

## BEYOND THE SEAS

### Description of a Mammoth Cathedral.

#### A COUNTRY WITHOUT FENCES.

Some Very Large Bells—Plenty of Rain—Fine Fancywork.

[The following interesting extracts are taken from a private letter written by a step-sister of the editor, who is now traveling in Europe.]

CORLENS, Germany, Sept. 1, 1899.  
This is a very old and dilapidated place—that is the old part—but is very busy, after all, and a great shipping point. Some of the streets are so narrow a wagon cannot get through. The new quarters are very fine and some of the new houses are very elegant and substantial. There is a great deal to see here, but I think the old cathedral is about as interesting as anything you can find. It was commenced August 14th 1248 and was not finished till Oct. 15th, 1880—632 years in course of construction. Every window is made of small pieces of colored glass and contains a picture of some kind. The building is 148 yards long, 67 yards wide. The walls are 150 feet high. To the top of the roof is 210 feet. Two of the towers are, each, 512 feet high. I went up to a height of 325 feet and the view was grand in the extreme.

We are getting ready to go away from here. I think this country is equal to Oregon in the amount of rain. It has been raining most of the time for about four weeks, and is just coming down now.

AACHEN, Sept. 10, 1899.  
We arrived here today and it is still raining. \*\*\* In the old church here are six bells, one of them weighing 26 tons, made from cannons taken from the French in the war of 70-71. The clapper weighs one ton. There are two more very large bells, one weighing 11 and the other 6 tons. When the large bells are to be rung it takes 28 men to do it.

GENEVE, Switzerland, Sept. 25, 1899.  
We came here on the 23rd. by way of Lucerne and have had a very good time so far. Lucerne is a very pretty little place situated on a lake called Vierwaldstatter sea or lake Lucerne. It is a beautiful lake. The water is as smooth as glass and of a deep blue color. We were over it from one end to the other.

There are not so many ruins in Switzerland as there are in Germany. I think I like Switzerland the best. It is a very prosperous country. Everything is in good repair. Most of the public buildings are constructed of stone and look as though they would last forever. The principal product of the country is cattle, and they have fine ones. The cattle here seem to be a cross between the Jersey and black Holstein. They are not so very large, but as round as can be. There is an immense amount of butter and cheese made here. Early in the spring, as soon as the snow is gone, most of the cows are driven high up in the mountains and are there herded and milked till late in the fall. This year it was such bad weather in the months of July and August that they were all brought down in the valleys. It is a pleasant sight, looking down from some high hill, to see the goats and cattle watched by little children, who seem to think very much of their charges. You can go for miles and not see a fence, so the cattle must be pretty well under control.

Almost any way you look you can see, high up near the everlasting snows, little homes set in the mountains. I was told that some of them are so handy to get at that it takes two or three hours hard travel to reach them, but the people seem to be very contented and healthy.

In the winter time the chief employment of the people is wood carving and they make almost everything you can think of. Their work is very nice and very natural. One piece representing two mountain eagles fighting over a sheep is superb. When you look at it it seems as though it was life itself. The whole expression, coloring and all is true to nature. If it were not so large I would bring it home with me. There is some grand work done in ivory, representing every imaginable subject.

Their specimens of embroidery beats anything I ever thought of. I could stand all day and look at it. I saw one handkerchief, the work of three years. The texture of the linen was as fine as silk and you would not think

it could hold the weight of the embroidery. There are so many different styles it would be very hard to choose from them. In Zurich we saw some silk embroidered dresses, made in Turkey that were simply grand; one in purple lilac and one in snowballs and one in mountain ash blossoms that would be hard to beat anywhere. Beautiful as they are I do not want any of them. It seems to me that if I had any amount of money I could put it to better use. I have seen some splendid pieces of the jeweler's art. There are a great many watch factories here. I wish you could see some of the enameling, made in every color, you can think of and resembling the finest satin. It is the fashion to wear your watch fastened to a chain to match. One favorite style is a butterfly with diamond set wings, made so you can open it, and on the inside is a tiny little watch not larger than a ten cent piece. They are excellent time keepers.

The people generally, are very fond of fine clothes and jewelry. Last night a stately old French woman came to the table and she had only seven diamond rings on, earrings to match and a bracelet with diamonds almost as large as hazelnut kernels. Jewelry is all the rage. So far as I have been able to observe the people give but little thought to anything except the present hour. Their motto seems to be "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow you may die." I don't know but they are right in some respects.

