

[History Conference]

Box 766, College Station,
Pullman, Washington.

March 29, 1956.

Dear Click:

I am enclosing the paper that George Frykman asked you to discuss at the Tacoma meeting. Had hoped to get it to you about a week sooner but ran into trouble in expressing myself in some places.

I will, doubtless, make a few changes in it prior to the meeting. These will be style changes for easier oral presentation. If I make any major changes or additions, I will send them along to you.

If you have any objections or suggestions concerning the paper, I should be happy to hear from you on the subject. Every baby looks beautiful to its mother. My writing is far from being so expert that it stands without change or correction.

Have been looking for news of your book but haven't seen any notices as yet. Is it out? If so, would you give me complete information so that I may order it (or them, as I hear you have two). Will carry them to Tacoma for your autograph, too.

Am looking forward to seeing you in Tacoma and hope to have a good session of talk with you there. The Nez Perce and other projects have kept me too busy to pursue any of the projects I have spoken with you about. I hope, soon, to have more time for myself.

Sincerely yours,

Frank

Francis D. Haines, Jr.

SOUTHERN OREGON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

ASHLAND, OREGON

5 July 1956

Dear Click:

It is with a great deal of embarrassment that I am writing this to you. At the conference you asked if I would like to have that copy of the paper returned to me and I said no. I felt, at that time, that Chapin Foster would return my copy to me. Two months and, so far, there is no sign that it will ever be returned. I want the thing as I wish to make a couple of corrections on it with the view to submitting it for possible publication. And, I am without a copy of the thing and unable to recover it from memroy.

So, I would like to have you send it to me here if you still have it. I will send you a copy of the revision if you would like and a reprint of the published version if I am able to place it. This, of course, if you still have your copy kicking around.

Want to recommend a book to you if you haven't heard of it. A friend of mine has a book on the great Eugene Manlove Rhodes coming off Oklahoma Press this summer or fall. It is his life and letters and is called "A Bar Cross Man". If you like Rhodes, it is a must.

Nothing new to report here. I am very busy preparing four courses from scratch and giving each at the rate of four lectures per week. Really keeps me hopping. Also acquired another baby girl since I last saw you. We are buying a house here and are in the process of assembling our possessions from the ends of the earth for the first gathering of them under one roof. I have no time at all for research by the time I get through preparing the classes. Will have practically all of it done for next year, though, so can get back at it.

Please present my respects and best regards to Mrs. Relander. I hope to have the pleasure of seeing both of you again soon.

Sincerely yours,

Francis
Francis D. Haines, Jr.

[Columbia Basin]

SOUTHERN OREGON COLLEGE

ASHLAND, OREGON

7 December 1960

Dear Click:

I am not too happy with the date. The memories are not happy. At 19, the news had a terrific impact.

I am writing to ask a favor of you. Our northwest history meeting is scheduled for Walla Walla this year on April 13, 14, and 15. Bob Whitner, of Whitman, and I have been working on it and have wanted to have a series of sessions that are on one theme for a change. Our theme is the Columbia River and, for the Council for Research in Progress, the Basin development.

I have gotten in touch with Mr. Bruce Mitchell of Wenatchee and he is doing a paper on Rufus Woods and his part in the thing. I should very much like to have you present the part of the Yakima Republic. The dates, etc. would be up to you and how you wanted to handle it. I think that the part played by the press is one that we tend to overlook in writing the history of this thing. People keep concentrating on FDR or how many tons of concrete or some such.

I want only two papers so there will be ample time for you present your work. Could it be reminiscences? You would have at least thirty minutes so that the usual process of emasculation would not be necessary.

Hoping that it finds you well, happy and preparing for a merry Christmas, I am

Very truly yours,

F. D. Haines, Jr.
F. D. Haines, Jr.

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SOUTHERN OREGON COLLEGE

ASHLAND, OREGON

18 January 1961

Dear Click:

I am delighted to hear from you and especially pleased to receive a favorable response to my request. I think that you will be a fine asset to our meetings as a speaker as you have been an asset as a member. Don't let the propensity of the teachers for talking academic shop throw you.

The gentleman who has borrowed your material may well be the other half of the program. Rufus Woods is the subject and the man is Bruce Mitchell of Wenatchee. His work is a masters thesis so it sounds like the same person.

Your own editor would offer a fascinating contrast to Woods as a subject for a paper on Columbia Basin development. Was he antagonistic to the subject or did he just ignore it? Did he ridicule the idea or just dismiss it lightly? Did he appear to have much influence in the region? Perhaps a chat with some old timers of your Chamber of Commerce might give some interesting side lights on his relations with the business community in this regard.

