

LEAVES OF AN OLD DIARY

Notes Taken by Mrs. Desire S. Griffin While in the Shoshone Country as a Missionary.

TRIP TO BOISE IN 1840 WITHOUT ROADS.

Sabbath, March 29th.—Pleasant and warm. Have to lament that I feel so little interest in religion—so indifferent to the conversion of the poor heathen around me. Of that I may have more evidence that I love the Redeemer's cause, and that he will make me the instrument in his hand of blessing to some benighted people.

Monday, March 30th.—Pleasant. Enjoyed praying some; feel comfortable in body and mind.

Tuesday, March 31st.—Very pleasant this morning; mercury at 30 degrees. One of our mules came near choking with his halter today. The Lord is good to us, unworthy as we are.

Wednesday, April 1st.—Pleasant. Mr. G. and Charles and Wm. have gone hunting today. Entirely alone in my little tent in this deep glen, surrounded by mountains with my Bible and the privilege of going to my Heavenly Father. I am happy, yes, and the reflection is sweet that this very afternoon my friends in St. Louis with me, are mingling their supplications at the throne of grace. May the Lord make me very useful in his cause on earth, and send me to the very place where he would have me labor for the perishing heathen. Thermometer in tent stands about 72 degrees; now about 5 in the afternoon. Mr. G. returned toward night, some time after the men, without any sheep.

Thursday, April 2d.—Pleasant this morning; mercury 40. This evening one of our men said he began to be discouraged in regard to the mountains and the rise of the Mool Pei and he thought he must go back; do not know whether he intends to go back or not. Mr. G. made him an offer; perhaps he may accept it.

Friday, April 3d.—Mercury in the shade at 8 o'clock, 60 degrees; 74 degrees in the sun. All in good health today.

Saturday, April 4th.—Pleasant this morning. My dear husband has gone to survey the dreaded mountains; to ascertain if we can attempt to cross on Monday; one of the natives has gone with him on foot. O, may the Lord direct and prosper us in his cause, if we are his children. Half past 10; mercury in tent 78 degrees. Coming over the mountains Mr. G.'s horse took fright, and ran with all speed to camp.

Sabbath, April 5th.—Cloudy and a little rain today; have felt quite anxious some of the time today as well as yesterday at the strange and unkind manners and conduct of our native guide; have felt that we could trust alone to our heavenly Father for protection, he is able to deliver us from the devices of evil men. Fear that my faith is weak but can only pray "Lord increase it" and mould me into the image of my blessed Redeemer, that I may not be dead though it come suddenly.

Monday, April 6th.—Cloudy this morning; the sun appears now and then; some rain in the evening. The south wind and fog will, I think, forbid our starting today; wind very strong this afternoon. A tree fell near our tent being broken in two by the violent wind, our tent shook sadly at times. Last night a large "he-nain" or wolf visited our camp, though we had a fire he came very near our tent. It is trying and tollsome to travel in such a dreary and desolate land without inhabitants, and be permitted to see no tracks but those of the bear or wolf or some other wild animal, let this suffice, we believe the Lord has directed our steps hither, to some benighted people. O, that he may prepare us for the word before us, and make us bright and shining lights in this dark region of the earth. May our souls be melted in view of their dreadful situation both for time and eternity. Mr. G. saw an otter this eve, as he was walking by a stream that empties into the river on which we have been camped for more than a week.

Tuesday, April 7th.—Rained during the night past, and is now raining. Our men seem like wolves; they are never satisfied unless they eat all within their reach, and are not too industrious. Mercury 54 degrees.

Wednesday, April 8th.—Rained all night; this morning snowed a little now the sun is shedding its beams around us. Such detention as this is indeed almost disheartening, especially when there is such a mountain of snow before us.

Thursday, April 9th.—Snowed most of the time yesterday; our prospects so dreary; our men saying their horses had gone toward home, they must go too. This morning as soon as breakfast was over they called for meat, took their saddles on their backs, and left us here in the glen to find our way over the mountain and the rest of the way as we could. Is now snowing very hard. The Lord is our only guide and protector. Surely we are unarmed and alone in a desolate wilderness; in a stormy tempest. May our trust be in our heavenly parent.

