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I was born on the shore of Lake Michigan notth of Chicago at the beginning of the century. I remember little of the first few years of my life before I was six years old. Events of those first eady years that I do recall are hazy and incomplete, as seen through a clouded glass, impersonal as though they did not involve me: a toy sheep left put in the rain and ruined, a fact without pulled out sorry or being extracted from under the upstairs hall sofa where I was hiding from the family doctor-but no memory of fear. Nor do I recall any emotion during the subsequent examination of my throat before a bright window in dazzling light, without pain and only the most indistinct and foggy recall of the adults involved, my mother and the family physician. Only one event could can I place in time. I was standing by my mothers chair in the living room that we called the library. There were other women there for tea. One of these asked my age and either I or mother said I was six.

Six was the age when school began. The first school was one room a box-like/red building west of the tracks on the south side of dividing North Avenue, which was the / line that x dixided x our x it agen between the two districts of our village, Winnetks proper to the south and Hubbard Woods where we lived to the north. The school house at that time seemed quite far west of the tracks - The North Western Railway on which my father commuted every day to Chicago - but when site I visited the sight many years later it turned out to be, in the perspective of an adult, not far at all. The school house was work had no proxidedxwith plumbing which was provided by two, outhouses in the A black board extended back yard, one for girls and one for boys. / Along one side wall of the school room and at the back there was a raised platform where the teacher's desk stood and a chair where she sat during recitations. menerander These were terrifying (occasions). We students were required to recite our pieces to the whole school standing beside the teacher

on the platform. I remember one notable occasion when a **frightened** little girl became so frightened and speachless that she lost control i of her fuctions and wet the floor with a large puddle that flowed under the teacher's chair. **Thereditavasterresedtx Extrustion state at the second of th**

Thixxxxhamixwaxxapparently The educational standards of this school were apparently considered by my parents inadequate for their oldest son so after a year I was transfered to private boy's school in the next suburb pretentiously called The College School. There the discipline was strickt. Misbehavior, sxxst inattention and stupidity were punished by slaps with a ruler and by standing the culprit in a corner with a dunse cap on his head. I was fortunately from this program are appendicitis which statted one morning after breakfast with a stomachache (I was must have become quite sick because I was put in my mother's bed where I eventually fell asleep to be awakened by the application of an ether cone over my nose and mouth by our kindly old family doctor Dr. /whooper. who gently told me to breath deeply. I was operated on on the kitchen table and and with for water. awoke in the guest room at night desperately thirsty that the & night nurse would aswage with smell lumps of ice only. After I had recovered, my parents reconsidering my educational needs, and the relative merits of public versus private instruction, dicided in favor of the former and I was sent to the larger twon schoolin Winnetka.

A short distance west of the little red school house North Avenue ended at a strip of marsh land that extended north and south for many miles. It was called the $\widehat{\mathfrak{S}}$ kokie, the indian word for

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swamps. Beyond the marsh lay open farming country, cultivated fields and wood lots. Much of this area has since been build over by subirban developments. The Marsh was drained and a band along its western edge has been converted into a parkway which winds across a rolling filled land planted with hawthorn trees and ornamental Not until one goes north bound shrubs./ Farther west beyond the/interstate highway out of Chicago are farm lands still to be found.

The Skokie was a place of mystery and adventure for me and visited my friends that we xxxxx xxx on our bicycles. We would wade out rode on the frequet y through the marsh grasses to the cattails in deeper water in search of bird's nests and turtles, and frogs and snakes. There were birds aplenty: American bitterns, sora rails, redwinged blackbirds, and marsh wrens. To find a bittern's nest was always the most exciting discovery. The large buff eggs on a mat of reeds from which the and constined at parent bird had unseen and silently crept away on our noisy approach, was a sight that gave me intense and incomprhendable pleasure. We never intended to do harm to any living thing for we had been taught to respect the mystery and variety of life and would leave our discoveries untouched. Nevertheless our eagerness and curiosity probably did cause some disruption of life in the swamp. My interest on birds developed early and became a passion. As a child I collected birdss eggs but I never robbed a nest. I kept track of all the nest I for found and after the young had fledged there would sometimes remain an unhatched, infertile egg which was fair to take. My collection was not large butwas my most cherished possession.

On the border of the Skokie for a number of years the wild grass was mown by a farmer who stacked it for sale of feed for his cows. This haystack was a wonderful place to play much to the anoyance of the farmer because our games pulled the stack apart and scattered the hay. Since he didn't live nearby he was unable to prevent our

MEPREDAXIONX inocent depredations until one day we were discovered, repremanded and driven away.

A place as mysterious as the marsh itself A wooded knoll within the marsh called Crow Island, mysterious for its isolation in a sea of grass, was a haunt for aband of crows, **xonexomix** frequented by occasional owls, anathema to the crows, and a pair of red-shoulder hawks. To enter the dense stand of oak and hiskory in summer time by contrast from the openness of the marsh was to become enveloped/in stigian unfocused gloom where/muted sounds produced an atmosphere of in which the a prevailing sensation was like that of an intruder into the forbidden. santuary.

