LOCKLEY CHARMED WITH SACRAMENTO VALLEY SCENERY

Correspondent Describes Pleasure Brought by Sight of Wonderful Roads and Fertile Acres.

FIG AND OLIVE TREES SEEN

Windmills Bring Dutch Memories; Rice Farmers Employ Airplanes to Frighten Ducks From Fields.

By Fred Lockley

En Route to San Francisco.—We left Red Bluff, the county seat of Tahama county, after an early breakfast, for an all day drive through the fertile Sacramento valley to San Francisco. The road we took led us through Corning, Orland, Willows, Williams, Arbuckle, Woodland, Davis, Fairfield and Martinez, the distance being 191 miles from Red Bluff to Benecia and 28 miles from there to Oakland, where we took the ferry for San Francisco.

It would require a dozen articles to describe, even briefly, the incidents of the day's trip and the character of the country through which we passed. For hours we traveled over wonderful roads through the Sacramento valley, with fields of alfalfa, grain, olive orchards, vineyards and prune orchards along the way. Here and there windmills dotted the landscape and the long level stretches with the windmills on the far horizon made one think of Holland. Hundreds of gasoline engines were at work pumping up 6 and 8-inch streams of water to water the rice fields. We passed thousands upon thousands of acres of rice. Some of it was shocked, ready to be threshed, while in many places it was still uncut, standing knee-deep in the water so that the heads of rice could fill out.

AIRPLANE AS SCARECROW

Sailing low over the rice fields we saw an airplane. It seemed to be patrolling the whole district, and when we stopped at an irrigation plant to get water for our engine, we found that our surmise was correct. The rice growers combine to pay an aviator to patrol their fields. The ducks and wild fowl are so fond of the rice that he is employed to sail low over the fields to keep the ducks on the move and prevent their destroying the rice crops. We stopped by an extensive rice field that had just been cut and I got a good size bunch of rice. The straw was about 2½ feet long, with heavy clusters of rice on each straw. The rice runs about 54 pounds to the bushel and they harvest from 35 to 45 sacks of rice to the acre. The sacks weigh from 95 to 110 pounds, a fair average being about 100 pounds of rice to the sack. The rice, which is a fine quality, sells at 6½ cents a pound. Four thousand pounds to the acre is considered a fair yield. There were about 177,000 acres in the district through which we passed.

TURKEYS ARE HERDED

Here and there, between the rice fields, are fields of stubble with flocks of turkeys. We saw in one field a flock of at least 1000 turkeys, which were being herded by a man and a dog, just as if it were a band of sheep.

Between Arbuckle and Woodland we saw large numbers of fine dairy herds, the Holstein cow predominating. Along the roadway in many places trees have been planted, walnut and Australian maple, eucalipti, with their ostrich-like plumes, palm trees and date palms, oaks, pepper trees, fig and olive. It seemed almost that we had been transported to some other country when we saw the fig and olive, the palm and pine.

We took lunch at Davis, where we ran across large numbers of Australian boys. I fell into conversation with a group of these Australians and found that we had covered much of the same country in France, particularly around Amiens on the Picardy front. "There are 70 of us here," said one of the Australians, "attending the university farm. The Australian government is sending a considerable number of our chaps here to your country to learn American methods."

BAY ROAD FASCINATES

From Davis on to Martinez we passed through a country of small farms, each farm apparently specializing in something—poultry or fruit or dairying. We crossed the bay at Benicia by ferry. For the next 28 miles, to Oakland, the road followed the bay. This drive is a beautiful drive, a splendid succession of beautiful views of the bay, with its busy shipping, and of the industries ashore. California believes in making use of its liquid highways.

