

TAKE A VACATION.

When the man in the signal station... That, according to observation, the isometric declination... It gives a certain indication that "hot will be no designation for the mercury's elevation, then's the time for contemplation of the annual vacation... You, whose busy occupation leaves no time for recreation, you, whose brain in consternation long to seek a new sensation, you, who have in contemplation future busy excitement; Housewives tired with preparation of the three laid daily ration, Children fagged with education, Longing for a fresh elation, Babies with emaciation, Past the nurse's explanation, Get you up from such prostration, Seek a change in situation, Go to Newport; to Baahan, Country, seaside, mountain station, Seek new air for respiration, And new themes for speculation, Taking thus a rest, you may shut III beyond one's recitation, And make general reparation, For your mental desiccation And your bodily prostration.

FROM POMEROY TO PHILMATH.

EXTRACTS FROM A DIARY - SOME GLEANINGS HITHERTO UNNOTICED.

In the western portion of the soon-to-be state of Washington, is the thriving little town of Pomeroy, it is situated in Columbia county, near the suburbs of Idaho, and patronized considerably by its travel. Its laws are made at Olympia and enforced by the magistrate and sundry vigilance committees. The work of the latter is generally the most effectual. Owing to the height and general surroundings it is peculiarly favored with electricity and ozone, which under the climate is very healthy. Nowhere does the rising sun display all his glory to a better advantage than down the gentle slopes that wall this verdant valley when the stage driver is ready to exclaim "all aboard!"

Half an hour and we are on the "divide." This is the highest point of the largest plateau on the Pacific coast. Here an extended view can be taken of a beautiful, but at present unimproved country. As far as your vision can carry you, you see nothing but rolling hills very unlike the plain or mountain scenery of Oregon or California. In a few years hence artists will travel this way to secure perfect descriptions, but at present, to know the country is only to see it. Some of the hills have been so washed out that they present a more acute appearance. A story is told of a man who had trouble with his wife, and also had 160 acres of land. They "split blankets;" the top of the hill split the field. The sides of the hill were so steep that each had 160 acres after the division.

The To-canon is one mile deep. It is so called because the soldiers during the Indian war of 1856 buried two canons here that have never since been found. Marengo is a small burg located here and favored with excellent water power. The saline formation here exhibits itself. Large, dark rocks are coated white with a hardened coat of alkali. The Indians have a tradition that seven lives were voluntarily sacrificed to the Great Father in order that these stones be turned white so they could be seen on the darkest night. This canon is the deepest "washout on the plateau. This is an excellent field for any young student in geology who desires to see various specimens of igneous nature. The soil of the summits is a dark argillaceous matter, which, when tilled, will be worth \$25 per acre. It is now sold by Uncle Sam at pre-emption and homestead rates. This fourteen miles from the railroad, and still there are men who complain of "no work."

Dayton is the terminus of the O. R. & N. R. R., and has the reputation of being the nearest town in Washington Territory. It is the county seat of Columbia county. It contains about 1000 inhabitants, and is probably the only town or that size in the United States that is so pious that it cannot entertain excursion passengers on Sunday. Everybody has a good word for Dayton, the largest town on the Touchet.

Next Watsburg, 20 years old, but lately incorporated. Unlike the "mush-room" growth, this town is like the tree, "slow to mature, slow to decay." Watsburg has many days to live through a brilliant future.

At Walls Walls we stop 20 minutes. This is a city of 5000 inhabitants and is 25 years old. It was first a mining town, but now a commercial center of much importance. \$100,000 are distributed in this city monthly by the railroad companies. Here we take a Pullman sleeping car—a nice enclosure for a somnambulist

to enter at 8:30 P. M. and find himself as he awakes from his sleep at 6:20 A. M. in the Dalles. This night ride is, we learn, over sage-brush, rolling plain ground.

Tickets from Portland to the Dalles have been reduced from \$5 to 50 cts. This change was brought about by the U. E. Scott opposition. Seven miles down the Columbia and every room was filled with steam. The boat immediately became unmanageable, and all aboard stuck their heads out to breathe. By the aid of the wind we stopped. Twice then that the news was spread. "A man overboard!" The life boat was lowered and a diligent search made but to no purpose. He was never seen again. He made the bed of the Columbia his final resting place. Upon further investigation we learned, the man's name to be Theodore Potts. He was on engineer by trade; but was then firing. Six bolts had given away and the contents of the boiler, which was so hot that it melted candles off their wicks, was thrown on him until he made his final but unsuccessful escape. He leaves a widow and five fatherless children in Portland. He was seen but once after he fell. One word to swimmers; Those who know say that the bed of the Columbia is very uneven and its waters have too motions, which collide with each other. From the annual seamen's report we ascertain that 90 percent of those who fall to a depth of five feet are lost; and that they rise but once instead of the customary "three times." In such a river as the Willamette one will usually come up the ninth day; but in the Columbia, the subterranean action buries the corpse with sand and accompanying sediments, so that it is very seldom, if ever, that one lain in it's greater depths will find the surface again.

