

On the afternoon of September 1901, worn out by a long period of exacting labor, I set out for Philadelphia, writes Melville E. Stone, in "The Associated Press" Century, with the purpose of spending a few days at Atlantic City. When I reached the Broad street station in the Quaker City, I was startled by a number of policemen crying my name. I stepped up to one, who pointed to a boy with an urgent message for me. President McKinley had been shot at Buffalo, and my presence was required at once. A message had been sent to me at Trenton, but my train had left the station precisely two minutes ahead of his arrival. Finding my baggage in a hotel porter, I jumped into a cab and dashed away to Atlantic City. I remained there until dawn of the following morning.

Therapeutic notes of the story of the assassination were badly written, and I had to substitute my own. An experienced newspaper reporter, however, had been in Philadelphia when Colonel Gurnea, the fatal shot. He seized a neighborly telephone cord, not his own, but to express his sympathy for the president's death. He was in the room when the president's life hung in the balance, each incident was truthfully and impartially reported. In the closing hours of the great tragedy, false reports of the president's death were circulated for the purpose of influencing the stock market, and to counteract them, Secretary Cortelyou wrote frequent signed statements, giving the facts to the Associated Press.

CALIFORNIA GERANIUMS.
Why This State Should Beat the World at Raising This Common Flower.

It is a singular fact that we Californians neglect the geranium. Easterners envy us because the geraniums grow up to the second story of a house, and visitors say that a five-foot hedge of red geraniums is one of the finest brilliant sights on earth. Why don't we have more hedges like this? And why don't we have more and better geraniums everywhere instead of coddling our plants that are not adapted to our conditions? No other plant, native or foreign, seems to be so perfectly at home with us as the much-neglected geranium, says the Garden Magazine.

Anyone who explores our foothills and canyons may find desert cabins around which are growing many varieties of geraniums in nearly all shades of color from white to carmine, with no hand near to till, with no moisture except the annual rainfall, yet seeming to thrive fully as well as the average native plant.

The geranium is valuable for its foliage effect alone. For massing in our dryer and more barren spots—yet the geranium with us, as everywhere, is distinctly a flowering plant, more so by far than the canna and a host of other well-known "bedders." This neglect is due, no doubt, to the ease with which it can be grown.

The novelty of being able to grow geraniums out of doors every month in the year appeals very strongly to the grower, who has known it only as a much-coddled pot plant, but after he sees the possibilities of our climate, something less common—something impossible, of successful growth in his eastern home—claims his attention, to the complete neglect of the geranium.

Gets Him Nothing.
We know a man who traces his ancestors back to William the Conqueror, and his ancestors would not care enough for him to trace him to the next corner. Chicago Tribune.

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ORIGIN OF THE MADSTONE.
Potent Power Popularly Believed to Exist in the Mysterious Substance.

Where did the madstone come from? No one seems to know. It does not belong to the mineral kingdom, nor can it be assigned to any place in geological formations. Its composition is not definite and it may possibly be found upon any beach or in any gravel pit, and the supply is always equal to the demand, says the Chicago Chronicle.

There are even now many of these precious talismans in this country, and "the believers in their efficacy always know where the nearest is kept." One of them has been the property of an Ohio negro and was placed after the death of the owner in the state library at Columbus. There it was recently applied to the wound caused by the bite of a supposedly rabid dog. The dog recovered and the woman to whom it was applied died of blood-poisoning caused by the unclean contact.

Such a stone was kept in the Virginia state penitentiary for years and was open to all comers for application to the bite of a mad dog or other allied wounds. One such (perhaps the same) was at a later date sold for \$39.

Still more famous was that brought from Russia in 1887 by a physician of that country who settled in Nevada. It had previously been exploited in that country for at least a century and a half, a fact supported by documentary evidence. The document was written in native Russian and as nobody concerned could read it everybody implicitly believed what they were told of it. The owner offered the stone for sale for \$1,000 and a joint stock company was formed for the purchase. A number of shareholders advanced \$1 each and the balance was made up by a farmer who became its keeper when the purchase was completed. Its fame still flourishes and it is said that an offer of \$3,000 has been refused for it.

Need to Keep Vessel Free from Risk of Rats—Goldom Sops by Passengers.

Few people are aware of the fact that cats form an important part of the crews of all ocean lines and that no steamer would dare to leave port for a trans-Atlantic voyage without a full complement of these useful animals, says the Exchange. A comparatively small number of the passengers on one of these craft mysteriously found its way into the cabin saloon of the St. Paul while the usual concert for aged sailors was in progress was halted with as much astonishment as a messenger from Mars might have been. Some of the passengers seem to think she had come from the sea, like a mermaid. A steward seized pussy by the scruff of the neck and she promptly disappeared.

