



WANDERINGS OF A CORVALLIS MAN

His Eastern Trip Described.

CONVENTION FOR PORTLAND

Breezy News Letter Sent Home Folks Telling of Scenes and People Far Away.

S. N. Wilkins, who is well known to the people of Corvallis, and to whom is due the credit of securing the next annual meeting of the National Undertakers and Embalmers' Association for Portland, is now traveling through the East and South and from the reports sent back of his journey is having a most enjoyable time. These letters of Mr. Wilkins are quite interesting and the Gazette has been fortunate in securing some of the latest for publication.

Two weeks ago Mr. Wilkins was at Ann Arbor, Mich., and the following communication from there will doubtless be read with pleasure by his many home friends:

"After seven weeks and one day we drifted up here, where we have cast anchor for a few days to visit with Harold, see the college, and to attend a big banquet given by the 'Michigan Union' just the night before the big football game of the season, which was with Pennsylvania this year and it was surely a very splendid affair, one where many very prominent men who have graduated from this college in the past, always return on such occasions to help their old college out in such matters, and to generate enthusiasm for the big game to follow the next day.

"The game was one which we western people never have the opportunity of seeing, for when I tell you that more than 16,000 people sat through the hour and a half in a light drifting snow with a bleak, cold wind blowing, to see the game, and for me to undertake to describe the yells, the songs, the rumbles, rolls, rabs, and the innumerable inventions of an enthusiastic college spirit, would be entirely out of my realm of work and can only be done by a college student of this present age, but suffice it to say that I never dreamed of such a scene. The making of the great letter 'M' by means of banners held by some 3000 students, at a given signal, was one of the features of the game, and to see the immense throng arise as by one movement to cheer when one of their men made a 'ten strike' was worth the price of admission (\$2.00 a seat.)

"The Michigan team was outclassed by the Pennsylvania team 29 to 0 and with all this the great throng of students of this great college had the spirit to stand and sing their favorite song, 'The Yellow and the Blue,' after the game was closed and they had been so thoroughly beaten, an exhibition of college spirit worthy of true sportsmen.

"The 75 boys who attend this college from the Coast—termed 'The Rocky Mountain Club,' watch anxiously for a report of the games from out with you, but never get them until our papers reach us at the end of the fourth day, and sometimes the fifth day, and especially are we all watching for the Thanksgiving games and the game with Whitman on the 11th.

"The Oregonian of the 12th

has just arrived and a real jubilee was held by the Oregon delegation, but not so with the Washington boys, over the result of the OAC-Whitman football game of the week before and this gives great confidence in the victory for OAC with the U. of O. on the 21st—next Saturday—and if you write me and address to Batesville, Miss., I will get it up to the 1st of Dec., and you must count on at least five days to make the trip, so if you cannot get one off in time to reach me there, you can then catch me at Rayville, La., up to the middle of December and after that date I will be at Waynesboro, Miss., or at least I will get my mail there, as my trips into the country will be made from there, and I expect to ship all my wild turkeys from this station.

I will leave my baggage there and will go on horseback through Wayne county, Miss.; Choctaw and Washington counties, Alabama, and I may take a few weeks down on the Pearl river before returning, so you need not look for cards during this time, for this is when my real vacation begins, and if the reports come that a 'wild westerner' has been apprehended with more wild turkeys than the law allows, well you may guess that I hired some native to help me, but at best I am going to make an effort, and that is the best any one can do.

"Now a word about our trip up to this date, which includes a mileage of a little short of 6000 miles and includes the following stops:

"From Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Wash. Here we spent two nights and one day—and every man, woman, child, chick, Jap or other was busy—great city. From Seattle we crossed over to Victoria, B. C., dignified, exclusive, sleepy, slow, English to a finish, and I found but little that appealed to me of interest. From Victoria we again crossed over the water to Vancouver, B. C., and here we found a more modern city, but still short of our American idea. Here we spent one day, as we did in Victoria, and at five o'clock we boarded the C. P. R. for St. Paul, where we arrived safely after a most pleasant trip. Scenery in the mountainous sections very fine, but since so many have exuberated so much over this section, I am going to 'cut it out.' From St. Paul we had a most delightful trip down over the C. M. & St. Paul—day ride—which is one of the most delightful ever enjoyed in the Middle West. Arrived at Chicago at 8:45 p. m. and domiciled for the night at the Great Northern. The forenoon of Oct. 5th was spent in preparation for the trip down to the convention at Indianapolis, and at 1:30 p. m. we joined as jolly a bunch as rarely gather together for a trip across country, and at 6 p. m. we were at our destination, Indianapolis, Ind., where we were all soon lined up at the desk of the Claypool Hotel for assignment of rooms, which required nearly two hours, before we could cut loose for something to eat. Good natured people jostled each other, which go to make up such occasions and make it a bright spot in our memories in days to come.

"At 9 a. m. the convention was called to order by our president, August Eickleburg, of New York City, N. Y., and was full of interest to those of our profession from the first 'till the gavel fell on the afternoon of the third day—the 8th—and our president pronounced the convention adjourned for the year 1908, to meet in Portland, Oregon, 1909.

