



AN ENTERTAINING STORY.

Of a Trip to California—Touching the High Places.

In his characteristic and very entertaining style Ruthyn Turner, editor of the Gazette, writes a friend of his trip from Corvallis to Los Angeles, where he is visiting for a few weeks with his parents. He left this city ten days ago, and his letter says:

"Saturday I caught the overland out of Albany at noon. I preferred to ride in the smoking car for awhile. Every car was filled to the utmost and seats were at a premium. As I canvassed the smoker for a resting place the chances of securing a seat appeared small, but finally I struck an old man of some 60 odd years who made room for me. He proved to be one Ezra Town, a capitalist, who has investments in Minnesota and California. He was en route to the latter place and we traveled in company to Goshen Junction, south of Fresno, in California. He was a companionable old chap—an old soldier and a good smoker.

On our train were people of all nationalities. As we rode through Southern Oregon a woman got on the train and located in the smoking car. The conductor suggested to her that the proper atmosphere for a non-smoking woman was not to be found in a smoker. This suggestion was not kindly received and there was that in the eyes of the female which indicated that nothing short of violence would remove her from the car she had selected, so the conductor wisely dropped the matter. Perhaps he was doubtful of the outcome of a personal encounter, scratching, hair-pulling, etc.

On the train through Southern Oregon there was a peculiar individual who in his own mind was the source of all wisdom. Ignoramus was written all over him. His head was shaped after some carrots that my father raised when I was a boy; the eyes were set high up in the temple of knowledge—at least 90 per cent of the head was below the eyes; the mouth was large and seemed to open and close noisily and constantly without mental guidance; the ears were like bat wings and after studying them for some time I felt certain that they were capable of flapping; such is the kind of individual the poor old S. P. must carry for coin of the realm.

While we were in Oregon it rained. It had also rained heavily in Northern California, but on Sunday morning as we plunged down the mountains to the Sacramento valley the sun was shining brightly and everything seemed fresh and beautiful. There was an immense passenger traffic and we were behind time an hour when we reached the Sacramento valley. The road was good, however, and we made up the lost time and pulled into Davis according to schedule. Here we changed cars for Sacramento, a ride of about 15 miles. We reached that city about 5 p. m., Sunday, and found that no train departed for Los Angeles before 10:10 next morning. It rained quite hard in the capital city that night and the people were rejoiced.

To pass the time Sunday evening I went to Clunies' theatre, where I witnessed a production of "Peggy from Paris," George Ade's latest musical comedy. The scene is laid in and near Chicago and the work is really quite clever. There was not a single individual voice of exceptional quality in the whole company, but the ensemble work was good. There was an acceptable orchestral support under the direction of the composer of the music. This suited me as well as anything. Just at my right sat a man who indulged in a

"coughing match" with me. We coughed a duo that was quite affecting, to judge from the attention we received. I am not of an envious disposition and really think he coughed "first" while I did the "second" vigorously.

Monday morning the sun was shining beautifully and I walked about the city quite a while. Everything was fresh and clean and the very air suggested life. Sacramento is really a pretty city. I do not believe any state in the union can boast finer capitol grounds than those of Sacramento—they are sublime.

Through the southern part of the state there had been no rain. On the trip south from Sacramento to Fresno we were accompanied by a Russian family, evidently of peasant origin. The parents were accompanied by six children, ranging from a baby in arms to a young man of some 20 years of age. There was something both ludicrous and pathetic in the entrance of the family to the car. Every member of the family carried something. A little girl of about five years carried a tea kettle with the top tied on, the mother carried the baby. The male members of the family each carried bags and boxes of great dimensions, with which they blocked the aisles. The tea kettle was placed under a seat, where it rolled and rattled for 300 miles with every lurch of the train. Not one of these people could understand a word of English and the only way the conductor could make them clear a passage way was by resorting to profanity. It seems as though this is universally understood.

My train pulled into Los Angeles Tuesday morning, an hour late. So far there has been no rain here this season.

The city is most beautiful and has made progress during the past three or four years that is almost beyond belief. It is claimed that Los Angeles is the best lighted city in the world today, with the possible exception of Paris, and indeed this seems true. By night the city is a veritable fairyland, so gloriously beautiful and brilliant is the lighting. Los Angeles today is the "Queen City of the Pacific Coast." Say what you will, this is a fact.

I am immensely impressed with the advancement made since my visit here a few years ago."

A GUARANTEED ATTRACTION.

To be Given at the Opera House
Saturday Night.

One of the best of the eastern road attractions "A Royal Slave" comes to the opera house Saturday night, and is guaranteed to be thoroughly first-class. As a matter of assurance, the management is authorized to make this statement that in case the patrons are not satisfied with the performance their money will be cheerfully refunded. That the house will be crowded is very evident from the large advance sale; more than half of the seats are already taken.

The large number of strikingly handsome gowns worn in the production of "A Royal Slave" is the occasion of much comment in every city where the play has been seen this season. Miss VanTassel, as the Countess Inez, carries off the honors in sumptuous costuming. She appears in six handsome gowns, each one a triumph of the tailors art. The other members of the company are all appropriately and richly garbed. Inasmuch as the play deals with a royal family in the days of Castilian magnificence, it can be understood that the costuming of the production is one of the most important features.

FORMER BENTON BOY.

Now a Prominent Man in California—Nat Stewart.

