

# TOURIST SENSATION OF SANTA ANITA CANYON

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 30.—One of the tourist attractions this winter is the woman hermit of Big Santa Anita Canyon, near Sierra Madra. "Hermit parties" are being made up in Los Angeles and Pasadena to plunge into the mountains to call on the lady and attempt to pump her as to her past.

The woman is said to bear the name of Readsall and is an odd character. Some say she is one of the women who went to Alaska in the famous shipload of theatrical stars shipped to Nome by "Lucky" Baldwin. She is so soured on Alaska, and indeed on all modern life, that she tells visitors that she spent 31 days in a fast that was almost one long bath of purification from the taste and smell of civilization. One uncomplimentary tourist says she has the most exquisitely developed grouch on record.

The woman rents a little patch of land in the canyon from "Lucky" Baldwin, upon which she has erected a hut of boulders, boards and canvas. The inside is strewn with pine needles and spread here and there with beautiful Alaskan furs. About the walls are pictures which the Boston public library would order to be put in trousers and petticoats. She has a piano and sometimes forgets her grouch and plays to callers. Her costume would astonish the

ordinary concert-goer. She wears a robe made of rough gunnysacks. Her feet and legs are bare except for sandals which half hide her Trilbys. She wears no hat, but she does not scorn hairpins. She has a small but well selected library and talks gracefully.

She sleeps out of doors in a sort of pen made of canvas and gunnysacks. She has no bed or cot, but a thick carpet of pine needles. However, she couldn't resist having a chic, Frenchy dressing table and mirror in the pen. It is the only thing to show that some animal does not inhabit the place.

Of course, madame does not indulge in meat. She survives on fruit, which she picks herself in "Lucky" Baldwin's orchard and which can be seen drying round the place. Every day she takes a bath 20 minutes long. Down the slope below her hut is a big pool in the arroyo. There she does the Venus act daily. She is proud of the muscles of her arms and legs.

About a mile farther up the canyon is a man hermit, an Arabian, who ekes out his living by finding herbs and roots to sell to druggists. The gossips are hoping a romance will result from the propinquity of the he and she hermits. Meanwhile the woman is the social sensation of the Sierras.

## PORTLAND WILL HAVE DAIRY CONVENTION

"Please side step and give me the center of the stage," says the dairyman to the fruit grower, and continuing, the producer of butters and cheese has this to say: "We are all proud of Oregon's apples and pears. Glad you got the use of the great show windows in which to present yourselves to the admiring thousands, but you only come once a year, while we add a little to the wealth of Oregon every day of the three hundred and sixty-five."

Oregon fruit's five million dollar yield for 1907 is great, but Oregon's dairy product, growing from nothing ten years ago to five millions in 1902, and seventeen millions in 1907, is going to give a grand entertainment in Portland December 12th and 13th.

Two floors of the big Woodmen's Hall at 11th and Alder have been engaged for that purpose, one for the exhibits and the other for the convention. The prizes offered are the greatest ever presented in the West. The program will be excellent. There will be a reception, with refreshments and music, at the Portland Commercial Club, the evening of the 12th.

It is the farmer and the dairyman who should be present at this convention. All of the commercial bodies should have delegates present, and as the women of Oregon have made the state famous for its dairy products they will be especially welcome and some of the best papers on the program will be delivered by women.

The exercises will be open promptly at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning, December 12th, at Woodmen's Hall. Each and every paper will be discussed so that the practical points may be brought out. All delegates are urged to be present, however, an hour before the opening Thursday so as to register, receive badges, and to get time to examine the exhibit in the large room just below the convention hall.

The officers of the Oregon Dairy Association want you to come prepared to ask questions, to feel that you are present to be benefited, and to appreciate that the discussion of the papers after they are delivered is more valuable than the papers themselves, for this character of discussion brings out all the strong points.

The business men of Portland have put up money to insure the publication of the proceedings in the best possible manner, and to illustrate the same, but only facts and vital information will be printed, and those are wanted from every district in Oregon. The railroads have made a rate of a fare and a third form every point in the state.