"The campaign inaugurated, the battle fought and won, and the personnel of the parties—you can readily guess, as there were only four delegates from

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EXPERIMENTS IN IRRIGATION

This Method Largely Increases Yield.

WATER BENEFICIAL TO CROPS

Small Farms, Diversified Crops and Intensive Cultivation Restoring Former Value.

The report of A. P. Stover on irrigation investigations and experiments in the Willamette Valley to determine the value of irrigation for insuring and increasing the productiveness of land in this valley is one that will interest every farmer and fruit grower in this section.

Professor Stover says this valley contains perhaps the largest single body of tillable land, outside of the great Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys in California, in the Pacific Coast or Rocky Mountain states. It is also one of the oldest settled sections of the West, a large part of its prairie and bottom land having been in cultivation for more than fifty years. The rainfall during the winter months is very heavy, but during the summer months it is so light as to constitute almost an arid condition in so far as the production of agricultural crops is concerned.

In the early days and up to within the last few years grain growing has been the predominant industry. The moist, early springs and dry summers were admirably adapted to the production of cereals, and it was but natural that the raising of grain should have been the leading industry. However, under the strain of constant cropping to wheat and with only poor, shallow cultivation and no fertilization the soil gradually failed to yield profitable crops of grain. As a natural result of these conditions a change in agricultural methods has been taking place within the last few years, and the wheat ranch with its 320 to 640 acres or more of poorly cultivated soil is giving place to the small diversified farm with its crop rotation and its intensive cultivation.

But the climate is not well adapted to this new system of agriculture. Grain was ripe and ready for harvest before the dry summer months came on, while the crops now being raised—clover, vetch, hops, small fruits and vegetables—extend their growth well into or through the dry season, if given the opportunity, and often suffer from a lack of sufficient moisture just at the time when needed to give the crop its best growth.

The purposes of the investigations now being made in the Willamette Valley by the irrigation investigations of this office are to determine in a careful way just what benefits may be secured from the application of water crops during the dry season, what expense may be incurred for irrigation, and what methods should be employed to produce the best results. Some progress has already been made toward the solution of these problems by a few who have been practicing irrigation in a small way, but little is known of their success outside of the immediate localities where the experiments were made, and even there little effort has been made to extend the practice.

A series of co-operative experiments was begun in the

spring of 1907, the plans outlined included the following lines of work:

(1) The collection of information bearing on the value of irrigation, dealing with the subjects of water supply, rainfall, soil conditions, and the like.

(2) The determination of the value of irrigation to different crops, the best methods of preparing land and irrigating it, the proper time of application, and the various other practical questions connected with irrigation.

(3) The giving of advice and the lending of assistance to those who wish to begin irrigating.

To yield any conclusive results the experimental work must, of course, be extended over a period of years, but from excellent results obtained the first year it has been conclusively proven that practical irrigation in the Willamette Valley will well repay the expense of installing and maintaining the necessary plants.

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE.

Last Address of President Will Be Brief.

President Roosevelt's last annual message to Congress is practically completed; the body of it was written at Oyster Bay and the finishing touches are being put on at Washington. The message will be read to some of the President's most intimate friends before being sent to the printer, but it is not believed that any material changes will hereafter be made.

It is believed to be by far the tamest annual message that Mr. Roosevelt has ever written, because this session of Congress will be a short one, and because there will be little opportunity for general legislation. The message will contain comparatively few recommendations, but will be more in the nature of a review of what has been accomplished during the present administration, and views heretofore expressed by the President on questions of great public importance will be reiterated.

The message will also be in the nature of a farewell address, in which the country will be congratulated on the election of Mr. Taft. While the President will probably point out the opportunity offered for revision of the tariff, he will not recommend that tariff legislation be enacted at the short session, for he realizes that such a recommendation would be futile.

Moreover the incoming administration is pledged to revise the tariff, and it is not Mr. Roosevelt's intent to in any way detract from credit which rightfully should go to his successor. It is possible that special messages may be sent to Congress during the short session, provided an emergency arises which would justify them, but as far as can now be seen, the only important message from the White House this winter will be that which goes in at opening of the short session next month.

A runaway accident happened on Monday at the corner of Sixth and Monroe streets. Miss Ettie Lewis was riding in a buggy and driving a horse belonging to Mr. Albert Wilson, when the animal scared at something and in the effort to hold it she was thrown from the buggy, falling on her head and shoulder, leaving her unconscious in the street. She was carried to the Burnett residence and attended by Dr. Johnson. She was considerably bruised about the head, with a slight scalp wound. When restored to consciousness she was taken home in a carriage. The buggy was jammed against a maple tree in front of the Woodcock residence, detaching the horse, with no further serious consequence.

ARTISANS ENTERTAIN

Corvallis and Other Assemblies in District Meeting.

A special train of Artisans went to Albany last Monday night, where they were royally entertained by the Albany Assembly. Lebanon, Eugene, Salem, Wells and Stayton assemblies were also represented in this meeting, but Corvallis, Assembly No. 23, of United Artisans had the largest number of representatives, there being 80 in number.