Down at the Cascades is located the old "Blockhouse" which Gen. Sheridan occupied during the war of '56. The Indians have a strange tradition that a natural bridge once spanned the Columbia at this point. Geology will verify this apparent "myth," and will ever hint that the Cascade Mountains once bridged the Columbia. We traveled over the Cascades, a distance of seven miles, by rail. Lewis and Clark hauled their boats by hand over land over them. They had ascended the Columbia to this point knowing nothing of the Willamette river until they were informed by an aged Indian that they had passed the mouth of a large river. The U. B. Scott line ventures up the Cascades three miles further than the old line. The town at this point has not the usual regulations that most other Oregon towns possess. Here every one looked out for scenery as we glided down the bosom of the great river. Young people admired the Bridal Veil which is only excelled by another which is located in California. The peculiar admired Rooster point, while the more fashionable were attracted to a solid cone of stone called Palace Rock, apparently in the river but it is situated two miles from it. It covers 40 acres; is 800 feet higher than the river and 3,000 feet higher than the ocean. It belongs to Mr. Jay Uorke, of Philadelphia who intends to make this point a pleasure resort.

At Vancouver and Garison is displayed a scenery very beautiful with one main exception: naked boys line the banks near our boat. This makes traveling along here during warm summer afternoons a very delicate matter. Some policemen may wander down that way yet. Down the river 8 miles, Hail, Columbia! Farewell!

At six o'clock we are in Portland, a distance of 270 miles travelled in one night and day. Next day on the West Side we pass through five counties in seven hours. Corvallis is a railroad and navigation city and means yet to be a Chicago. It is surrounded by a wealthy country which is daily increasing in value. Everybody appears cheerful and healthy. Corvallis has not, nor ever will have, a rival in its own county. About the next thing I heard of importance was in Philomath. It was a man talking to himself apparently; but upon further investigation proved to be the new telephone vocalist. Philomath looks better and nester and larger than ever before and is steadily growing. Financial interests are lively. The climate here appears at present 10 degrees cooler than from where we started, a distance of 42 miles. A glance at my watch the difference between Pomeroy and Corvallis time amounts to 26 minutes; and intermediate difference correspond.

G. RUSSELL. A Bostonian tells of a New Yorker who has so big a mouth that the last time he gaped he lost his balance and fell in.

Track-layers on the N. P. R. R. crossed the Idaho line the first week before last. A United States tug-boat is engaged in dredging a channel through a sand-bar just below Salem.

The passenger depot of the O & C. R. R. will probably be moved into Salem during the present year. The Ashland woolen mills have lately received orders enough to keep the mills running day and night for several months! On Monday last another "trusty" made his escape while at work on the Insane Asylum, by quietly walking out of the enclosure at the Asylum.

Henry Hubbard's Barn, at Dallas was destroyed by fire one day last week, and burned a horse to death which was in the barn at the time. The steamer Nellie while on her way up the river yesterday ran on a snag at the mouth of the Santiam and sunk to the depth of six feet. It will be impossible to raise the boat until the snag is cut out.—Statesman.

Mrs. L. A. Banks is very sick at her home in Vancouver, and her life has been despaired of, though she was some better yesterday. The sympathy of the public for her is deeply and freely expressed.—Independent.

From the Spokane Times: The railroad track is some six miles beyond Clifton, and moving toward Westwood at the rate of two miles per day. From the Colfax Democrat: The O. R. & N. Co. will lay out a town-site on their line at the junction of the Orange City and Dayton lines, to be known as Prospect, in honor of the general manager of the line.

Last Saturday Mr. J. E. Knox had the misfortune, while at work with a header, to get his left arm caught in the bevel-wheel of the machine, which tore off about three inches of the fleshy portion of the arm between the wrist and elbow.—Albany Register.

The property in South Salem which has been used the past year or more for the Deaf Mute School, has been purchased of Mr. A. Bush, in connection with another lot adjoining, on which a new building is to be immediately built to be used by the boys' department of the school.—Weekly Talk.

The spiritualistic discussions at the Y. M. C. A. Hall at Portland between Dr. Truedell and Dean Clark, have created quite a breeze, so much so that Dr. Clark announced his intention to bring Mrs. Fay and several other noted mediums from San Francisco here at an early day, in order that they might, by their experiences, convince the multitude.—Standard.

