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A Ramble on the Beach.

By ROBERT ROLAND.

A bright little boy in a Sunday School, being asked to define a lie, said: "A lie is an abomination unto the Lord, and an ever present help in time of trouble."

But this is a true story.
 And all my nephews and nieces—I can't stop to name them now—are invited to go with me on a ramble along the beach—for there are many pretty things to look at, when you are there. And first let me say my dear, "Use your eyes." Don't go through the world and see nothing. When your old uncle was a bit of a kid, he read a story in a school book entitled, "Eyes and no eyes." It was of two comrades on a journey. One of them saw many beautiful and curious things, which interested him every moment. The other saw nothing and declared it the most dismal journey he had ever taken in his life. And then I said to my self, very quietly, you know: "I've got two good eyes. I'll use them!"

Here is wisdom, my dears. Keep your eyes and ears open, but don't talk all the time. Remember, it's the "Empty pitchers that make the most noise." Let your "old unk" do most of the talking, for he's been filling up now, more or less, "in two centuries."

Our ramble today will be along the beach of the great ocean. The Pacific—theo' its far from pacific sometimes. When I was as young as you are I never thought to see it, but distance is not what it used to be and I'm here and glad, "awfully" to be here, with such a bright, merry lot of dear nephews and nieces.

The tide you see is out—way out, and we may ramble along the beach of the great ocean, on the white, solid sand; where a few hours ago great ships might have sailed, and where in a few hours more they may sail again. We may now really say, we are walking under the sea.

"Uncle Robert—What makes the tide run in and out, and rise and fall, and never rest or stop work, as I have read about in a book?"

Ah! there you go Lottie. A child may ask a question, the grayest old sage cannot answer, and I'm right up against it, the very first thing. I don't know my dear—but philosophers say its the moon. There's a man in the moon you know. You can see his big face sometimes. I never was in the moon. He looks like a smiling old chap, but if he attends to the tides he has a very busy time of it, and must take many a long fast, and never get a chance to sleep, since, as your books say, the tide is always "working" at its job. "The moon's attraction"—philosophers say—and we all know the moon is very attractive. By and by—doubtless it will attract you all out for moonlight rambles, with some choice companion—but as our ramble, just now, is of another sort, let us look along our way; see what we can find, and visit the moon some other time.

On the beach—now the tide is out, we find queer pebbles—beautiful shells—wave washed coral, and the coral is a text for a good long story. Here is also stranded animal life—funny fishes—and you may fill your pockets and aprons and handkerchiefs—with agates, pearly pieces of shells—beautiful stones—many hued as the rainbow—great claws from huge defunct crabs—shells of the horse-shoe crab and all the while be listening to what the wild waves say.

Ah there's nothing so delightful as this ramble under the sea; for that's just what we are at—since it was here—*is not here*—and will be here again soon, and we in retreat to higher ground, will safely see the ocean exult, where our feet have been.

But that is not yet, and we wander on. Far out we see huge rocks—sky scrapers—up in the air like twenty story palaces; covering acres of foundation, and worn into caves and arches, and many fantastic forms by the pounding waves,—something like the pictured rocks of Lake Superior.

"Did you ever see them Uncle Robert?"

Yes Roy, many times, but we shall have to leave them with the moon story and take in whatever is just now in sight. These huge rocks before us—the home of thousands of sea-gulls,—are alive with their rough songs, and give protection to their nests, their eggs and young. These are our coast scavengers and the laws of Oregon, protect them from the ruthless gun of the sportsman. It's a five dollar

fine to kill one of them. Remember that boys.
 At the base of these great rocks are many funny fancies we can never reach, but along the shore here are lesser rocks, wave washed and smooth and about them little lakes of brine, which never go dry since the returning tide soon covers them again, and in and around them, we find some of the strange life of the deep—deep sea.

Here is the singular star-fish: this sample more than a foot in diameter, clinging to the moist rock, with its ten thousand toes, its arms, big and round, radiating from just no body at all, while on its back, what may, or may not be, a mouth, or an eye, gapes and stares at you and wonders what sort of a monster you are. My cane is not strong enough to detach it from the rock where we find it, waiting for the tide. This seemingly unconscious block-like creature, which at a little distance looks like the gray stone, where it clings, never heard of the beautiful poet who said "All things come round to him who will but wait," or of another who said: "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune and to fame," and yet it waits, and yet it has sense and soul enough to know the flood tide will return, when it may loosen itself from the great stone, when the strength of a man did not disturb it, and wander "wobbling" away; swimming, walking or flying thro' its aqueous home.

