

Glutton Falls in Secluded Mountain Nook Attractive

Sheer Drop Over 100-foot Rock Precipice Seen on Exploration

"To a waterfall." To the poet's mind that phrase conjured pictures to inspire a literature world. It has sent mankind into the wilds of the Congo and the Amazon, caused honeymooners from all parts of the world to trek to Niagara, filled libraries with reams of romantic lore.

It even caused your informant to suffer from skin abrasions on heels and ankles, as he trod in too loose boots into a secluded nook of a canyon emptying into Rock creek, Tuesday afternoon in company with F. F. Wehmeyer, local forest ranger, to seek out that which apparently has been zealously guarded within the breasts of residents of the section for years—Glutton falls.

In these columns recently Mr. Wehmeyer mentioned the falls and told of their nomenclature, presumably having derived their name from an animal, glutton, which may have inhabited the region at one time. Another theory of the name was related by Mr. Wehmeyer in the course of Tuesday's jaunt. It was that the late Mr. Farrens, father of Walter and Glenn, and a party of men killed a deer at the falls, and after devouring an exceedingly large portion to satisfy prolonged appetites, they dubbed the falls after the manner in which they had performed gastronomically.

But however the falls were named, the nomenclature is hardly indicative of the mountain gem.

Insufficient heed to directions caused Tuesday afternoon's explorations to be more lengthy than necessary. Passing up the proper canyon at first, the exploration covered three canyons beyond, before a swing back around the summit to drop down almost directly on to the falls. The enlarged exploration was not altogether fruitless, however, for two smaller falls were revealed in other canyons, which, though they probably would not justify the longer hike, nevertheless did give some compensation.

The explorers had been told that the easiest way to reach the falls was to leave the car where Rock creek is first reached on the Heppner-Spray road beyond Hardman and to follow back down the creek to the proper canyon, then swing back up it. These directions were found to be quite good, and the explorers after correcting their mistakes are able to inform the public that is the right course, only to add that the proper canyon is the first one on the left hand after crossing a wooden foot bridge—the only bridge encountered—about a mile down the creek. The falls are about half a mile back up the canyon. Easier going may be had by climbing up around the point of the mountain and keeping well up on its side rather than taking the bottom of the canyon, however.

And now, you may ask, why all the ado about Glutton falls?

To this it is answered: Glutton falls is a physical phenomenon apparently not generally known to residents of the county. They have been well known to residents of the Hardman community, but it seems these good people have been slow in letting the world in on their secret. The falls actually do fall over a rock precipice some hundred feet high. To be exact they fall over the center of a horseshoe precipice which completely blocks the canyon. An overhanging ledge all around the precipice appeared to have been caused by water lashing out the rock beneath for many centuries. There is evidence that a very great volume of water must have dropped over the precipice in centuries past.

Just now the snow banks are melting in the watershed which feeds the falls and for the next several weeks they probably will carry the largest volume of water to be seen this year. The murky run-off was sending an imposing volume of

brownish gray water over the cliff's brink Tuesday.

A "robber's roost" of some 40 or 50 feet extends behind the falls, as a result of the lashing out of the rock precipice by the splashing water. Force of the drop is sufficient to break the water particles into fine spray as it hits the pool at the bottom. The pool is in a rock basin scooped out by the water through the years, the depth of which was not determined but which conjecture would lead one to believe was "p-l-lenty" deep.

A rock slide has bridged the water after it leaves the pool and the stream disappears from sight for several hundred feet.

The fact is the sight of the falls is one which would justify anyone's effort in conquering the fairly hard hike to their location, and they are a secret which the world truly should know about.

Such a spot naturally appeals to the romantic side of one's imagination, and it is not to be wondered that romantic stories have come to light concerning it. It may or may not be fiction of someone's imagination that buried treasure lies near the spot. Mr. Wehmeyer related the tale as it had been told to him.

Many years ago a band of train robbers all of whom but one were killed by a posse somewhere on the lower reaches of Eight Mile, were reported by the remaining member as having buried their loot near a falls on Rock creek. The loot was estimated at some \$20,000. Remains of what was believed to have been the robbers' camp were found at Glutton falls, and this find led to many explorations by local residents in later years, but to date no report has been made of the loot being uncovered.

The section has other worthwhile attractions, also. Indian writings—or pictographs which may have antedated any known Indian tribes—are to be found on rock bluffs along the creek. Ice caves are known which need exploring. Plant life as varied as any to be found anywhere will interest the botanically minded visitor, and mineralogy and geology will entice lovers of these subjects, what with the famed opal mines near at hand. Buttercups are now blooming in the region and visitors within the next few weeks will be greeted by a profusion of spring flowers.

Marvin Dixon was confined at home last week end with an attack of flu. Mrs. Dixon arrived home Saturday from Molalla where she was called last week by illness in her family.

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A Matter of Viewpoint

By F. F. Wehmeyer

About once a year Jap Crawford and I get together and explore some nook of our mountain country. We turn over a few rocks to see what's on the bottom, discuss life generally, and have a fascinating time. Recently we looked over a section of Rock creek. A few hardy buttercups were out in bloom, thumbing their noses at Jack Frost. We walked miles and miles, Jap developing a blister on his heels for each mile, but kept grinning in rare good humor despite trying to limp or favor both feet at the same time.

