

L. G. ADAIR AND HIS TRAVELS.

Another Interesting Letter From a Wandering Oregonian.

LOS ANGELES, Dec 18, 1897.

After partaking of our morning repast we went to the office of the Mount Lowe Electric R R Co. and procured the necessary papers to take us to the summit of Mt Lowe.

At 9:30 we were under way and traversed a portion of the country to Pasadena, of which we have already spoken. Leaving Pasadena about 10 a m, we were whirled along on a car described by the Chinaman: "No horses, no pusher—no puller all same as like Klondike gold seekers." We halted to change cars in front of the magnificent residence properties owned by Mr Green and Mr McNally.

All connections at this point having been made we were again on our way through beautiful orange, apricot, fig, walnut and peach orchards, to the base of the Sierra Madre mountains. Arriving at the base of these mountains, we began our serpentine winding on a track built upon a shelf cut out of the side of the mountain, upon which to place ties and rails. The climb up to the Light and Power house of the mountain track, situated in Rubio Canyon is gradual.

Rubio Canyon is at an elevation of 2000 feet. Hailing here for 45 minutes for the arrival of other passengers. We had a fine view of the precipitous rocks overhanging this narrow and rugged canyon. All aboard was sounded and we were placed in a car built with stalls much resembling the old fashioned pulpits, each stall holding 8 passengers. Into these we were ushered and a chain placed across the entrance to prevent any unlucky individual from falling out should he or she lose the balance wheel.

Drawing a spear-shaped rod, tipped with brass, the conductor touched the wire which sent the electric current to the engineer, who immediately set the machinery in motion and we began to ascend at the rate of 60 feet in every 100. Looking above us we saw another car descending as fast as we were ascending. Those who had their eyes fixed on the descending car, and not on the center of the incline track where the mechanical construction was such that the two cars separated and passed, began to feel that we must call a halt.

Ye Oregonian was busy during our 45 minute rest examining the machinery which operates the cable and the construction of the car that was to take us up. Having taken this in, we gazed aloft on the side of the mountain, and espied the webs on the track which we rightly conjectured were for passing cars. On we go, meet the descending car, and pass with all the grace and ease with which skill and ingenuity can invent.

As we ascend we look oceanward and behold one vast park from the foot of the Sierra Madre range to the Pacific ocean. Cities, towns, villas, all leveling each other in semi-tropic beauty. Up, up, we go until the machinery stops, and we are 1500 feet higher than at Rubio Canyon. Here are located the Mount Lowe hotel, Lowe Observatory and the great 3,000,000 candle power search light.

We were ushered into the hotel and served with an excellent lunch, being waited on by young misses dressed in white. Forty minutes have expired, we hear "all aboard," from the most gentlemanly conductor we have ever met.

We were placed on board an electric car and started on our third climb which takes us to "Ye Alpine Tavern," near the summit of Mt Lowe. From this place mules, horses and carriages are used to complete the ascent.

"Ye Alpine Tavern" is at the 6,500 point. I often wonder at the craze of our American people in seeking European scenery, when in this land of our nativity we have scenery far surpassing even the Alps. Wending our way around the brow of the Sierra Madre range on a narrow shelf, cut in the rocks, we look down 2000 feet into yawning chasms and rocky canyons beneath us. We pass through beautiful groves of live oak, pine and cypress trees. Up, up we go until our fingers and feet begin to tingle with cold. Snow is on the ground, but still the bright sunshine follows us and we once more halt and enter the "Alpine Tavern."

One of our Eastern party, a young miss, ventured to ascend the mountain trail on foot from the "Alpine Tavern" and when near the summit became bewildered and lost. Search was made for her, but no trace could be found of the venturesome young lady. The electric bells on the car were sounded, but no response, and unable to wait any longer we descended by the force of gravity to the Mount Lowe hotel. On our arrival at this place, to the extreme joy of our whole party, the young lady was found, having ran all the way from the summit on a trail that fortunately brought her to a point of safety. She had run and cried and screamed until almost

exhausted. She concluded she had been taught a lesson never to be forgotten.

