

MAZAMAS CLIMB LARCH MOUNTAIN TO SEE SUN RISE



Hardy Climbers Trudge to Summit of 4030 Foot Peak Through Snow.

By Osmon Royal.

It is extremely doubtful if any considerable number of the residents of Portland are nearly as familiar with the wonderfully beautiful country which lies at their very door as they should be. It is also a question if there is in all these United States another city with natural surroundings the equal of Portland's. With the completion of the Columbia highway a tremendous new field of out-of-door pleasures will be thrown open to those who care for the wonders of the great forests, the rushing streams, the ever-flowing waterfalls, and the thousand and one pleasures that await the true nature lover.

Without a doubt the most conspicuous object on the south side of the Columbia highway, as far as the mountains are concerned, is Larch mountain. Larch mountain lies about 20 miles up the Columbia from Portland at a point almost directly back of the town of Bridal Veil. The great quantity of timber on the mountain has drawn the lumber industry to it, and today there is a logging railroad within a short mile of the summit. Larch mountain reaches an elevation at its summit of 4035 feet, and the view from its rugged peak is one that lives long in the memory of those who are fortunate enough to see it.

Several times during the early summer and on into the fall of the year parties of Mazamas have climbed Larch mountain. On one of these occasions the trip was so planned that the top of the mountain was reached at sunrise. The beauty of the scene was so great that members of the first sunrise party organized another like expedition.

As a result, on Saturday, December 10, a party of 19 hardy Mazamas,

Photographs of a climb to the summit of Larch mountain enjoyed last Sunday by a party of Mazamas. Top, left to right—Trudging through the snow on Larch mountain; a view of Mt. Hood from Larch mountain.

Bottom—The climbers at the summit; left to right—Joe Lind, Charles A. Benz, L. W. Waldorf, Phil Lind, F. G. Kach, P. G. Payton, D. Conway, Osmon Royal, T. R. Conway, A. F. Parker.

dressed in regular tramping togs and each carrying a pack-sack containing necessary food and a few small necessities, left Portland on the midnight train for Bridal Veil. Bridal Veil was reached at 12:50 a. m. and five minutes later the party was on its way up the nine miles of mountain that lies between Bridal Veil and the summit. For the first four miles or as far as the town of Palmer, the walking was over a splendid though steep mountain road.

To add to the enjoyment of the tramp the night was clear and crisp, and throughout the whole trip the moon brilliantly illuminated the way.

Snow Encountered at Palmer.

At Palmer the first snow was encountered—about four inches.

From Palmer the way to the top for the first two miles is over a winding

trail through the deep woods. The trees were heavily covered with snow and the higher elevations were reached, and with the strong moonlight as an added feature the forest became a real fairyland. The sighing of the wind through the trees was broken once or twice by the hoot of an owl, but otherwise there were no sounds save the tramp of the ascending party.

At this juncture the trail came to an end and the party followed the logging railroad for the next three miles. The walking all the time was becoming more and more difficult on account of the increased depth of snow. At the upper camp, which was reached about 5 a. m., the snow was 18 inches in depth. Here a short rest was indulged in and then the climb to the top began in earnest.

P. G. Payton and one or two of the

other members of the party went on ahead to get a fire started. The main party reached the top at 6:45 a. m.,

which was in plenty of time to watch the dawn.

After a brief stay around the fire the party went out onto the highest point of the mountain. There was a wonderful panorama was slowly unfolding. To the east the gorge of the Columbia was wrapped in a mantle of silver cloud. To the southeast Mt. Hood seemed only a few steps away. At the foot of the mountain on the west, the valley of the Sandy was outlined by great rolls of clouds. Westward the Columbia was in full sight as far as Vancouver. But the city of Portland and the Willamette valley were hidden away in the clouds which so often hang over Portland on winter mornings. To the north Mt. Adams was out in all its beauty, and still further around the horizon part of Mt. St. Helens was visible, and directly below, stretching in all directions were the snow-laden forests of Larch mountain and the foothills which surround it.

At this juncture a return to the campfire was made, for the east wind had begun to sweep the top, and in addition, the mercury was at a point not so far removed from zero as some of us desired. Breakfast was eaten with a relish absolutely unsurpassed in the annals of western mountaineering. More pictures were taken, and then the descent was begun. Before leaving the top the depth of snow was noted and found to be two feet, four inches.

On the way down there was no end to the fun which came from the presence of much snow and a sprinkling of Mazamas. Still more pictures were taken, and at length the logging road was again reached. The fortunate arrival of the train saved several miles of tramping through soft snow, and only a short time was consumed in reaching Palmer.

Public Park is Suggested.

Bridal Veil was reached at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The members of the party included Charles A. Benz and P. G. Payton, leaders. T. R. Conway, Alfred F. Parker, Louis W. Waldorf, D. Conway, F. G. Kach, Joseph W. Lind, Philip C. Lind and the writer.

