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SPECIAL TRAIN SCHEDULE

Lv. Grants Pass.....	2.40 p.m.	Lv. Medford.....	4.00 p.m.
Lv. Rogue River.....	2.59 p.m.	Lv. Phoenix.....	4.14 p.m.
Lv. Gold Hill.....	3.15 p.m.	Lv. Talent.....	4.25 p.m.
Lv. Central Point.....	3.42 p.m.	Lv. Ashland.....	5.10 p.m.

San Francisco's New Year Celebration

Tickets will be sold December 29, will be good for return until March 31, 1914, and permit stop-overs on going or return trips.

Full particulars, with interesting and descriptive literature on California's famous outing resorts, from any S. P. Agent.

JOHN M. SCOTT

General Passenger Agent, Portland, Oregon.

The People's Forum

The Springs.

I was much interested in reading the article by Mrs. Sexsmith in last week's Tidings, and was forcibly reminded of my own experience and personal observation at one of the most famous health resorts in the United States, that of Eureka Springs, Arkansas. I was there in 1881, the third summer after the first little wooden shacks were built in that wild gorge among the Ozark mountains.

After a tedious stage ride of twenty miles over the roughest of mountain roads, with the heat and dust almost stifling, I reached what at that time was considered the Mecca of all good pilgrims, for the fame of its healing waters was spreading like wild-fire over the land. People were flocking in from every state in the Union, and buildings were going up like magic in every direction. The streets were hewn or blasted out of the sides of the mountains and were so narrow, crooked and uneven that every one walked with a cane in the middle of the street. There was so little room in the narrow streets for vehicles of any kind that the milkman delivered his goods at the door from two buckets slung over a mule's back. The buildings going up varied all the way from small wooden shacks on stilts to four-story brick blocks, and the mountains were covered with tents and people. And yet with all the drawbacks at the time I was there it was estimated there were 25,000 people there, and when we consider that all of them must have come in as I did, by stage, as at that time the railroad had not arrived, it gives us an object lesson of what folks will do to gain health. I often hear that during all the 32 years since that time the volume of floating population during the season has never grown less, but will even now average 30,000.

I used to sit for hours every day on the wooden seats by the "Eureka" or "Basin" spring, as it was called, and watch the endless line of people, each filling their tincup, then give way to the next, each drinking their regulation pint of the life-giving waters; for this and the Harding spring were just pure, sweet, soft water, as far as I could tell, and tasted like our own city water here. There was an iron and a sulphur spring farther down the gulch, but as far as I could discover no one drank from them, and it was the Basin spring that was considered the great healer.

In that endless tinclip line we could see the flash of diamonds, and silks and satins trailed over the wet and nuddy rocks, while the wearer rubbed elbows perhaps with a wan, hollow-eyed woman whose toll-worn hands and scant attire told plainly of the struggle it had been to get the necessary funds, that she too might come and be healed. All sorts and conditions of people, bearing traces of all sorts of disease, were there, but money flowed like water into the rough little town, and the city cof-

fers were bulging. I was impressed with one feature, and that was the apparent absence of anything like the rough element, for unlike a mining town, a famous health resort does not attract the rough element to any great extent. There were only the three kinds of springs there, except an oil spring which must be petroleum, as no one used it, though it was reported that its use on the hair would make hair grow on bald heads.

Now since the first steps have been taken toward making our own Ashland into a similar health resort, I cannot help but wonder why it has not been done long ago. We have many more kinds of mineral water and better ones than Eureka Springs, and as to location, climate, fruit and general desirableness, there is no comparison. They have intense heat and dust in summer and mud and almost impassable roads in winter, and all among almost inaccessible mountains, while here we have everything in conditions as nearly perfect as though it came fresh from the hand of the Creator. The truth must be apparent to everyone who stops to think, that Ashland is an ideal location for an all-the-year-round health resort, so let us all wake up and make it one. All we have to do is to bring the waters into the town and invite the world to come and be healed. The necessary hotels and other things would follow as a natural consequence. We need not worry about them. Of course, there is much hard work to be done to bring this about, and two or three cannot do it alone, so let us wake up and all help to bear the necessary burdens and in a short time we will have people from every state in the Union at our door, and all hard times for Ashland will be a thing of the past.

CASSIE R. MINKLER.

Dot Specific Highroad.

To der Tidings Editerman: Dot peas of yours is all right about der weary traveler cooming up py Calif. mit der hot sands making his eyes tired while he cooms, und dot when he sees der apex of der Siasqueyou, und look over, und behold der fir und der pine und der scrub oak on der one site of der mountans, fur he only see von site to once, ain't it? Vell, py golly, der nest what nature make for our puteful city is a jim dandy, shure!

Now, thens, what apout dot spiel of Mr. Counselmans Bevers apout der Specific Highroad acooming up py der two-to-onst semetaris? Is dot so! Und why is it?

Vould dot weary travler vont to rest mit his eyes velle he go py dot twin semetaris und shut 'em? Und maybe run der car into der tree, or ain't it?

Gretchen, she say, der mans mit der machine ven he see der semetaris on der 2 sites mit der roat, vill say, "Py golly, Hans, dis town must pe dyding fast mit 2 semetaris so soon to-onst." Und is dot so?

Maybe dot Specific Highroad vould go thru Mr. Counselmans Bever's land und hellup him sell her, and dot be shust A 1 mit him; und mappe it don't, too, gee villikers! Anyhows, yet-a-ready, if it ist tree or ate rods shorter, vot of it?

Vy not vould dot mans on der Specific Way vant to go mit der roat up, vere he half der fine view, der bunglerow houses dot are fine too; und der fruit rows; und der pulle-ward dot is pully too; und der Normal Schule mit der puteful grove und der prospects of not peing a semetory, ain't it; und der Hospitle mit its name ter be changed to Gate-way Hospital; und sum oder lots to sell already platted, by golly.

Vell, you yest tell me dose tings mighty queek und I mit Gretchen vill pack up Mr. Bevermans, as we voted mit him for der counselmans.

Yours, auf widderschen,
HANS SCHMIDT.
Dec. der 20, 1913.

Mrs. Sarah Todd.

Eugene, Ore.—Mrs. Sarah Todd, 103 years old, and a sister-in-law of Abraham Lincoln, walked to the polls this month and cast her first vote. "Grandma" Todd, as she is familiarly known in Eugene, has taken a lively interest in the referendum balloting. Born in Kentucky when that state was a wilderness, she moved to Missouri at an early age, and came to Oregon twenty years ago. This was, therefore, her first opportunity to enjoy the right of suffrage, and she was especially concerned over the fate of the university measure. "Grandma" Todd will be 104 years old March 29. Her husband's sister was Mrs. Abraham Lincoln. She has been making her home during the past ten years with Rev. J. S. McCallum, who lives at 1165 Willamette street, this city.

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Box of Hose, 4 pairs	\$1.00
Dress Gloves (also Dent's)	\$1.50 and up
Shirts	50c and up
Suits	All prices
Neckwear	25c and up
Collar Bags	75c to \$2.00
Suspenders, in fancy boxes	50c to 75c
Handkerchiefs, silk, linen and fancy	25c to 50c
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