Again we are on the incline cable line descending down to Rubio Canyon, from whence we return by electric cars to Los Angeles. This is as varied as the most wonderful piece of railway construction in the world, and it certainly has a just claim. Tourists cannot afford to miss this wonderful and awfully grand ride. Seeing is believing. Southern California is the finest climate in America and is destined to be the Mecca of the American continent.

We leave here December 27th at 1:45, on our return trip, having spent a most delightful vacation. We will hail Old Oregon, for we are losing our "wells," for the heavens above are like brass and the earth like iron. Rain, rain is looked for and longed for by the thirsty farmers.

THE HALSEY ROBBERY.

The Japs Identify One of the Men—Bound Over to Meet the Grand Jury.

Albany Democrat, Dec. 22.

Halsey has a case that is exciting a great deal of interest in that city and vicinity. Last Friday night about 8 o'clock three Japs were visited at their room in the section house by two young men with handkerchiefs over parts of their faces. One of them flourishing a revolver, demanded the money of the Japs, who were known to have been paid off recently. The Japs handed out about \$25, and the young men departed with the money that was to cause them a good deal of trouble.

The Japs positively identified one of the men as Clarence Morgan, a son of F M Morgan. During the evening young Morgan and Walter Smith, a son of W C Smith, had been seen together, having started out on a hunting expedition. Both young men were arrested yesterday, and in the afternoon appeared before the Halsey justice, J R Wyatt, of this city, appearing for them and Judge Whitney for the prosecution. The defendants waived examination and were held under \$250 bonds to await the action of the grand jury. Some one who knows young Smith says he has always been a fine young man, and does not believe he could be implicated in such an act.

Contracts Awarded.

The following Lane county contracts for conveying U S mails have been let.

Awarded to C G Steele, of London, Kentucky: Springfield, by Thurston, Watterville, Leaburg, Gate Creek, Blue River and McKenzie Bridge, to Foley Springs, \$1380.

Awarded to J L Yadin, of London, Ky: Eugene, by Elmira, Varian, Hale, Delphia, Walton, Glentema and Meadow, to Mapleton, \$1100.

To W R Harder, of Denver, Col: Hale to Ivion, \$68.99; Mapleton to Hermann, \$118.99; Florence to Linneus, \$38.99.

P F Sillings, of London, Ky: McKenzie Bridge to Belknap Springs, \$106; Cottage Grove to Wallace, \$120.

To F S Gray, of Clinton, Mo: Junction City to Monroe, \$255.

L H Hansberger—Springfield, by Natron, Jasper and Fall Creek to Lowell, \$354.37.

W P Drugg—Junction City, by Franklin, Goldson, Blachley and Greenleaf to Deadwood, \$533.

J F Holbrook, of Dexter—Lowell by Hazel Dell to Tip Top, \$264.

M Martin of Cottage Grove—Cottage Grove by Royal and Lorane to Siuslaw; \$359.66.

R A Stevens of Watterville—Springfield by Mohawk and Isabel to Mabel; \$312.

J H Perkins of Cottage Grove Cottage Grove by Star, Bluff and Wildwood to Bohemia; \$47.75.

Jessie Easton of Watterville—Watterville to Camp Creek; \$68.

Awarded to W M Weighel, of San Francisco, Cal: Florence, by Heceata and Minnie to Waldport \$588.

O W Meet, of Trent: Goshen by Pleasant Hill and Trent to Dexter, \$248.90.

A J Fultz: Eugene by Llewellyn Long Tom, Crow, Hadleyville and Pantherto Mound, \$459.20.

H H Barrett, of Florence: Gardiner, by Glendata to Florence, \$375.

A Strange Accident.

