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FROM THE MISSISSIPPI TO THE COLUMBIA..... AND DOWN THE COLUMBIA TO THE SEA

CHAPTER III.

I can remember incidents, places and things, but find that I cannot locate them. In attempting to do so, I may be three hundred miles off. Where was Chimney Rock? Somewhere on the plains.

The train had been moving westward across a level country, for days it may have been, where no tree was to be seen; but, looking ahead, far in the distance, I saw a bush, which, as we moved along, continued to grow until the shades of evening began to darken into night and we went into camp. In the morning about the first object that attracted my attention was that bush, which now appeared to have grown to be quite a sapling. By noon it had grown to be a tree, and about sunset we were under its branches, and, I think, went into camp near it. It was a very large pine tree, the round, straight trunk towering up like a great column and supporting a spreading top. This was the "Lone Pine." For several years after I could hear of the "Lone Pine" from immigrants following our trail, but later was told that it had been cut down for firewood.

Another object that attracted my attention was Chimney Rock. It was near the line of our march, and we could see it for several days before we passed near it. At first we could see only a pinnacle afar off, looking much like a chimney flue or church steeple; but, as we traveled on, it appeared to be somewhat divided into two, or three points at the top, one pinnacle being much higher than the others. Nearer, we could see that the chimney-like pinnacles were on the top of a mountain or high hill, and that beyond and not far from it was an irregular range of mountains. I could not form an opinion as to the height of this chimney rock, but it seemed to me to touch the sky. Some of the young men visited the rock that evening, and returned late at night. They declared it was ten miles away. Immigrants afterwards told me that Chimney Rock had continued to crumble and fall away from year to year until it was about all down, and that unique and famous landmark has about passed away.

I think it was in this part of the country that we found the prairie dog towns. The prairie dogs seemed to prefer city life, for we always found them living in towns or cities. The population of some of these cities was as great as that of Greater New York. The dog is about the size of a young puppy. As we would pass through or near their towns, they would come out of their holes and sit up straight on their hindquarters, always near their burrow, and utter something like a yelp. On the slightest alarm, they would drop into their holes. I saw owls sitting among them, and it is said that dogs, owls and rattlesnakes lived together in the same hole.

It seems that matches were not in use when we crossed the plains, and to get fire, at times, a man would rub a cotton rag in powder and shoot it out of a musket, or put it in the pan of a flint-lock gun and then explode the powder in the pan. A flint, steel and punk were often used in starting a fire. Many of the guns were flint-locks, but some were called percussion guns, with nipple and cap, and all were muzzle loaders.

Antelopes and long-eared rabbits were everywhere. Father had two black dogs called greyhounds. They were very fast runners, and could soon pick up a rabbit, but when they chased an antelope it was quite different. One day an antelope had in some way been separated

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A. APPLEGATE
an Oregon Pio
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of a rim-like formation, about eight inches from the common level. This rim was composed of a deposit from the water. The mouth was nearly a foot across, and nearly or quite round, and puffs of steam issued from it. Eight or ten feet from the mouth was a hole in the ground, four or five inches across, and whenever the spring went into convulsions and began throwing up, gusts of hot steam and spray would issue from this hole with a noise like that from the escape pipe of a boiler. This hole was evidently connected with the spring, and the boys regarded it with much interest. Some tried to keep it from puffing by closing it with sods and grass, but, whenever the spasm came, the caulking would be thrown out. One young man placed his wool hat over the hole and held it there, with his hands and knees planted firmly on the brim. This, he supposed, would be a "corker"; but, when the puff came, the hat crown stretched for a moment and then bursted at the top. This spring was called Steamboat Spring—it puffed like a steamboat.

At Fort Hall we were in camp probably a day or two. Captain Grant was in command at the fort. It was a Hudson Bay trading post, and a resort for trappers, mountain men, Indians of the Shoshone or Snake tribes, and other Indians. The fort was built of sun-dried bricks, (adobe). The walls were solid on the outside, except for portholes and a gate or two. There was a square court inside, and the houses opened upon the four sides of this square.

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There had been no wagons beyond this fort, and I think it was the opinion of the people here that it would not be practicable to take them further—that we had better leave the wagons and resort to pack animals; but the emigrants, after thorough consideration, determined to move on as they had come.

(Continued Next Week)

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lawton, of Sheridan, visited friends in Dallas, Sunday.

Miss Jessie Bratton, who was employed as head trimmer in Mrs. Chace's millinery store during the Fall season, left Monday for her home in Baker City.

Agony.

Of Apprehension of Sudden Death.

Twenty Years of Heart Disease.

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure Cured Me.

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure cures heart disease. The cure is positive and equal in that regard. The swelling, palpitation and heart pains are entirely removed in a few days. The shortness of breath, the frightful smothering spells vanish after a short course of treatment; the pulse beats become strong and regular, the circulation is improved so that the face and fingers are flushed, pale, giving blood carrying strength, and health to every nerve and muscle and replacing the dead tissue with solid flesh.