Joe and the children have gone, today, to see a villa belonging to one of the Rothschilds. I suppose they will have lots to tell when they get back. This is a great place for Americans and English. Some of them have lived here for years. They say they can live cheaper here than anywhere else in Europe except in Italy. It costs the average citizen about 20 cents a day for board and lodging. I don't think they can complain at that.

I think we will leave this place, Sunday, on our way back to Frankfurt. I almost wish it was time to start home. Sometimes I don't know whether I want to go to Paris or not, but I suppose we will not be so near again, so will go. I will bring you some bulbs and seeds when I return. I have seen some magnificent flower beds—not flowers, either, but tiny leaves of different colors set together and made into a beautiful bed. Will probably not write again till we get to Frankfurt.

#### SANDRIDGE QUINTILLATIONS.

What is the matter with Mr. Tucker? Singing every Tuesday and Friday evenings.

The cars ran over a cow, near here, a few days ago and killed her.

Mr. Bidwell of Wallowa is at work finishing R. M. Oliver's granary.

Chas. Copley is batching on his farm and preparing to move his family.

We are pleased to know that Mrs. Solomon Neville, who has been sick for the past few months, is slowly recovering.

Mr. W. Porter, who has been traveling over Indian valley and Cricket flat looking at the country, has returned to the Ridge.

Mrs. R. D. Ruckman has bought a knitting machine. Mrs. R. is one of the most industrious women on the Ridge, and she believes in all the late improvements.

The Sandridge can boast of the latest improvements. That is, Mr. Wm. Neville's telephone between his place and Mr. J. N. Rinehart's. So, now boys, Wm. has the advantage of you. He doesn't have to go to see his girl, but can do his courting by telephone.

Jo. Jo.

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DAVID MUNROE.

## MEDICAL SPRINGS.

### Some Grand Improvements at the Hotel.

#### A SAGEBRUSH OBLITERATOR.

Curious of Hay—A Child Scalded to Death—These Contest Cases.

Stock doing well on the range.

Henry Bowman, of Powder river, is convalescent.

We expect the organization of a literary society soon.

There will be a grand ball here at Wright's hall on Thanksgiving night.

A good school is being taught in our district, with Davis A. Miles as teacher.

Rev. McCarty preaches to the people of Medical Springs once a month and is very well liked.

I notice that some of our youngsters now ride in road carts. That is all right boys, it beats spurs and shaps.

Frank Harris, of Cove, was up recently looking at and pricing the Crooks Barnes place, (the Saffron farm)

A few days ago Mr. Ulbridge's little three-year-old child turned a pot of boiling coffee on itself, burning it so badly that it died that night.

Hog-killing time is at hand, and farmers are butchering, so the people are compelled to live on spareribs, hot cakes and Eagle valley honey.

Henry Bowman, of Lower Powder, is suffering from a wound made on his shin-bone with an ax. Fears are entertained that he will lose his leg.

The fall roundups of horses and cattle have commenced and will continue for some time. An excellent chance is now presented for those who have animals estrayed to find them.

There is a surplus of hay in this neighborhood. Stock men will not be looking after an Egypt to which to take their stock for winter quarters, as has been the case the past two winters.

Crooks Barnes is the only democrat I can hear of that is in favor of the McKinley bill. The reason is it gives him exclusive control of the saffron business, which is a big thing in America.

I learn that J. B. Sams will soon commence hauling ore for the Roy quartz mill, of Sanger. Everything is in readiness and one more ledge of the panhandle will soon be yielding up its precious metal.

Duncan and Boyles went out bear hunting the other day, with blood in their eyes. They found bruin in his den. He came out and wanted to be sociable, shake hands or give them a friendly squeeze. The boys were too modest to stand it, and came home without blood in either eye.

The contest cases that were dismissed at the last term of court, more than two thousand honest voters of Union county want to know why it was done. Can't some one tell? It is something the people have a right to know, and we don't intend to be satisfied until some one will rise and explain.

There has been quite a boom in this vicinity in real estate and several farms have changed hands in the past few days. Wm. Wilson sold his farm to L. T. Bowman of Sanger; Benj. Wright sold his farm to Samuel Vanorder Jr., of the Park; C. C. Fisher sold his farm to W. L. Myers, of Medical Springs, and Albert Wright sold his farm to J. N. Hulick, of Medical Springs.

Mrs. Amanda Bowman came near being killed last week, while she and her son, William, were riding behind a fractious team. One of the animals kicked across the tongue, and the horses ran away, into a fence, throwing Mrs. Bowman out of the wagon, and when she was picked up she was in an unconscious state and remained so about twelve hours. At the present writing we are pleased to learn she is much improved.

