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—Premier Sagas Mr. M. Eells publishes
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th ceeded ahead of us in answer to a special
s message from Mr. Eells, sent forward to
meet us by Indian runners and for the
purpose of being in attendance on Mrs.
Eells, who was anticipating an addition
to the Eells family."

The Mr. Eells who thus sent Indian runners five hundred miles to take Dr. Whitman away from the company of immigrants, was the father of the Mr. Eells who now writes the letter referred to, and the author of the present Eells' letter was the "addition made to the Eells family" at that former time. It is therefore not surprising that the present Mr. Eells should entertain a grateful regard for the man whose kindly offices helped him into this world; for it would be a bad man indeed that would not sound the praise of the bridge that bore him safe over.

But Mr. Eells having just got into this world as the immigration of 1843 reached Oregon, and not being from among them he is not entitled to sign himself an immigrant of 1843, as he does; for he did not emigrate to Oregon and had no voice in coming here. Mr. Eells knows nothing about what he writes about and has nothing but hearsay for his statements. He also quotes John Zachary and Wm. Waldo in proof of the alleged representations by Whitman to induce immigration in 1843; but these men were in 1843 but mere boys, not over ten years of age and liable to be mistaken entirely in what they state about matters which certainly did not interest boys of that age.

The partizans of the "Whitman saved Oregon" proposition take a rather sophistical way to prove their case. There are about a dozen of them all told; and they prove there assertions as to what Whitman did, by quoting each other as witnesses. Now if those who do not believe that Whitman saved Oregon should rely on the specious style of reasoning, they could readily quote several hundred witnesses who came over the plains in 1843. And some of these partisans of the Whitman savior idea, don't stop with fallacious reasoning, but boldly make assertions that are notoriously false. For example there is the Rev. Doctor of Divinity Nixon who has written a book of 400 pages to prove that Whitman saved Oregon, and as a sample of his historical facts he asserts that A. L. Lovejoy (who accompanied Whitman on his winter trip in 1842 as far as Fort Benton) followed Whitman on to St. Louis and "scattered the news of the emigration far and wide." Lovejoy himself says that he stopped at Fort Benton 500 miles west of the point where the emigration of 1843 left Missouri and remained there until spring, and then went over to Fort Laramie and joined the immigration caravan and came back with it to Oregon, never having gone to the states at all. Now if Dr. Nixon will solemnly assert in a book written to prove his case, such a falsehood as that, what may we expect of others not as great as he is.

But while Mr. Eells claims that Dr. Whitman had it in his mind to go back to Washington in 1842 to save this country from the British, he did not tell anybody, or at least a very select few, of the object of his trip. He would here represent Dr. Whitman as going about to "do good by stealth, and afterwards find it fame." I don't believe Dr. Whitman was any such a coward or sneak. I know him better than that. He was open and above-board in all his acts; a fearless courageous man. But his own written testimony, and that of his wife shows that he went to Washington in 1843 for a different purpose. When Dr. Whitman started East in 1842 his wife wrote the following letter to her parents and sent it with her husband:

WAILUTPU, Sept. 30, 1842.

My Beloved Parents, Brothers and Sisters: You will be surprised if this reaches you to learn that the author of these lines is my dear husband * * * He goes upon important business, as connected with the missionary cause, the cause of Christ in this land. * * I cheerfully consent to remain behind, that the object of his almost immediate presence in the land of our birth might, if possible, be accomplished. * * * * Believe me, dear friends, I am happy in making this sacrifice for Christ. It is for Him.

MARCISSA WHITMAN.

The doctor also, on his return home, wrote a letter to his brother Howard, pupil of Shawnee Mission school, near Westport, Mo., May 27, 1843:

"I cannot tell you very much about the immigrants to Oregon. I hope to start tomorrow. I shall have an easy journey as I have not much to do, having no one depending on me. M. W."

