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Dear Pete:

I hope you haven't given up waiting, but the wheels of dam building move mighty slowly, and the wheels of publishing houses, even slower. But I guess you are aware that the Priest Rapids project is well on its way and suspect that so is Drummers and Dreamers. It is.

I've heard from Caxtons that review copies will be out about September 15, which will be here before I can take a couple of deep breaths. The actual release date for the book is Oct. 6.

Besides being busy with the Yakima troubles and helping them along the rocky road of governmental "termination," I've been tied up with working out a book tour.

Some of the Wanapums have promised me they will set out here Oct. 6 with me on the tour.

We are due at Spokane Monday 15 only with probable appearances at the crescent as well as John W. Graham Co. The Graham Co. has sent for 3,000 circulars from the publisher and I guess things are still cooking with the Crescent.

I'm enclosing a sample of the invitation that I will send out to a rather extensive mailing list for the various stores concerned--about 15 or 20 of them in slightly over two weeks. And there will be speeches right along the line too. We are coming into Spokane from Seattle where we will be Oct. 11 and 12, and Wenatchee where we will be October 13. That will give us Sunday to travel in and rest up a bit.

If some of the "review" copies are delivered in mid-September, I shall try and see that you get your copy early. If not, then we will bring it with us and see that it is suitably treated with Puck Hyah Toot's thumb print.

I've not seen any proofs of the end papers, but you did a fine job there.

I've been trying to design some simple little "Indian looking" gee-gaw that I can affix on book leaves easily and simply in connection with the "autographing" which I don't expect will be extensive. I can't take time to "sculpture" for each one, and it seems like my pen and ink went somewhere and hasn't returned. If you have something in mind, feel free to pass it along (That's very generous of me, isn't it?)

And if you have a few choice friends, who would like to receive one of the invitations, give me their names and addresses so I can see they get one when the lists go out, a few days before our arrival there.

Caxton is advertising the book in the Spokesman I understand, but probably not until a short time before the release. And I just haven't felt in the mood to get out any "stories" to my various friends in the newspaper procession, so I imagine advance stories won't be too profuse (and probably less so after they see the book).

They are going to have ground breaking ceremonies at the dam site just after Labor Day and the Indians and I have been invited there as participants. Our "protective" measures are going through in good shape, they will move the long house, set up another house or houses, protect the graveyard etc., build a power line to their houses, dig a well etc. Of course, the only difference in things like this and compensation is the Wanapums have no treaty etc. with the government, the other tribes do, and Priest Rapids is included in the land for which the Yakimas are obtaining compensation in their ceded lands claim. Besides that, I'm not an attorney, and were I an attorney, I'd have to have a portfolio from the Department of the Interior. So we just go on along getting things done without such things. Of course there's nothing in it but the satisfaction that these people will be protected and the culture preserved, that a dam has been named for them, etc.

If you have any ideas that tie into our visit at Spokane, or any idea for something before then when I, just by myself, might be in the clear and could make a fast trip to Spokane, let me know. It takes a lot of work, and a lot of friends, to get something like this rolling. And I'm just about to reach the conclusion that hunting cannon with the Cannon Hunters is a lot more fun and has a chance of paying larger dividends.

Later, at a long house meeting at Priest Rapids, I have hopes of persuading the Wanapums to make some of our friends "members in absentia" of the Wanapum Long House. I don't know when we will meet there, but when we do, your name will be one brought up in our small council.

Hope the summer has been going well with you and yours.

Kind Regards

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