

July 1, 1940.

Mr. William H. Cowles,
Spokane, Washington.

My dear Mr. Cowles:-

Work is progressing on the books on all fronts. I have waited over until to-day as a letter is over due from the book binder in answer to a recent one of mine regarding further details of the loose leaf binders. I imagine Mr. Eschmann is away on a vacation and that I shall hear from shortly. The minute I hear from him I shall send on the information.

Some of the type is being set and I should have proofs to-day as the printer has had the copy for a week. I shall send these on to you for your approval. What I should like to do is to set about twenty four pages at a time, send the proofs for your O.K. and then print the twenty four so that I can proceed with the mounting at odd times. This will keep the work up to the finished point as it progresses. Twenty four different pictures are printed, fifteen copies of each, twelve for you and three for Aunt Fanny. I have begun with some of the most difficult which has taken longer. Some of my old negatives are much more dense than I would make to-day, as they were done in the days before exposure meters, and then I had only one print to make which when done in the direct sun light requires comparatively little time. In making the duplicates I am printing with a Cooper-Hewitt light which is much slower than sunlight but absolutely constant which of-course I must have in order to time the duplicate prints. For instance the Rev. Giles took eleven minutes to print! (Thank goodness he is done). Some of the recent copies I made take one minute to two minutes which is a satisfactory working time.

Also I am working out time saving methods in coating and sizing the paper so that it is all going at a faster tempo now. The next four weeks will see a great many more done.

I have not yet made the final copies as I have been concentrating on the printing end. There are a few I want to do over, and then the six or seven additional ones. Yes the print of Bob came some time ago. This has been very much retouched, but if you like it better than mine I will copy it. I will make these last copies very soon so that I can send you back all the originals.

With kindest regards, and hopes that you are well, I am

Very sincerely yours,