A young farmer named Anderson residing near Harrisburg met with a strange accident Wednesday morning and escaped almost miraculously from a serious injury. In attempting to shoot a hawk with "firing pin" of his breech-loading firearm was torn from the gun by the explosion. The piece of metal measured 3 1/2 inches, and struck Mr Anderson in the right eye at a point next the nose, and forced its way to a point near the base of the brain, where it lodged. Dr C T Mackey, of Harrisburg, successfully removed the metal from the patient's head. Mr Anderson was reported resting very easily and the prospects for his recovery are considered quite favorable.

A PECULIAR CASE.

Insurance on the Life of William Kerr, Killed in an Explosion.

Developments in the past few days says the Corvallis Times, have awakened curious interest in the death of William Kerr, killed in an explosion of giant powder on Woods creek hillside, a few miles beyond Philomath on the 10th day of last April.

It was supposed that the life insurance policy of \$1000 held in the Macabees, and paid to the dead boy's mother, was the only insurance policy held on the life of William Kerr. It turns out that there was an additional policy, and that it was held by the best friend and sole companion of Kerr at the time of the dreadful accident. The amount of this policy was \$5000, and the contract provided that in case of Kerr's death, the sum should be paid to George Webber, who was the sole witness of the terrible accident in which Kerr lost his life. Until the first of the present week the existence of the policy and its character was known probably to less than half a dozen persons. The information leaked out through the fact that Webber received his money from the insurance company the latter part of last week. He was not paid the full amount. He compromised with the company for \$500, and the net amount that he received was \$450, the remaining \$50 having been paid to Portland attorneys who made the collection. The policy was held in the Washington Co-operative Life Association of Portland, Or. It was written during the latter part of October.

It is a fact that no member of the family of William Kerr was aware of the existence of the Webber policy. It is also true that Webber, after the receipt of the insurance money, gave it out that he had been presented with \$500 by an uncle residing in California. The developments of the case have occasioned very general comment.

Buried With Her Money.

John Claypool of Prineville, knows the spot in the forks of the Santiam, where a \$5 gold piece has been buried for nearly 50 years, says the Crook County Journal. The story is interesting in illustrating the custom that still prevails among the Oregon Indians. The wife of an old chief was dying. The aged squaw had become possessed of \$5 which she had earned by picking berries and selling them to the white settlers, and the money was in the form of a \$5 gold piece. As she neared the confines of the "happy hunting grounds," the old chief, intent upon making sure that this squaw should carry her possessions with her, made her swallow the gold piece, and a sister in the operation by ramming it down her throat with his finger. The squaw died and was buried, and the money has laid in this strange casket for well-nigh half a century, says the Journal. "Many times," John says, "when I was a boy, I have looked at the spot where the old squaw was buried and wished I had the \$5 gold piece that was buried in her ear."

Harrisburg News.

Dec. 21, 1897.

Among those who attended the Christian church dedication in Eugene from this place were Mrs Canter, Miss Munson and Prof McDonald.

Mrs P Sommerville is dangerously ill from an attack of paralysis. Mrs Sommerville is one of Harrisburg's oldest settlers and notwithstanding her age, 78 years, up to this time has enjoyed fairly good health.

Christmas exercises will be held at the opera house Christmas eve. Arrangements are being made for a very entertaining musical program, to precede distribution of presents, and on Christmas day a number of dinners will be the order of the day.

George Armstrong, who resides just across the river, met with an accident which may prove fatal. While attempting to kill some birds with a Winchester rifle, the gun exploded and a part of the load entered his right eye and came out just back of the eye. Dr Mackey attended him and thinks he may recover.

NEW MAIL REGULATION.—The post office department has sent circulars to postmasters, informing them that it is not permissible to write upon third or fourth-class matter, or its wrapper, or to print or write upon second-class matter, or its wrapper directions relative to the delivery thereof, inconsistent with the postal regulations; consequently, directions to deliver to some indefinite address, as to a "druggist," or "physician," if the matter be undeliverable to the addressee, must in all cases be disregarded by the postmaster at the office of address. Postmasters are directed to inform their patrons to this effect, and that after March 1, 1898, matter addressed in the foregoing manner will be held to be undeliverable.

