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TRACES OF LEWIS & CLARK

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Traces of Captains Lewis and Clark, whose journey across the continent made known for the first time the vastness of the western part of North America, have been found in the Rogue river valley. The traces were found in 1875, but at that time there was not so much interest taken in the journeys of these famous men, so that the persons who discovered the marks paid but little attention to the names and would not have noticed them at all had it not been for the date—1805. It was in the spring of 1875 that J. W. Smith, Andrew Welden and John Wells started from near where Phoenix now is, for the summit of Wagner Butte. They reached the summit, and upon the rock which crowns the lofty eminence, found the names of Lewis and Clark carved in the stone, together with the date. They had but little idea of whom the Lewis and Clark had been, but the early date attracted their notice. On their return they told of what they had seen. In the changing events of pioneer days, little attention was paid to the discovery. History had little attraction for the people in those days.

Of late years, however, the story has come to be revived, and the brother of one of the parties was the informant of The Mail as to the above story.

Traveling through an unknown and trackless country, the explorers would naturally seek the highest points in order to get a view of the surrounding country and to pick out the best route to pursue, and probably the first white men to view the magnificent panoramas of the Rogue river valley and the rolling summits of the Sierras and the Cascades from the top of Wagner Butte, were the intrepid explorers, whose names are carved deeply in the tablets of history.—Medford Mail.

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A VISIT TO THE "BANKS"

Fred Mensch Investigates Colorado's Fuel Source.

The people of Eastern Oregon are utterly dependent on the coal supply for their fuel, so when the late foolish and utterly inexcusable strike was declared in the coal mines of that state, the many who had not yet laid in a supply of coal found themselves with a prospect of possible hardship which was uncomfortable in the extreme, for a Colorado winter is not usually the most gentle thing in existence. The strike is now virtually lost, while the cause of unionism has suffered a severe blow by the antagonism of public sentiment.

In some districts the only possibility of obtaining fuel was from the coal "banks," little mines operated on a small and primitive scale, by their smallness escaping the fetters of unionism by which the larger mines were rendered inoperative. Never having seen coal "diggings," I accepted with pleasure an invitation to visit the "banks" situated some 14 miles away. The way led across the irrigated and fertile valley of the South Platte and then miles south over a series of sandy ridges with gentle slopes as barren and desolate now as they were a hundred years ago.

Almost every one within a radius of 15 miles or more was patrolling the "banks." The wagons had been coming in much more rapidly than they could be loaded, and at this time there were probably 100 wagons, loaded and empty, grouped about the mine.

That the fuel might be more quickly distributed, an inflexible rule was made that no more than a ton of coal should be loaded on each wagon. As the capacity of the mine was only some 10 or 12 tons per day, some of the wagons would stand at the mine a week or more before they could be loaded.

Farmers who were fortunate enough to have two wagons, therefore, took the oldest and most decrepit one to the "banks" and left it there to be loaded. The array of wagons, then, at the most interesting aggregations ever seen. It was a wagon museum. All the antiquated makes and patterns imaginable were in evidence, for anything on wheels that would stand up under a ton of coal, was forced into use.

On the arrival of a wagon, it was immediately marked by the manager of the mine with its proper number, in chalk on the side of the box. The wagons are loaded consecutively according to number and no favoritism was shown. The coal is not of the best quality, but the advent of a ton of it into an empty cellar brought joy this winter to many a Colorado home.

The mine is located on a broad, sandy ridge, exactly like thousands of others about it, and my inexperienced eyes detect no reason why anyone should ever have imagined that there might be coal below the surface. My companion and myself descended into the mine. The power for hoisting is furnished by a black horse, totally blind and desperately wicked in temper. We were lowered nearly 100 feet down the main shaft and then stepped out into the main entry, a passage way some ten feet wide and about five feet in height.

Here we were taken in charge by the "pusher" the man who runs the empty cars to the miners and takes away the loaded ones. We walked back into the entry and the ceiling lowered to about three feet. Here we were ordered two of us, into the little car, about two feet wide and three feet long. We squeezed ourselves into, or rather on it, and made ourselves exceedingly small. Then we had a ride that will not soon be forgotten. The "pusher" wore on his hat a little lamp, shaped like a miniature teapot. This went out promptly and we were shoved into the solid darkness at a wonderful rate of speed. In places the ceiling was not more than two and a half feet above the floor. When I felt the ceiling scraping my back I "screached" until I wondered if I would ever regain my normal dimensions. The "pusher" ran behind and shoved the car. How he could run passes my comprehension, but he did it.

The coal vein is about three feet thick, smooth slate above and below. The miners work on their knees, which are protected by heavy leather pads. They are paid according to the amount of coal they take out and most of them make quite large wages.

