

Dear Thelma Kimmel [Kimmel No. 1 and Kimmel No. 2]

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Thank you for your time and efforts in my behalf, when I know that time is so valuable to you.

I shall cease to argue with you, sending dollar bills back and forth until they depreciate in these days of inflation. They go into a special book account and in my records is an order for your autographed copy of Drummers and Dreamers.

As I explained I had taken a sampling of my extensive mailing list and found a good reaction. I have orders on hand from Mr. White and from the Rev. Mr. Vincent. Roger Chute and I have made many "expeditions" together but many of the other name suggestions I am not familiar with. Of course I remember the Nelsons.

I would suggest that any distribution of slips [and I am brazen enough to enclose some more] be accompanied by the definite understanding that the book will not be published until next spring or early summer. Where individual presentation copies are in line--perhaps even signed by the Indian character himself, viathumb print--I merely order extra books myself and then will see they are distributed. This may perhaps be in some instances when on tour at Seattle, Spokane, etc. In such cases where people care to, the money will be banked in a special book account and refunds given immediately upon request.

In cases of other orders, these I forward to the publisher who prefers no payment until time of publication when he bills for the book.

I am sending a letter for Mrs. Piland, a copy of which has been sent the publisher. It is self explanatory.

It seems to me that should a few other orders, direct to me, materialized from your canvass, you will have a \$2 refund coming up. Don't let me impose upon you, but it may be that you'll ring up enough "credits" to secure two copies instead of one, as there is plenty of time left.

There seems to be a million and one things to take care of, and more in prospect, so that 's one advantage of a early start.

I do want to be sure however that people understand the book won't be out immediately. That is very important.

I appreciate the addresses very much. The more I get from all over, the better, because I'm lining up a very extensive and far-reaching mailing list that I am sure will pay off in book distribution at the proper time. The publisher seems to think it needs promotion of that kind-being the kind of a book it is, history. I don't agree with him but am joining him with a slow, easy start on an all-out push.

On my day off last Saturday I visited Pasco and "alla Walla. I lined up five outlets there and requests for book parties and some speaking on the days of the parties.

I've been holding the speaking in restraint, but come November or late October, I've several engagements here to fill.

Thanks again and remember that your help is mightily appreciated.

I am hopeful that at some future time when you have a chance to drop me a note it brings me cheerful news of Mr. Kimmel's progress.

Sincerely

Cliff Relander