PAIR OF ANTLERS.—Landlord S E Brown, of the Hoffman House, had a handsome pair of antlers placed over his office desk today, a present from Wm Mayer. He is proud of the present.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 24.

Mrs J B Hopkins returned from Sheed today.

Chas Kissenger and wife went to Junction today.

J R Wetherbee is up from Portland to spend the holidays.

The Yucca Amusement Co went to Junction this forenoon.

Mrs S Munra and Mrs Walter Edris came up on today's train.

Prof C H Chapman was a passenger to Portland this forenoon.

Ell Bangs and family will leave Chicago for home tomorrow.

Mrs W T Eakin and children are in Eugene to spend the holidays.

Major L G Adair and wife expect to return home on December 30th.

Miss Iula Bradley, of Roseburg, will spend Christmas in Eugene.

J H Goodman and wife went to Cottage Grove today to spend Christmas.

Prof Luella C Carson went to Portland this forenoon to spend the holidays with her parents.

Harry Miller, Portland attorney, has attached the trotting here Pathmon on a claim of \$400.

Mrs P B Kinsey and her daughter, Miss Maggie, went to Salem this forenoon to spend the holidays.

Al Kuykendall and Shed Garrison, of Salem, employees of the State of Oregon are home to spend Christmas.

P E Snodgrass has gone to Baker City to visit his family during the holidays. S S Spencer was filling the vacancy today.

F J Miller and family, of Albany, were arrivals by this afternoon's train and will eat turkey with Grandpa and Grandma Gray.

Henry Sylvester, accidentally shot by his friend, Ashbury Fitzwater, at Lebanon Monday, died from his injuries yesterday.

Hank Owen is up from Monroe to spend a few days. He says his father, Wils opened up his sal on last Monday and is doing a good business.

Mrs P B Kinsey and daughter, Miss Margaret, left this morning for Salem, where they will be the Xmas guests of Mr and Mrs Jno Krause.

The postoffice and express company are very busy. Mr Garrison, of Wells Fargo Express, delivered over 200 packages today received from a distance.

A Dallas correspondent says: Elder B F Bonnell, who occupied the pulpit in the Christian church of this place for several years, is now in Santa Rosa, California.

D F Macey, California's fish and game commission agent will arrive here again tonight, and tomorrow will ship the Japanese pheasants which he purchased here some time since.

The painted screen, a water scene in Osburn & DeLano's show window attracts considerable attention. Mrs G R Christian adds to her reputation as an artist by this neat piece of work.

Hon G Wingate, of Astoria, a member of the State Board of Equalization, spent last night in Eugene returning to Salem on this forenoon's local train. He is a particular friend of Attorney Woodcock.

George H Thurston was in Eugene today visiting his family and friends. He has been examining lands in Northern California and Southern Oregon for some time, and will go to Portland in the morning to make his report.

Ira Luther and bride of Iowa, who have been visiting their old friends, Mr and Mrs J S Stiles, left for their home in Iowa today. Mr Luther had no idea of locating in Oregon when he came here, but now he thinks he will sell his 700 acre farm and return to Oregon.

Miss Carrie Hall returned on the overland last night from a three months trip to the East, visiting relatives in New York and elsewhere. Miss Hall, since she left Eugene, Sept 20, has traveled 7000 miles and been in 25 states, without mishap or delay, thus establishing quite a reputation as a traveler.

Mr Wilson, who lives at Chitwood, has an evergreen cherry tree, says the Corvallis Gazette. The tree has prickly leaves, that greatly resemble the leaves of the holly. The tree is evergreen and the cherries ripen about October and hang on the tree after ripening a long time without deteriorating. The fruit is a genuine cherry, handsome and with a very pleasant flavor; the tree is quite ornamental and grows to a height of 10 feet.

THE REVIVAL.—Will continue to-night and over next Sunday. Subject tonight, "Why Must Jesus Die?" Tomorrow night, "Did Christ Rise from the Dead?" Sunday at 11, "The Witness of the Holy Spirit." 3 p m, rally of all Christians. 7 p m, "Heaven—Where Is It and How to Get There." Every member of the church is urged to attend the rally at 3 o'clock. Last night's sermon on the "Divinity of Christ," from the standpoint of reason, was a masterly one, in which Mr Uptake rose to the occasion. For logic and convincing arguments, delivered with true eloquence, it is seldom equaled.

