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An Enjoyable Trip

Pomona, Cal., July 8, 1922—Mr. Markle: Am glad to let you know that we are having some fine climate here, and lots of vegetables and berries. We arrived here Monday, July 3, and are attending the Church of God camp meeting, which lasts until Sunday night, Monday morning we (when I say we I mean my wife, son and myself) leave for San Diego, then to Mexico. After we spend about a week down there we turn North again toward Long Beach, Los Angeles, Hollywood, Pasadena and surrounding cities before we return to St. Johns. I tell you we struck all kinds of climate in California. At Sacramento it was awful hot during the day, and when evening came there was a terrible cold, stormy wind which made it uncomfortable for us to stay long. So through the valley it was unmercifully hot—110 to 115 in the shade, only we couldn't find no shade along the highway, except in some farmer's yard. They say the land is too valuable to have any shade trees except fruit trees. But here in the Orange Belt, only they are most all frozen back for a few years to come before they will be normal again. Between Fresno and Bakersfield in what they call the Sun Maid Raisin Belt. They will have a large crop. All the vines are loaded down to the ground. Also a large crop of apricots which they dry on trays in the sun. Of course the fruit packing houses are all busy packing fruit to ship out to Northern and Eastern cities. They work 16 hours per day to catch up with the work. The first crop of figs are past, but the second crop will be better and heavier than the first was. I tell you it is a treat to sit under a tree and eat them when they are dead ripe. We sat under the largest fig tree in the world and ate ripe figs. The width of the tree is 97 feet from the tip of the branches from one side to the other. Over 500 people could stand under the tree, and look like an umbrella over their heads. But cherries are scarce. The wholesale price is 17½¢ and retail at 25¢ a pound. But oh, you watermelons! They retail at 1½¢ a pound; musk melons six large ones for 25¢. Well, I must say God was with us on the journey so far, as we have had no accidents of any kind, and we are thankful for that. We expect to go to Klamath Falls, Oregon, to see Doc C. S. Carrin and family on our return trip.—Geo. W. Imboden.

Tennis Shoes—ROGERS.

Regarding the Executions

We decorated Rathie for bravery in France, but we hanged him in Oregon. Our treatment of Rathie was not as illogical as it seems. We praised him for killing unpopular Germans in France, but condemned him for his part in killing a popular sheriff in Pendleton. Now, that the bodies of Rathie and Kirby are cold, let us review dispassionately the events leading up to their demise. There are two kinds of first degree murder: Murder committed with premeditation and malice and murder committed in the commission of some other crime. Escaping from prison is a crime. It says so in the law books. But society does not condemn men who seek escape from duress. Rathie, Kirby and Neil Hart planned to escape from the Pendleton jail. They did not expect to encounter Sheriff Til Taylor. Rathie and Kirby did not know Hart would shoot Taylor. They did not want him to shoot Taylor. Hart was a half wit. After Taylor had been shot and was dying, either Rathie or Kirby—we forget which, and it doesn't matter—returned and gave the dying man a drink of water. Only one man shot Taylor, and that man was Hart. We made short work of the half wit. Only one man's finger pressed the trigger. Taylor was well known and well loved in Pendleton. The defendants asked for a change of venue. It was argued they could not get a fair trial in Pendleton. No matter what the evidence who in Pendleton would dare hold out for acquittal, or manslaughter, or second degree murder in the face of white hot public sentiment? The change of venue was denied. Why? Are there 12 men anywhere in Oregon who would refuse to convict if first degree murder were proved? Wasn't it the duty of the court to say: "Although I believe I could give these men a fair trial, I must remember that it is not I but 12 jurors who must render the verdict. And we all know and loved Til Taylor," and to grant the change of venue? The verdict was exactly that demanded by the spirit of hate and vengeance in Pendleton—guilty of murder in the first degree. And there was no recommendation of clemency! Hart murdered Taylor! We hanged Hart. Did Rathie and Kirby help Hart murder Taylor—they who only wanted to escape from prison, who didn't know Hart would shoot Taylor, who didn't want him to shoot Taylor, and who delayed escape to give a dying man a drink of water? Is it stretching the letter of the law

