

SUNNY CALIFORNIA

Former Resident of Independence
Traveling for His Health.

WRITES AN INTERESTING LETTER.

The Land of Sunshine and Flowers—The Blessed
City of San Diego—The Future of
That Favored Section.

Especially at this season of the
year, and after reading of the "beau-
tiful valley of snow" covering the
Willamette valley, one basking in the
warm sunshine of San Diego
could hardly be blamed for shak-
ing hands with himself, as a form
of congratulation.

THE BOOM.

The people of Independence know
San Diego only through the boom
of a few years ago. This was an
unpretentious town at that time of
some 5,000 people, and what do we
find here now?—A city of 17,000
people from all countries of the
globe; a city of well-paved streets,
of electric and cable car, news-
papers—evening and morning, good
public buildings, the finest climate
on earth, and one of the finest and
largest hotels on the continent to
accommodate the thousands of tour-
ists who flock to this favored clime
every winter, where they can be
safe from frost and snow, or heavy
rains.

THE CLIMATE.

The climate, of course, is one of
the main features of the place dur-
ing winter time. What is this cli-
mate? I will tell you: Three months
ago I left Oregon, and at that time
a heavy rain was falling; in a day
or so I was issued into this golden
state; then another day took me to
San Francisco, where the sun was
as bright as an Oregon May-day
morn. Another day's ride took me
down through the San Joaquin
valley, through Fresno, the raisin
city, and the next morning dawned
as lovely as could be wished for,
and Los Angeles, the "City of the
Angels," was reached. At noon
of that day, after passing Orange
and Santa Anna, great orange pro-
ducing centers, San Diego, the seat
of the present, was reached. A
warm Italian sun beamed down up-
on the city, and to say it was grand
hardly does it justice. Then for
almost a month not a drop of rain
fell, and when on Xmas eve damp
feeling was felt; the people called
it rain, but they never saw Oregon,
you know. Such has been my ex-
perience with the weather for three
months. We have had not more
than a half dozen rainy or cloudy
days; only a few mornings when
there was any fog—at most contin-
ual sunshine for these months of
November, December, and Janu-
ary, the temperature all the while
ranging from 55 at the lowest to 99
at the highest.

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO.

When the boom burst upon San
Diego a very few years ago, they
had little outside of "climate and
bay" to live upon, but they have
the only bay worthy of the name
south of Frisco on the United States
western coast; a bay large enough
and with water deep enough to
float the largest ships in the world.
A jetty which the government is to
build, and also a great sea wall to
be constructed at a cost of \$200,000
by the state; will prevent it from
ever shoaling. Being so near the
Mexican line, (only twelve miles)
a large trade is being built up with
that country, which is all the while
increasing. Then, all San Diegans
are enthusiastic over the Nicaragua
canal scheme, and when that canal
is built, as it will surely be, the
importance of San Diego and her
magnificent bay will at once assert
itself as a shipping center.

ITS TRADE.

Besides this trade with Mexico,
and this prospective trade when
the canal is finished, what has San
Diego? The county abounds in
beautiful and fertile valleys, where
grows the orange, lemon, and olive,
and in the higher parts of the
county excellent apples and other
"northern" fruits are produced.
This county, too, is a great pro-
ducer of both the raisin and wine
grapes. In 1885 the county boasted
of 1075 acres of vineyards; in 1891
there were over 20,000 acres of
vineyards, and in 1892 there were
shipped East several hundred car-
loads of raisins, besides many cars
going north to Frisco and Portland,
and at the same time supplying
home consumption. This is ad-
mitted to be the finest lemon-grow-
ing land on the coast, and there are
now thousands of acres planted to
this fruit. Oranges grown here are
large and as fine as can be found
anywhere, though, as yet, they are
not produced here in such large
quantities as at Orange and River-
side.

PLEASURE RESORTS.

The pleasure resorts within close
proximity to the city of San Diego,
aside from the city itself, are Cor-
onado Beach, with its fine hotel,
surf bathing, boating, fishing, bot-
anical gardens, ostrich farm, and
attractive drives and walks. Then
next in point of view is La Jolla
park and beach, a most interesting
locality, with its caves, grottos, and

bathing pools. Excursions to Tin
Jana (Mexico) and the point of
rocks and monument separating
the two republics, are interesting.