"For eighteen years I suffered from heart trouble. The least excitement caused severe pain and palpitation, and at night sometimes I could not sleep for the shortness of breath. Beside the frequent physical pains I was constantly in agony of apprehension lest it might bring death. My doctor began to prescribe Dr. Miles' Heart Cure and experienced almost immediate relief from my former disagreeable symptoms. I believe that my cure is permanent because I have not had occasion to use the Heart Cure for six or seven years, although I have elapsed since taking the Heart Cure. As a household remedy I keep Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills in the house all the time. I consider the Dr. Miles Remedies fully as good as they are recommended to be, and I hope they may live many years for the sake of humanity."—R. T. Hawley, Clatskanie, Wash.

All druggists sell and guarantee first bottle Dr. Miles' Remedies. Send for free book on Nervous and Heart Diseases. Address Dr. Miles Medical Co., Eureka, Ind.

EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST teacher. Use Acker's Emulsion for colds, sore throat, coughs, cold or croup. Should it fail to give immediate relief money refunded. 25 cts. and 50 cts. Belt & Cherrington, Dallas, Oregon.

SICK HEADACHE ABSOLUTELY relieved by using Dr. Miles' Remedy. A pleasant herb drink. Cures constipation and indigestion, makes you eat, sleep, work and happy. Satisfaction guaranteed or money back. 25 cts. and 50 cts. Belt & Cherrington, Dallas, Oregon.

ACKER'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS are sold on a positive guarantee. Cures headache, toothache, indigestion, flatulence, etc. All forms of dyspepsia. One little tablet gives immediate relief. 25 cts. and 50 cts. Belt & Cherrington, Dallas, Oregon.

BASKET BALL SEASON HERE

Dallas College Team Has Arranged Games With Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and Other North-west Cities.

The opening game of the basketball season will be played in the College gymnasium next Friday evening, December 11. Previous to the game, a gymnastic exhibition will be given by the various classes. The program will consist of a march by 16 young ladies, class drill by boys, vaulting, high diving, potato races and club swinging. The line-up of the teams and the admission price will be made public in our next issue.

The prospects for basketball this year are bright. The Dallas College team was one of the very best in the state last year, and as all of the old players are back in school again, there is no reason why this year's team should not make a strong showing. The team gained recognition from all the leading colleges and athletic associations by their excellent record last year, and will be found playing with none but the leading teams of the Northwest, this season.

According to the schedule as arranged at present, the Dallas team will go to Portland on Christmas day and play the Portland All-Stars in the evening. They will then go North to Seattle, playing at Chehalis, Centralia and Tacoma enroute. Returning to Vancouver about the first of the year, they will try conclusions with the United States army team, and then return to Portland for a game with the Multnomah Athletic Club.

On the home floor games will be played with the Portland All-Stars, Oregon Agricultural College, Willamette University and McMinnville College. The team may also take a trip South, playing at Corvallis, Albany and Eugene. A swindler, whose scheme is to raise the figures in money orders and then cash them is operating in this section of the country. His plan is to enter a store or other business house late in the evening, and, after making a small purchase, offer the bogus money order in payment, expecting cash in return. When asked for identification, he displays letters addressed to himself. In every instance the figures in the money order turn out to have been raised, but by the time it is presented at the postoffice, the swindler is far away. Postmaster Coad has received from the department a circular bearing the likeness of the young man, and warning people not to be taken in by him. Business men should be on the lookout for this performer.

Every member of the team is working hard, and will show up in fine condition for the opening game in Portland, Christmas night. With the return of Will Hoffman from Pendleton, the members of last year's team are all in school again, and from this time on regular practice will be kept up.

The people of Dallas are enthusiastic patrons of all kinds of clean athletic sports, and the basketball boys will receive the same loyal support and encouragement that was accorded them last year, when they played some of the strongest teams in the state to a standstill.

City council meeting next Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kirkpatrick went to Portland, Tuesday.

Deputy County Clerk W. F. Nichols was a Portland visitor, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dunn returned home Saturday evening from a visit with relatives in Portland.

Mrs. J. C. Morrison and children came over from Independence and visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Campbell, Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Richmond, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Townsend at Oak Lodge farm, near Perrydale, returned home Friday. Mrs. Townsend accompanied her mother to Dallas, and spent the day visiting friends.

Joseph Guthrie, who was caught between two logs and painfully bruised, while working in the Coast Range sawmill near Falls City last Summer, has brought suit against the company for \$20,000 damages. He alleges in his complaint that the accident was caused by a defect in the machinery and the carelessness of the overseer. The action is brought in Judge Burnett's department of the Circuit Court.

We will send you a little of the Emulsion free.

Be sure that this picture is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.

MERRY TIME IN STORE

Epworth League Bazaar Will Open With Good Program Next Thursday Evening.

The young people of the Epworth League will open their bazaar in the City Hall next Thursday evening. A good program is being prepared, and a merry time is promised. The bazaar will be open to the public all day Friday, and will close with a program Friday evening. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged.

Thursday evening's program will be presented in the form of a reception given by two prominent citizens in the year 1903 to their associates of 1903. A number of distinguished guests will be present and contribute to the evening's entertainment. The audience will be pleased to learn of the experiences and successes of their old friends of 1903. In addition to these enjoyable features, the hosts will show several life-size paintings by celebrated artists. The program for Friday evening will be published next week.

Persons who are making articles to be sold at the bazaar are requested to leave them at H. M. Pollock's store, on Mill street, not later than Tuesday, December 8.

LOOK OUT FOR HIM

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