"I wish we could get him off," said Jimmie, making a vigorous push at it with his foot. "I'd like to take him home, to catch wood rats."

Don't hurt him, my boy. It would not be much of a rat catcher, I reckon, nor would it live long out of its native element. It's a good rule not to kill any of God's creatures except in cases of necessity, for food, or in self defense. This thing can't jump on you. If it was free from the rock it could not chase you, or bite you, or hurt you unless it got hold of you with those strong arms and then I think you'd wish you had let it alone. I used to have two of them in my cabinet, but they were dead and dry as a bone, before I saw them—hauled out by the oyster fishermen on Long Island sound. The star-fish is said to be fond of oysters.

Some boys want to kill everything they see that is small and helpless, but I hope that will never be said of any of my nephews.

"Don't see what good it does" said Johnny, somewhat abashed.

Neither do I, my boy, but as the good book tells us, nothing was created in vain, this creature has its purposes tho' we may not know what they are, and it's right to live as good as mine, so long as it attends strictly to its own business. Many harmless, as well as useful things that boys kill, are protected by law. Not long ago I heard of a boy who shot thirty robins, one Saturday forenoon, and in all the five days he had been in school that week, he had never been taught to be a law breaker. He was liable to be arrested and fined or sent to jail, for every one of them. My boyhood days,—I was a pioneer's son in a new country, where they had no such laws, but they have them now and have had for many years, and so has Oregon. Remember that boys. Don't let the law compel you to do right. To do right for its own sake is the better way. When I was a boy, I had a gun and I used to like to shoot too, but I never killed a robin in my life. I used to shoot squirrels who carried off our corn: but they made excellent pot-pies, and black birds who pulled up the corn when it was young and tender, and an occasional crow, when I could get near enough; but these were birds of prey and did a whole lot of mischief. If the robin eats a few cherries, he also eats whole armies of bugs and caterpillars, and without his help and those like him, innocent song birds, would have no fruit. There was once a noble poet who lived long ago who wrote many things which are forgotten; but he wrote one thing which has never been forgotten, and never will be, as long as there is any loving tenderness in the human soul. My good old mother used often to quote it, and I knew it by heart long years before I ever saw it in print. It was this:

"I would not enter on my list of friends,
 Tho' graced with polished manners and fine sense,
 Yet wanting sensibility—the man,
 Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm."

Therefore boys, whenever you want to kill some harmless thing, recall those lines and *don't do it*. The great teacher said: "Blessed are the merciful," and I think he knew what he was talking about.
 Next week we will continue our ramble on the beach and find a lot more quaint and curious things.

A. F. Reams the Democratic Candidate.

Albany, Or., April 11.—The Democratic convention of the First congressional district met in the court house in this city at 9 o'clock this morning. Hon. A. F. Reams, of Jackson county was nominated on the first ballot.

Court Declares Railway Merger Unlawful.

St. Paul, April 9.—By a decision of the United States Circuit Court, sitting in bank at St. Paul, the greatest railway merger in the world has been completely knocked out. The decision is in favor of the United States and against the Northern Securities Company. The combination of the stocks of the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific railways is held to be unlawfully in restraint of trade. The Northern Securities Company is restrained from voting the stock of either corporation. The officials of the companies are also enjoined from allowing Northern Security officials to vote their stock or to pay dividends to the Security Company. News of the decision created a flurry in Wall street, but the enormous support that was hurriedly rushed to the falling stocks of the railroads involved prevented a panic. The decision of the Court is unanimous. The opinion was written by Justice Thayer. This decision is the greatest blow ever aimed at the trusts.

Bryan Going to the Stump.

New York, April.—William J. Bryan has notified his New York friends that he will be in the East in May, and that he will deliver a series of addresses on political subjects in the States of New York, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Maryland, says the Brooklyn Eagle. The first of these addresses will probably be delivered at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn.

Railroad Has Lost.

Washington, April 6.—The Supreme Court today affirmed the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, which affirmed the judgment of District Judge Charles B. Bellinger, setting aside the patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior to Oregon & California Railroad Company on February 20, 1893, covering a large area of land within the indemnity limits of its grant, and effect upholding the title of settlers now upon these lands or establishing the rights of settlers to hereafter acquire title to the same.
 All of the lands affected by this decision are more than 20 and within 30 miles west of the railroad, between Jefferson in Marion county and Roseburg in Douglas county.

Many Dead in an Alabama Tornado.