Well, I should be telling you your business. Mitchell's paper is on the part Woods played in the agitation for the project. It would be nice to have a neighbor who opposed it and learn what he did. It would be especially good for the historian who is quick to ignore the possibility that there was not unanimity of opinion in the region concerning this project.

One nice thing about this is that you don't have to fall into any "general pattern". Mitchell, I gather is even greener at the paper at a professional gathering than you are and has heard less of them (Bob Whitner and I think that this is an advantage). Since you may know Mitchell already, he might give you a sketch of what he is doing and keep an eye open for mention of the attitude of your man as quoted or attacked in Wenatchee. Woods was not the sort to let this sort of thing go unchallenged so Mitchell may have some fine stuff for you. Quien sabe?

You have thirty minutes to talk if you wish it but positively no more time. As you know, the bane of the meetings is that we have three fifteen minute periods allotted for 3 20 minute papers, we start late and have 3 critics who each take 10-15 minutes for a 5 minute critique. It drives everyone nuts, especially the man who is trying to get lunch set up on time.

My plan is two thirty minute papers (maximum, I hope for 25). Then a brief critique which is just that, not a display of pseudo erudition from someone who didn't spend much time on the subject, a few questions and go to lunch. We have an hour and 45 minutes so I figure on being able to use 1 hr. 20 minutes and still make it to lunch on time.

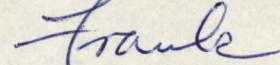
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I can't think of anything else at the moment which might be useful. If you have any more questions, fire away.

Thank you again for your acceptance of the invitation and I am looking forward to seeing you again. You can count on one thing, this meeting is going to be different from the others. Our theme for the whole meeting is the Columbia River and the papers and speakers have been selected not only on that theme but an attempt has been made to have them all fit together. I think that you will enjoy it and I know we will enjoy you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank", written in a cursive style.

F. D. Haines, Jr.

SOUTHERN OREGON COLLEGE

ASHLAND, OREGON

10 March 1961

Dear Click:

Mitchell writes that he thinks his paper will be Rufus Woods and his opposition to public power bill, Initiative No. 1, in 1930. His alternative proposal is power aspects of the Columbia Basin development before 1931. Says Burke is deciding which paper he should use. This lets you know as much as I do about the Mitchell paper.

Wesley Jones and his part would be fine if you would like to do this. The ~~Yakima~~ Yakima project as a "pattern setter" would be excellent if it can be clearly tied in as such. Did the planners of the Coulee and Basin irrigation utilize Yakima experience definitely in their planning? Frankly, I don't even have a faint idea on this, hence the query.

Bob Whitner tells me that he has lined up Senator Dill to be a speaker at the conference. You will probably enjoy this and the information may be useful to you.

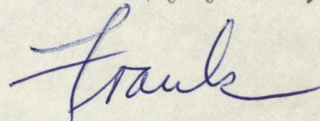
You could do the town development if you wish. The impact of the irrigation development on the communities and their attempts and failure to adjust could be a fascinating topic.

We were thinking, primarily, of the irrigation developments stemming from the Coulee project when we put it down as Basin development. As you can see above, I would willingly consider stretching this a bit.

What happened was this. Bob and I, after a mutual experience where he did Grnat's Indian policy on one reservation and I did a Southern Oregon railroad and the third man did fisheries, felt that this was spreading things. We decided to tie to the Columbia river and, primarily, from the Cascades on up. Hope this answers your questions.

Plans seem to be going well. I have an excellent commentator coming up. He will not be hypercritical or supercilious but will add to the program.

Sincerely yours,



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ASHLAND, OREGON

March 31, 1961

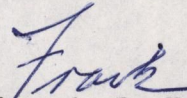
Mr. Click Relander
1212 N. 32nd Avenue
Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

I have just received a copy of Mitchell's paper, and it is entitled "Rusfu Woods and Columbia Level Development." It is a very interesting paper and is quite well done, having been done under the direction of Bob Burke.

I am looking forward to seeing you and hearing your paper at Walla Walla. Have you chosen your subject yet? Bob Whitner would like to have a title from you if this is possible. I don't need to see your paper before the session because I know it will be your usual excellent work.

Sincerely yours,



Francis D. Haines, Jr.
Assistant Professor

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SOUTHERN OREGON COLLEGE

ASHLAND, OREGON

April 18, 1961

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Yakima, Washington

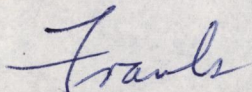
Dear Click:

I want to thank you again for your superb performance on Saturday's program. It was a most excellent paper and most excellently delivered. I am not surprised that Mr. Burke wants to publish it in the Quarterly.

