

FROM ROGUE RIVER VALLEY

ENTERTAINING LETTER
ON SEVERAL SUBJECTS.

Diverse Weathers Leave a Heavy Blanket of Snow and Raise Rogue River Thirteen Feet in Twelve Hours—Southern Pacific Railroad Having Much Trouble With Slides and Falls—Graphic Description of Northern California—Money Lost in Los Angeles Boom.

Rogue River Valley, Jan. 18.—We have been having all kinds of weather lately. After some weeks of cold, damp weather, with some fog, the heavens opened Monday night and the water followed the example of the real estate and went on a boom. Rogue river rose 13 feet in 12 hours, and quite a lot of real estate took a tumble. Wednesday morning the whole valley was covered with three or four inches of snow, but too wet for good sleighing. The moisture was needed, but comes too late to benefit the farmers much now, but of course they think it makes water sure for next spring.

The Southern Pacific railroad is having lots of trouble on each side of us, with slides, cave-ins, etc. There is hardly a day but there are accidents of more or less magnitude. I crossed the Siskiyous recently and was just ready to cross again, when this storm began. From what I saw on my former trip I concluded to wait until the storm was over. The road passes through a number of tunnels, one of them nearly a mile in length, and in one place it makes a horseshoe, crossing its own track, the lower one being in a tunnel. Coming this way one can toss a stone from the car window onto the lower track. They keep a strong force of trackwalkers, yet one breaths more freely when they get through.

The Shasta valley was covered with snow, but many of its features reminded me of the Tuolumne country in Umatilla county, save that it is longer and the mountains run parallel on each side. There are miles and miles of level land covered with short greasewood, indicating more or less alkali.

On the west side there are large tracts which seem to be farmed, but not many large straw stacks. Occasionally large ricks of alfalfa are seen surrounded by large bunches of cattle. There seems to be little, if any, grass, but an abundance of foxtail.

From the number of dams across the little runs, I judge water is scarce in summer, and everything points to the prevalence of lots of wind. The houses are mostly shingled on the windward side, and the fences weighted down with stone. In fact, at Weed, where I stopped awhile, they told me the wind ripped the shingles off the roofs sometimes.

There are a number of small towns in the valley, and one of them, Montague, is much such a town as Echo, and in much such a country, minus the river.

At Hornbrook the railroad company has a car barn for their helper engines, and as they burn oil instead of coal, they have an oil tank holding 15,000 barrels.

Weed, where I was stopping, is in a pocket in the mountains at the foot of Mt. Shasta. I could not learn for sure how far from the summit, but my guess is eight miles. It is just two miles almost perpendicularly above camp, and in plain view; one can see the snow blowing around the peak very plainly.

The Weed Lumber company has a plant there where they cut 240,000 feet of lumber per day, and now have in their yards several million feet of lumber.

They have a large box factory and are building a dry kiln, a dry house, a large sash and door factory and expect to have 100 good cottages for their employes by October 1, next. They have a store, hotel, two large bunk houses with boarding houses in connection. They own the land and allow no whiskey within their lines.

I think of going south as far as Stockton soon, and will make some notes on the way.

I received a letter some time since from R. R. Dixon, formerly of the Fair Store in Pendleton. He is now in Los Angeles and tells me that place and the whole country, for that matter, is on a tremendous boom, and many people of small means are coming there and losing all they have.

L. H. LEE.

A Modern Miracle.

"Truly miraculous seemed the recovery of Mrs. Mollie Hoyt of this place," writes J. O. R. Hooper, Woodford, Tenn., "she was so wasted by coughing up puss from her lungs. Doctors declared her end so near that her family had watched by her bedside 48 hours; when, at my urgent request Dr. King's New Discovery was given her, with the astonishing result that improvement began, and continued until she finally completely recovered, and is a healthy woman today." Guaranteed cure for coughs and colds. 50c and \$1.00 at Tallman & Co. and Brock & McComas, druggists. Trial bottle free.

CAIVE SANG IN FARM HOUSE.

Noted Singer Charmed Housewife in Utah.

Mme. Calve enjoyed the unique distinction of singing in a Utah farm house just before her engagement in Salt Lake. The story, as told by her manager, Dan Weaver, is as follows:

In a little home on the outskirts of Bountiful a bent old woman sang over her work. The men had gone



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away to their daily labor; the children, all shiny with soap and water, had gone to school. As the old woman was putting the blue dishes away in the kitchen safe, there was a rap at the door. Intent on her work, the old woman, if she heard, paid no attention. The rapping was repeated. She opened the door.