The Wood River Smelting Company week before last, run out about 25 tons of bullion averaging 220 ounces. In a few days the company will begin roasting the matte to recover the iron, gold and silver which it contains. This matte is a furnace residue which carries from 55 to 65 per cent. of iron, combined with from 25 to 35 per cent. of

As the Brownsville Woolen Mills have been rushed with work, receiving more orders than they could fill "on time," there is strong talk of enlarging the factory building, and putting in new machinery that will enable the company to turn out just double the amount of work that they can now do every twenty-four hours.

From all reports received from the Wood river country there remains but little doubt but that a rich and lasting silver deposit has been discovered in that region. The silver belt extending through Mexico, Southern California, Nevada and Utah doubtless continues north on the parallel of the newly discovered mines of Wood river. Already the shipment of bullion is considerable and is constantly increasing as smelting works are springing into existence.

The St. Helena paper states that the N. P. railroad surveyors are ordered to make thorough examinations of routes; one from Speck's, at the mouth of Tide creek, crossing the creek and intersecting the county road about 100 yards south of Seffelt's gate. The other from Enterprise landing along the preliminary line to the same point. The party say the road is sure to be built on this side, and that work will commence as soon as they can locate back to Portland which they are doing now. The company is engaged at present in moving headquarters back to Kalama, we presume preparatory to beginning work on the Portland road.

Smallpox is spreading with alarming rapidity at Newcastle, five cases having been reported there up to the 10th inst. One case has been developed in Seattle, that of a man named Thomas, who came up with Davis on the Dakota, and has since been stopping at the Wisconsin house. He had taken the train for Newcastle, where his parents reside, and had proceeded as far as Renton when he was observed to be broken out with the disease. He was at once returned to the past house about three miles from Seattle, where he is now under treatment.—Oregian.

Mr. G. E. Grimes of the Dalles, recently drove a band of 2,400 head of sheep to Boise City. They were disposed of there to parties who intend taking them into the Wood River country. Mr. Grimes estimates that there are over 200,000 head of sheep being driven this summer to points on the Union Pacific for the eastern market. These come from different parts of the coast—Eastern Oregon and Washington, and a great many from California. He passed on the road Mr. Salmans, of Wasco county, who was driving a flock of 8,000 to Cheyenne. He thinks that quite a profitable trade will spring up in this line, as we can supply the eastern market to a much better advantage, with our extended grazing facilities, than other parts of the country where land is scarce.—Times.

Scarlet fever is still present in East-Portland, but of such a type as to be easily managed by the physicians. A very rich placer mine of coarse gold has been lately discovered about one hundred miles west of Bonanza City I. T.

The steamer Oregon last week carried 1,500 tons of freight to San Francisco including 9000 case of Salmon which she took on board at Astoria. McGrew of Perrydale Folk county Or, talk of building a grist-mill with two run of burrs at that place.

One day last week, while Mr. W. H. Vandervert of Eda Folk county, was sitting on his porch, suddenly raised his hand to his heart and exclaimed Oh! and immediately expired.

Capt. Ankeny, owner of the famous Sterling mine, has purchased the mining claims of Town & Klunhauer, lying above him on Sterling creek. His new purchase extends along Boulder channel the distance of half a mile. The claims of Saltmarsh & Co., extending along the channel, is all the valuable ground on the creek not owned by Capt. Ankeny.—Telegraph.

A letter from Douglas county to the Telegraph, states that steps are being taken to retrace the work of prospecting for stone coal on Pass creek, along the line of the O. & C. Railroad. J. J. Comstock and others run several tunnels into the hills in that section several years ago, finding an excellent quality of coal in small quantities. It is now proposed to prospect on a more extensive scale by sinking shafts.

Mr. Holden, of the firm of Johnson & Holden of Portland, was drowned on Thursday morning of last week while bathing at Ilwaco. He went too far out into the surf, which at that time was rougher than usual with a heavy undertow, and was carried out to sea and drowned before assistance could reach him. The saddest side of the occurrence is in the fact that Mr. Holden had been lately married to an amiable and intelligent lady, who was on the beach when he met his death. His body has not been recovered. The drowning occurred at the same fatal spot where Miss Eva Burbank lost her life last season.

The rattlesnakes in parts of Klickitat county are said to be very numerous. A recent party of herders accidentally camped near a den of them. They had not long been spread out on a meadow when one of the boys felt a snake crawl across his arm. Another saw a good sized one coiled up on his overcoat, to say nothing of many others that were not far off, rattling and singing for their own amusement, and to make the cow-boys shiver in their boots. The whole crew were wide awake in less than no time, and they made remarkably good time in getting out of that locality.—Telegraph.