In those days, before I wentxawaxxtexacheek knew anything of great vast the/world beyond, that strip of marsh was the unexplored and untamed West. Not that I thought of it in exactly those terms, it was nevertheles open space devoid of habitations wherein one could escape for a while the restrictions and tribulations of family and school. I felt free there alone with the marsh birds and the wide open sky. Later when great undeveloped I was ten the/West acquired a more gnerous meaning: and almost unknowable measuriless wilderness of infinite variety and beauty. About that time my sister, younger brother and I were taken on a camping trip to the Grand Canyon by our parents. We camped out by a spring about half way to the bottom.wherexwexapentxxereixdayaxexplaring Provisions and tents were packed down on mules and we spent several days exploring along the accessable bemches and hiking down top the river. One day we stayed in camp with the cook while mu father and mother went on a walk alone. discovered We faund a cave in a ledge that we were abke to climb into up to. Hidden there we found whatwe thought was some old rope and round sticks candle-like stocks, all of which we thew down to show to father and mother Father were horified and told us that what we had when they returned. been playng with were pieces of fuse and sticks of dynamite, cashed

who there long ago by a prospector but never returned. Old dynamkte has a XANARNEX tendency to become unstable and explode unexpectedly when disturbed which was the reason for his concern. in 1912 when I was ten years old A few years later, probably when I was beginning highschool, we Yoho Valley in were again taken on a campming trip, this time to /the Canadian Rockies. camped Father had your any in the Canadian Rockies as a state before; first on trips their close as a young man during his college years and later/with mother and Chicago amateur friends. He was an enthusiastic/mountain climber of the conventional type attempting no difficult or first ascents. He did , however, visit some remote regions of the Rockies and 2000 named XXX SEVERAL XXXXXXX peaks and in a few unknown auronal names that were accepted by the Canadian Governmentfor lakes / Photography was also ane of his hobbies / which he used a postoriard large taken on these camping trips xxxx Eastman folding Kodak to photograph mountain scenery. His pictures have been were preserved in several albums that I inherited. My interest in my at about photography, encouraged by/father, began at this time and xonxthis xtrinxtox therkorkiesxi/wsedialso/anxEastmanxKodakyxaxsmallerxmadelxthanxkisx when I was given to to the supercede a folding Kodak to re supercede a box Brownie, that to me was then exitence to of the line of cameras a more advanced camera than the box Brownie I was given a box brownie, to be superceded, as my interisted in photography persisted, by a Kodak camerage. A few year's later, I was in highschool then, we were again taken west: this time first to southern Alaska, and returning through British Columbia to to Alaska Lake Louise and camping in Jasper Park. We went/by steamer from Seathe through the inner waterway along the Pacific coast to Skagway and by rail to Atlin in Yukon Territory where gold was discovered in 1898. Placer marginal operation gold was still being recovered framxmarking in a desultory way baxarding mining afxike from river gravel deposits by hydrolic mining. This was the beginning of my hope, my ambition to see and

experience the West, not the west of Canada but of the United States, the west of the Forty Niners and the Oregon Trail; to learn at first hand something of the appeal msf and remance of the vast wilderness lands and

mountain ranges that lay beyond the plains and to learn more about the compelling attraction of this region that exerted such a strong hold on the imagination of Americans. A boyhood friend became an inspiration Cornell to me to see the west on my own. He dropped out of college and took to with truckers the road, hitching rides, and riding the freight trains west, He joined in the twenties labor the hoard of migratory interxthatxharxesied workers that/followed the m market from the wheat fields of the Dakotas to the lumber camps of Oregon. He worked on the harvests in the P prairie states before the days when manuel labor had been completely replaced by the great combines and he faundx got jobs as a swamper in the lumber camps of the northwest. He whereever worked with road crews and on the railroads and traveled/ax his fancy took him all over the west. Eventually he completed his education and as a building contractor ultimately settled in Santa Fe/ I envied the freedom he had enjoyed and threleve resolved to experience at least a taste of it.

The oportunity to go west came in 1922 at the end of my spphomore when wath what gave mera model T year in college through the help of sympathetic parents who paid the Ford that cost less than #300-WETA large sum of \$285 for a Model T Fordyin which two of my classmates and I we spend the summer driving planned to drive across thex continent to the Pacific soast ... In this nothoul Forbul bel Dulon spent the summer in machine my roommate, and J with a mutual friend intended to see the west. alt als We had no definite destination although we hpped to get jobs for a time in one fabrick of the National Parks. The Ford was the touring car mouth projected properly of the National Parks. The Ford was the touring car mouth projected properly of the could be folded down and removable side curtains. It did not have a self-mouth the reflector and table the again the fact half the carded to and a helborh that and started so it had to be cranked but its most modern feature was demonstrating changing procedure in the day of the National Parks. The Ford was the touring car model with a/top that rims, which made itxeasierxtextextextext, in portion on the vehicle. easier than having to pry them off the wheels that were not removeable. It had four doors, front and back seats and running boards that Extended CONNECTEDX extended between the front and real fenders. Since these cars had no trunks whe Noce 4 the running boards served as storage space for most of the necessary equipment that one always carried on long trips for all possible contingencies

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and tire tools One runningboard held the spare tire, a tool box, and jark, a shovel and an as some rope. On the other side three cans containing spare gasoline, oil, and water were attached x mounted V in a frame that attached to the runningboard and held in place with straps. The cans were all the same five etanjulashape but different in width; the gas can held a gallons and was painted red, the water can was white and held two gallons, and the third man for for oil was blue and held one half gallon.of oil was blue. As I remember there was a space behind the back of the read seat where odds and ends could be stashed away. We had a tent, sleeping bags, a cook stove and provisions as well as our personal effects which pretty well filled up the back of the vehicle. The expedition finally got under way from my home in Illinois but how we all got there from Massachusetts I no longer remember. I may have driven there alone because I remember a night in Indiana where after having driven day and night without stopping except to eat or buy gasoline I pulled over to the side of a country road in a crawlled into state of exhaustion, climber over a fense into a field, appressivent my sleepin promptly bag and fell immediately to sleep. I was awakened at dawn by heavy thumping sounds and strange gruntings. On opening my eyes I saw the huge shapes during the night. of a herd of Poland China hogs that had surrounded me fout of curiosity? through into