On the threshold stood two women, strangers in Bountiful. One was robed in smart furs, the other was wearing a servant of the upper class.

"We wish to buy some chickens and eggs," said the maid with a strong French accent. With grave courtesy the old woman invited the strangers in before she told them she had no chickens and eggs to sell.

"And who are you?" she concluded, peering at the couple through steel-rimmed spectacles.

"This lady is Madame Calve, the great singer," answered the maid.

"Madame Calve?" repeated the housekeeper, incredulity in her tone, for Madame Calve's fame had penetrated even to the little Utah home, and she could not believe that great singer really stood before her. Any doubt she may have had was swiftly dispelled.

In the corner of the room stood an old, old piano, its legs scarred by thoughtless children of many generations, its keys yellowed by time. To the piano Madame Calve walked and struck a chord. If the ancient instrument was sadly out of tune the wonderful singer gave no sign. To a soft accompaniment of her own she sang a folk song of the French.

The sweet, pure notes filled the plain room with melody; the very walls seemed to drink in the sound. Madame Calve, she who receives a thousand dollars from a grand dame for a single song at a musicale, was singing her glorious best for a simple country woman.

There was a mist in the old woman's eyes when the singer finished, but without a word she hurried out of the house.

The next moment mistress and maid heard sounds that could not come except from chickens in extremis. And presently the old woman came back. She carried two chickens and a basket of eggs.

"Take them, madame," she said, "take them as a token from me."

That is why Madame Calve, in her private car on a siding at Bountiful, had an omelette of fresh eggs; that is why tender chicken was on her bill of fare next day.

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COTTON GROWERS' ADVANTAGE.

The Bears and Spinners Have Lost Their Advantage.

New York, Jan. 24.—For the first time in history the American cotton growers are in the fortunate position to dictate to the spinners and cotton goods manufacturers. The spinners and manufacturers, realizing this fact, decided to ask the cotton producers to meet them in conference for the purpose of arranging some compromise regarding the price of cotton. In accordance with this decision representatives of the New England, the Manchester, England, and the American association of Southern Cotton Spinners met the representatives of the Southern Cotton association in conference in this city. President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton association, is here and will attend the conference, which may last several days.

The situation is rather peculiar. When the Southern Cotton association met in September of last year, it fixed the minimum price at 11 cents a pound. The bears and spinners, taking advantage of the immediate needs of the southern farmers and cotton planters, drove the price down to 5.50. As it is now, even if the rest of the crop should be sold at 15 cents the general average would not be fair to the farmers. But, now, the cotton growers have the bears and spinners at their mercy.

The spot situation is absolutely dominated by the men who produced the cotton and this in the face of the fact that at the beginning of the season they were confronted with the prospect of a 14,000,000-bale crop. The spinners are banking more now on 12-cent cotton than they ever did on 5-cent cotton. The mills would not suffer, it is said, even if the balance of the crop should be sold at 15 cents a pound. There were 5,000,000 new spindles in the south last year.

Joe Young to the Pen.

Joe Young was taken to penitentiary this morning by Sheriff Word to begin serving his six-year sentence for having assaulted Kaspar Van Dran with a dangerous weapon on the morning of May 2, says the Oregon Daily Journal. Nearly two weeks ago Young asked to be taken to Salem, but this action was not done pending an attempt to have Justice Bean of the supreme court grant a writ of probable cause. District Judge Cleland having refused to allow a stay.

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NEW CATHOLIC TEMPLE.

North Yakima Church Costing \$35,000 Is Dedicated.

Bishop E. J. O'Dea has just dedicated St. Joseph's Catholic church at North Yakima, says the Catholic Sentinel of Portland.

The new church was started in 1903 when Rev. B. Feust, S. J., was pastor. In 1904 Rev. A. Diomed, S. J., continued the building till it was under roof. Rev. C. B. Brusten, S. J., who took charge of the congregation at North Yakima December, 1904, brought the church to its present finish.

On May 21 last it was ready for service, but on account of his lordship's absence in Europe the solemn

dedication had to be postponed. The church is a massive stone building, 120x50 feet; the style is Roman and its seating capacity about 700. The extraordinary growth of the Catholic congregation in the last two years would have warranted a larger building.

The present cost of the building is \$35,000. Apart from the high altar, stained windows and pipe organ, the church is completely furnished. The Catholics of North Yakima are justly proud of their grand achievement in putting up such a substantial building.

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