Again, on May 28, 1843, from Shawnee mission:

"Dear Brother Calusha: When I got to St. Louis I went to Quincy and saw [illegible] I had a fine journey all the way across the plain, was able to get funds for the mission, I meant to improve the opportunity of purchasing sheep [illegible]

than soldiers. We want to get wheat and stock from the government for the Indians instead of money for their lands. I hope to be expeditious in traveling after we get to Fort Hall. I shall try to go on rapidly if not before.

MARCUS WHITMAN.

These letters are sufficient answer to all the trumped up statements that Dr. Whitman went to Washington to get the government to take possession of Oregon; or that he gathered, organized or piloted the immigration of 1843 to this country.

I protest against this belittling of the honorable record and glorious fame of Marcus Whitman by his self assumed friends. If he has no better friends than such injudicious partisans as Mr. Eells, then may the Lord save him from such friends.

Dr. Whitman came to Oregon under a solemn vow to teach and labor for the Indians. I believe he religiously kept that vow until stricken down by the brutal savage he sought to bless. But this Nixon, Eells & Co., party which would make out that Dr. Whitman gathered up and brought the immigration of 1843 to Oregon to save it from the British, puts Whitman in the position of a traitor to his Indian charges. Dr. Whitman knew as everybody knew that the pioneers of Missouri and other western states, did not respect Indian titles to lands and did not believe that Indians could be christianized and civilized in school houses. That immigration came with all their worldly goods, their rifles on their shoulders, and they did not intend to purchase lands of the Indians. The settlement and occupation of the country by a large body of people, intend only on the pursuits of agriculture, in advance of the purchase of the Indian title by the government was bound to bring on trouble if not extinction of the Indian missions. And so the sequel proved. Dr. Whitman knew that such would be the case and hence we see from the above letter to his brother that he went to Washington to get wheat and stock "for the Indians" and not money to purchase their lands for white settlers.

Dr. Whitman could not be and was not recreant to his duty to the Indians and he never urged the settlement of Oregon by the Americans. He no doubt wrote letters discriptive of this country but no letter of his has ever been produced urging the settlement of this country. The pamphlet alleged to have been issued by him about this country is all humbug. If he had ever issued such a document he would have left some at the department at Washington or filed them with the Mission Board in Boston, where they could be seen today if they had ever had an experience.

But this letter is already too long. Oregon was not saved by Dr. Whitman or any other one man. American rights to this region was secured by President Jefferson in the Louisiana purchase and he sent Lewis and Clark here in 1804 to take possession of the country. Wondering Americans drifted in here from time to time down till the date of the missions and from that time every American coming in here did his part to settle and establishd the country under the stars and stripes. If the settlement of this country had depended on the success of the Missionaries sent here, then to the great hearted, noble minded, never to be forgotten John M. Laughlin, a subject of Queen Victoria, more than to any other one man was the success of our immigration indebted. Dr. Whitman acted nobly and bravely his part and never faltered in the line of his duty and others acted their parts equally well and should not be forgotten.

ALMORAN HILL, '43.

Tom McNamer, who left Forest Grove with his father T. C. last August sailing for Alaska on one of the early trips of the Eddy, has just written back a newsy letter of their experiences there which by the courtesy of their family is here given. The boys are members of a party of six who have pushed on rapidly and will be among the first in the gold regions:

SHEEP CAMP, Alaska, Sept. 1, '97.

Excitement is high here, have a regular city here and also at Dyea and Skagway. The people on the Skagway trail cannot get through at all and now they are coming this way but we are away head of them, so we are out of the rush. We are far ahead of anyone else who came up on the "Elder" and is doing his own packing. Will spend about $300 this week so that we can get started earlier. Men are making $15 to $25 a day here packing. T. C. bought a horse a day or two after he got off the boat for $60 and sold him an hour later for $150. We lost one mule on the way here, her leg having been broken by getting caught in a rock so she had to be shot. There have been five men drowned here since we arrived and one shot for stealing. Have got to start now for the mountain with my pack. Am packing from [illegible] pounds a trip.

LYNN CANAL, Monday, Sept. 14, '97.

