

MT. LASSEN IS SAFE ONCE MORE

(By Associated Press)
 REDDING, Cal., Dec. 21.—Eruptions are not liable to occur at Lassen Peak, the only active volcano in the United States proper, as long as the mountain continues to emit smoke and steam, as it now does, according to M. E. Dittmar, geologist and authority on conditions in the Lassen section here.

Dittmar, known as the "father" of Lassen National park, which includes the volcano and the country surrounding it, recently returned from an extensive tour over the section.

The action of the volcano, the geologist declared, is similar to that of a steam boiler. As long as steam can escape there is not any danger of an explosion, but if the steam is confined and cannot escape, the pressure gradually increases until finally the boiler blows up, just as the top of the mountain blows off if gas and steam inside is confined.

There is a great deal of steam and gas coming from the cracks in the mountain, Dittmar reported. Before the big eruption of 1915 there was very little steam emitted.

Several geysers have made their appearance since the eruption in what is known as the Devil's Kitchen, one of the noted spots of the park. In the Devil's Kitchen there are between 700 and 800 active hot springs, boiling mud craters and geysers within an area of 25 acres. Some of the geysers force boiling water several feet into the air and eject steam to a height of several hundred feet.

Boiling waters from the Kitchen flow into the icy cold waters of a nearby stream which has been named the Rivulet Styx. A scenic highway is proposed through the park, touching the Devil's Kitchen, the Rivulet Styx and giving a view of the mountain.

SEVEN PERISH IN FIRE

(By Associated Press)
 WINDSOR, N. S., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Reuben Johnson and her six children, aged from 3 to 15, were burned to death Sunday in a fire which destroyed their home. Mr. Johnson had been called away from home a short time before to fight a fire at a neighbor's house. He returned to find his own home ablaze.

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Little Blanche Blair, of Providence, R. I., age 13, gained 10 pounds; Regina McCabe, at right, age 9, of Scranton, Pa., gained 15 pounds; little Richard Leary, Jr., of Philadelphia, who was very delicate, is now in fine robust health. The statements made by their parents are as follows:

Mr. A. M. Blair, residing at 20 Atwood street, Providence, R. I., said: "We are just so happy over the change Tanlac has made in our little girl that we can't do or say enough to show our appreciation. She had lost nearly 20 pounds in weight and looked so frail and weak that her mother and I were both almost worried sick over her condition. Since taking Tanlac she has already gained 10 pounds, her color is better than it ever has been and she looks and acts like a different girl."

Mrs. Catherine McCabe, 414 Dickens Ave., Scranton, Pa., said: "The 'flu' left my little Regina in such a bad condition that I have no idea she would be with me now if it hadn't been for Tanlac. It is a mystery to me how she lived on the little she was eating and was so lifeless she never even cared to play with the dolls and toys she got at Christmas. Since taking Tanlac she is as hardy and well as any child could be and has gained 15 pounds in weight. I will always praise Tanlac for restoring our little girl's health."

Richard Leary, 2342 Palethorpe St., Philadelphia, said: "There is no doubt in my mind but that Tanlac saved my little boy's life. For two years I wouldn't have been a bit surprised to have seen him drop off at any time. He had stomach trouble and many a time the gas pressed up into his chest until his heart palpitated so I thought sure he couldn't breathe but a few more gasps. But Tanlac gave him back to us strong and well and we will praise it to our dying day."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS PROGRAM

(Special to The Observer)
 ELGIN, Dec. 21.—Each of the Sunday schools of the town is preparing for its customary Christmas exercises.

Miss Mary Gekeler went to La Grande Sunday evening.

Harry Hasbrook, who has a logging contract, came up Monday to obtain supplies and extras for his camp a few miles down the river.

Helen Dabham is home from Monument, where she is attending the Normal, to spend the holidays with her family.

Orla Keiffer and daughter, Marie, left last week for their home in California. They have been here several weeks visiting with relatives.

The junior class play given last Saturday night was splendidly acted and was fairly well attended.

Quincy Richardson, Jr., of the valley, was visiting friends near Elgin Sunday.

A number of local sportsmen are out at practice for the big shooting match to be held Thursday. A great

deal of interest is being shown in this event, the merchants of the town putting up extra prizes for highest scores in the match.

Miss Lulu Bible has returned from a several months visit with relatives in the east.

Elgin schools will close on Thursday for the Christmas holidays.

COUGARS APLENTY

(By Associated Press)
 ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 21.—Cougars and bears have been reported prowling in considerable number in the Olympic Peninsula of cougars yet taken in the Olymp-

section and other districts near here.

Recently several bears appeared at North Beach, a summer resort on Willapa Harbor, Washington. A locomotive engineer reported that he saved several sheep from a bear by blowing the whistle of his engine and frightening him away. Another bear entered a pig pen, killed a 150-pound pig and escaped with part of the carcass.

Four cougars were killed in the Olympic mountains recently in one day and night by John Bunch. This is believed to be the largest bag number in the Olympic Peninsula of cougars yet taken in the Olymp-

pic. A bounty of \$20 is paid on each cougar killed, for it is estimated that one cougar kills 50 elk and deer each year.

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