshments were served. A very enjoyable time was spent.