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We drove north into Wisconsin and Minesota and turned west to South Dakota. The roads were all unpaved graded gravel or dirt except for a short distancesout from the larger towns. The interstate highway system was then only in the early planning stage and the farther west one we went the less it existed. Roads followed section lines in a rectangular gridxof north-south and east-west grid and would end at a right angle junction so that our route became a series of jogs to the north or south until another western road was encountered. Western Minesota and South Dakota were in the long grass prairie, uncultivated and unfensed, Jush and ind green, with wild flowers everywhere in June. We pitched our tent one

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A model T Ford was a remarkably simple vehicle. The planetary three tranmission was operated by/foot pedals, one for low range, one for reverse, and a brake. The pedals tightened bands on a drum; there were no gears as in modern automobiles. A hand brake lever was used hand for parking and emergencies. Another/lever put the car in motion the right forward. A lever on make side of the steering column advanced or retarded the spark; and ax second a lever on the left side was a for throttle/controlling the supply of gasoline. The gasoline tank was located under the front deat from which gasoline was fed interxate ENGINE by gravity into the engine which had no fuel pump. The effect that on of this system was toxentxoffxthexamplyxofxgaaslinextoxthexenginexon gosoline could not flow forward to very steep grades which had to be negotiated by backing the car up hill thus putting the gas tank above the level of the engine, so that in steep hills it order to negotiate/themxit was necessary to turn the car around and backxmexthexhikkx putting the gas tank above the level of the engine, to and/back up. Most repairs to a Model T engine were simple to make requiring a minimum of tools and spaire parts. A spare distributor head cost something under \$2.00. Most repairs could be taken care of with a screw driver and monkey wrench, some wire, rubber bands and friction tape. Tires were, however, a more serious problem. All tires in those days required inner tubes and the recommented pressure was 72 pounds. The treads were not very strong and were easly punctured by sharp objects, nails or broken glass The treads, which were not as tough as today's tires, were easley punctured by sharp objects such as pails or broken glass, but more troublesome consequence was a tendency to blow out on rocky roads. kept on hand Tire repair became a frequent necessity for which we main a supply inner of/tube patches masing boots.

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evening in/beautiful rollong country ix and were immediatelyattacked swarms by **thousands** of voracious giant mosquitos. Without lingering over supper goth Inthe we sealed ourselves in the tent and before we could sleep killed every mosquito inside. Our route took us through the Black Hills of South Dakota which I remember particularly for a vein of rose quarts we continued discovered in an out-crop by a road cut. From the Black Hills we turned on west Wyoming NEXTREST into MERITARE. As we approached a town some where in EDERTHeastern Wyoming MENTANA we picked up a cowboy who was thumbing rides. Recognizing us as eastern tenderfoots he regailed us with stories about rattle snakes and at night how they would crawl into your sleeping bag/for warmth. When this quickly happens, he told us, you should get out quirkly first because he can't inside the bag strike inxthexconfinesxofxaxbax and then you have him. Our destination now was Yellowstone National Park which we entered from the east. After seeing the sights for a day or two we enquired about getting jobs and were told to apply at park headquarters. There we were signed up and work sent to separate locations, HI was asigned to a road area the Cook City road. The Model T was parked in the care of the Park Service. Besides the boss the road crew consisted of four, two brothers about my age experienced and an older more Exprisal boy whose conversation was mostly a bout whores. with The boss was amuch older man who probably operated under contract with for the Park Service. His wife was the cook and a young son did the chores le. about the camp. We slept in tents but were required to provide our own bedrolls. Meals were served at a wooden table with attached benches set up under a tarpaulin. The road was being graded by horse drawn scrapers out and since I had no experience with horses I was set to work digging/rocks would be wuxtxmfk and filling ruts and pot holes. After breakfast I was driven in the bosses pickup with my toots shovel and pickax to places where the rocks in the road were too/be scraped out and left until lunch time, and returned in the afternoon. The boss commended me for my diligence which my colleagues considered reprehensible; I was letting them down by

road working hard when he was not watching. It was lonely work on a seldom infrequently traveled by tourists traveled road where few tourists came by but I enjoyed the solitaude. causing A herd of buffalo had moved into the valley below our camp maximum anxiety Moty on our account or the camp, the boss considerable apprehension, not for xourxsufty xorxthexranes that rather for the NORTHER safty of the horses that when hobbled at night (might be charged by a bull) if they war strayed too close to the herd and unable to escape. A horse could be knocked down by a buffalo and severly injured. One evening the boss came up to me and asked if I were being treated well. I said I was. Then he told me that his son had told him that the other boys were planning to but cactus in my sleepin bag as a trick on the eastern tenderfoot. He had interbened and told tham he would have none of this sort of thing going on in his camp. I never let on that I knew about it. However it was a warning and put me on guard so that one afternoon when we were all returning to camp in the pickup, the four over some trivial disagreement of us in back, I got into a scuffle/with the older brother who later admitted he was trying to tear my shirt off. In the process he fell He was quite mad I was over the side of the truck and I came over on top of him./ The boss stopped and said, "Boys, fight it out right now and get it over with." Fortuneately nothing happened and we climbed back in. My opponent asked me where I got that shirt. That evening after supper the older boy challeged me to a wrestling match. It was a fortunate choice for me since wrestling was something I knew about / I put him down much to his surprise and I believe the surprise of the boss too. After that I was treated with more respect.