Down in Santa Barbara county, California, a former Benton county man has become prominent, and is now the republican nominee for the third term as sheriff of that county. He is Nat Stewart, a nephew of the Corvallis Stewarts, and concerning him the "Morning Press" of Santa Barbara, says:

"As a defender of the laws he has an enviable record, a record probably not equalled anywhere in the west. He has not only kept the county practically free from crime, but the few offenders are speedily brought to justice, and punished as speedily as the machinery of the law can accomplish it.

"Nat Stewart is a western product. He is 52 years of age, and was born in Corvallis, Ore. Early in life he started out to earn his own way. He came to Santa Barbara county in 1877, as a telegrapher, and operated the office at Guadalupe for a few months, being transferred to Lompoc in April of the same year. He continued in this capacity for some years, in 1881 becoming a clerk in the Roudolph store, and later turning his attention to stock raising and farming. He was nominated for sheriff first eight years ago.

"His career has been one that is both a credit to himself and an inspiration to the younger generation. By hard work, conscientious attention to duty, strict integrity and thrift, he has chiselled out his own destiny, and it spells the word 'success.' And if ever a man deserved it, he is Nat Stewart.

"The county needs a man of Stewart's breadth, intelligence, experience, ability and sound judgment in the sheriff's office."

All Were Satisfied.

A crowded house gave a cordial welcome to the Lulu Tyler-Gates company at the opera house Tuesday evening, and the first number on the program a cello solo by Miss Adams, was well worth the price of admission. As a cellist Miss Adams is a wonder, and the instrument responds to her touch with tones so full, soft and sweet that it seems almost a living thing. The player was obliged to answer repeatedly to encores, which she did in a gracious and charming manner.

Mr. Smith gave three numbers which were heartily received, and responded to encores. He has a splendid voice that pleased every one.

All that has been said and written of Mrs Lulu Tyler-Gates is true. A better reader has seldom or never appeared before a Corvallis audience. So natural is her bearing and so free from stage mannerisms that she is immediately on good terms with her audience and continues to grow in favor with each succeeding number. Her dialect sketch brought down the house as did her story of a young girl's wedding, while in her deeper readings Mrs Gates touched the hearts of everyone present.

Mr Snyder's piano solo was warmly encored and his accompaniments were pleasing.

The entire entertainment was elevating and enjoyable, and the Lyceum Course will surely be highly popular this season, judging from the success of this, the opening number.

In His Memory.

Died, at the family home ten miles north of Corvallis, Nov. 7, 1906, George Beamis, aged 71 years, 10 months and 21 days. Deceased was born at St. Joseph, Mich., Dec. 18, 1834. He remained when 7 years of age with his father's family to near Mus-

catine, Iowa, where he spent several years of his youth. To the Iowa farm came reports of gold and the rich lands in the far West, and it was no ambitious youth who could let such an opportunity slip by him, especially when he saw little prospects of advancement in his immediate surroundings.

Barefooted, and with his few worldly possessions tied in a bundle, George Beamis joined a west bound ox train at the Platte river April 15, 1852, and began his western journey which was of six months' duration. If Mr. Beamis had little when he started out, he had even less upon arriving at his destination at Wells station, Benton county, Oregon. Nothing daunted, he secured a position with Thomas Reed and after a couple of years he began to work for others on the surrounding farms in Benton county and was thus employed until 1852 when the Rogue river war broke out in all its fury. He was then herding cattle in that country, and to subdue the Indians fought bravely with other herders in the vicinity.

In Nov. 1874 he enlisted in Co. A, first Oregon Infantry, as private, was mustered in at Salem and sent to Vancouver, his entire service being spent there and on the Yamhill reservation. In July 1866 he was discharged after many interesting and exciting experiences with the wily and intrepid red man. Returning to the neighborhood where he spent much of his youth, he has remained ever since, an honored and upright citizen of North Benton. He was laid to rest in the Albany cemetery followed by a large concourse of neighbors and friends.

—OAK GROVE FRIEND.

BURIED YESTERDAY.

Corvallis Physician Dies After Brief Illness—Dr. Lee.

Dr. Charles H. Lee, for years a familiar figure on Corvallis streets and in Benton county, is no more. After an illness of only two days' duration he died at the family home on Third street at seven o'clock Tuesday evening. The malady was heart disease from which Dr. Lee had been a sufferer for some years.

The funeral occurred from the residence yesterday afternoon at one o'clock, the service being conducted by Dr. E. J. Thompson of Independence. A large concourse of old friends and neighbors were present and followed the remains to the quiet city of the dead, Crystal Lake cemetery. The funeral was under the auspices of the A. F. & A. M. of which deceased was a member. He was also a member of the United Artisan lodge in which he held a policy for \$2000.

Dr. Lee was born at Hillsboro, Highland county, Ohio, June 2, 1850 and was reared in Highland county, Ohio, upon the old home farm. After teaching school for a time the young man took up the study of medicine, and in 1874 he entered the Miami medical college at Cincinnati, Ohio, graduating in 1877 with the degree of M. D. He then began practice in New Petersburg, Ohio, where he remained until 1884, in which year he came to Corvallis.

After 18 months spent in this city he returned to Ohio where he spent nine months, again returning to Oregon in July 1886 locating at Newport. In 1888 he came back to Corvallis, where he has ever since resided. Dr. Lee was in partnership with his brother Dr. J. B. Lee, until the latter's death in 1892.

Deceased was married in this city to Miss Henrietta Foster, daughter of the late John Foster, who is the surviving widow.

Dr. Lee was an intelligent, cultured gentleman and had many friends who mourn his early passing.



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