Every big liner carries from 15 to 20 cats on a voyage. As a general thing they find plenty of occupation scampering after the mice in the hold, but if any of them come looking around the cabin, they are promptly fed. The only duty imposed on the stewards is to see that the cats do not get into the sleeping cabins or the saloon.

A cat once broke up a game of poker in the smoking cabin of the Germanic. It had eaten some poisonous stuff in the hold and reached the smoking cabin in the great distress before going into convulsions. When the cabin was cleared an armed man from Kentucky shot the cat and threw it overboard.

CALIFORNIA'S CHARM.

Visitor from East Will Miss Much, But After a Year There is Ready to Capitulate.

You will not find everything in southern California. You will miss the wide stretches of green in the open places, the air from the dusty cities, the noble trees, the clear streams of water, the blue lake nestled in among the pine-clad mountains; you will miss that splendid miracle, the change of the seasons, when your whole nature comes into closer touch with the great mother heart of nature than at any other time in all the year, says H. S. Harwood, in the World To-day.

Yes, you will miss much, but when you have been here a year, when month after month of rare and beautiful weather blend into each other, when the sea waxes you and the flowers charm you, and the soft air soothes you, after a year has passed you find there are some compensations for the lovely things you have left behind you, you come to realize that nature has done more for this stretch of sea and mountain land than she has done for any other spot on the globe.

You may have been charmed with California when you came, you may have been captivated after you had been here a year, you may capitulate and consent to be captured by the time two golden summers have stolen over you.

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Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, not to enter, upon, or trespass in any manner upon the Star Ranch, situated at Langlois, Curry County, Oregon, for the purpose of hunting with guns or dogs, or otherwise trespass in any manner. Any person or persons so entering upon said premises without my consent will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. FRANK THOMAS.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.

Notice for Publication.
United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, April 29, 1908. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1894,

THOMAS GREEN of Port Orford, County of Curry, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 10601, for the purchase of the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 & Lots 1 & 2 of section No. 11 in Township No. 33 South, Range No. 15 West, and will offer pr of to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before J. H. Upton, U. S. Commissioner at Langlois, Oregon, on Thursday, the 3rd day of September, 1908.

He names as witnesses:
C. A. Langlois, of Port Orford, Oregon,
H. W. Burnham of " "
E. L. White of " "
C. W. White of " "

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 3rd day of September, 1908.

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Land Office at Roseburg, Ore., April 21st, 1908. Notice is hereby given that Cornelius Harding of Port Orford, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 14329 made February 19, 1907, for Lots 4, 5 & 6 S 1 Section 15, Township 32 South, Range 15 West, W. M., and that said proof will be made before J. H. Upton, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Langlois, Oregon, on Monday July 29th, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz:
E. B. Hall, of Port Orford, Oregon,
Edward Pickett, of " "
James Ellis, of " "

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

Notice of School Indemnity Selection.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
Roseburg, Oregon, June 26, 1908. NOTICE is hereby given that the State of Oregon, on June 26, 1908, applied for the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Sec. 11, NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Sec. 13, T. 28 S., R. 14 W., of W. M., and filed in this office lists of school indemnity selections in which is selected said land; and that said lists are open to the public for inspection. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described land or any legal subdivision thereof, or claiming, at his election, to have the land selected under the mining laws, or desiring to show said land to be more valuable for mineral than for agricultural purposes, or to object to said selections for any lawful reason, should file their claims in this office by or before said 3rd day of September, 1908.

I hereby designate the Port Orford Tribune, published at Port Orford, Oregon, as the newspaper in which the above notice is to be published.
J. M. LAWRENCE,
Receiver.

Trespass Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern, not to enter upon, or trespass upon the premises of Eli Bagley, for the purpose of hunting or fishing with hook and line. Said premises are situated on Elk River, Curry County, Oregon, and described as follows: The West half of Section twenty seven, Township thirty two South, Range fifteen West. Any person or persons so trespassing for the purpose of hunting, fishing, or traveling through in any shape form or manner, or tearing down fences, or leaving out side gates open, or molesting personal property, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Wm. R. Johnson, Lessee of the above described premises.

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Notice for Publication.

U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, June 22, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that MINNIE BURNHAM of Port Orford, Oregon, who, on June 22, 1908, made Timber and Stone application, No. 10171, for W 1/2 SW 1/4 Section 1, Township 32 S., Range 14 West, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. H. Upton, at Langlois, on the 1st day of October, 1908. Claimant names as witnesses:
Harry W. Burnham of Port Orford, Or.
Chester Langlois of " "
Thaddeus Green of " "
Ed Wells of Eckley " "

To Whom It May Concern.

The undersigned hereby give notice that they are the owners of the South half of Section 16, Township thirty three, South range fourteen West of Willamette meridian, Oregon. All parties are warned not to trespass upon or make any locations, either placer or quartz claims at their peril.

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