Harry Child, Max Goodsill and other members of the party were greatly cheered while en route from Portland to receive a telegram which advised them that at the recent meeting of the American Bankers' association of St. Louis, the bankers had decided not to send out the advertising circulars and other matter advising the American public to visit Europe. The telegram read in part as follows:

"It is our earnest desire at all times to cooperate with hotel managers and it seems most desirable that the matter be further considered in conference between representatives of your association and the Bankers Trust company. We as agents of the American Bankers' association want to make our advertising program conform to the best interests of American hotel people and at the same time feature the usefulness of American Bankers' association cheques to the public. Will you or one of the members of the committee directly interested be in New York in the near future, prepared to go over this matter with us with a view to bringing about the best program possible for mutual interest? In the meantime none of the advertising matter relating to European travel which you feel to be injurious to your interests will be released. May we look to you to discontinue your efforts to have resolutions passed by public bodies, as we feel, in view of our attitude of cooperation as here expressed, we would otherwise be put in a wrong light until such conference can be held?"

SEE AMERICA FIRST

In speaking of the matter, Mr. Child said:

"Europe at present is in no condition to take care of tourists. They have not yet recovered from the shock of war. All tourists will want to go and see the battlefields of Europe, but for the next year or two they had better see something of their own country. Last year a large number of Americans for the first time became aware of what America has to offer in the way of scenic attractions and their glowing reports are going to cause many more tourists to come this year to make the tour of the national parks and playgrounds."

New Banking Bill Passed by Senate

Washington, Oct. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The house committee on banking and currency this afternoon favorably reported the Edge bill, permitting federal corporations and national banks to invest money in the securities of these corporations. The bill has passed the senate and will be taken up in the house next week.

Post Hits Papers in Foreign Languages

Astoria, Oct. 21.—At a special meeting here Monday night Clatsop post, American Legion, voted upon the 14 questions sent out by the state committee. The post indorsed the plan of abolishing foreign language newspapers and against the publishing of newspapers in bi-lingual form.

MUTUAL BENEFITS OF TRADE JOURNEY TO BE SOUGHT OUT

Goal of Portland and Southern Oregon Interests Will Not Be Lost Sight Of.

There was more collective and individual knowledge about Southern-Central Oregon in Portland Monday than ever before. The 100 business leaders who participated in the trade extension visit to Douglas, Josephine, Jackson and Klamath counties returned to their several enterprises loaded with statistics and enthusiasm.

Just before they left their Chamber of Commerce special at the Union depot Sunday morning, they resolved to devote the members' forum program next Monday to exposition of excursion experiences. It was the concensus of opinion that the journey was the most valuable yet undertaken by local business men, and that it had resulted in more friendships and promise of business development than any similar expedition of the past.

On Wednesday of this week the report and recommendations of the delegation will be considered by the board of directors. Matters considered in the report are the financing of the Strahorn railroad system in Central Oregon, the pushing of road construction from Medford to Crater lake and improved hotel facilities at the lake, reopening of Ashland normal, railroad construction from Grants Pass to the valley of the Illinois river, highway building from Grants Pass to the Marble Halls of Oregon, and aid of the campaign to secure more population for Douglas county.

The Portland business men are very friendly toward these projects. They also have returned with the conviction that the excursion must be followed up with business organization and activity.

New Postmasters To Get Positions

Washington, Oct. 21.—The postoffice department has reported the result of examinations for postmasters at Eagle Creek and Hilgard, Or., upon which certification for appointment is expected about November 4. Arthur C. Cogswell stands highest at Eagle Creek. Mrs. Polemna Y. Gourlay is the only applicant at Hilgard.

States Can Enforce Cold Storage Law

Washington, Oct. 21. — (U. P.) — The supreme court Monday in effect held that states can seize and sell food held in cold storage longer than the period provided by state laws. The decision settles the constitutionality of the Smith cold-storage act in Ohio, which limits storage to six months.

Veteran Killed at The Dalles by Train May Be Cooston Boy

Marshfield, Oct. 21.—Martin Russell, prominent dairyman of Cooston, believes that the soldier killed by a train Friday at The Dalles was his son, Ronald Russell, who recently wrote from Nebraska that he had been working in the harvest fields and expected to "beat" his way home on a freight. Previously the man killed was believed to be Robert Ray of this city.

Astoria Meeting Prevented by Police

Astoria, Oct. 21.—Upon orders from Mayor Bremner, the police Monday night prevented the mass meeting scheduled for the Plumbers' hall under the auspices of the Bail and Defense league. The principal speaker was to have been Ralph Chaplin, radical I. W. W. poet and cartoonist.