When we returned to the main entry, of course we could not ride as the outgoing cars were loaded with coal. We were, therefore, obliged to scramble some 600 feet on our hands and knees. The experienced "pusher" galloped through the passages with ease, shoving the cars ahead of him. We made desperate efforts to keep in sight of the "pusher" and his lamp, but we might as well have tried to keep up with the fast mail. Hands and knees was the only possible mode of progression. I tried to vary it by going on my hands and feet, but the ceiling was too low. The feet would slide away behind and leave the traveler prone on his stomach. The floor was carpeted with broken bits of coal of various sizes and before I had gone half the distance, the condition of my knees had assisted the decision that the perpendicular attitude was good enough for me.

Look at an ordinary dining table and imaginatively stretch it out to a length of 600 feet, with several turns at right angles. Let the floor be

strewn with broken rock and, in the darkest night of the year, put out the lamp and run it from one end to the other. The experience would be similar to a visit to the "banks." It is novel, but one does not feel like repeating it with much frequency. F. M.

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INDIANS AT WORLD'S FAIR

Exhibit Will Contain One Thousand and Indians, Over 40 Acres.

The Indian Exhibit at the World's Fair will be under the direct charge of expert representatives of the United States Government. S. M. McGowan, superintendent of the Indian school at Chillicothe, Oklahoma, will be superintendent of the exhibit. The government has appropriated \$75,000 for the maintenance of it. The Louisiana Purchase Exposition has allotted an advantageous site of 40 acres for the purpose. The tract lies in the western section of the grounds, north of the great United States map that is worked out in representative crops of the states and adjoining Uncle Sam's model farm. The eastern end of the Indian reservation is a precipitous bluff, about 20 feet high, and it overlooks practically the entire exposition grounds.

This Indian exhibit will not only be the largest and best that was ever assembled, but in all probability it will be the last representative gathering that can be secured. In but few places do the Indians retain their primitive mode of life. Each year the circle narrows. Even now one can count on the fingers of one hand the Indian Chieftains who gained their prominence in wars. Further Indian wars are looked on as impossible and before another exposition of the magnitude of the present enterprise can be launched, the primitive red man of the forest will be but a memory.

HITCHCOCK YIELDS POINT

President Orders Secretary to Revoke His Order.

A Washington dispatch says that President Roosevelt, after a conference with the Oregon senators, directed Secretary Hitchcock to abandon the practice that has been in vogue for more than a year past, of suspending all entries made under the timber and stone act in Oregon, Washington and California. In accordance with that direction, the secretary issued the following statement:

"The order under which final action upon timber and stone entries was suspended has been revoked by the secretary of the interior, and all such entries will now be acted upon in the General Land Office in regular order."

This suspension served a good purpose, and was the means of preventing many fraudulent entries. While a rigid scrutiny of all entries under that act will be continued, it will have the effect of allowing all valid entries to be patented.

At the conference at the White House Monday morning the public land situation in Oregon was thoroughly reviewed. The senators stoutly protested against the continuance of the present policy of the Interior Department, on the ground that it worked inexcusable hardship on bona fide settlers, and was seriously retarding the development of the state.

While they admitted some fraud had undoubtedly been committed, they insisted that the detection of fraud did not justify the extreme methods that have been in vogue since November, 1902. They told the president that unless something was done to relieve the strain, the vote of Oregon next year would be seriously affected because of the general discontent of the people.

Due precaution will still be taken to see that the timber and stone act is not violated, but the obnoxious practices complained of, the apparently inexcusable delays, and the unnecessaryounding of entrymen, is to be done away with. The president, surviving up to his promise to the Oregon senators two weeks ago, stopped in and ordered the secretary to cease those methods which were injuring the development of the state and interfering with the rights of settlers. Hereafter, every timber entry will be examined by a special agent of the Land Office or some other available official within the 90 day period if possible, and upon the agent's report, the commissioner will have his recommendation.

KNOCKED OFF OF TRESTLE

Luther Maddux Remains all Night Where he Fell.

Luther Maddux, a boy of 15 years living with his parents in Grants Pass, was returning from a hunting trip Thursday evening and while crossing the Grave Creek trestle was overtaken by the local freight. He was evidently unable to get entirely out of the way and was struck by the engine and knocked off the trestle, falling a distance of about 20 feet. He was rendered unconscious by the fall and remained there for some time until the next morning, when he regained consciousness and crawled up the bank to the track. There he was discovered and taken to Wolf Creek by the crew of a wood train. Later he was brought to Grants Pass on the passenger.

Maddux was cut and bruised about the head and his ankle broken and sprained. His side was also bruised. The night was dark and foggy and the young man did not see the train until it was almost upon him and the trainmen did not know that an accident had happened.

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MONEY TO CRATER LAKE

Secretary of Interior Asks Liberal Appropriation.

The interior department recognizes that more liberal appropriations are necessary for the improvement of the Crater Lake National Park than have been made in the past. The last sundry civil bill appropriated only \$3,000 for this work and out of this an allowance goes to the salary of the superintendent. With such a meagre appropriation, little progress can be made in the direction of constructing roads and making other improvements which will facilitate the access to interest scattered all through the park. This year, the secretary of the treasury hopes to have at least \$1,000 made available so that the improvements can be made during the summer of 1904.

