

THE ASHLAND TIDINGS

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failed to enter. The mind gets wearied with grandeur after beholding a score or two of these enchanting chambers, and asks for rest even on the threshold of probable new discoveries. After a short respite, the feeling of curiosity is as keen edged as ever. This is the reason why those who have once visited this scene of underground magnificence are so soon anxious to return again, after reproaching themselves with the folly of leaving without making more thorough researches.

Our party left the cave on the afternoon of the third day after our arrival—most of the members, however, promising themselves a speedy return to the work of delightful recreation—for we had other scenes of natural splendor to visit, and vividly those scenes brought to mind some of George D. Prentice's concluding observations in his immortal poem to Mammoth cave:

"How oft we gaze
With awe or admiration on the new
And unfamiliar, but pass eddily by
The lover and the nightingale! Wonderful
Is this lone world of darkness and of gloom,
But far more wonderful yet our world,
Lit by the glorious sun. These arches eye it,
Sable in tone and dim magnificence.
But how sublime God's blue canopy
Bole gazer with his burning cherubim,
Keeping their watch eternal
Aval the snow-white gems that lie beautiful
In these mysterious chambers, gleaming out
Amid the melancholy gloom, and wild
These rocky hills, and cliffs, and gulfs; but far
More beautiful and wild the things that greet
The wanderer in our world of night—"
We had for our destination what are
called "the lakes," near the summit of
Old Grayback. Up and over the steep
ridge east of the cave, over logs, through
thickets, and through "the continuous
woods where rolls the Oregon" for
about two miles—nearly all the way on
an up grade—and we reach a camping
place on the glade near the lakes, in a
few rods of immense banks of snow.
Notwithstanding the high altitude of
our situation, the place was not wanting
in evidences of a nearness to civilization.
Sandwiched between patches of
snow were herds of sheep and cattle,
feeding upon the tender green
grass that crowns this magnificent and
useful old mountain with mid-summer
verdure at a time when the valleys and
their surrounding hills are scorched
and brown. This splendid provision,
in the arrangements of Nature is being
taken advantage of extensively by the
cattle and sheep owners of Illinois,
Williams creek and Applegate valleys,
who find here a land that "flows with
milk and honey," that greets them with
all the freshness and joyousness of
Spring, at a time when the unfortu-
nate human bipeds of the valleys are
sweating with Summer heat. Poor
bipeds! how pity them!

"Ours the wild life in tumult still to range
From toil to rest, and joy in every change."
Such, I think, was the general feeling of
the cave hunters the night we lit
our camp fire so near the stars and
Heavens. Speaking of the camp fire
reminds me that there was yet a practical,
or earthly, side to our existence.
Despite a sense of our lofty eminence,
we were hungry, and supper seemed a
factor in the general make-up of human
happiness not to be treated with absolute
indifference. The splendid exercise
necessarily coupled with the life we
were leading, vastly increased our
capacity for epicurean enjoyment.
We were so infected with a desire for
luxuries, that we tried to steal some
milk from the cows that were feeding
on the luxuriant garlic, or wild onions,
near camp. The calves up here, however,
as we soon learned, are very
punctual in the performance of duties
of a lacteal nature, and it was only by
tying up one of these self-acting—if
not patented—milkers, that we could
hope for success. This operation was
gone through with—we waited patiently
till morning for the lacteal fluid to
accumulate, and had our labor for our
pains. The mother bovine kicked the
bucket, nearly full of milk, ruthlessly
to the ground, as if to emphasize the
commandment, "thou shalt not steal!"
Anyhow, we had garlic for supper, and
venison—oh what venison—besides the
edibles brought with us. Everything,
or nearly everything, tastes good when
you are hungry, and we were hungry
so often that our supplies threatened
to fail us long before we were satisfied
with sauntering. Our appetite for
food being both gratified and satisfied
for the evening, left us free to feed
other kinds of appetites that are apt to
arise an existence when the demon of
hunger is not too predominant. Some
of our members were fond of singing;

some, or perhaps all, had a keen relish
for jokes, while a few—not so very few
either—had an appetite for—for—well,
after all, I guess it's best not to be too
specific. But, anyhow, and notwithstanding
stapling:

"He who hath loved not, here would learn that love."
Far, to borrow from the same great bard:
"It is the hour when from the bosoms
The nightingale's high note is heard;
It is the hour when lovers' vows
Seem sweet in every whispered word."
And if one or two, or perhaps a still
greater proportion of our number, were
ready to say:

"Yes, here indeed is light from Heaven;
A spark of that immortal fire
With angels shared, by All given,
To lift from earth our low desire."