Friday, April 10th.—Last night Mr. G. and myself were awakened suddenly from sound sleep by some wild animal near the tent. We had left our brass kettle very near our tent; the wild beast perhaps, a wolf, had let the ball fall with so much

violence as to waken us. Our fire had gone out by our tent but there was a large tree on fire at the time, about 8 rods from our tent. Cold and clear most of the day; little snow. We have been up and down the M. P. and across the little stream to see if there are any fish, but there are none. The river is throwing and dashing its waves most furiously; much more rapid than the Missouri.

Saturday, April 11th.—Pleasant. Have walked a few miles over the mountain side; feel a little fatigued. Mercury 58 degrees in tent; much frost for several nights past. It is truly astonishing to stand on some of the mountain peaks and behold this waste of mountains and glens, and we the only inhabitants.

Sabbath, April 12th.—Rain and snow today; this is dreary, indeed to behold the mountains covered every day or two, an addition to the great body, appearing as if a summer sun would not be sufficient to carry it off. Have felt it to be important that we have seasons of social prayer that the Lord would remember in our present time of trial and lonely situation; oh, may he look in tender mercy upon us.

Monday, April 13th.—Rain, hail and snow, with a few moments of sunshine.

Tuesday, April 14th.—Pleasant but cold.

Wednesday, April 15th.—Cloudy, and rains. Husband started one hour since for the mountains; we feel very anxious to be on our way, we are constantly annoyed with mice; they have bitten me, twice in the night. We find them running over our faces now and then; feel they may do damage to our packs; we set a trap for them every night and have caught some of them. Felt somewhat uncomfortable in mind yesterday, but happier today; oh, how unworthy and sinful to be permitted to labor in such a capacity. May the Lord give grace and strength equal to my day, and direct the path of duty by His unerring wisdom; desire more sacred communion with the Father of spirits and more love for my Savior who has suffered so much for us.

Thursday, April 16th.—Snows this morning; dreary enough.

Friday, April 17th.—Pleasant but cold; feel truly thankful to have things dry once more about the tent. We found yesterday some of our packs were quite mouldy on the outside and damp on the inside. This afternoon thermometer 50; yesterday while alone at a season of prayer, felt that I could pour out my soul to God as I had not done for many days and willing to trust all in my heavenly Father's hands. Oh, for a deep sense of His presence and close communion with my Savior, and strengthening in every grace. Took a walk with husband down the Mool Pei; saw some fine ducks within rifle shot, but having no rifle, could only look on and admire without being able to obtain them, which would be very desirable, as our meat is nearly gone notwithstanding our strict economy; morning and evening, at our meals we have our Indian potato with a very little dried venison cut fine and put into it; sometimes a little bread.

Saturday, April 18th.—Pleasant; but the mercury at 9 o'clock, was 48.

Sabbath, April 19th.—Pleasant. Feel my deprivation of Sabbath privileges; how good to meet once more in my dear church at home, and unite my voice in prayer and praise with my brothers and sisters, and meet my Sabbath school children and tell them of the wretched situation of the inhabitants of this region of the earth. But alas, it is the great distance with many other obstacles which prevents, and it is necessary to make these self-denials to do any thing for the heathen. Yet, where are those who will do likewise? Do you not think that the souls of these despised people are as precious as those in Gospel lands. Ask the Lord what your duty is in regard to this great work.

Monday, April 20th.—Pleasant; thermometer at 38. Thinking our work is hard this morning, but with the blessings of God, hope to perform it. Have crossed one ridge of the mountain; but have more snow to contend with tomorrow; just before getting to the top of this ridge, dark pony went head over heels down the bank, his pack bounded ten feet high and went eighty rods down the mountain; this Mr. G. had to bring on his back, up again. Fear the horse is very much injured. The points we have to pass make me tremble, and especially as I have to lead, having none to help. Truly this needs both grace and courage; but the Lord is our strength and our redeemer. O, may we trust him in this time of trial. We are some three thousand feet from the level of the Mool Pei; deep glens on either side and we are on the point of the range and surrounded by mountains covered with snow.