George W. Wright and E. R. Parker are the inventors of a novel machine for clearing land of sagebrush. It does its work well and lots of it. Eight or ten acres can be cleared with it in one day. Two railroad bars are bolted together at one end so as to form a "V." It is drawn by twelve or fourteen horses and cuts off and piles up all the sagebrush in a very satisfactory manner, besides smoothing the ground. Others might profit by this mode of clearing land and very soon Lower Powder would bloom as the rose, with alfalfa, bees and honey in abundance.

Hon. Dunham Wright is making arrangements to build an addition to his hotel, 30x50 feet, two stories high. This will give the house a capacity of

about forty rooms. The house is being repaired, repainted and recarpeted so as to be ready for next summer's visitors. Mr. Wright intends putting in an electric light plant of sufficient capacity to furnish light for the house, grounds and stables. The power will be furnished by a turbine wheel with water from the spring above the house, where the water for bathing is procured. The power will be used during the day to run a large circular swing which will be erected before the season opens. The bathing rooms will all be re-fitted and a large plunge bath, 50x50, erected. He is grading for a fine croquet ground and is excavating for the foundation of a large hot house, which will be finished within a month. By experimenting with a hotbed it has been proven that the hot water from the springs is just the thing for heating a hot house. So in a short time he will be able to furnish Union and Baker with hothouse roses and other flowers. Mr. Wright is also going to construct a drive from the hall to what is known as the "old place," the cabin where he and his wife first settled after they were married. On this place is a splendid bluegrass lawn, an orchard and one of the finest natural groves that I ever saw. The grove will be fitted with seats and a swing. There will be a horse and hack (free) ready at the hall at all times to carry guests to and from the grove. Mr. Wright intends opening up a road from Medical Springs to what is known as the "Eagle Meadows" about ten miles from here. He will make application for a charter at the next term of court. This will be a private enterprise of his but will open up a fine timber and mineral country. In the vicinity of the meadows is the sportsman's paradise. The country abounds in all kinds of game, such as elk, deer and bear, and the streams are literally alive with trout.

JIMMY JUNIPER.

#### DR. KOCH'S DISCOVERY.

That Dread Disease, Consumption Succumbs to the Advance of Science.

The announcement that Dr. Koch has discovered a cure for consumption is regarded throughout the civilized world with the most intense interest. The treatment of the disease is by inoculation and there is evidences from the highest authority proclaiming the mode of treatment a complete success. If this method continues to stand the test of experiment it must eventually come within the reach of all, even as is inoculation for the prevention of smallpox, making glad the hearts of a pale and suffering host, and lifting from the hum in race the direst scourge in the form of disease that afflicts it. Consumption cures have been heralded so many times only to prove delusive that the world, while anxious to believe that one has at length been discovered that will stand the full test of experiment, is inclined to be incredulous in regard to this one, though ardently hoping that time will prove all that Dr. Koch claims for his discovery. He does not tell us what are the ingredients of the lymph which are to cure consumption; he furnishes no clue to the composition of the brown odorless fluid which produces in the healthy patient symptoms of initial phthisis and destroys imbecile tissue in persons who are diseased. But as he observes that persons who are anxious to experiment with his remedy can procure it from Dr. A. Libberts, 28 Lungenberger strasse, Berlin, it will not be long before chemists furnish the world with analysis of its chemical constituents. His method aims at arresting the course of the disease by suppurative injections of his lymph, at first in infinitesimal and gradually in increasing doses. The effect of the injection is to produce necrosis, or mortification, of the tubercular tissue, in other words, to kill the bacilli in the lungs or in whatever organ is attacked. Once killed, nature tries to expel the corpses, as it does with all dead tissues; and here the aid of the physician or surgeon may be required to complete its purpose. When the necrotic matter is expelled from the system the patient is cured; though the treatment should be continued for a while in order to prevent fresh settlement of bacilli.

Two school principals in Brooklyn have recently discovered that Longfellow's "Building of the Ship" is an improper poem for children to read, and advised that be expurgated from school readers. This because the ship is represented as a young bride received into the arms of that gay old bridegroom, the ocean. If the fact that there are brides and bridegrooms is sedulously kept from boys and girls, they would of course never know anything about it. If there is anything calculated to arouse prurient thoughts in the minds of the young it is the action of such fool school teachers as the above.

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