After three weeks on the road gang I decided I wanted to see more of the west and asked the boss for my time. He was taken aback, wanted to know why I was quitting, and tried to disuade me. I was during afford the gradient of the west. So I returned to headquarters with the next supply truck. When I found my roommate he refused to quit because he liked his job and prefered to stay on

through the summer. He would return by train. My other friend decided to join me and continue on to the coast.

We drove west into Montana to Butte and from there followed a route which has become Interstate 90. In the evening about 60 miles from Butte we encountered extensive road repairs where all traffic was through construction diverted to the town of Drummond and since the roadxwaxkxhad been going on for considerable time closing the main road the diversion became region known throughout the area as the Drummond detour and a bottle neck for however all east-west traffic. It became a bonanza/for the people of Drummond providing lodging for xwhexput travelers who, like us, were held up at night with no place to camp out. We were taken in by a family in town for bed and breakfast. In Whilexestingxup, camp one night in the Cascade Range in Washington while I cut my wrist with a hatchet/trimming branches from a spruce sapling for a bow bed. The wound didn't bleed very much so/tied it up and the next morning went to a hospital in Tacoma to be sewed up. The surgeon told me I was lucky that I hadn't severed the radial artery, and that the blade had struck 2 the end of the radius severing the tendons to my thumb. He sewed then the ends together and put my fore arm in a cast and sent us on out way advising me to seek medical aid should my arm become painful. The wound healed without complications except that the tendon healed to the bone somewhat limiting inx Tarona the motions of my thumb. After visiting for a day/some friends of Del's in Tacoma other advice inxTaxena who tried to pursuade me to seek further medical attention we drove south along the coast of Oregon and northern California to the Golden Gate. primative road In California we chose a <u>route</u> south from **&resent**x**&it** Eureka that hugged the **xSURAKER** primevel coast and wound through/redwood forests.wiretingxthexbigxtrees. Itxwaxxa seiden traxeleds Theseinglestracksdirtsraads The narrow dirt track barely wide enough in places for one vehicle wound between the trunks of the big trees to fern in a sinuous course that led from high ocean vistas, across damp/shrouded again long ravines back/into the dark depths of the virgin Forest. The way was seldom tra weled but would some day become the the coastal route when the trees were all cut down

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From Drummond we drove north to Glacier National Park entering the park from the west. TherexwWe spent three days there walking across the continental divide from Lake McDonald and back, sleeping out in a camp site where tents had been xexxxx pitched for hickers. That night we were disturbed by an animal (poking aroung) and making a racket and outside the tent looking for our provisions. Del thought it was a bear but it turned out to a racoon. We didn't get back to the ranger station sunset at Lake McDonald the next day until well after Mark. There was a new moon and the forest was so dark that we couldn't see the trail and hadxts since neglected Iskiewxii we had not had the foresight to bring a flashlight and xeekidx But kept from starung off into the woods by following the gaps in the trees overhead. When we finally got back tired and hungry the ranger took pitty on us and let us sleep in the a vacant bunk house.

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The suspention bridge had not yet been build. We crossed the Golden Gate/from Marin County to San Francisco south on a ferry and without spending any time in the city headed/east to the Sierra Nevadas which xwexcrossed xwithout and Yosem to National Park. From there we took the road over Teraya Pass into Nevada. We were following the Lincoln Highway that had been staked out across the most uninhabited regions of the country with red, white and blue posts. In places the highway was essentially nonexistant. One of these we came for miles upon in Nevada was a dry lake bed which stretched out/before us, a flat low and featurless plain ofxhardxdry pale hard clay, to a distant/hofizon. The tracks that had entered this lake bed faded and dispersed as we advanced into it. There were no markers, no Lincoln Highway posts, no pulled down So need to steer the car. / We advanced the hand throttle on the steering post and both of us climbed out onto the engine hood and sat on the radiator with out flegs hanging dog wn in front, assigning all pesponsibility to in a the mechanical whims of the automobile with the carefree exillerating on at top speed of 45 mils per hour spirit of utter freedom. The car continued/in a more or less straight towards the line/far korizonxx shore, which loomed ever higher as we approached is, it revealed its character of barron desert scrub characten until when we were close in maxexitx naxking have a some the second seco We found no exit, no car tracks, no Lincoln Highway posts unitl we had follo owed the lake bank for some distant ce south. At the first sign of civilization we came to, a trading post and gasoline pump, we filled up with gasoline at the then unheard of price of 75 cents a gallon. Until we reached Salt Lake City on a Sunday the trip was uneventful. It changed there abruptly as we were driving down the wide main street in tuploging his bodge the center of the city when a plain clothes man, jumped on the running board and ordered us to pull over. He asked us where we were from and where we were going and for our drivers licences and then directed us to the police station. In the police station we were questioned again and Del when asked his age replied with considerable asperity; the same as it was

ten minutes ago. We were suspected of having stolen the car because it carried Massachusetts plates and we couldn't produce a bill of sale. is To that we replied with irritation that in Massachusetts one wax not required to carry the bill of sale for his car around with him, that we did have the registration certificate for the care and furthermore that the rights of wexbelievedxikatxaxreciprosity agreements covering/motorists between states MinkandxMaxxarkwxmitx protected them from har covering motor vehicle assured of reasonable and curtious treatment regulations protected motorist from xanreax on able x harassment. The officer realizing the rediculousness of his suspecion that we had stolen the car by resorting to higher authority home of but to save his face/ordered us to drive him out to the chieftaxhome chief of police. We found him in his yard repairing his fishing tackle. against After listening to our protestations for the harassment we had been subjected to and lecturing us on the duties of his officers he dismissed the case against us. The officer then rather sheepishly asked us to drive him back to the police station.