The Portland Country Club and Live Stock Association, recognizing the importance of the development of live stock interests of the state, have arranged for the greatest fair yet held west of the Missouri river for 1908. There are \$40,000 in prizes, equalling those offered by the Lewis & Clark Exposition in 1905. To this west of the Missouri River for 1908. There are \$40,000 in prizes, equalling those offered by the Lewis & Clark Exposition in 1905. To this will be added \$10,000 or \$12,000 by the different Breeders' Associations in attendance upon the International

Live Stock Show at Chicago, Nov. 30th to Dec. 7th, where Mr. M. D. Wisdom will go as a special representative to arrange a date and to secure the presence here of the most famous herds in America.

## BANDON NOTES.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wyant, of this place, died last Monday morning and was buried the day following. Death was due to an acute attack of croup.

The residence of D. W. Licke, assistant U. S. engineer in charge of the harbor improvements, was burned Tuesday night with all its contents, a total loss. Mr. and Mrs. Licke were absent from home at the time.

The booklets prepared by Sweeney & Walker to advertise their new addition have been received by the Bandon Investment corporation. They are a beautiful ad for Bandon and Coos county and will be circulated all over the country. The commercial club is negotiating for an additional edition of 10,000 of the booklets.

Several petty criminal cases are before the recorder's court this week.

Attorney T. B. Wheeler left for Coquille yesterday to file on the homestead that he has successfully contested. The Wheeler's ranch is on Four Mile creek and his orchard of young apple trees is making that country famous already as a future rival to Hood River and the valley.

C. Long is in town this week. He has been disposing of some of his property in the west end.

Judge Topping's fire ladders, with their new chemical and long line of hose made the run in record time controlling the fire and otherwise distinguishing themselves Tuesday night. Their discipline was remarkable in a volunteer company.

Col. C. T. Blumenrother left yesterday for his residence on Butte creek to spend Thanksgiving with his family. The Colonel has lately entered into a partnership with J. E. Tawse, formerly of Coquille.

A raft of logs, belonging to the Cody Lumber Co. broke loose and went over the bar Friday.

Judge Morse has received an announcement of the marriage recently of his son Harvey, at Fortuna to Miss Nellie Graham, of the latter place.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Bread fair held yesterday proved a big success and they cleared considerable money for their Sunday school.

Attorney Treadgold filed land contests for the future settlers in southern Coos, with the land office at Roseburg yesterday.

The Thanksgiving ball last night was largely attended and a good time had.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

(From Sunday's Daily.)  
Mr. McLawsen is a city visitor.  
Miss May Magee is visiting friends in this city for a few days.  
Mrs. Pugh, of Empire, was shopping in Marshfield yesterday.  
Mrs. Thrush was a city visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Rozelle and daughter May, were city visitors Saturday.

Miss Haines was in this city yesterday with friends.

Mr. E. R. Hodson was down from Coos River yesterday.

Mrs. Cook, of Empire, was a city visitor yesterday.

Miss Lettie Larson is spending a few days in Marshfield with relatives.

Mrs. Frank Rogers was down from Coos River yesterday.

Mr. Herman Gettis, of Coos River, spent Saturday in this city.

Mrs. Peterson, of Empire, was in Marshfield attending to business affairs yesterday.

Miss M. Mullen is spending a few days in Empire as the guest of relatives and friends.

Miss Blanche Moddy, of this city, spent Saturday in North Bend as the guest of friends.

Misses Mamie and Leah Elliott, of Empire, spent Saturday in Marshfield shopping.

Mr. Joe Gilbert was in Marshfield attending to business affairs Saturday.

Mr. Wm. Noble came in from Ten Mile yesterday, and will remain in Marshfield for a few days.

Mr. Laska and family have taken a home in Empire and will remain there for the winter.

Miss Alice Wesley, of Oakland, Cal., is visiting on Coos Bay for a few weeks with friends.

Mr. B. B. Webster, of Portland, left Coos Bay yesterday for his home in the north after having spent several weeks here with friends.

Mrs. Farley passed through this city yesterday on her way to Coos River where she will remain for some time with relatives.

Mr. Fred Straub, representing Brauer Bros., of San Francisco, returned a few days ago from a successful business tour of Coquille and the River towns.

Mr. Dave Morgan has returned to Coos Bay after an extended trip through California. Mr. Morgan will remain in Empire for an indefinite period.