There was a class of about a dozen candidates for membership, and the "Skiddo" Assembly put on the floor work, making an excellent showing and reflecting much credit to the Corvallis lodge. Dr. G. C. Eshelman, Supreme Instructor, and Dr. W. O. Manion, Assistant Supreme Medical Director, of Portland, were present, and gave some interesting talks on Artisanship. Also some of the visiting assemblies were heard in toasts.

Like a long sermon, the end of the evening's entertainment was the best, the Albany Assembly serving a delicious banquet to their guests, and the meeting closed at a late hour, all present declaring that Albany Artisans were the best of entertainers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Daron, field deputies, who have been working in the field here for the past two months have done some earnest work and with the hearty cooperation of the good people of Corvallis have brought the local assembly's membership up to the 200 mark.

"A Millionaire Tramp" Coming.

Regarding "A Millionaire Tramp," which is to be presented at the opera house next Saturday night, the following is taken from the Pendleton Tribune of the 22nd instant: "A Millionaire Tramp" was presented to a crowded house at the Oregon last night, and it proved to be one of the best attractions of the season. It was well staged and "Jay Pierpont," the tramp, proved a drawing card. He rendered his part in an exceedingly realistic manner, and his transformation from a young actor gone to the dogs through a disappointment in love to a perfect reformer through the same channel was a very impressive representation of the better nature which often lies suppressed in the unspoken life story of the common tramp, about whose trials the world knows nothing. The support is all good, the Village Physician and Abe, the porter, being especially clever. The closing scene is very pretty and pathetic as a reunion of school days lovers, and as a whole it proved one of the best comedy-dramas seen in Pendleton in many a day." Reserved seats for this attraction on sale Thursday. Prices 35, 50 and 75c.

School Enumeration.

W. A. Buchanan has been appointed by the school board to take the enumeration of all children of school age in district No. 9, which is the city of Corvallis, and it is the duty of all parents to see that their children's names are placed upon the list, as it is not only a matter of great importance to us in the distribution of State School funds, but helps to make the proper showing of attendance at our public schools. With the present crowded condition of the school building and the certainty of more buildings required for the next year, we will need all the money we can get to meet the emergency. Make it your business to see Mr. Buchanan and see that the list is correct.

SHORT JURY TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT

Bar Docket Quickly Disposed Of.

JUDGE L. T. HARRIS PRESIDES

Thirty-one Cases up for Hearing at November Term of Benton County Court.

Halver Harrison vs. W. W. McDonald and Minnie McDonald. Stipulation for deed.

Kola Neis, administrator estate Faber & Neis, partners, vs. John and Frank Whitaker. Set for trial Friday.

Robert Mann vs. A. Wilhelm & Son. Dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

Acme Mills Co. vs. I. D. BoDine; continued.

Margaret M. Parsons vs. Edgar A. Maher. Passed.

D. S. High vs. F. J. Armstrong. Case submitted to the court for consideration after the introduction of evidence.

F. T. Gump vs. Corvallis & Eastern R. R. Co. Settled and dismissed.

Delila Read vs. Hannah Rowland, et al. Passed.

Corvallis & Alsea River Railway Co. vs. Richard McBee et al. Continued.

Marion Bailey vs. Benton County. Change of venue.

August W. Fischer vs. Public. Passed.

John Richard Newton Bell vs. Martha Avery et al. Passed.

Rebecca Alexander vs. Jesse Ownby et al. Passed.

I. D. BoDine vs. Acme Mills Co. Continued.

George R. Farra vs. Eleanor Mathews et al. Passed.

J. W. Gortmaker vs. Julia Thulke. Passed.

A. Wilhelm & Sons vs. C. L. Huggins. Judgment.

In re-Petition of Albert Edward Wilkins. Admitted to citizenship.

J. E. Henkle vs. Cator Bros. Dismissed.

J. E. Henkle vs. B. Cator. Dismissed.

State of Oregon vs. W. A. McGillis. Defendant and bondsmen released.

Nellie Thompson vs. Fred T. Thompson. Default and decree.

State of Oregon vs. Madison Brown. Defendant found not guilty.

C. E. Felton vs. Margaret Felton. Divorce granted.

In re-application Martha E. Prettyman to register title to real property. Decree registering title.

Louis Hartley vs. Cora A. Hartley. Divorce granted.

Adaline M. Tucker vs. George R. Tucker. Divorce granted.

Mary H. Whitby vs. E. P. Francis et ux. Judgment and foreclosure of mortgage.

Roy Rickard vs. August W. Fischer. Non-suit granted.

M. E. Hershberger vs. P. L. Hershberger. Divorce granted.

G. F. Brown vs. Roy Rickard. Dismissed.

There has been an excellent market for chickens, turkeys and ducks this fall and the prices very firm. Our poultry dealers have been very busy during the past three weeks dressing and shipping. Mr. W. E. Marvin has had charge of the turkey dressing at Dawson's and he is the slickest hand at the business we ever saw. He plucks the feathers from a turkey as quick as a nigger could skin a possum.