HAD AMPLE WARNING.

The Mayor of Harrisburg Has His Say About Foolhardy Klondikers.

HARRISBURG, Or., Dec 21.—Mr H B Lewis; Secretary Klondike Relief Committee, Portland, Or.—Dear Sir: Yours of recent date, asking for donations of supplies, money, etc, was duly received. We are not prepared to do much, and are disposed to do less. We look upon such schemes as advertising dodges, of interest only to the place concerned. As to starvation at Klondike, we have no knowledge. That there will be and ought to be suffering we know. Those who went there last summer had ample warning, and knew the condition fully before going in. I do not think we should waste any sympathy on people who went to Klondike with less than a year's supply of everything. As to relief, I think worse things than starvation could befall a d—n fool; for instance, he might survive and come back; and, if we relieve him this winter, his tribe would increase to a hundred thousand next winter, and labor for more relief.

We take care of our own poor (if on account of our "board of immigration") they do not swamp us with numbers and needs), but we decline to contribute either sympathy or substance to Klondikers, South Sea Islanders, Hot-entots or what not. We are not heartless, merely sensible.

In conclusion, when you want contributions for the widows and orphans of the improvident ones, who earned a useless life by starving to death, we are with you. Yours truly,

JAMES McDONALD, Mayor of Harrisburg.

Mr McDonald is well known in Eugene, his wife having been formerly Miss Augusta Osburn.

"Birds Be The Tie That Binds."

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 22, 1897, at 7 o'clock p m, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr John G Evans, formerly of Lane county, but late of Little Shasta, California, and Miss Arizona L Arnel, of Lane county, were joined together in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev J A Roger officiating.

The bride was handsomely dressed in salmon serge, with bridal veil and orange flowers for decorations. This quiet little wedding was one of the most brilliant affairs of its nature that has taken place in the quiet vicinity of Mohawk for many years past. Only the close friends and relatives of the contracting parties were present. After the ceremony was performed a most bountiful and delicious repast was served. The entire community joins in wishing the young people a joyous and successful journey in their new life.

A FRIEND.

DAILY GUARD, DECEMBER 21.

At the University.

Regents Thompson and Friendly and Secretary Walton were inspecting the new water and electric light plants at the University of Oregon yesterday afternoon and last night.

They inform us that the water plant is perfect now. It cost about \$700.

The light plant was started up last night for a short time. The dormitory was lighted up for the first time, and was highly commended by the regents. The other buildings will be wired as soon as possible. The electric light plant cost \$400.

The regents inform us that the plants will be operated by students under the supervision of Prof Friedel.

Lane Loses the Record.

Accidental shootings gave Lane county a record that is surely being taken from her by the sister county on the north. Witness the Albany Democrat:

There have been three gun accidents in Lane county within a month or two, one already fatal, and the other may be. Lane is liable to be supplanted by Linn as the gun accident county if this keeps up. How easy it is to advise people to be careful in the handling of guns, but how much easier to entirely disregard such advice.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—County Clerk Jennings today issued the following marriage license: Norman Hickey, 26 years, and Eva Hickey, 27 years; J A Mackey, 21 years, and Marie Spear, 18 years; Geo W Briggs 21 years and Effie M Blanton 20 years; B C Spencer 23 years and Bessie Hill 20 years; John E Miller 21 years and Effie L Kirk 18 years.

"IF HE WANTS IT."—Corvallis Gazette: "A C Woodcock, of Eugene, can probably secure the nomination for attorney-general, if he wants it. But he is more likely to be a candidate for circuit judge of this district. Benton county will strongly urge a candidate for the judgeship."

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SALE MADE.—E J Frasier yesterday consummated a sale of the C B Horn tract of land, consisting of 80 acres, just west of town, to H J Gasman, who recently moved here from Wisconsin.

