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## "CALIFORNIA IS ALL RIGHT"---H. C. COE

H. C. Coe, a pioneer resident of Hood River and now living in Southern California, does not altogether agree with his old friend, Robert Rand, who recently wrote the News a letter about that sunny land. Captain Coe writes as follows:

"Editor News:—I have just returned from an all day's outing along the ocean front, through Del Rey, Venice, Ocean Park, Santa Monica to Port Los Angeles, and out to the end of the S. P. R. R. mile-long wharf.

It has been a perfect southland day and over 10,000 visitors, mostly tourists, have thronged the Venice piers and beaches.

"This evening I took up the News and read it through, including my old friend Rand's letter, and then shivered a little as I read how Councilman Ed Mayes wanted the two feet of slush and snow shoveled off the walks. I never would have believed that a California pioneer of '49 would have so fully repudiated his first love as Brother Rand did had I not seen it in print. Yes, I did tell him, in strict confidence, that I believed the Almighty had forsaken the land, that is, turned it over to the rule of Mammon, the King of Dollars; that the morning invocation of the Southlander had been somewhat revised from the orthodox original, thusly: 'Give us this day our daily stranger, and lead them into temptation, forget our debts, and deliver us from cold snaps.' Yes, the frost hurt some but will make no perceptible difference in the general prosperity of the country for the coming year. I remember, as if but yesterday, a winter in Hood River many years ago, when not only the fruit, but every peach tree in the valley was killed to the snow line. A hard blow to the few isolated farmers then struggling for an existence. But that did not condemn the country. No, far from it. Hood River is all right and Dame Nature's lavish hand has made it incomparably beautiful, but in this Southland the hand of man has transformed the arid wastes into an earthly paradise. True, the Frost King has laid a heavy hand on beauty's bower and the graceful palms are drooping, but a few months of cloudless skies will cure all the ills wrought by his frozen breath and the 'crop of tourists' never fails. They are our bread of life. They bring their dimes and dollars by the millions and pour them out at our feet. They come by the thousands daily and tax the hotels and rooming houses to the utmost. Over five million dollars will be spent the coming year in hotels alone.

"Building statistics show that over five lineal miles of buildings were erected in Los Angeles county during every month of 1912 and the building permits for January, 1913, were over two million dollars.

"Los Angeles today has over 500,000 inhabitants, 30,000 automobiles, 7,000 motorcycles and 3,000 motor trucks.

"The streetcars hauled over seventy million passengers last year.

"Land deals running up as high as \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 are of frequent occurrence.

"When the new townsite of El Segundo, adjoining the Standard Oil Works, was opened a year ago, \$80,000 worth of lots were sold the first day and not a building on the tract. Business property on Broadway and Spring streets in the city sell at \$2,500 to \$3,000 per front foot on 8th street four blocks from the heart of the city.

"The resources of the Security Trust & Savings Bank are over \$47,000,000 and those of the First National Bank are still larger.

"Brother Rand is right again about the papers (the Times and the Examiner each have a daily issue of \$0.000). When I want to get news outside of Los Angeles I buy the Oregonian or Journal. But to conclude this long letter—the climate is responsible for all our prosperity. While not absolutely perfect, it is as near so as can be found on God's green footstool. I came here filled with rheumatism, aches and pains. They are all gone now. Was never better in my life. In conclusion, as a bona fide resident of this state and county, I wish to thank the Hood River contingent, now touring in our midst, for their generous contributions to the general fund of prosperity in the shape of room rents, board bills, car fares and the nickles and dimes donated to soda, pop, ice cream and pop corn stands. It all helps.

H. C. COE."

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## MIDWINTER TRIP UP MT. HOOD DESCRIBED

Rodney L. Glisan, a member of the party of Portlanders who recently made the trip up the slopes of Mt. Hood to the clubhouse of the Portland Snowshoe Club, has described his trip in a most interesting manner and the description is herewith given in part:

At Hood River a special car took the party to Parkdale near the head of the Hood River Valley at the end of the local line. The mountain was in plain view, the sky being clear, giving promise of good weather and good times.

About 7:30 the next morning a four-horse bob sled took the party about five miles, the driver intending to go to the MacRush place but the snow increasing to five feet deep proved too much for the hardworked horses and in spite of the laudable efforts of several of the party who tipped others over into the deep snow to lighten the load, the horses finally came to a standstill near the entrance gateway of the National Forest Reserve.

The packers, anticipating trouble for the horses had come down the road to meet us and appeared with the snowshoes as some of the party were testing the snow, floundering over waists deep.