It seems to the writer that the top of Larch mountain should become a public park. To cut away the great trees from the summit would forever mar its beauty and the loss could never be replaced. If a tract of 10 acres could be acquired for this purpose it would be a constant and increasing source of pleasure and benefit to the people of Oregon and to the countless numbers of tourists who are bound to visit this part of the country when our Columbia highway is thrown open to the travel of the world. A good pony trail could be easily built from the top of the mountain to Multnomah Falls, and thus such a park would have direct connection with the main highway in two places. The top of Larch mountain is already becoming prominent and its

beauty should be preserved now while all the trees and ferns are in their natural state.

WHAT THE WAR PHOTOGRAPHERS SEE IN DISTANT LANDS

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for the heirs and 31 descendants of Abel Stearns, her first husband, who live in New England. The Stearns descendants sued for the entire estate, but accepted \$50,000 in cash and a note for \$704,429.

The coroner of San Mateo county, Cal., was investigating the supposed suicide of Robert Evans, of the Salada Beach Realty company, in his bungalow on Salada beach Sunday. He succumbed to a pistol wound, apparently self-inflicted.

President George F. Belden, of the San Francisco General Electric company, a capitalist recently from Los Angeles, took the witness stand in Judge Trout's court at San Francisco to deny his wife's charge that he made love to Mrs. Martha Clarke, widow. Mrs. Belden asks a divorce, a handsome financial settlement, and \$509 monthly alimony.

As a result of charges of fraud and misrepresentation made against him, Attorney Fisher Ames was ordered by Judge Seawell at San Francisco to deed back to Mrs. Olive Washburn, aged 84 years, two lots valued at \$4000. Ames claimed he had done legal work for Mrs. Washburn and that she had deeded the lots to him in payment.

Roger Innes was arranging at Galveston, Texas, to leave at once with the body of his brother, W. R. Innes, who the former said, was murdered November 22 at Julie, Isthmus of Tehuantepec, by Mexican bandits, for the Innes' home at Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

The first step to prevent the red light abatement act from going into effect December 15, was taken at San Francisco when attorneys for W. W. San filed an injunction with United States Judge Van Fleet to restrain the police from enforcing the law. W. W. San owns property in Barlett alley and collects \$2000 a year in rents from the two upper stories.

States Attorney Hoyne announced at Chicago that 20 policemen, and several "higher ups" were to be indicted in connection with Chicago's police scandal. Captain Halpin and Lieutenant Tobin, indicted Saturday, surrendered and were released in bonds of \$30,000 and \$15,000 respectively.

Commercial and Industrial.

OSBURN report says that one-fourth more area is being planted to wheat this year than formerly owing to the expected high price for grain next year as result of the war. More hogs have been produced in

Douglas county this year than at any other time in the history of the county, according to buyers.

State lands will be sold at Centralia, Wash., January 5.

Exports by sea at San Francisco, exceeded the record of November one year ago by more than \$1,000,000.

Logs in the booms of the north and south forks of the Coos River, near Marshfield, Or., were moved as result of the heavy rains and loggers are elated.

One hundred and fifty sacks of flour are being gathered in Pendleton for the relief of the Belgians.

Utah capitalists bought all of the holdings of the American Sugar Refining company in the Amalgamated and Lewiston companies which controlled three big plants in Utah.

The Washington State Horticultural association met at Wenatchee, Wash., and 600 growers were present, including 200 delegates representing every fruit section of the Pacific northwest.

Mexican Situation.

UNCONFIRMED reports received at Mexico City from Vera Cruz said

General Carranza had been arrested by his own officers on a charge of looting the national treasury of 6,000,000 pesos when he evacuated Mexico City.

It was reported that General Obregon was in direct charge of the Carranzista movement. The report was discredited, however, by many constitutional officers.

General Villa and General Zapata were preparing to start their expedition against Vera Cruz. At a banquet in Mexico City, General Villa took his first drink of intoxicating liquor. Addressing the guests, General Villa drank to General Zapata's health in mesquite.

General Zapata said he never would accept the Mexican presidency, as he and General Villa had agreed to retire to private life as soon as they succeeded in pacifying the republic.

Executive.

MRS. FRANCIS B. SAYRE, daughter of President Wilson, will spend the Christmas holidays at the White House, the president having decided not to leave Washington during the holiday season.

Resolution providing that the United States extend its dominions to all lands and seas discovered by Americans in the Arctic regions was introduced in the house by Representative Smith, of California.

Secretary of State Bryan, Secretary of War Garrison and other Washington officials discussed the program of official functions to be held at San Francisco on the opening of the fair next year. Congress will be asked to make an appropriation to cover the expense.

Passage of the McKellar bill, providing for the regulation of the cold storage of food products, was urged

at a public hearing before the house interstate commerce committee. Representative Cullip, of Indiana, was confident that it would be favorably reported by the full committee, and enacted into law.

Representative Gardner attacked the policy of the administration in throwing cold water on the proposed plan for an investigation of the military and naval fitness of the United States.