HOW IT HAPPENED.

A Close Call for a Benton County Young Man.

The accident to Ross Dey, near Elk City was more serious than was first reported. The Leader says:

"He had his rifle sitting with the stock on a log with the muzzle pointing upward, and as he started up the rifle slipped off the log, and was discharged as he grabbed for it. The rifle was a .38-calibre, and the ball came very near ending the boy's life right there. It took off the end of the right thumb, badly lacerated the two middle fingers of the right hand, tore a hole through the left part of the left thumb, then entered the left side just above the hip, going upward struck a rib which caused it to glance outward, and it lodged in the flesh just back or under the shoulder.

"The wounded boy's cries soon brought companions to his relief, binding up his wounds as best they could they started for home, which was ten miles away. The first two miles the boy was compelled to walk, and then they got a horse and he rode the rest of the way to Elk city, arriving there about 7 o'clock."

DONATION COMMITTEE.

Have Finished Their Work With Neatness and Despatch.

DAILY GUARD, DECEMBER 21.

The Xmas donation committee has been busy today distributing gifts to the needy of the city, and arranged everything so that there was no delay in the distribution, except the fact of a scarcity of teams.

Professor E E Orton, of the Geary school, who has assisted in arranging donations several years, informed a GUARD reporter today that the gifts made this year were better than any previous year since he has been connected with the schools. About 40 families have been made happy, and he said there was a sack of flour and one of potatoes for every family assisted; the amount of fruits and vegetables and meat donated has been large.

The committee in charge have reason to be congratulated for the business-like manner in which the distributions have been arranged, while our liberal-hearted citizens receive from their gifts the satisfaction of well doing.

Child Burned to Death.

Mary Ellen, the 2-year-old child of C H Warden, was burned to death at Oregon City Monday. The family resides at the wood camp, on the west side of the river. The mother left home about 12 o'clock, going to a neighbor's house, leaving her two children in the house. A short time afterward, a neighbor, in passing the house, heard the children screaming, and going inside he found the clothing of the little one had caught fire. He wrapped a blanket around the child extinguishing the flames. A doctor was summoned, but the little girl was so badly burned that there was no hope of saving her life. She died about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

A RAILROAD RUMOR.—Salem Journal: A rumor is current upon the street to the effect that on January 1 the Southern Pacific company would place in operation a new schedule. The principle change that would be occasioned by the new schedule, as rumor has it, would be to make the Roseburg mail a through train between Portland and San Francisco. Inquiry at the local office elicited the fact that the rumor was unofficial, and consequently not to be relied upon. It is possible, however, as the anticipated Klondike passenger traffic increases, after the first of the year, the company will make additional arrangements for the transportation of such passengers, a large majority of whom will go by rail to San Francisco, sailing thence via steamer for the Alaska gold fields.

FOR WILLAMETTE.—Salem Statesman: The preliminary debate for the purpose of deciding who shall represent Willamette in the intercollegiate debate at Salem on January 14, between the U of O of Eugene and W U, took place in the Philodorian hall last evening. The successful contestants are Mattie Beaty, H G Hibbard and Bert E Haney. By previous agreement, the young orators spoke only ten minutes, and there were no rebuttal speeches and no decision as to sides, only the choice of speakers being made by the judges. President W C Hawley, Rev W C Kantner and Professor F S Dunn acted in the judicial capacity. As the subject discussed was the same that will be debated with the U of O, there was no audience admitted besides the judges.

COUNTY TREASURER'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that Lane county warrants, Nos 1725 to 1704, inclusive, are now payable at my office. Interest on same ceases Dec 17, 1897. Dated Dec 16, 1897.

A S PATTERSON, County Treasurer.

In Ashland the republicans elected their ticket yesterday, no other party competing.

Rock eggs, also 2 cockerels and 1 hen. SERIOUSLY ILL.—Corvallis Times of this fall. This was done after that cleared 500 per cent on the ground orchard.