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The July Overland is a Reminiscent Number, and in a series of articles by famous old-time contributors, tells much of the interesting history of its thirty years existence. July, 1868, was its birth-month. The first article in this number was "A Breeze from the Woods," by W. C. Bartlett. Mr. Bartlett in the present number gives interesting anecdotes of Bret Harte, and other famous contributors. Anton Roman, the first publisher, tells how the magazine was conceived and begun, and of the enthusiasm of the early contributors. Noah Brooks, also a god father of the magazine, adds bits of inside history of The Early Days of the Overland. Vincent T. Shinn, a former editor, writes in an interesting way about the transition time between the early Overland days and the present. Fred M. Stocking, the only member of the present staff who was in it in Bret Harte's day, contributes an interesting story of an old prospector, called Gold Where You Find It. George E. Merrill, also of the contributors in 1868, writes on the taking of Hawaii. James Howard Bridge, the editor, presents a study of the course of empire in the closing century. The article is named The Collapse of Spain and the rise of the Anglo-Saxon. There is a continuation of Earle Ashley Walcott's article The War between Spain and the United States. This bit of current history is attracting much attention, as it gives a comprehensive account of warlike events. The Overland is proud of its past and has no reason to be ashamed of its present. Its history is one of great interest and proves that California has produced and is producing men and women of literary and artistic talent who can and will support a good magazine.

FROM THE FAR NORTHWEST.

DAWSON CITY, N. W. T. April 5, '98.

DEAR BROTHER JOHN:—Your welcome letter received to-day. That it makes me happy to hear from you is putting it mildly. I hope that before this you have received a letter from me describing some of the doings in this frozen country, but fearing the letter has fallen by the wayside, I will answer some of your questions. Principal part of the mining is done in the winter—getting the pay dirt out of the ground; surface work cannot be done when the water is running in creeks and gulches. Mining is done here by the burning and drifting process. For instance, if a man wants to open up a claim he selects a spot under which thinks the pay streak runs; he then picks off the moss and loose dirt and builds a fire about the size he wants the hole to be, usually about 3x7 feet. After the fire has burned out he digs out all of the dirt and gravel which has been thawed; this is repeated until bedrock is reached, usually from 20 to 30 feet. In case pay is discovered, the hole is enlarged at the bottom and the burning kept up, the dirt hoisted and dumped in or near the creek, to lay until the water runs in the spring and summer, when it is washed in sluice boxes and the gold saved. Fires are built at night in drifts or cuts, by morning dirt is thawed so it can be dug and hoisted. No one knows how deep the ground is frozen; holes have been dug to the depth of 50 and 60 feet and still there was frost and ice. This is the way placer ground is worked, except in a few places where the pay dirt is very near the surface when the ground is washed by the force of water. As yet no PAYING QUARTZ LEADS HAVE BEEN FOUND in this country, newspaper reports to the contrary. Days are longer even in middle of winter than you would think, about 7 hours being shortest, in summer it is daylight most of time. Pay streaks even in best creeks does not run even. Captain Watson of Portland, who owns a fraction of a claim of only 19 feet off No 26, on Bonanza creek, will, with his partner, take out this season, at least $200,000, while only a few claims up the creek, will pay for working, so you see the ground is SPOTTED. There is no large timber, about 20 inches the largest, principally spruce; small birch grows on lower mountains. Lumber is worth about $200 per thousand; three mills are running near here. Nails are worth $5 a pound, there being a nail famine at present. Nails usually sell at about 25 cents a pound. Vegetables—cabbage, etc. have been raised at Forty Mile, an old trading post about 50 miles up the river, and at another point 200 miles below here, at a Catholic mission, grain and garden stuff are raised. Father Judge who has charge of the hospital here told me that at Sacred Heart mission below Circle City, they had a fine garden, also chickens and cows, and they raised all the feed for them. Good wild hay grows on the flats from 20 to 50 miles from here. About 20 horses are here which were brought over the Dalton trail. I have been told that they each earned $1000 this winter. I believe if two men would settle on one of the numerous islands in the river, and engage in gardening, giving it their whole attention, they would in a few years make a fortune. The summers are short, but the sun shines nearly all the time that it takes only a short time to grow and harvest a crop. Money is not very plentiful here now, and coin or currency is never plentiful, gold dust being the legal tender, every one carries a gold sack, and in every cabin or store you will see a set of gold scales, the larger stores having regular gold weighers. The output of gold from [illegible] think of it at $17 per ounce, how many times? I have seen no wild animals yet, but caribou, moose, bear and wolves are plentiful. I have traded bacon for caribou and moose meat to the Indians who bring in time of meat, which they sell at $1 per pound. Native dogs, malamutes and Huskies are preferred for teaming, although outside dogs do quite well. I would prefer long haired bird dogs, my strong dog does well—would advise any coming to bring at least two. You ask what a man should take. That is hard to answer. If I were coming again, would bring more luxuries and less bacon, beans and flour—they are good to fall back on. I would bring plenty condensed milk, and canned vegetables, oysters, butter, etc., the best is none too good. One uses a great deal of sugar here, rolled oats, cracked wheat and cereals for mush are sought for, as they are easily cooked, also dried prunes. I wish I had about 10 lbs of them now. We have plenty of dried apples, peaches and pears, but am hungry for prunes. For clothing would bring light and heavy, for winter is very cold and summer hot. Blue flannel shirts and brown overalls are the best. The most important thing is to protect hands, feet and head in winter. You want heavy mittens with large buckskin mittens outside, for feet German socks and moccasins, for head a fur cap that can be turned down like a hood. Moccasins and skins I think will be scarce here. Arctic socks and rubbers are good for summer wear. A white cowboy hat is a good thing to have, so that a mosquito net can be stretched over it. You also want thin skin gloves to protect hands from mosquitoes. Good leather and light rubber boots are needed for summer. One bear skin robe is better than 6 pairs of blankets. An overcoat is seldom worn, a light parkie is better now, conditions may change and outfits may be had CHEAPER here than they can be bought in, but I would not advise the risk. You ask as to the cheapest way to come. That is another hard question to answer, as if reports be true, routes in here are changing, but were I to come here again I would come the same way as before, over the Dyea route, by the Chilkoot pass, or if I wanted to bring animals, might come by the Dalton trail from Juneau, or near there. Should conditions remain near the same next winter, pack horses or mules would pay big here.

Grand Master Workman, S. A. McFadden, and Frank Davey, Past Grand Lecturer of the A. O. U. W. of Salem, with their wives, were in attendance at the picnic last Saturday. They were pleased to see so many people in attendance, and to meet a large number of their A. O. U. W. Brothers. The able address of these gentlemen, and of Grand Lecturer O. C. Herrin, will undoubtedly have a beneficial influence for the A. O. U. W. Mr. Davey who is well known in this section met many of old friends here.

C. E. Woodson and J. C. Higgins who have been visiting Lewis Alderman the past week, started for Tillamook on Monday. Mr. Woodson is assistant Professor of History and Political Economy in the University of Oregon. Mr. Higgins is principal of the public school at Elma, Washington.

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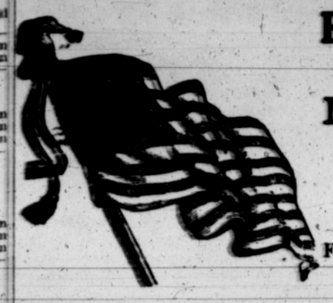

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