Mount Ranier National Park in Washington is so far without a superintendent, and beyond a road survey made last summer, little has been done looking to its improvement. The secretary now asks for \$5,000 to be expended in the management and improvement of roads. The Washington delegation will ask for a larger amount, although there is some doubt if they will succeed in getting it.

Chief Joseph, of the Nez Peres, also will be one of the interesting personalities. He, too, is aged, and while he fought valiantly against the encroachments of the white man, he met the foe as a brave man should and has the respect of the men who conquered him.

The Indian Exhibit will show the aborigine and the civilized Indian. On the 40-acre tract there will be a village of Sioux Indians from the Dakotas. They will wear their native picturesque costumes and will live in tepees fashioned from sticks and the skins of wild animals. The warriors will be armed with bows, arrows and tomahawks. The surroundings of the huts will be made as true to nature as possible and the patch of corn tending during the summer by the squaws to augment the food supply brought in from the chase by her master will be shown as it was in the early days.

Among the other blanket Indians will be families of Washoes, Shoshones, Navajos, Mission and Digger Indians, Crow, Flatheads, Apaches, Pimas, Chippewas, Cheyennes, Arapahoes, Comanches, Wichitas, Osages, and Pawnees. They will all maintain separate villages and they will live exactly as they would were they at home on their reservation instead of being in the center of the greatest exposition ever held.

The exhibit of the educated Indians will not be so picturesque but it will be none the less interesting. On the 40-acre reservation the U. S. government will erect many modern buildings to show the progress that the Indian has made.

The principal structure will be a three-story building, 308 feet by 100 feet. At the rear will be an auditorium 40 by 60 feet. On the first floor will be an exhibit of the manual training department with the Indian students at work at their machines, manufacturing various articles. Across a wide aisle, that runs the full length of the buildings, will be typical blanket Indians making their baskets, leather articles, strings of beads, and other articles just as they did before the advent of the white man and his schools.

In the auditorium will be given lectures and programmes will be rendered by the various Indian societies. Music enters largely into their entertainments, and one of the regular features will be concerts by a trained Indian band of 50 pieces. One interesting feature of the Indian Exhibit will be a reproduction of a frontier trading post. Here the Indians will assemble and trade their products for supplies just as they did in the early days.

How to Prevent Croup.

It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarseness. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. It is in fact, the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all druggists.

Coupling Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician, but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901."

Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Slover Drug Co.

W. C. T. U. Column

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home Mrs. Lee Calvert, Friday, Jan. 1, at 2.30 p. m.

The agitation over the slot machines is not confined to Portland. The Michigan courts are now after them and they don't draw the line anywhere this side of their complete extinction.

Judge Coolidge of the circuit bench at St. Joseph said: "Complaint has been made to me of the use of slot machines among minors. It is a practice without excuse. The police of the cities and the village officers are therefore ordered to remove all slot machines within their jurisdiction. If the machines are not removed by the proprietors they must be confiscated. Playing of slot machines has become rampant. It leads youths to the temptation of thieving and embezzlement, ending behind prison bars. If the police neglect their duty, I will see that the prosecuting attorney takes steps towards their prosecution for official negligence. Playing slot machines in hope of gain is the first seed whereby is sown the seed of crime which ends the careers of promising young men behind prison bars."

When asked whether any distinction would be made in the several kinds of machines he said no restrictions could be made, they were all operated for the same purpose and all must go. Portland officials in comparison with this, have undertaken an easy task.

Why cannot the officials of Grants Pass undertake the same methods to abolish the slot machines from our midst, thereby helping, to say the least, to save our young men from ruin.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 4.—"I went out with the boys and took my first glass. The liquor fascinated me. Now, let me die. I only want to die." William D. Patton, 54 Ward street, tosses restlessly on a cot at Cleveland General Hospital. He has several knife wounds in his breast. When left alone, he tries to tear the bandages from these, so that he will die.

New York, Oct. 1.—James Shanahan, 34 years old, a laborer of 992 Columbus avenue, drew his wages (\$15) Saturday night, entered a saloon, displayed his money, was followed by two strangers, and attacked. He is now in the J. Hood Wright Hospital suffering from a fractured skull.

A case of depravity that deserves the severest censure was called to the attention of the city authorities, says The Dallas Chronicle. A farmer who lives a few miles out of town came in with a wagon and team, bringing his 12-year-old daughter with him. He left the child to hold the team while he did some trading, but his greatest purchase was whiskey. All day the little girl stayed with the team in the hot sun and late in the evening he appeared and started home. When a mile out of town he told the girl to drive home while he returned to town. Coming back he proceeded to fill up and was soon landed in jail, and the next morning he was given the choice of paying \$15 or serving 10 days in jail. Next morning sentence was suspended and the brute was allowed to go home to provide for his family, but should he repeat his act of depravity he will be severely dealt with.

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Was This Our Strowbridge?

"The passenger took a seat on the outside of the car and at Compton the conductor missed him but supposed that he had fallen off the car. The skull of the dead man was crushed, presumably by his fall from the car. There was nothing on the body by which it could be identified, except an envelope addressed to W. H. Strowbridge, San Luis Obispo."

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