We examined some ancient hieroglyphics attributed to poor Lo. Made little sense of what we could see. Jap got onto the trail of some ancient bones and dug down until only his pants and shoes showed above ground, and I got alarmed for the possibility he might disappear like a gopher or badger. We saw several small waterfalls and found out why the Lord put so many rocks on the high ridges. They kept us from sinking in the clay any deeper than our shoe tops, and had they not been there we would have disappeared in the mud with the second step. Finally we came to Glutton falls. They were very beautiful and the canyon walls were painted in many subtle

colors—greens, oranges, purples, reds and yellows.

On the way home we decided the Lord must have been in Morrow county during the spring of the year when he decided on making heaven and got his inspiration for the beauties they tell us are there.

Of course, it's all a matter of viewpoint. Like two Americans in London when Trinity Chimes started. One said, "Isn't that beautiful!" and the other said, "I can't hear you, those confounded bells are making too much noise."

Gill Pleads for Farm Unity

Oregon State College—A plea for farm solidarity and a return to Christian idealism was made by Ray Gill, master of the Oregon State grange, in an address at the ninth annual agricultural club banquet here. Gill said violence will never succeed, whether practiced by labor, industry or the farmer. Urging a broad view of agricultural welfare, Gill said national farm organizations are sometimes embarrassed by farmers in one section of the country or one enterprise seeking selfish advantage over another region or branch of agriculture. More than 400 attended the banquet.

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OSC Band Arranges 10 Stops on Concert Tour

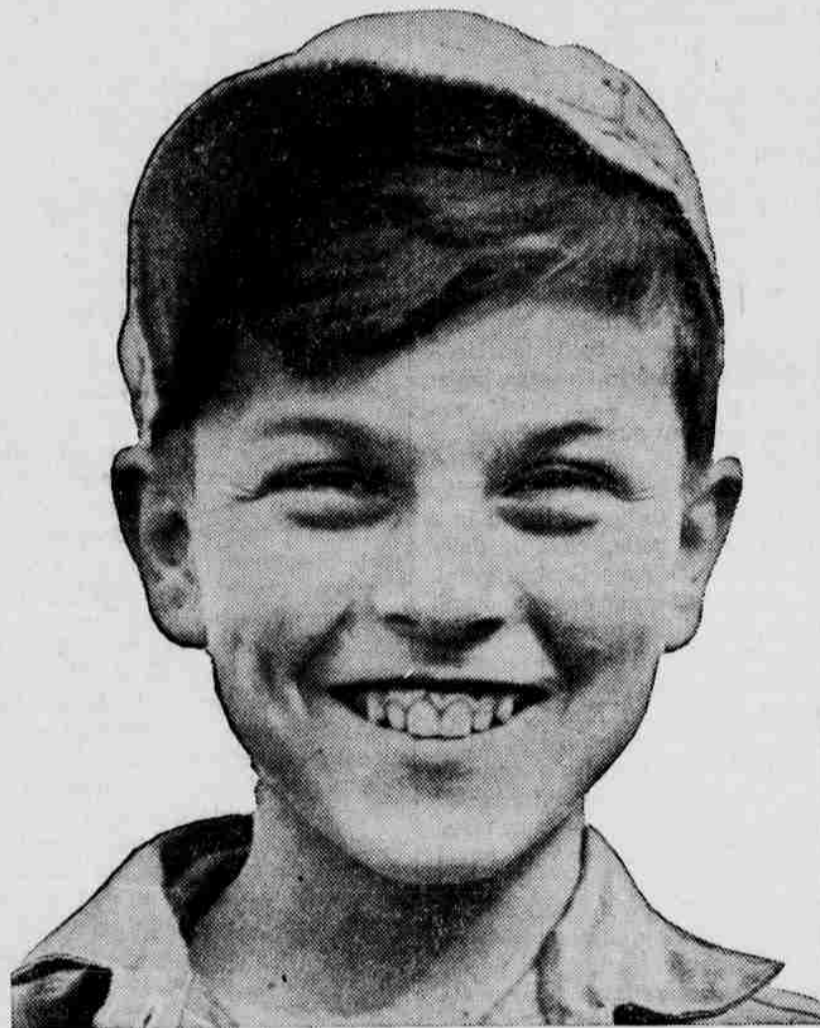
Oregon State College—A spring concert tour by the OSC Cadet band, calling for 10 appearances from Oregon City to Ontario, has been scheduled. It will be the thirty-third trip in the history of this famous organization, but the first one since the depression years.

First appearance of the band will be at a noon concert March 18 in Oregon City followed by an afternoon program scheduled for Hood River the same day. The remaining schedule, all evening dates except for a Sunday afternoon concert at Milton-Freewater, follows: Arlington, March 19; Milton-Freewater, March 20; Pendleton, March 21; Enterprise, March 22; Baker, March 23; Ontario, March 24; La Grande, March 25, and The Dalles, March 26.

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Ione defeated Hermiston 32-28 on Wednesday night last week, and won from Vaught's Grocery of Pendleton Saturday night, 35-17, to wind up a busy season for Fred Hoskins' townies in which 19 games were won and 5 lost. Ransier again led his teammates against Hermiston with 17 points, while Van Marter took scoring honors against Vaught's with 13 markers.

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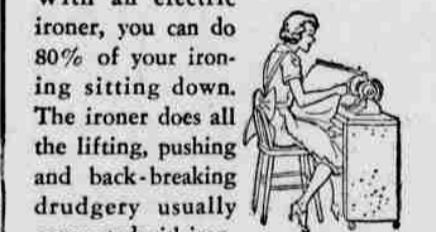
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