HENRY VILLARD.—Mr. Villard is aged about fifty years, is five feet eleven inches in height, and weighs about 210 pounds. He is of fine, well proportioned form, very mild in dress, and walks with the air of a man whom prosperity has not spoiled. He is indeed a genial gentleman—bright, quick in speech and action, and possessed of a wonderful amount of magnetism. His frank hearty manner and clear, full voice are attractions in his favor difficult to surpass, but the most remarkable point about him is his face. It is strong without being hard, determined without being stubborn. He has light grayish blue eyes, which look right at you in a manner to speedily dispel all formality and nervousness, while his forehead is high and well formed, shaded by jet black hair of ample quantity. A close cropped iron grey moustache shadows a mouth of more than ordinary expression—the whole making up a gentleman of fine personal appearance.—Statesman.

[From the Walls Walls Statesman.] Several hundred tons of iron are piled up at the depot.

Rock men on the Baker City division are twelve miles from Pendleton.

Mr. Fillmore, the new superintendent of the division, will soon take his position. There is yet three miles of rock out to go through before the rock men have completed their labors from Umatilla to Pendleton.

Two young men named Thomas Dalton and Fred Weiser, aged 22 and 25 years, cabin boys on the R. R. Thompson, in attempting to cross over to the Upper Cascade from the Locks in a small boat Wednesday evening of last week about 9 o'clock, are supposed to have been washed over the rapids. The body of young Dalton was found Monday at Mr. Reed's, three miles below the cannery. He has a brother at work in Weilder's saw mill in Portland.

Walls Walls, which is at present lighted by lamps, will have gas by the 18th of September.

Dr. D. S. Baker, of Walls Walls, is about to build a large and costly flouring mill in that city, or within range of the wheat fields.

Parties just in from Camp Spokane report considerable excitement over discoveries of gold mines, both quartz and placer. Several good-sized nuggets have been picked up.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of Washington Territory and notice of the company for the Spokane Falls and Columbia River Railway & Navigation Co. A road is to be built from Spokane Falls to the navigable waters of the upper Columbia through Colville valley, and will reach the Columbia river below the mouth of the Spokane. The two roads will be 120 miles long. The capital stock is \$1,000,000. Surveys are to be made at once.—Independent.

While occupied at a point a few miles below Yakima City, recently, engineer Kingsbury and party had occasion to sink a well to secure water. At the depth of thirty-two feet the workmen found an old rusty pocket-knife, having but one blade; and it broken. The knife shows that it had been used, and probably within the last decade. The well from which it was taken is located on ground about one mile from the river. The question naturally arises how came a knife thirty-two feet deep in the ground of a wilderness?—Independent.

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Real Estate Agency. REAL ESTATE FOR SALE: CITY OF CORVALLIS. Two Lots adjoining Court House with good house, barn and garden. FARMS. 140 Acres 20 miles from Newport on the Yaquina, steamboat landing, 20 acres in timothy, good house orchard, etc. Price \$10,000. 158 Acres in King's Valley. First rate land with large house, barn, close to school and church, post office, creek and saw mill. Price \$8000. 140 Acres in Linn county, 6 miles east of Lebanon, on branch of east side railroad, and Oregon & Pacific, well watered, good house, barn and orchard. Terms easy. Price \$4500. 670 Acres in King's Valley, 200 under cultivation, well watered, good outbuildings, 15 acres orchard, producing all kinds of fruit; house and garden, very large barn and good outbuildings. 1 mile from school, near postoffice, saw and grist mills, and close to proposed narrow gauge depot in King's Valley. Price, \$11,000. 254 Acres adjoining above with equal advantage of position, about 100 acres under cultivation, an excellent farm, capable of carrying a good stock of sheep, under fence, well watered, good house, barn and orchard. Price, \$4,500. 427 Acres adjoining above, 100 acres under cultivation, good house, orchard, etc. Excellent stock range with good outlet, 2 miles from school, postoffice, etc. Price, \$4,500. 540 Acres, 90 under cultivation, good house, barn and orchard, four miles north of postoffice. Price, \$4,500. Excellent stock farm. 1,587 Acres, 8 miles west of Corvallis, on Mary's River, 1000 under fence, 250 acres under plough, 155 now in grain. East mill pasture, well grained, 11 miles from school. The land is well timbered, good house, two barns, etc. Price, \$16,500. 300 Acres of first class land, west side and upper end of King's Valley, 60 acres under cultivation including 25 acres of timothy, good new house 16x24, and barn, School house within 200 yards, and convenient distant from little, story etc.; well watered and timbered. \$27,000. 100 Acres situated on Little Elk next Baber's, excellent water and good outlet to fine range. 300 Acres east end of Blodgett's Valley, well improved near school and on proposed line of Yaquina R. R. Price, \$4000.

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