Birmingham, Ala. April 8.—Meager information has reached here regarding a tornado which passed a mile north of Hanceville, Ala., on the line of Blunt and Cullman counties, about 2 o'clock this morning. Owing to the crippled condition of the wires, full information has not yet arrived, but persons who have arrived here on the Louisville & Nashville accommodation train from Decatur, which passed the scene of the disaster, say that 11 dead bodies are reported to have been found and that upward of a score of persons are injured and many farm-houses destroyed.

Bandion Recorder.

Carl Danielson, of Prosper left last Sunday for San Francisco to meet an uncle, who is coming out from the east to visit relatives and see this section of the country.
 The steamer Chico's passenger list to San Francisco last Sunday was as follows: Chris Rasmussen and John Gerber, of Bandon, James Armstrong, Carl Danielson and Mr. Sturdivant, of Prosper, and Mrs. Kians and Mrs. Norris, of Coquille.

John Gerber, an old veteran who has made Bandon his home for several years past, left here for southern California, on the steamer when she sailed, Sunday evening. Mr. Gerber has an idea of entering the soldiers' home, at Santa Monica, some time in the future.

Chalmers Strange, son of Rev. F. G. Strange, pastor of the Methodist Presbyterian church, won the second prize in the annual contest of the Southern Oregon Normal School at Ashland, last week, for which he will be awarded a scholarship in the Normal for one year, valued at \$25. Speaking of the event the Ashland Tribune says: "Mr. Chalmers Strange took second prize with his oration, 'The Trust Problem.'" Mr. Strange spoke well, and his original treatment of this subject discussed contributed, undoubtedly, to his success."—Sun.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, March 12, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,
 LILLY G. PREWETT, UNMARRIED,
 of Parkersburg, county of Coos, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 4904, for the purchase of the N. E. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4 of Section No. 14, in Township No. 25, Range No. 14, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before L. H. Hazard, County Clerk of Coos county, Oregon, at Coquille, on Tuesday the 23rd day of June, 1903. She names as witnesses: A. E. Hazard, Wes Mack, Clint Rinderson and J. A. Cook, all of Parkersburg, Oregon.
 Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 23rd day of June 1903.
 J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, Feb. 13, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,
 ARTHUR MORGAN,
 of Marshfield, county of Coos, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 4447, for the purchase of the N. W. 1/4 of N. E. 1/4 of Sec. No. 32, in Township No. 27 S., Range No. 11 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before W. U. Douglas, U. S. Commissioner for Oregon at Marshfield, Oregon, on Friday, the 1st day of May, 1903. He names as witnesses: W. H. Morgan, Jesse Smith, John Thornthwaite, of Marshfield, Oregon, F. K. Taylor, of Fairview, Oregon.
 Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 1st day of May, 1903.
 J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, March 27, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,
 LENORA E. NEELY,
 of Fairview, county of Coos, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 4748, for the purchase of the N. E. 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section No. 17, in Township No. 28 S., Range No. 11 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before L. H. Hazard, County Clerk of Coos County, Oregon, at Coquille, on Thursday the 25th day of June, 1903. She names as witnesses: W. E. Neely, Lee Neely, J. H. Taylor and Arthur Flan, all of Fairview, Oregon.
 Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 25th day of June, 1903.
 J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

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 CARL F. HENDRICKSON,
 of Grafton, county of Walsh, state of North Dakota, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 4602, for the purchase of the Southwest 1/4 of Section No. 8, in Township No. 28 S., Range No. 11 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before E. A. Dodge, U. S. Commissioner for Oregon, at Myrtle Point, Oregon on Tuesday, the 2nd day of June, 1903. He names as witnesses: Andrew M. Siverton, of Crookston, Minn.; Webb Mast; of Lee, Oregon; W. W. Rogers and E. N. Smith, both of Myrtle Point, Oregon.
 Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 2nd day of June 1903.
 J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

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 ANDREW M. SIVERTON,
 of Crookston, county of Crook, State of Minnesota, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 4603 for the purchase of the SE 1/4 of section 8 in township 28 south, range 11 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before E. A. Dodge, U. S. Commissioner for Oregon, at Myrtle Point, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of June, 1903. He names as witnesses: Carl F. Hendrickson, of Grafton, North Dakota, Webb Mast, of Lee, Oregon; W. H. Rogers, and E. N. Smith, both of Myrtle Point, Oregon.
 Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 2nd day of June, 1903.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
 Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, February 26, 1903. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before L. H. Hazard, County Clerk, at Coquille, Oregon, on April 13, 1903, viz: Wallace M. Hammack on N. E. 1/4 No. 2872 for lots 2 and 3 and SW 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 4, T. 28 S., R. 13 W.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Rowan, of Coquille City, Oregon; Will Albee, G. E. Robinson, Sam'l Rowen, of Arago, Oregon.
 J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

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