

THE ENTERPRISE.

OREGON CITY, OREGON, OCTOBER 21, 1873.

Marriage in Indian Life.

Passing through an Indian—say a Cowichan—village in the morning, you may chance to see a young fellow wrapped up in his blanket, sitting crouched up in the doorway of one of the lodges. That young man has come on a delicate errand. He is a lover, and this is his way of going about the rather delicate business of taking a wife. By and by the occupants of the lodge will get up and walk out, nobody taking the slightest notice of him. For a week this may go on every day the young man coming and returning without being invited in. At last, if he is agreeable in the eyes of the parents, he is asked in and food set before him—if he is an honored guest, the food, such as the roasted or dried salmon, being prepared by the master of the house—and business opens. His friends bring forward the presents he is prepared to give for the damsel, or an equivalent for the same, until he has no more. If the father is satisfied, all is well; if not, he must go elsewhere. This is the general routine of Indian marriages—merely purchase. However, the Indians themselves stoutly deny that it is so, and possibly with truth. They say that the presents are not given as the price of the wife, but only to express their value and rank, a woman of low status in society being valued at much less: if the father is a man of any to do at all, he will send back with his daughter fully as much as he received. All I can say is that this is so rare, that I never heard of it more than once or twice. Betrothals in early youth, or even in childhood, are common, and as an earnest of good faith the parents on both sides deposit certain amount of goods, commonly blankets. These betrothals are generally respected, a breach of engagement being a serious cause of offense to the betrothed lover. Though at betrothal the betrothal is made, yet the father is tolerably well known, yet the father can raise it if, in the opinion of the majority of her tribe, she has materially improved since the date of that ceremony—though, curiously enough, this is said to happen rather rarely. The betrothal may be cancelled if during the interval the lover's third offer for her is refused, supposing that no price has been fixed at the time of betrothal; but this generally gives cause to bitter-ness, and not infrequently to feuds. Young men, before being married, will often go about showing their courage and scratching their faces until the blood comes. That an Indian is not altogether deficient in sentiment and love must not, however, be supposed from the matter-of-fact way he treats marriage. Many of their songs are about love and in the vicinity of Indian villages the traveler may notice young fir shoots split down in the middle to the very ground. This is done by youthful lovers to see if they will be faithful to each other. They split the top of the shoot with their knives, then carefully divide it downward and downward; but if one side breaks off at a knot, then one of them will prove untrue. But they will not be content with this angry, but will try and try again until they can find a young fir which will stand up to the test of their wishes. —From "The Race of Manak."

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