I remember little about the remainder of the drive back to Chicago except for an encounter with a rattle snake in Nebraska. From Chicago Belafield returned to his home in Connecticut by train. He had had enough of driving, and \mathcal{L} , after a few days alone in the family fixed and the more back to Winnetka house - the rest of the family was in Maine - I drove back to Cambridge alone.

opportunity The time came two years later after my graduation from Harvard ambilion to realize my desire to seexAmerican the American west in the way my boyhood friend had done it by going on the bump. Father and mother had organized a trip to England and Norway on which they proposed to take the whole family. but I told them I wanted to go west instead but did not say how I planned to do it, knowing that father would very much disapprove on moral grounds that to ride freight trains would be cheating the nevetuler They tried hard, to disuade me, needless to say without railroads. success. I parsuaded a classmate Francis Birch, who became a famous geophyicist, to accompany me. For the journey I had made two bedroll packs of canvass with **bask** straps for back packing in which held a blanket. pack anaxextra clothing and a minimun of personal effects. The canvass/was made opened ratxandx fashioned in such a way that it could be spread out to serve a small sum of money each as a waterproof sleeping bag. With this minimum baggage/and a twenty dollar for emergencies bill/sewed into the fly of our trousers, we set out from Winnetka after the my family had departed for Europe. First we hitch hiked on the highway to Waukeegan, Wisconsin where we went to the Chcago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway station and inquired about trains for St. Paul. We were told there would be one leaving in the evening. Our plan was to bum our way west from St. Paul and Miniapolis on the Great Northern Railroad because objected less why hobo friend had told me that the Great Northern was more permissive was not so tough about having to about allowing migratory workers/riding their freights than the other lines. The St. Paul or the Union Pacific/because thereating thereater many of the railway employees in the northwest I had heard that the Great Northern was more liberal about allowing migratory workers to ride their freights than the other lines of the Wathen

northwest, the St. Paul or the Union Pacific, The reason, for this whose ly ferred so be that most of the Railroad Brotherhood employees of the Great Northern also belonged to the I.W.W., the union to which the of the common laborers belonged. hughler worker.

The first stage of the trip was quite conventional, paying our fares on the Chicago and Northwestern to Milwaukee. From Milwaukee we went on to Oshkosh but by what means I do not remember although we probably went legitimately by train. Starting in Oshkosh our mode of travel rhanged became surreptitious and extralegal. I seem to remember that we inquired at the railroad station abbut trains for Minniapolis and a local were told that one would be coming through in the e wning. Our plan was to ride thereight trains of the Great Northern Railroad west from It was commonly believed less ridgid Minniapolis . Nax Wax Nears that Great Northern was marex generous in its policy attitude towards tramps, bums and migratory workers using its freights than were the other lines of the northwest, the St. Paul or the Mnism Northern Pacific. The reason for this was supposed to be that many of the railroad employees of the Great Northern belonged to the I.W.W. the union also of migratory workers.

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Our train for St. Paul was a local with coaches and a baggage car for express and mail. We waited for it in the dimly lighted side of the tracks opposite the station platform. We did not board a coach but gave when the conductor signaled the engineer the all clear signal who replied with a short blast of the whistle and started the locomotive we ther climed onto the front end of the baggage car immediately behind the engine's tender. A narrow recessed vestibule outside the locked front door provided a place for two people to stand or sit without being conspicuous This was the traditional way to hitch a ride on a passenger train and was called riding blind baggage. The train rumbled and clattered through the night puffing smoke and steam. In the early morning the train stopped at a water tank to refill the tanks in the tender and the fireman, who had climbed up on top to position the water tower spout, saw us and remarked more to himself than to us, "Well, see all our passengers". He didn't, however, tell us to get off and soon the train was underway again. The next stop was La Crosse, Wisconsin. By then we were shivering with cold and to warm up had climbed down on the off side from the station and were warming our hands on the cylinder of the locomotive when the a railroad dick discovered us and led us into the station where he told us he would put us where in jail unless we paid out fare from the station/we got on. We told him back it was the last stop before which we happened to remember and it cost us about a dollar apelice. The de¢tective then ordered us to ride no more passenger trains but that we could catch a freight in the yards about a mile do down the tracks. There we found a group of switchmen sitting in the sun in front of a freight shed. We told them our story and asked about the when the next fraight train would be coming through. They said there would be no trains that day because it was Sunday and then advised us to try to pick up a ride on the highway. They were sympathetidabout our predicament and vouched-safe the opinion that the dick would get hurt if he treated others

as he did us.

On the highway we were very lucky. Before we had walked far August August a Mammon touring car we flagedstoped and the driver asked where we were going. Miniapolis we said and we were invited in; he was headed there too. His wife was with him in the front seat so we rote in back. During the ride he told us he was an architect and we confided what we were doing a mi how we planned to procede west from Minniaple is. He dropped us off at the Great Northern Railway station widhing us luck.