Because of a desire to maintain a strictly neutral attitude the navy department declines to issue its annual statement showing the comparative naval strength of the principal powers of the world.

American Red Cross is urged by the Chinese government to use its influence in getting American bankers to take up a \$5,000,000 loan on the Hual river project in order to furnish work for starving Chinese.

Representative Johnson introduced a bill providing for an appropriation of \$500,000 for establishing an immigrant station at Tacoma, Wash.

Senator Weeks, of California, introduced a bill designed to prohibit the exportation of food or anything else which will tend to prolong the war in Europe.

The Democrats of the house rules committee refused to grant Representative Gardner a hearing on his proposal that America's preparedness for war be investigated. This indicated Gardner's resolution would die in committee.

Small Offenders in Iowa to Go to Farm

Hawkeye State Intends Automatically to Abolish Jails for People Guilty of Lesser Offenses.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The state of Iowa is trying an experiment in line with the most modern theories of dealing with small offenders against the law. It shortly will have facilities for the employment of several hundred prisoners on a farm of 718 acres on the Fondra branch of the Rock Island road, about a mile west of Clyde station, in Polk county. This farm, with its buildings, has been purchased for \$150,000, the only conditions being that the railroads shall build a switch track to the property.

This is assumed to be only the first step in the acquisition of a large number of custodial farms, to which the smaller criminals will be sent to work out their sentences, the idea being to abolish the jails ultimately.

Because she refused to consider her refusal to act longer as his housekeeper, Mrs. Marie Fries shot and killed Mrs. Alta Hill at San Bernardino, Cal., and then committed suicide. Payne was a rancher and the son of a wealthy pioneer.

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- \$18 Velvet Rugs, 9x11 **\$12.25**
- \$15 Axminster Rugs, 6x9 **\$9.85**
- \$9.75 Seamless Tapestry Rugs, 6x9 **\$6.15**
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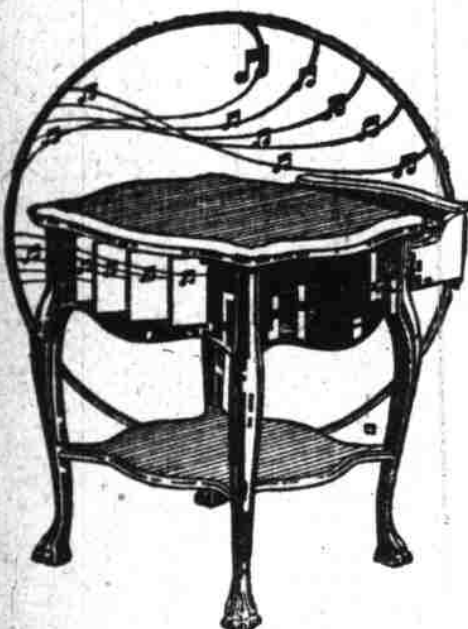
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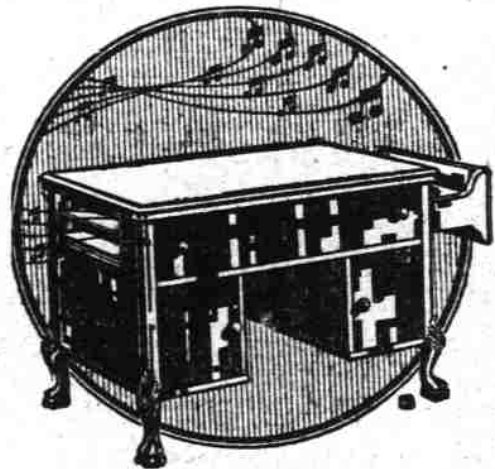
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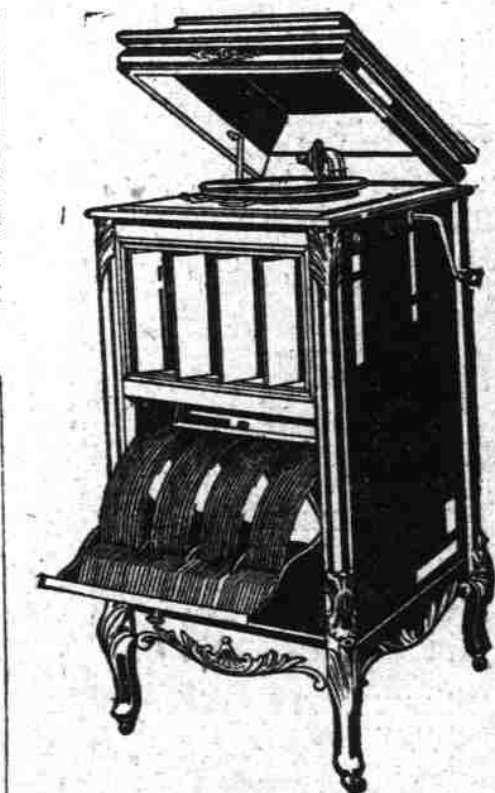
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