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June 11, 1954

Mrs. Thelma Kimmel,  
F. Bar Ranch,  
Topenish, Wash.

Dear Mrs. Kimmel:

Your letter of June 8, inquiring about a speaking date before the Tillicum Club in Wapato next November 16, was received today. I am answering tonight, and it will be mailed Saturday, so I am sure you will not receive it until next week, although you wished an answer this week.

It would be a pleasure to address the Tillicum Club on the general subject mentioned Fort Simcoe and its Restoration.

I see the possibility of development of much new material by that time, in view of the various Indian claims cases, Indian legislation, etc.

I look upon history as not what an individual did, but the results of that act. Therefore there is much history taking place now that we are not generally aware of without a rather exhaustive background.

As a later reminder, a letter noting time, place and approximate length of time to be devoted to the talk--25 or 35 minutes of whatever specified, would permit me to work close to the club's schedule.

I am sending this letter in carbon so you may forward it to those interested.

I am indeed sorry to hear about Mr. Kimmel's misfortune by fire. Losses like that are serious, besides the inconvenience, etc.

I see no prospect of attending the Cleveland Pioneer picnic as I would wish to do.

The "digging" still intrigues me. One of these times I hope to visit your place for a quick look-see. Even looking over such places in daylight gives me a little bit more of a background for my studies. Looking at material found therein, aids also.

Mr. Quigley of Portland, my friend the western painter, is working on the cover for my book, Drummers and Dreamers of Priest Rapids. He's every bit as good as Russell or Remington, in my estimation.

Again, thanks for the invitation; and again, it would be a pleasure.

Sincerely

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