I want to thank you on my own behalf for having contributed so much toward making a part of the program for which I was responsible such a resounding success. You have proved in magnificent fashion, a thesis I have been presenting for sometime; that is that the amateur historian is not necessarily amateurish.

It gave me a great deal of pleasure to see and visit with you at Walla Walla, and I am looking forward to the publication of the article and seeing you next year in Boise.

Sincerely yours,



Francis D. Haines, Jr.
Associate Professor

FDH/bjn

Dear Chick:

Found the enclosed in the Oregon Journal of Portland and thought you might like to have them.

The people in Tacoma finally got one copy of my paper back to me about a month after I wrote you.

Sincerely,
Frank Haines

Francis D. Haines, Jr.

445 Jennifer Street
Ashland, Oregon

Dear Click:

Thank you so much for sending me the newspaper feature on your sculptures. It is a most impressive display and it must be gratifying to you that your work has such a home and that the product of your self-expression has been so satisfactory aesthetically. Was also impressed with the photo of you. It looks as though you have found a fountain of youth.

I have, as usual, been inordinately busy. Have just become vice president of the local Rotary and a member of a board to get a local art museum going. In between times I try to get my book on Jacksonville finished for the publisher and do the usual summer re-writing of my courses. The latter is going well with a total of 12 new lectures written from source materials and several more lined up and about ten lectures improved through filling in some gaps in research. I'm one of those nuts who wants the course to be fresh each year. There is still much more to learn on any subject and there is still room for improvement of teaching even in a guy who is a pretty damn good pro in the field.

Had hoped that I might see you in Portland. It was not a terribly exciting meeting and I refused to pay out \$12 so that my wife (who finally got to come to a meeting) could hear David Lavender talk on a subject that I know more about than he does. There were several good papers, however.

Don't know what my dad is up to. He was visiting my sister in Aberdeen, S. Dak. but latest word from there is that he left. He is still writing and publishing articles but is not enthusiastic about doing another book. Retirement agrees with him and he and mother wore out a car traveling in the first two years of it.

Have been following the Spokane thing at a distance. Am a trifle sceptical about it due to some of the people connected with it but it may well work out. Hear that Spokane House now has a new display center. My mother-in-law went to the dedication and thinks the center is quite nice.

Have been looking into the Columbia Valley Authority proposal lately. Interesting sort of mess and, I gather, badly handled. If you have any thoughts or material on it from your own experience, would appreciate hearing from you. If I am on your reservation, say so and I will cut back and just do it up as a class lecture.

Again my congratulations on your work and my thanks for sending along the newspaper spread. Once again I am in your debt. Mayhap we can meet at the Northwest meeting (Tacoma next spring, I think). Would like to renew old times.

Sincerely yours,

Frank

OREGON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

MONMOUTH

October 11

Dear Click:

You should have stopped by Shield's last Thursday and I could have written in your book then. I had a pleasant time there, and at Lewiston Friday and Saturday.

Here are the slips you wanted. I hope all three of you like the book.

Sincerely

Francis Haines

[Crow's Nest]

445 Jennifer St,
Ashland, Oregon.

Dear Click:

Last spring at Tacoma, George Frykman resigned as the editor of Foreshadow and I was selected from among a total absence of volunteers to succeed him. As a result, I am finally getting around to writing to people to ask for information to use in the next edition of the paper. It is a somewhat slow procedure because, unlike George, I don't have a secretary or an assistant nor do I get any assistance from this crappy college. So I am typing out one hundred and seventy letters to possible sources of information.

Are you up to something currently that we ought to be mentioning in Foreshadow? Do you know of anyone who is doing something we ought to mention or who would like us to mention a project for them? Do you know of any important or interesting materials on northwest history recently acquired by a library or archive or that has been made available to the public by other agencies? That seems to sum up the sort of thing we like to print.

It has been some time since I heard from you and I can't remember whether I owe you a letter or you owe me a letter. It is probably the former as I have slipped badly as a correspondent in the past year or so. At any rate, we ought to work it out so that this coming spring we can get together in Bellingham in a quiet spot and have a good visit. This year I shall be on my own or travelling with my dad. There is no more out of state travel since the voters slugged the budget so I have to foot the bill myself. My new department chairman spends all of our travel budget going to national meetings in the east, anyhow, so I would have to pay own way regardless.

Nothing much new with me. I have been busy getting moved back to Ashland, repairing damage done to the house by the renter, fixing up the place a bit and a new hobby, being a radio sports announcer. A bit of writing in between but no research lately.

Hope this finds you your usual cheerful self. Thanking you for your assistance with Foreshadow, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Franks
F. Haines.