I don't see how anyone who hasn't
"been there" can successfully contra-
dict the proposition: those who've been
there, won't try it.

Amusements around the camp fire
were kept up until late in the night.
Tommy excited himself to his fullest
capacity; Prof. H., though foot-sore
and disabled for walking by the un-
usual exercise he was indulging in, was
the same unruffled embodiment of
good nature—the same imperturbable
monument of patience and acquies-
cence—he had been from the start.
"Pap" did some things that caused all
to "laugh consumedly." His main
effort, however, was a melancholy and
signal failure. Mounting a log for the
sake of being conspicuous, he essayed
the rendering of a very plaintive ditty,
that had reference to the cold and cruel
heartedness of a young damsel whose
name was Polly. He was evidently so
absorbed in the sentiment that he lost
run of the words, and broke down on
the chorus. After frequent repetitions
of the word "Polly, Polly at last got
stuck in the mournful singer's throat,
and he then seemed more anxious to get
under, than he had previously been
eager to get on top, the log.

"Oh the performance on which it may be said
"Twas musical, but sadly sweet."
After a brief sojourn in the land of
Nod, we commenced early preparations
for the succeeding day's adventures—the
hunters to hunt, and the sight-
seers to see a section of mountain
scenery perhaps, unexcelled anywhere
else on the globe. On our way up to
the summit of the mountain, we pass
by the lakes; but they are too small to
claim much attention. They help out
the general appearance of the land-
scapes; otherwise they are a useless
appendage. Once on the summit we
have a view of a considerable portion
of two States—our point of observation
being nearly or quite on the State line.
Mt. Shasta seems like a near door
neighbor. The peaks of the Cascade
range are many of them in sight. A
splendid bird's-eye view of the interven-
ing mountains and valleys is also had.
We can almost see the ocean. Mr.
Briggs, who is herding sheep almost
on the summit, says that he can see the
ocean on a fine day. But the finest
sight of all is a view of the congrega-
tion of peaks seen in a south-westerly
direction. They are very numerous,
and nearly of the same height, being
partly covered with snow. The inter-
mediate places must be filled in by
the imagination of the reader. The
only further assistance I feel able to
render is this: after having seen
much of the grand and rugged moun-
tain scenery of the State, I think the
view had from here, eclipses any simi-
lar sight I ever had, not even excepting
a view from the summit of Mt. Pat.

But it is fit that these idle jottings
should find a terminal point somewhere,
even right here, without tiring anyone
with further details; only adding we
returned in safety.

Ingersoll on Intemperance.
In a recent letter to an Indiana paper
Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll says that
the only "temperance speech" he ever
made was in what was known as the
Munn trial in Chicago, when he made
these few remarks: "I believe, gentle-
men, that alcohol, to a certain degree,
demoralizes those who make it, those
who sell it and those who drink it. I
believe that from the time it issues from
the coiled and poisoned worm of the
distillery, until it empties into the hell
of crime, dishonor and death, it demor-
alizes everybody that touches it from
its source to its ends. I do not believe
that anybody can contemplate the
subject without becoming prejudiced
against that liquid crime. All we
have to do, gentlemen, is to think of
the wrecks upon either bank of this
stream of death; of the suicides; of the
insanity; of the poverty; of the igno-
rance; of the destitution; of the little
children tugging at the faded dresses
of weeping and despairing wives, ask-
ing for bread; of the men of genius it
has wrecked; of the millions struggling
with imaginary serpents, produced by
this devilish thing; and when you
think of the jails, the alms-houses, the
prisons and the scaffolds upon either
bank, I do not wonder that every
thoughtful man is prejudiced against
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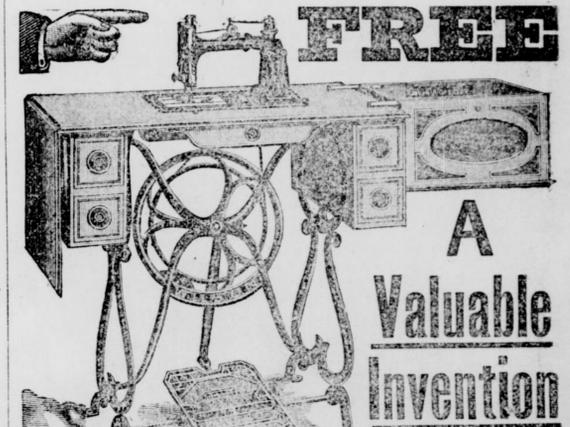
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