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COMING EVENTS

- June 16 Regular meeting—special place  
8 P.M. at the High School, Lovell, Wyoming
- July 7 Executive Committee meeting—8 P.M. 1117 36th Ave. E.
- July 21 Regular meeting, regular place—1117 36th Ave. E. 8 P.M.

Field trips every weekend or so after the Convention!

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Noted Geologist Gives Information  
on "Jillson's Cave"  
by  
Willard Rouse Jillson, Sc. D.

Returning from a field trip into eastern Kentucky a few days since, I found that you had sent me a copy of your very interesting book: "Caves of Washington". During the ten days or so that it has been here, scarcely one has passed that I have not spent some time looking through it.

Quite naturally, one might say, I first turned to the index to see if the book contained any mention of the very high and very rough "Lava Cave" well up on the southwestern flank of Mt. St. Helens. In this first "run-through" of the book, I found, of course, "Ole's Cave", page 100-104, with several illustrations and I read the description from start to finish, but though I found it very, very interesting, I must say that it is not the lava cave that I found and entered on the upper southwestern flank. Ole's is stated on page 100 to be about 1350 feet a.t. If this, a barometric level I suppose, was in error as much as 500', it would not make any difference as the cave which I had in mind and which I entered, as I told you, was certainly much, very much higher, perhaps about 4500 to 5000 feet high. Also the cavern opening was very much smaller and in all probability the cave and its opening was, I think, as I look back in memory, very much smaller. It was as I remember very sharp, spikey and rough inside and one would say, quite properly, "small chambered". Recalling well its altitude and character within, I doubt if many residents of Washington State or from elsewhere in this country have seen it. It will take a bright summer day, with flunkys carrying bags and boxes of food and canteens of water and plenty of time, maybe overnight, to find and explore this "high up" lava cave, that I found and entered in 1915. But with all the hardships and large chance of failure to locate it, someone will do it someday, if indeed, it has not already been done. But I do not see anything in your book that looks like it to me. \*

\*See Who's Who 1958; p.1423 for W.R. Jillson Washington record.

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