IRRIGATION.

In some seasons part of the coun-
try back from the ocean needs ir-
rigating. This is accomplished by
what are known as "Irrigating Dis-
tricts"—companies who own reser-
voirs for irrigating purposes only.

MINING.

This is somewhat of a mining
county, too, and in 1889 the bullion
product was \$301,188, as reported
to the director of the mint.

ANCIENT RUINS.

At Old San Diego are the ruins
of the old Jesuit missions, estab-
lished in 1869, and there I wandered
through the now crumbling ruins
of the wedding place of Romona,
made famous by the pretty story of
that name. In the old town, and
not the least interesting by any
means, are two old palms, planted
at the instigation of some Spanish
"Don" over 100 years ago.

EXHIBIT AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Among the interesting articles
in San Diego's World's fair exhibit
will be seen an old time palm tree,
which has been taken up root and
branch, and will be transported to
Chicago, where it will be replanted
in front of California's state build-
ing. California will have a mag-
nificent exhibit, and San Diego
county will lead the procession with
semi-tropical fruits and novelties.
Poor Oregon! I never feel so
ashamed of my adopted state as
when asked by some one: "How
much did your legislature appro-
priate for the fair?" Until this
morning I could say: "This legis-
lature will make some appropria-
tion," but in today's dispatches I
notice your erratic governor vetoed
the parsimonious bill appropriating
\$60,000. Shame on Oregon for al-
lowing such a relic of ye olden times
to occupy the highest position in
her gift!

SAN DIEGO AS A HEALTH RESORT.

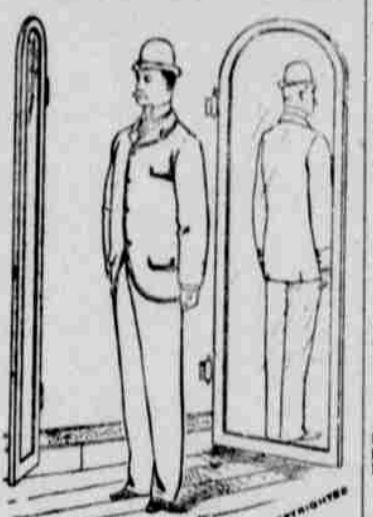
Here are found many invalids,
and the improvement in most cases
of lung and throat trouble, espe-
cially, is wonderful. Of course a
person must take a good care of
himself here as elsewhere; must
wear as heavy clothes, and must
not be in the open air at night, for
then a heavy dew from the ocean
covers everything. There is no
use for a person to come here prac-
tically dead and expect to regain
health, but in my mind there is not
a doubt but that at least three-
fourths of the persons with weak
lungs could be entirely cured if
they came here in time, and before
the disease had taken hold in a se-
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So much for San Diego and her
matchless climate and many re-
sources. In my next I will treat of
Mexico and other points of interest.

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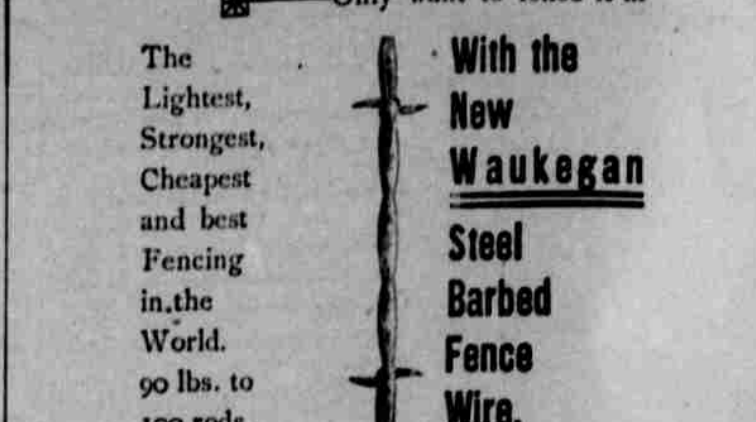
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