Mrs. Tom Summerland, of Sumner, is in this city for a short time, attending to business affairs and incidentally visiting with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Williams, of San Francisco, leaves for her home in the south during the beginning of next week after having spent several weeks on Coos Bay with her daughter, Mrs. May Olson.

Mrs. J. T. Collier, of Coos River, will leave next week for Portland where she will meet her daughter who is attending school in that city, and bring her to Coos Bay for the holidays.

Mr. F. G. Baker, of San Francisco, is making a business tour of Coos County and at present is in Marshfield for a few days. Later on Mr. Baker will visit the Coquille country, and thence going on down the coast to Port Orford and Eureka.

Mr. Frank Tremaine, of Portland, is visiting on Coos Bay for a short time as the guest of Mrs. S. E. Painter and family. On his departure from Marshfield, Mr. Tremaine will visit San Francisco and thence go east to Michigan, where he will remain for some time with relatives and friends.

Starts for the East.

Dr. B. M. Richardson and wife will leave on the Breakwater this morning and will go to Salem where they will visit Mr. Richardson's parents for a time, until after the holidays, when the doctor will leave Salem for New York City, where he will spend six months in post graduate work at the Bellevue hospital, afterwards returning to Marshfield. Mrs. Richardson will stay in Salem during his absence.

Clay Moore Cartooned.

Everybody has admired the advertising card in the show windows around town of the "Clay Baker," the strong play of the theatrical people now playing at the opera house. Taking the cue from the word "Clay" Roy Lawhorne produced a cartoon of Clay Moore as the principal clay shoveler in that drama. To be appreciated it must be seen.

## COMMUNICATION.

Coos Bay Times:—  
Dear Sirs,

For twenty-eight years I have known no other name for the city on the Bay but Coos Bay, I hardly ever say Marshfield, then I excuse myself when I do.

The name Marshfield never was used only in writing by the old timers of Southern Oregon, it was I am going to Coos Bay.

When you say Coos Bay people know whereof you speak, it has been known by that name for years, Coos Bay has been advertised, no other name will fit, spell it any old way you choose but it is Coos Bay.

Yours truly,  
F. B. Tichenor

# FOUND OUTSIDE STAGNATION

## Seymour H. Bell Returns to Coos Bay, After Month's Trip in Northwest.

## SURPRISED AT COOS BAY

Seymour H. Bell, who arrived in yesterday after a month's trip through the important cities of the northwest and inter mountain states, brings the report of absolute hard times in many sections. Among the cities he visited was Butte, the city which has in all times been affluent if there was a dollar in circulation. The times in Butte are much more stringent than in any city Mr. Bell visited during his absence. Less than 15 per cent of the miners there are employed and the despair is great. In all sections, the loss and stagnation of business is very marked. Mr. Bell says the impression throughout Oregon is that the governor made a serious mistake in declaring holidays, for, in addition to the local state stagnation, it has worked against us in the neighboring states of Washington and Idaho, where there were no holiday proclamations issued. According to Mr. Bell, the city of Portland has received a setback that will not be dissipated for a number of years. The several bank failures in that city are accountable in a large way for the dullness in the Rose City.

Mr. Bell was greatly surprised to see the business and progress still in effect in the cities of Coos Bay and said Coos Bay is livelier by a handsome margin than any place he has visited. While in Seattle, he learned that there are fifteen thousand idle men in that city, and that wages have fallen considerably. Throughout the country he has seen, wages have generally been lowered by reason of so many suspensions in business and manufacturing.

Mr. Bell was in Portland when the Coos Bay exhibit of apples was on view. He speaks very enthusiastically of the attention it attracted and said the exhibit was put on at the psychological time, that is, after the excitement over the apples shown the previous week. He describes it as a neat and well arranged exhibit, and states that he heard hundreds of fine compliments on it. In his estimation, it will do worlds of good for the Coos Bay country. The sign which Mr. Seaman had printed, "Coos Bay beats them all," was a winner and impressed itself on the minds of the strangers who viewed the exhibit.

## Breakwater Had Rough Seas.

Passengers who came down on the Breakwater this week say that the ship struck some very heavy seas as she was leaving the Columbia. One port hole was knocked out by the waves, and a man in the engine room has several teeth broken out by the glass which struck him. There was no fear on board the ship, but the bar was very rough for this season of the year.

