

FIND NEW ENTRANCE TO MARBLE CAVES

Oregon Caves Probably Have Two Entrances, Seven Miles Apart.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Sept. 9.—John H. Kincaid of Williams was in Grants Pass a couple of days last week, and related to the Observer the result of an attempt a couple of weeks ago to explore a new cave entrance about seven miles from the present entrance. The party consisted of J. H. Kincaid and little son Johnny, J. F. Hartley and three of the Wiseman neighbors. They found the new cave on the east side of Craggy mountains, about two miles below the summit, and southeast from the present cave entrance.

They went in about 60 feet, having to crawl part of the way, and then the passage narrowed to a small hole. It was decided to let little Johnnie Kincaid go through this hole, which he did, and found that the passage enlarged again and he was able to stand up and see quite a distance ahead by the light of his candle, when his father called him back for fear of accident. A peculiarity of this new cave is that there is a heavy suction of air inward. In the caves now known the draft is outward. These facts seem to indicate a connection between the two caves, or rather that the two are one. Mr. Kincaid and his associates contemplate returning to the Craggy peak caves as soon as practicable with equipment to enlarge the passages so as to extend the exploration.

The present caves, so far as known, are not nearly as extensive as generally reported. Mr. Kincaid knows all the passages and chambers intimately and has probably been through them a thousand times as guide for various parties and otherwise. Years ago it was he and his neighbor, J. N. Hall, who made the Windy Passage practicable for visitors. While there are many windings, the farthest chamber known is not more than half a mile directly back from the entrance. But there are two unexplored passages leading out of back chambers, and Mr. Kincaid intends to investigate these, as he believes there is a connection with the Craggy Peak entrance, seven miles distant.

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Methodist Doings.

Last Sabbath was "reception day" at the Methodist Episcopal church in this city. At the morning hour Rev. Reuter preached on "John Wesley," taking for his text: "There was a man sent from God whose name was John." (John's Gospel 1-6) and "He was a burning and a shining light" (John 5-35). After describing John Wesley's work as a preacher, reformer and author, he quoted the following eulogies on the great man:

The Historian Green says: "He re-created England."

Philip Schaff, the eminent Presbyterian professor of Union theological seminary, New York city, calls Wesley "the most apostolic man that ever rose in England."

The historians, Lacey, Lord, Macaulay, Buckee, Bancroft and Gladstone, say substantially if not in so many words "Blessings so great have resulted from no other life since apostolic times."

In 1891 the London Times said: "John Wesley still remains the greatest, the most potent, the most far-reaching spiritual influence which Anglo-Saxon Christianity has felt since the day of the reformation." At the close of the sermon ten persons united with certificates. A large congregation was present at the morning service, and in the evening, in spite of the warm weather a good congregation gathered and heard a sermon on Isaiah 55-2, "Hearken diligently unto me and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness."

Rev. Reuter has taken no vacation this summer. While some congregations in cities dwindle down to almost nothing, the pastor of this church has preached to a good congregation every Sabbath this summer. The pastor is now closing his third year with the Medford church. During his pastorate there have been 189 accessions to the church. Deducting the loss by removals and other causes, there has been a net gain of 115 members. The membership has increased over 50 per cent. For benevolent and religious purposes the offerings of the church have increased between 60 and 80 per cent. In the spring a basement accommodating several hundred persons was constructed under the church. This enterprise the Methodist Brotherhood took the initiative. During his pastorate Rev. Reuter has made 1000 pastoral calls and visits. On next Tuesday he starts north to attend the session of the Oregon annual conference, which opens September 15.

Methodist Bulletin.

Tonight at the prayer service the pastor will speak in Hebrews XII:5. Theme, "The Foundation of the Christian's Faith." The pastor will illustrate this topic with a pyramid sketch. Choir practice following the prayer service. On Friday 7:30 p. m. the fourth and last quarterly conference of the year. The district superintendent, R. E. Dunlap, will preside. Let all the presidents of the various organizations be ready to report.

TO FIGHT LAWS AGAINST TOBACCO

National Association Will Raise Enormous Fund to Prevent Repressive Laws

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—Twenty-five representatives of the largest tobacco manufacturers, dealers and allied interests in the United States met here today and completed the organization of the National Allied Tobacco Trades Association, which will make a national fight in the interests of the tobacco trade.

The association, it was announced, will undertake at once a campaign to create sentiment against reformers who are planning state legislation against the manufacturers and sale of tobacco and will do battle with the W. C. T. U. An open fight against the prohibition of tobacco is to be waged in Florida, where a state-wide prohibition amendment to the state constitution will come before the voters a year from next fall.

Every manufacturer will furnish to the association a list of jobbers with whom he deals. These in turn will furnish lists of the retailers and the latter will compile a directory of the users of tobacco. Within two months it is expected that the association will have the names of 2,000,000 customers of the tobacco trades and within a year the names of nearly every customer in the United States.

State organizations will be formed at once in New York, Michigan, Ohio, Florida and Kentucky, where the reform element has threatened the industry of tobacco. Other states will follow. A finance committee was appointed to collect an enormous fund promised by the delegates, and it expects to bank \$500,000 within a few days.

In many states, and in Michigan in particular, the W. C. T. U. and allied organizations have declared open warfare upon the tobacco trade," says Secretary Grau. "In these states we will fight them to a finish. We will attempt to prevent the use in schools of text-books which falsely picture the evils of tobacco, and we will go into the courts to test every point. Interests representing many millions of dollars are behind this move, and every delegate pledged his company to go the limit in the fight."

Good for Biliousness.

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GOLD HILL MINERS GET BOOZE; SHERIFF GETS BOYS

Sheriff Jones was in Gold Hill on Thursday morning with a bunch of subpoenas for a number of under age boys, who have been accumulating more or less of the stuff that not only exhilarates but intoxicates of late, says the News. A determined effort will be made to stop the sale of liquor to minors at this time of court. In justice to the saloon men it is to be said that they do not allow minors to frequent their places of business at all. The liquor the boys get is carried out to them by others and the saloon men have no way of regulating this procedure. The minor who gets a drink at a bar in Gold Hill must lie in order to do so.



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