Tuesday, April 21st.—Started shortly after daylight for the other point of the mountains. After watching last night (I watched the first part

and husband the last part) it was with great difficulty we kept our horses; they were determined to go back. To our sad surprise, after traveling a while we found we could not proceed; snow is not hard enough to bear our horses; what then it seems dreadful to return with our packs; here is no food for our animals. Husband went to work and made a box of small trees to put the most of our packs in, hoping they may be safe from the wolves and other animals, and that tomorrow morning, if possible, we may make a second trial. May the Lord grant us a very cold night. How trying is our present situation. It is almost impossible to keep our animals here; they have but little grass, and no water but that we get by melting snow; this we have done today. Husband has cut down several trees and made fences, but the mules have been and searched for some way of escape from this place.

Wednesday, 22d.—At daybreak, mercury 2 degrees below freezing. Started for another peak. When we got to our box husband led up my horse and in the meantime I took the box to pieces, and watched the rest of the animals. Something missing? When he returned he said the probability was if the horses were packed tight they would go over well; one or two did; but most of them fell or unspaced and led them up, and had their burdens on their own back to the top of the peak; this made it late before all could be got up. One pony became so vexed that he could not get him up till the next morning, and in the meantime the snow began to fall fast, and we found it impossible to get any farther, one of the ponies slipped eleven rods; and in trying to save him, husband was carried half way with him, finding himself in much danger he let go the horse's rope and stopped himself; pony was stopped by coming in contact with a large tree, sufficient, one would think, to have dashed him in pieces, but was I believe, not injured, but broke saddle and some things in the pack. This pony is the one that fell on Monday. Our situation is a dreary one. Husband, notwithstanding all the toil of the day and the storm which is falling, has been to the top of the other point; late before he returned; then made a big fire; now lying down with our clothes on, which is the third night. Much fatigued; our minds quite calm, and we feel we desire the Lord's will be done.

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SOUTHERN OREGON MINES.

The Grant's Pass Courier, in its latest issue, says: Some very rich ore is being taken out of the J. C. Taylor ledge on Dry Diggings by the Woolfolk boys. Alfred & Delavan have finished prospect work on their Pickett-creek placer and are preparing to dig two miles of ditch and set up a giant for next season's run.

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W. Flamme, the pocket hunter, is following a rich seam of gold up the side of a hill in Dry Diggings within three miles of town. He has already taken out several hundred dollars, and the pocket is by no means exhausted.

Charles Sexton Saturday brought in a 4-ounce vial nearly filled with coarse gold from the Wins placers at the head of Jump-off Joe. They have been running a No. 2 monitor during the wet spell, but the water has given out. This mine is all right when water is plentiful, but it is high up on the mountain and can only be supplied by the local watershed.

The Observer is pleased to know that Speaker Reed is growing hourly more unpopular with decay of politicians of the Oregonian dyes. Mr. Reed's determination to prevent the passage of needless appropriations by congress is praiseworthy. He has taken no interest in any pet schemes to further personal ambitions nor feather the nests of financial jobbers.

—More Observer.

The Gazette has no patience with any person who will contend that a populist is better or purer just because he is a populist. Down at Salem the most notorious "grafters" of the legislature were the pops. Simon had Corbett's money and the pops were Simon's allies from start to finish. —Heppner Gazette.

The Oregonian is attempting to figure out that the state will gain by reason of the failure of the legislature to organize and figures that the saving in useless appropriations which might have been passed, will about compensate for the interest which will have to be paid on necessary claims. Undoubtedly as long as a tri-umvirate in Portland can control the state government, provided they co-incide with the Oregonian in their prejudice, that journal will be pleased, but it would be otherwise if this were not the case. —Tillamook Herald.

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