## Gas Works Building Fast.

The Coos Bay Gas and Electric company's plant at Porter is fast nearing completion. The big steel oil tank which will hold 260,000 gallons, is half finished. This is being furnished by the Willamette Iron and Steel Works, of Portland. The two gas holders, one 57 feet, the other 43 feet in diameter, are ready for erection and will soon be in place. These gas holders were furnished by an eastern firm, the Cruse-Kemper people, of Philadelphia.

## ANNUAL CONTEST WON BY MIDSHIPMEN

Philadelphia, Nov. 30.—The Navy today defeated the Army in the annual football contest by a score of six to nothing, before a thirty thousand crowd. Though the score looks close, the West Point team never seriously threatened the Annapolis goal. The contest was a surprise to the Army, for with its heavy team, more experienced and a better season record, the cadets could see nothing but victory. The game was marred by much fumbling and other misplays. The forward pass was a failure nearly every time it was tried. Both teams resorted to much punting and end runs. The only score of the game was made in the first half. The midshipmen twice had the ball within striking distance but each time failed to follow up their advantage. Finally after a punting duel, an Army man fumbled and the midshipman shoved the ball over for a touchdown. Lange kicked goal.

# Britain's Richest Peer In Scandal

London, Nov. 30.—Smart society is looking eagerly forward to the most highly spiced feast of scandal which the law courts have spread before it for a long time. Mrs. Atherton's breach of promise suit against the Hon. John Reginald Yarde-Buller is scheduled for an early trial.

Both the plaintiff and defendant have reached that advanced stage of social decomposition when they no longer have any reputations left to lose. It is the fact that the young duke of Westminster, the richest peer in the United Kingdom, is to be brought into the case as a witness which imparts such a rare seasoning to the banquet. For the duke is to be put on the rack to draw from him the story of his relations with the beautiful woman who now claims \$100,000 for the damage done to her affections by the Hon. John.

Mrs. Atherton is the divorced wife of Col. Thomas James Atherton. He obtained a divorce from her last year. The evidence was brief and conclusive. There was no defense. The Hon. John, who is the son and heir of Lord Churston, was the correspondent. Not long ago, it will be remembered, public announcement was made of his marriage to Miss Denise Orme, a pretty actress. It had previously been kept secret for nearly six months. People wondered why. Mrs. Atherton's breach of promise suit furnishes the key to that mystery.

## Boy's Escapade.

The story of how the duke became mixed up with Mrs. Atherton goes back much further. In 1900 when he had barely attained his majority, the duke, with many other plucky scions of the aristocracy, went to South Africa to help fight the Boers. At that time Col. Atherton was there, with him was his wife. Her "affaires" were even then notorious and were much discussed in army circles. As soon as the richest peer in the United Kingdom came within range of her she set out to capture him. She was an experienced woman of the world, who, to rare personal charm, added extraordinary skill in the art of fascination. He was—well what most lads are at one-and-twenty He had a sweetheart at home, Miss Shelagh Cornwallis West, a pretty and charming girl. They had been playmates in childhood and lovers before they entered their teens.

Had Shelagh been there she might have saved him from the older woman. Mrs. Atherton knew of the engagement. That knowledge merely prompted her to take the fullest possible advantage of the clear field which the girl's absence afforded her. She broke with all her other admirers and devoted herself exclusively to the young duke. He lost his head completely and threw discretion to the winds. One night they eloped, notwithstanding that there was a battle to be fought the next day. Had he not been a duke his neglect to obtain leave of absence might have entailed serious consequences.

## "The Girl He Left Behind Him."

Meanwhile Shelagh, at home, was having a bad time of it, for of course there were kind friends who told her all about the duke's entanglement with Mrs. Atherton. She declared she would never speak to him again; and as for ever marrying him, that was impossible. He had broken her heart and she would never marry anybody. Her mother took a different view of the matter. Dukes, especially rich dukes, were not to be picked up every day. She set herself to spoil Mrs. Atherton's game.