With snowshoes adjusted they started up the deep sunk, evenly trodden trail in the center of a road of absolute whiteness leading through walls of green timber, the branches bending with their snowy mantles, far more attractive to look up to than to shake off when the accumulated weight shifted its burden onto the passerby as it did occasionally by accident or design.

Scenes Are Wonderful  
Wonderful vistas opened at every turn. Stepping over the telephone wire as it crossed the road or walking over a log under which the autos glided in summer, watching tracks of animals, their travels recorded in the snow as in a book, the party leisurely passed through the forest over enormous snow drifts on China Hill and Ghost Ridge, arriving about 2:30 at the clubhouse on the ridge just below Cloud Cap Inn at an elevation of nearly 6000 feet.

Tunnel 30 Feet Long  
Making their way through a tunnel in the snow over 30 feet in length to the door we entered the clubhouse and found a blazing fireplace and were welcomed by the chef with visible signs of his skill as master of the range.

Every minute was used to good advantage on skis and snowshoes trying slides and jumps on Ghot Ridge just below the clubhouse or trying other slopes, penetrating the deep and silent forest, venturing up to the Seracs on Elliot Glacier or climbing the ridge to Cooper's Spur.

The enormous depth of snow filled crevasses and deep hollows among the Seracs, so conspicuous in summer and even the ice pinnacles were covered, only the higher ice walls and shafts of greenish blue appearing above the snow.

Beautiful Panorama Seen  
From all viewpoints wonderful panoramas were secured. Adams, Rainier and Helens were in full sight. The frozen, snow-covered surface of Lost Lake was visible and where in summer only three snow peaks are seen, Larch Mountain and lesser peaks had joined the snow brigade, making the timbered Columbia Basin a second Switzerland.

Mt. Hood was naturally the most prominent and absorbing object, always impressive whether dimly visible in gusts of snow the first day or later in full view in clear sunlight or a silhouette as the moon passed on and left it in the shadow.

Snow Predominating Feature  
The one predominating feature was the purity of the winter snow. On the mountains it filled every hollow, the rocky ridges emphasizing the absolute whiteness. Piled in drifts high above the ridgeboard of the Ladd cottage, forming high banks on the east end of Cloud Cap Inn where the wind swept by the corner and cut the drift forcing the snow up in the mountainous ridges.

Here and there a white bark pine checked the drifts or, snowed under, defiantly thrust sinewy branches through the snow white blanket.

SOUND COUNSEL  
We cannot, of course, all be handsome, And it's hard for us all to be good; We are sure now and then to be lonely And we don't always do as we should. To be patient is not always easy, To be cheerful is much harder still; But at least we can always be pleasant If we make up our minds that we will. And it pays every time to be kindy, Although we feel worried and blue; If you smile at the world and look cheerful, The world will soon smile back at you; So try and brace up and look pleasant, No matter how low you are down; Good humor is always contagious, But you banish your friends when you frown.

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## 1840 CARS SHIPPED BY NORTH YAKIMA

The annual report made the last of the week by Manager Robbins to the meeting of the North Yakima Valley Fruit Growers' Association, representing 22 districts in Yakima and Benton counties, showed that 1840 cars of fruit were shipped by the organization in 1912. Settlement has been made for 1470 cars. This, according to his report, is a greater tonnage than was ever before handled by any Northwest shipper. Spray, wrappers, boxes and other supplies to the value of \$204,000 were purchased for the members. At no time during the season was it necessary to borrow money on the business of the association and it indebtedness is now \$20,000, for which funds are in the treasury, outside of the surplus fund, which contains \$35,000.

When cars, now in the hands of the association are settled for, the surplus will reach \$50,000 and the \$40,000 worth of collateral notes given by members at the rate of \$10 an acre will be canceled. Two hundred of the 700 members of the association were in attendance.

Son—Why do people say, "Dame Gossip?"  
Father—Because they are too polite to leave off the "e."

## HOME, NOT SCHOOL HELD RESPONSIBLE

That the home, and not the school is responsible for the children's recreation and entertainment outside of school hours was the opinion of the Woman's Club and others who were present at an interesting discussion held by the club last week.

The feature of the afternoon was the debate on this subject. The affirmative was taken by Mrs. Monroe and Mrs. Rodwell, while the negative was sustained by Mrs. McLaughlin and Mrs. Booth. These proved themselves able debaters and the question was most effectively argued on both sides.

Following the debate a general discussion was invited and several took the opportunity to express their opinions. Then a vote of all present was taken. This gave the victory to the affirmative by a large majority.

The afternoon was one of the most delightful that the club has enjoyed. It was an informal "at home." Mrs. W. L. Stewart and Mrs. J. P. Lucas acted as the reception committee. The rooms were prettily decorated for the occasion and dainty refreshments were served during the afternoon.

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