When one sets out to travel by freight trains he does not ordinarily start at the main passenger terminal of a railroad in a major city; he seeks out the freight yards on the outskirts of the city where the freight cars are assembled. What we did, however, was inocent and unorthodoz. We walked into the Great Northern station through the main entrance for passengers, crossed the lobby to the platform gates and out No one acosted us. There were no trains in the station. onto a platform. toend of the We walked down/the/platform taxitaxend and outonto the tracks, and confinued on for some distance until we reached what apperaed to freight yards. Eventually we came across a switchman whom we asked where we could find a freight train going west. He didn't seem particularly surprised our by thatxquestion and told us that a freight would be going out that afternoon, that we could recognize it because it would be a long one, and that it would slow down at the last switch. We waited for some time until finally a what appeared to be long train came by. We climed into an empty box car. After a short distance the train stopped then backed up a ways and was still. We were puzzled but waited until we heard a knocking sound sound down the line of cars. On locking out we saw a man sealing the doors of the box cars. He told us the train was going nowhere that night. By then it was dark. Pretty soon we hear the rumble of another train approaching handled and saw as it got near that it was pulled by a huge locomotive - not a switch engine - and was made up of many cars - box cars, cattle cars,

condola cars, and flat cars. We managed to climb into an empty cattle car, not perhaps the best choice, but in the dark we couldn't be choose. The floor was thickly covered with mostly dried cow dung. We hah hoped to find an empty box car inw which we could spread out our sleeping bags realized car for the night but in this one that was out of the question and we/ were we hit upon in for another sleepless night. The best solution/was to sit on our packs placed against at one end of the car where the dung was dry and try to sleep sittingup. The through freights between the middle west and the Pacific many off usually coast, for (economy) reasons, were made uppf/100 cars, invariably of great with types xxxxixxx although box cars axaally predominatedg intermixed with condolas, and cuboose at the end. refrigerators, flat, and tank cars. Freight trains were never hauled main straight through but stopped at the division pointa along the/line, which were spaced MEXMIRE about every 200 miles, for a change of crews and engines, and in meanteneousxregions where the grades are steep in the mountains, to couple greater one to pull and on for make traction another locomotive and sometimes two, /one to push at the rear. In these days before the advent of the diesel engine one of the special distinctions of the railroads was the sound of their locomotive whistles. The Great, Northern engines let out a blast, audible for many miles, (a half rumbling roar, and half vibrating screech), that echoed and reechoed from canyon walls/ At the division points changes were sometimes with regional of local freight being made in the makeup of the train; a few cars/dropped off to be replaced by or added others perhaps containing local produce, or empties returned. ja Every long freight was made up of cars from many lines, The Santa Fe, Union Pacific, Great Northern, Rockisland, New York Central, Pennsylvania. Southern Lines and many others. This is because it is cheaper to send freight cars from one region tox of the country to another without unloading and reloading at every change from one railroad network to another. the realt of reciprocity agreements betweenxxxitreadex to circumvent the necessity for transloading from one line to another.

a At the first division point we left the cattle car, found/cafe ate that cost near the railway station and ordered a hearty breakfast for twenty five cents. Then we walked out to the end of the yards where all the sidings our At many of converge Into the main line and waited for thextrain. Wery xor the these yard ends on either side of the railroad embankment are thickets of willows nondescript bushy thickets, and sometimes the track crosses a main line on either (what is not an uncomon feature) wide culvert, border the Real south ant an anticon side and frequently here the railroad embankment atxthesexplassex it bridges a stream bed or is penetrated by a wide culvert. Here migratory workers, hobos, and tramps and bums hang out while waiting for a freight. Within these thickets one often finds the remains of camp battered samp fires, rusty tin cans, asedxas cooking utensils, and other signs of occupation that someone has can be at the real of the wobbly jungles union. named after the xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx the International Workers of the World, the I.W.W., a socialist organization that established under Marxist to overthrowgh capitalism influence at the turn of the century. Many of the migratory workers belonged to this union along with the very respectable railroad employees.

It was atxork in one of these wabbly jungles that we wassexfirst learned about union solidarity. A fellow traveler recognizing that we were not cast from the same mold as the majority of our companions, and perhaps motivated by a compassion to save us from the dire consequeces of inocence, asked if we had red cards. Red cards we learned were certificates of membership in the I.W.W., necessary passports for riding the freights. Without a card one ran the risk of being rolled by a brakeman, meaning thrown off the train. We **ERE** were also imformed that at the next divison point which a deligate of the union would sign us up, and in fact that is precisely what occured when our kind advisor introduced us to a more prosperously dressed older man who sold us our membership cards. The membership card red is a small/booklet measuring 2 3/4 by 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches containing the preamble to the constitution of the Industrial Workers of the World which begins: The working class and the employing class have nothing in common.

On the next page is written the name of the worker and a code for the member who initiated him into the union, inxwhichxonxnyxeardxisxi#/191, followed by size date of membership inityxixxi92# and/industrial department, AgriculturexxRarmingx to which the worker is assigned. My Extremy was card work iistedxasxAgriculture and farming, and my initiator A4/191. The final pages of the booklet were given over to monthly spaces for dues stamps and assessments. I paid dues at 50¢ a month for July, August and September and a 50¢ assessment stamp for imprisioned workers. Membership in the I.W.W. was advanta geous, however, only on the northwestern railroads freight trains where the union was especially strong, and not on the central and southernwestern king, or eastern lines where it might get you into trouble.

We learned from the talk between our fellow travelers of a rumor that wark a lumber camp east of Glacier National Park was looking for workers and we decided to try our luck there. The nearest division point was Cut Bank on the Milk River a tributary of the Missouri. Here we left the freight and the first thing we did was to find a secluded place on to the river bank and/washed ourselves and our clothes. We found the camp forman the next day, a Sunday, and were immediately hired. The bask told us we could start right away which we agreed to, and he set us to work digging a garbage pit. After producing what we thought was an enormous hole, the boss told us scornfully it was not nearly big enough and to enlarge it by several times.