Her first move was to seek an interview with the king, who at that time was still Prince of Wales. As a result the duke was summoned from South Africa. As soon as his ship reached Southampton one of the

prince's equerries seized upon him and escorted him to Marlborough house, London, the residence of the Prince of Wales. There the prince talked to him as an elderly man of the world, wise and kindly, and not without experience in the ways of the Mrs. Atherton type of sirenes might be expected to talk to a foolish youth who had got himself into a mess with a married woman. The gist of what he told the duke was that he should break with Mrs. Atherton, pay her whatever price she demanded to keep quiet, and marry Shelagh speedily.

## Determined American Mother.

When the duke reached his hotel after his interview with the Prince of Wales, he found Mrs. Cornwallis West waiting for him. That clever woman did not intend that he should have any time to recover from the dressing down given him by the Prince of Wales before she tackled him. There was a scene, but the upshot of it was the duke promised her if Shelagh would forgive him he would marry her within three weeks.

The next thing to be accomplished "was the squaring" of Mrs. Atherton. That wily woman had no intention of letting such a rich prize slip through her fingers without making a fight for her share of the prize money at least. She had followed the duke home in the next ship that sailed from South Africa.

The duke refused to see her and referred her to his solicitors for the ENGLISH PEER 2

settlement of any question of damages she might raise. She saw the solicitors and assessed her damages at \$250,000. The money was paid without a quibble, a fact which afterwards caused her bitterly to regret that she had not asked for more.

## Back to Husband With \$250,000.

With her \$250,000 Mrs. Atherton returned to her husband's "protection." It is said, and it is probably true, that she knew nothing of the bargain she had driven with the duke.

Mrs. Atherton, fascinating as ever, soon had hosts of admirers. But she had learned the value of discretion and discrimination. At last, the Hon. John came her way. As a prize he didn't rank in the duke of Westminster's class. But time was fleeting, and Mrs. Atherton realized that her charm would soon be wanting. So Mrs. Atherton decided that as the future Lord Churston the Hon. John was worth while. In a short time she had him fast snared. He was a trifle over 30—at age at which a man is supposed to have arrived at years of discretion—and is entitled to no such lenient view of his conduct as the young duke may have deserved. The "goings on" between the Hon. John and Mrs. Atherton were so flagrant that Col. Atherton soon became the laughing stock of his friends and acquaintances. They began to speak of him as "shady," and to hint that he was partaking of his wife's spoils. Incensed at such remarks, he was at last driven to seek a vindication of his character in the divorce courts with the result already told.

Unfortunately for the Duke of Westminster he is the Hon. John's trump card in the game that is to be played in the law courts. His story is to be wrung from him to prove that Mrs. Atherton is a sordid adventuress and not entitled to any damages at all. It is rough on the duke that after paying \$250,000 to get the scandal hushed up he should be forced to make it public himself. But the stern moralist and his ally, Mrs. Grundy, will say it serves him just right. He and Shelagh have been happy since their marriage, and have two lovely children—a boy and a girl.

## DAIRYING WAS THE PRINCIPAL THEME

### Other Important Matters Discussed Last Night at Regular Meeting of Chamber of Commerce.

At the Chamber of Commerce last night Mrs. Yoakam convinced the people of Marshfield that she will creditably represent Coos Bay at the meeting of the State Dairymen's Association in Portland next month. Judge Schilbrede also convinced the meeting that it is within the power of the people of Coos County to bring about the consolidation of an electric line between Coos Bay and the Southern Pacific at Roseburg. A letter from Hon. Frank Davey, of Burns, Harney county, who was speaker of the lower house of the legislature revealed the fact that the great inland empire of eastern Oregon is ripe for the state to take the bull by the horns and build a railroad through the neglected district of Oregon with an outlet at Coos Bay.

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Mrs. Yoakam's address was to the point, touching upon conditions as they exist among the dairymen, and gave some interesting statistics.

Judge Schilbrede took occasion in his address to mention the miserable mail service Coos Bay people are putting up with and the urgent necessity of carrying to completion the project of an electric line outlet to the Southern Pacific. He also endorsed the plan of Mr. Davey to have the state bi-sectioned east and west by a railroad built by the state.

Mrs. Yoakam's address on "Dairy Interests of Coos County" and Mr. Davey's letter on a "State Railroad from Idaho to Deep Water at Coos Bay," will appear in Sunday's issue of the Times.

Mrs. Macgeen was shopping in this city yesterday.

Mr. F. B. Whaley, of Portland, is a city visitor.