Water Spout Experience

Line Beak Copper Mine, Homestead, Ore., June 8—To the Editor of the St. Johns Review: I want to tell of my experience in a water spout we had here. I can not express the feeling that one has to see the great mountain of water and great big trees torn out by the roots coming down upon you. It comes so sudden and you don't know where to go or which way. No one knows unless they have been in one. The only thing that saved us was to climb up the side of the mountain, and we just got out of the house when it was struck by the water and big trees, jamming it up. It started up at the mine about a half mile above and came tearing down through the gulch bringing everything with it. Some of the machinery is strung all the way down to the river. It tore one end of the cook house off and the mud and water went through the house. We were two or three days digging out, and I cannot begin to tell what it looked like. I should like my friends in St. Johns to know of my experience in a water spout as I used to live in St. Johns a good many years and know so many people there.—Mrs. Alice Potter, formerly Mrs. Alice Pickle.

Miss Helen Caswell and Dr. Lewis J. Kelher were married on Wednesday, July 5th, in Centralia, Wash. The young couple are widely known in St. Johns, both having lived here for some time. Dr. Kelher practiced dentistry in St. Johns for the past three years, but recently located in Olympia, Wash., where they will make their future home.

Boys' Suspenders 25c.—ROGERS.

First Industrial Plant

Even before the days of the California gold fever pioneers began to build the industrial prestige of Oregon through the establishment of crude manufacturing plants. Among the first were sawmills and gristmills but an outstanding development was the opening of a tannery in Portland in 1846. This tannery was started by David H. Lowndale and bore the distinction of being the first plant of its kind north of Mexico and in all the territory west of the Rocky Mountains. Mr. Lowndale selected the site for the tannery about one mile back in the forest where today Multnomah Athletic Field is situated. After two years he sold his industry to two newcomers who in turn sold the plant to A. N. King, who manufactured leather at the site for 20 years. The establishment of this mill was one of the factors in the development of the State. Prior to the time it was started residents of the Oregon country tanned their own deer and cow hides. During the first few years of its operation the owners accepted hides, wheat and other products of the territory in payment for the tannery work.

Panama Hats 95c.—ROGERS.

New Books at the Library

Do you want a book for a warm afternoon? These are some new ones at the St. Johns Branch Library:

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Quick—Vandemark's folly. Pioneer life filled with real men and women.

A mammoth log raft built by the Benson Timber Co. containing 6,000,000 feet of logs and a deckload of poles and shingles left the Columbia last week for San Diego. The immense raft was in tow of the tug Sea Lion, but the bar tug Onemonta assisted in getting the pile of timber outside the mouth of the Columbia. Three more similar rafts are being constructed for towing to San Diego. On arrival in the southern California port the logs are milled.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Schuster and Mrs. N. Saler of Centralia, were guests at the J. B. Fletcher home the first of the week. They are on their way to visit the Yellowstone Park, after which they will tour South for the winter.

A. M. Warner has purchased a couple of lots on Willamette boulevard and will build two fine residences thereon in the near future.

MULTNOMAH THEATRE

Thurs. and Friday, July 13-14—**DONALD CRISP** in "THE BONNIE BRIER BUSH"—Paramount.

Saturday, July 15th—**The CARTER DE HAVENS** in "MARRY THE POOR GIRL"

Sunday and Monday, July 16-17—**BETTY COMPTON** in "THE LAW AND THE WOMAN."

Tuesday and Wed., July 18-19—**JAS. KIRKWOOD** in "THE GREAT IMPERSONATION."

Thursday and Friday, July 20-21—**MAE MURRAY** in "The Gilded Lily"—Paramount.

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