



A GRANITE BOMB.

Jack Frost Hurled It Down Into the Yosemite Valley.

Delicate frost tracings on the window panes seem to be the work of fanciful and harmless sportiveness, but the hand that forms them is capable of greater deeds and of other kinds. Mr. J. Smeaton Chase, in "Yosemite Trails," describes an experience that must have been wonderfully impressive to the spectator. He had been spending some weeks in exploring the Yosemite valley and the "great rocks." like El Capitan, that wall it in. Standing one day of late autumn about the middle of the valley, I was startled by a report like a cannon shot. which filled the whole valley with echoes that roared and boomed, replied and multiplied, in a long continued, glorious tumult.

As the deafening sound died away in sullen mutterings under the vizor of El Capitan I was able to distinguish the point of attack by the long, clattering descent of a vast quantity of rock.

The night had been a cold one in the valley, and on the seven to eight thousand foot levels of the upper rim the temperature must have dropped almost to zero.

Frost, working quietly with his Archimedean lever, bad just succeeded in shifting from the shoulder of the sentinel a trifle of fifty tons or so of granite. For near a thousand feet the bowlder fell sheer, swift and silent; then, striking the cliff, it burst like a bomb, shattered into a myriad flying shards and splinters and dislodged a smother of fragments that trickled down to the valley in a stream that lasted for minutes.

Then from the spot where the bowlder had struck dust began to rise into the sunny air. slowly building up and burgeoning like a summer cloud and every whit as snowy. It was the flour of granite, powdered instantaneously by the terrific shock.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the councity of the city of La Grande, Oregon. until eight (8) o'clock p. m., August the second, 1911, for the construction of four hundred lineal feet (400, approximately of board side walk five (5) feet in width to be built on the south side of S avenue in the city of La Grande, and according to the plans and specifications on file in this office. Certified check of five (5) per cent to

accompany all proposals. By order of the county July 19th, 1911.

C. M. HUMPHREYS. City Recorder.

NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: No tice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oragon, on the 27th day of October, 1909, creating improvement district No. 8

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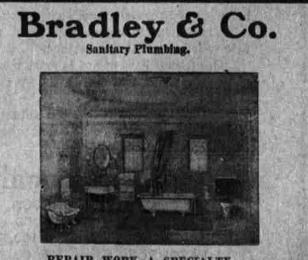
and designating Second street as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the fifth day of July, 1911, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Second street, in said improvement district as hereinafter described. by laying thereon cement sidewalk and constructing curb on each side of the street, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefitted by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as fol-

lows: All that portion of Second street from the south curb line of Jefferson avenue to the north curb line of Main



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