

July 15, 1953

Mrs. Martha Ferguson McKeown,

Hood River, Ore.

Dear Mrs. McKeown:

Thank you for your informative letter. Enclosed: plz. find a set of clips that may be of general interest to you and I should send set to attorney friend in Portland anon. Thanks too for info about Harney county. I have that, also Brimlow's Bannock war of 1878. I have had communication with him. He is turning story on Sarah Winnemucca this fall perhaps, many years of research. I have offered him my Sarah notes from the Yakima reservation, of which there are plenty based on letter record books.

I am glad to hear that Col. Lipscomb and Marshall Dana spent some time at Celilo. But, seems that Mr. Dana has been quite remiss in attending to that situation, as well as Col. Lipscomb.

I have interviews coming up here later in August with Dept. of Justice attorneys from Washington and shall certainly put in a plug for the people at Celilo. I have been working preparing occupation and use material, maps, etc. covering Wanapums. I get the idea that all this is fine and dandy, that everyone is sympathetic yet no one does anything. That I understand requires legislation. So after these interviews if nothing comes, I am going to lay so many petitions down on so many laps they won't know which way to turn. It will take an act or a presidential proclamation to take care of the Wanapums as to giving them some land for a home. Wouldn't the same pertain to the Wyams and the others? I leave it to you and your attorney if we shouldn't get closer together. Perhaps the government men themselves would recommend such legislation to take care of

all "forgotten" people in one fell swoop. I find that the people generall want justice done. They don't want to get mixed up in the dam situations. But, they want the Indians to be taken care of.

Later I hope to be getting deeper and deeper into microfilm covering both the Oregon and Washington superintendencies, 1855 to 1872 say. How familiar are you with that material? I certainly see I must get down and see what kind of material you have, because, by a fortunate stroke, I may have something that would be helpful to you.

Another thing that I am getting results on is the sculpture I turned of Puck Hyah Toot, of which I sent you a photo. I have in mind working on various "last of their races." Can you start now planting the idea into a few heads like your Dog Liver woman. I can get a fair start in a couple of sittings, can work then with only a photo, and can finish it up in another sitting or so. I pay my models what I can ~~afford to~~ afford to, usually just for their time.

I will be too tied up for several weeks to get into that again...in fact this Wanapum situation because of the Priest Rapids Dam etc. has taken me out of circulation for most of my other activities, but I am keeping free of politics and making progress I believe. Later I hope to get back on the sculpture. But human beings come first.

Hope you enjoy the clippings.

Sincerely

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