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At Cut Bank, a divison point on the Milk River a tributary of the Missouri, we were all driven off the train by an irate, hard nosed yard detective who prevented us from reboarding when the train pulled out. In steady rain we holed up in the wobbly jungles, taking to our sleeping bag to keep dry. After dark the dectective went off duty and Lead we were abbe to get on the next freight. We had learned from talk between Composition our (fellow) travelers of a rumor that a lumber camp south of Glacier National Park was looking for workers and we decided to try our luck there. So we left the train at Belton west of the Continental Divide ofthe finding and the first thing we did was to find a secluded place on a xi creek wart bath and wash our clothes. The next day, a Sunday, we found the camp and were immediately hired. The forman told us waxrania he would put us to work right away, to which we agreed, and he axxxxx set us to digging a garbage pit. After p excavating what we thought was an emrmous hole, we were scornfully told it was not nearly big enough and to enlarge it by several times.

The camp had only recently opened and was engaged in building a logging road, through low land forested in cedar a n worthless timber Turble to reach more valable trees. Early the next morning we were assigned felled as swampers (those who clear brush and trim the branches from first trees) to two Swedish lumber jacks. They were cutting down the largest cedars, trees at least 3 feet in diameter, and sawing them into 16 foot length to be used for the construction of a corduroy road. Our job was to provided with axes, wedges and main mauls. Residesxthexapittingxmex Before a tangle of brush and branches had to be we could begin the splitting we usually had to clear away a totxof emen though the logs were easy to cleared tangle of brush and branches, and inxspitexefxtkexfactxtkat and rotten in the core

split/we were hard pressed to keep up with the tree felling.

The camp consisted of a bunk house equiped with steel beds matresses and blankets, a cook house with attached eating shed, a commissery and stalls for horses. As soon as we were installed in the bunk house one of the inmates, spotting our packs, advised us **nex** against using our sleeping bags and to stash them under our bunk out of sight because the union had recently taken a stand against blanket stiffs and won a contest with camps requiring them to provide matresses and blankets. The food at the camp was very plentiful and good, a victory also for the union. For breakfast there was hot and cold cereal, fried

eggs with ham and bacon, hashed potatoes; and steak and coffee. week at least of splitting cedar

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from the split logs, had advanced a considerable distance I was reasigned with handles attached to a U shaped bridle to handling a freshough, a scoop for dirt moving dirt and gravel/drawn wixed controlledwith two handles like a wheelbarrow by a horse. The scoop was filledxin/gravel pit by lifting up on the by the operator following along behind. By raising the handles the lip of handles to direct the lip of the scoop into the grawnd gravel and when the scoop could be directed into the ground until filled. izzded lowering them when it was filled. It was then pulled along the ground to the place ignities where the dirt was to be delivered and dumped by throwing the handles forward to upset it.

After a week, at least of splitting cedar for the corduroy road which by then had been laid down for a considerable distance into the forest, the next step was to cover the logs with dirt and we were given new jobs. I was assigned to handling a freshough, a scoop attached to a U-shaped bridle drawn by a horse for moving dirt and gravel. The scoop is controlled with two wooden handles like a wheel barrow by the operator following along behind. By raising the handles **thewkipxof** the scoop can be directed into the dirt until filled To fill the scoop the handles are lifted tausing it to dig into the dirt and when filled are lowered. It is then pulled along the ground to the place where the dirt is to be delivered and dumped by throwing the handled forward upsetting it.

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One of the loggers , a tough character with strikingly mongoloid features, a beligerant disposition and a propensity for picking fights justifiably at the slightest provocation had/acquired the reputation of camp bully. And, although he had his coterie of sycophants, he was avoided by most out of bravado of the men because he was constantly challenging them formexreasen to put on the gloves with him. Blacky, the nickname for one of the skinners who had brought his own horse to the camp, was a huge man whose face was mostly conceiled beneath a full, bushy, black beard. He was a man of mild an and peaceful disposition, but probably because of his size was regarded as a threat by the bully to his dominant position and therefore had to be boxing challenged. Blacky, however, who had no/experience with or desire to because of his pacific nature fight refused to be coerced into conflict, but unfortunately/many of the urged him to become act as men accused him of cowardise, having hoped he would be their surrogate to for to avenge their huminiation, and misinterpreting his pacific nature, Since no one was willing to take on the logger Francis came forward and offered to box with the logger. I did not witness the fight but since it standing in the camp appatently ended in a draw Francises/and mine by association were in awe considerably enhanced. People came up to me after the fight to ask/where my friends learned to box.

in camp

We had been **XEXXING** about two weeks and I was still working with the fresnough when we got fired. The excuse for letting us go was an accident I had with the scoop **XNAX** I was dumping at the edge of the corduroy road as directed. As it went over one of the handles caught between two logs and snapped off. By bad luck, the boss happened to be watching. I was sent back to camp for a new handle and that evening we were given our time. We were paid a little over two dollars a day.

We walked out of Camp the next morning analyzen to Columbia Falls about 18 miles, where we got a freight on the Great Northern to Spokane. Washington and on to Pasco on the Columbia River. We were thrown off the train freight at Pasco and warned against riding any freight out of that city. Pasco had a reputation among bums and hobos as a bad town. So we walked to west side of the a across/the/Columbia River on/railroad bridge and were able to jump a Union Pacific freight to Auburn, south of Seattle. Rran Auburn we mannaged rather fast moving to board a/train going south, probably a Southern Pacific freight, that we stayed untit with all the way to Eugene, Oregon when we were again bumped off. It was probably then that we decided we had had enough and turned by rail We worked our way northeast/to The Dalles on the Columbia River. back. Grand Coulee or any other which was then free flowing before any of the dams that impound its waters had yet been constructed. While scoutong around in the freight yards east bound for a made-up **maxtxhound** frieght that looked as though it were about ready accosted to pull out, we were accessed toy a plain clothes policeman and questioned at length about where we were from, whether we had come from Portland. where we were going and asked our names. When we appeared to be inocent of any criminal act we were informed that the police were on the lookout for two men from Portland wanted for murder. Then we were orfered out of the vards and told not to come back. Night overtook us out on the highway and since the chance of hitching a ride seemed remote indeed we searched for a sheldered place to hit the sack. The road was Bordered by a (bushy) chaparel a small spot of large enoughfor our in which where we found enough clear ground surrounded by bushed to spread out our sleeping bags. The next morning we discovered we had camped in a thicket luckyly of poisen ivy, but/were not effected by it.