Had expected to go away from here by this time, but storm which lasted five days put us back that much. It was a storm like in October. We can see nothing like it in October. The wind blew so strongly that we could hardly get along against it. It was a very common occurrence to see tents with [illegible] not being properly braced go rolling over the camp ground. We got all our goods over the rolls, and so my [illegible] I am not a bit sorry for a [illegible] I could [illegible]

You can imagine how we have worked for we have more provisions than any six on the trail and there is not a party here but what has spent from two to six hundred each in getting through. All the six of us will be out about $100. We kept the mules until the 8th and packed them, so we made back all the money spent for labor in carrying our equipment over the mountain. Then we sold Corbett, Jack and Babe (the mules) for $100 each and the white mule for $50. We were offered $750 for the three mules a couple of weeks after we landed but could not sell them and when we were through with them there was any amount of horses here, selling for $10 apiece. When we got our goods across the lakes and in three miles of Linderman we bought to mules for $100, made $90 packing for others and sold the animals for $150. I was the one left to do the packing, all the others having gone on to build the boats. We have one boat done and the other will be done by the 16th, so the 18th we sail if we have no bad luck. It has not frozen any to speak of yet but there has been a drizzling rain most all the time. Sometimes the sun comes out for four or five hours, and how nice it is too. T. C. is getting along finely, works like a trooper and only weighs 175.

There was a young fellow from Lake Bennett who came out the Skaguay trail that slept in the tent with me last night and it must be a fright from what he says. People that have plenty of money are just getting through, having paid one dollar a pound for packing their provisions and you have got to have a fortune at that rate. He says a good horse will last one trip and an extra fine one may stand two. In one pile he counted 67 dead horses and there were numerous piles of ten to twenty. And this is all true too for every one who comes through tells the same story. Packing rates here have been up to 42 cents a pound but are now 35 and lots of people are coming. So far only two horses and one mule have been killed on this trail and those by accident. Of course this trail is no paradise but it is a macadam road to the other one.

Flour is selling at $25 a sack, bacon 60 cents a pound here and quite a few are selling out and going back. Eighteen sheep came in yesterday and I got $56 for killing them. I forgot to tell you that during that storm twenty boats were wrecked on Lake Linderman and three lives lost. A fellow came to camp Sunday with 80 pounds of gold. He had just come up from Yukon. We had 60 pounds of bacon stolen from us last night, the first thing we have lost. Quite a good deal of stealing has been going on but no one caught yet. They make quick work with a thief here when they get him though. One fellow lost his provisions during the storm. He had it tied and was sleeping on shore. He goes back with a party today. I may not be able to get a letter out again until spring.

Wheat In Washington.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct., 4, '97.

EDITOR HATCHET:

Farmers in the Willamette valley very generally, I presume, have their crops now safely housed. Not so with the people of Eastern Washington. In this portion of the state harvest is practically over but to the north and east grain is much later ripening. In those sections where laborers are so much needed, men are rushing by the hundreds, the scarcity of machines is the greatest drawback, while the number is about the same as in former years. The crop itself is vastly larger. With many the situation is most serious, with no machines of their own they simply have to wait and how long they do not know. Owners of threshers will not take a small job while large ones are in sight.

The regular price of threshing is 5½ and 6 cents, some are charging 7 cents and a single case is reported where a farmer paid 10 cents to have his crop of 3000 bushels put in sacks, it took the machine but one day to do the work. Many small farmers who have from one to three thousand bushels to thresh are riding the country over and over, trying to get a guarantee when they can expect a machine. Everything possible is being done to save this, the greatest crop the country has ever produced. Last week the O. R. & N. Co. shipped ten steamers with their crews, free of charge, from the Walla Walla valley to those sections where they are most needed. Sunday will not be recognized until the harvest is over which will take at least three or four weeks yet. The work of hauling to market has hardly begun, many who have their grain in sacks are now helping their less fortunate neighbors.

The amount of grain that is being hauled is already swamping the railroads, at every station the warehouses are all full and sacks are piled high on the outside. A veritable white blockade is at hand. Many farmers in this section sold at a high price and as a consequence times are good. People everywhere are in good spirits as they feel that a long reign of prosperity is before them.

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