The rest of the journey in retrospect is vague and dreamlike and in which only a few episoded stand out clearly inmy memory. We ate in railroad cafes and traveled on the Northern Pacific (all across Idaho and all of Montana into the wheat belt where the harvest was in full progress.

and many of our fellow travelers were headed. One train we rode somewhere in Idaho was made up almost entirely of tank cars. There was no safe place to sit, it was night, and we were tired, and to prevent our falling off fund for the side of the a tank car with our belts. I also found that I could stand on the cat walk put both arms through the hand rail so that it was under my armpits, hang there and geto sleep.

Coming into Montana one evening on a long freight made up of the box wars and empty gondola cars it stopped Mat & division point for crew and engine change near the small town of Pafadise northwest of Missoula. A large number of riders, maybe twenty or more, got off and all of us went into the railroad station cafe for coffee and doughnuts and then we all went back into the yards to await the trains departure. We hadn't been waiting long when we were all rounded up by railroad dectedtives and herded back to the station because someone had skipped out without paynig for his and bood No one admitted to the crime xx we were warned that none of us would be geton againa until was caught allowed to boardx the xuniters the culprit confessed or werexapprehended. In the mean time while the police searched the yards we were advised to for us atay on the platform and were told that the train would slow down/as it came through xxxthatxwexxxxidxgetxxx. It was not long before the detectived returned with a shabby meek man who confessed he had not paid because he had no money. Somebody paid for him and he was let go. Then he was bawled mu out by thexatherxriders his companions for puttingthem all under suspicion and giving migratory workers a bad name. He should have told them he was broke and they would have paid for his coffee. As promised the train did slow down at the platform,

I remember little about the rest of the journey except that most of the men left the train in the plains states for the wheat harvest while Franics and I went on towards Chicago. How we finally got home I do not know, only that bathes a

only that bathes and clean clothes were luxuries we had been looking forward to for some time. Francos went home to Cheve Chase by **tr** passenger train and I stayed in Winnetke until my parents retured from Europe. When I told them what I had been doing they were very surprised interested and fascinated and did not repreach me. Father did not XXXXXX me offor cheating the railroads/

This adventure ended for fifteen years my all further exploration of the west. I had graduated from Harvard with a degree in Chemical engineering but my interest had turned away from engineering and diverted to the more exciting and stimulating organic and biochemical fields. I entered the Hatvard Medical School in the fall where in my second year I became aquainted with and greatly influenced by Dr. Hans Zinsser the head of the bacteriology department. My intention had never been to practice medicine but to used medical education as a step towards a career in biochemical research. After graduation I obtained a position in the bacteriology department as a teaching assistant with time for research, which I pursued for several years, until I received an appointment as a until 1939 tutor in the Biochemistry Department at Harvard. During that period/I was a research assistant to Dr. Wyman. My interest in photography, which I had been almost completely given up during Medical School years, revived after graduation to become an increasing ty important avocation. I began to photograph more on weekends and intensively on summer vatcations gradually accumulating a large number of prints, which, were first seen and criticised by Ahsel Adams at a dinner party near Boston and later, after I had been introduced to him by my brother) painter, by Alfred Stieglitz hut who criticised them unsparingly, Stinglitzyxhownevery was also encouraging Forxseveralxyearsx Once a year thereafter I would go down to New York with a box of photographs to show to Stieglitz, who continued to give me kindly advice until one unforgetable day in October 1938 after looking at what I had brought twice, he said, "I want to show these".

My photographs were exhibited by Alfred Stieglitz at his gallery from to An American Place for three weeks in December 1938 and January 1939. This event changed the course of my life. My research had not been going weel; I had made no contributions to scientific knowledge and I forsaw no prospects for an academic career. It seemed obvious to me I resolved that I was a better photographer than scientist.andxderided to give up teaching and research for photography and at the end of the academic year in June not to seek reappointment.

Since I had freed myself from institutional connections I did not have to stay in Cambridge and could live wherever my fancy dictated. My wife's brother had moved to Santa Fe and suggested we come there. This was the west again, and a part of the west I had not seen, and so my wife and I decided to try it. We drove out to Santa Fe in the fall Buth arcon for the winter, but my wife dodn't tikexNEWXXEXXES share my feeling for birth place the west so after a year we moved back to my mamerizant in Illinois. But the Southwest had a romantic attraction for me that began with the dulland camping trip (my father took me on to the Grand Canyon. It was a young of denuded evoded boulands land of sharp outlines, of tall buttes and steep deep canyons, and of exotic desert plants and wide skies and bright sun. I returned alone several times to photograph the landscape, the adobe buildings and churches, and the desert birds.

Then **thexserond** World War II changed everything. We moved back to Cambridge where I had a job at the Radiation Laboratory at M.I.T. developing radar. After the war my wife became more reconciled to living permanently in the west and in 1946 we moved back/to Santa Fe.