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FROM CALIFORNIA.

Interesting Letter From W. O. Minor at Pasadena.

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 27, 1903.
ED. GAZETTE:—It is raining today, and I am out of a job so look out. This is a city of about 15,000 souls (I guess, since there are no saloons here.) There are several news dealers, but strange to say, not one of them keep the Heppner papers on sale, so please place me on your subscription list. This is a pleasant climate to live in if one had something else to do. The leading industry here is fishing (for suckers), the principal stock in trade is a good climate. Ask any one you meet a question, the usual answer is, don't know, I am a stranger here.

We left Portland January 7th, on one of the Southern Pacific's fine observation cars, passing up through the Willamette Valley, we awoke the morning of the 8th in time to get a drink out of the Shasta Springs, an ideal summer resort near the foot of Mt. Shasta. Continuing down the Sacramento valley passing many large wheat fields, grain four to six inches high and millions of geese on either side almost in gun shot of the cars, arriving at San Francisco about dark, we spent two days here very pleasantly at the parks, Cliff House and museums. Then to San Jose.

We visited The Alum Rock Springs, San Jose's principal attraction, named from a large rock resembling alum. We drank seven kinds of mineral water, some hot, some cold, in three hundred yards. Three of them soda, magnesia and sulphur coming out of a rock not six inches apart. Here also we saw a large blueish rock weighing many tons, said to be a meteor. The following day we saw the big trees 27 miles from San Jose, and they are big trees sure, one a little larger than the others is 21 feet through and 308 feet high and the top broken out at that. Then to Santa Cruz for the afternoon and night. Next to Santa Barbara to see the old mission built about 117 years ago, yet in good state of preservation, the surroundings of large palms, eucalyptus and other large trees planted by some one, starts one to thinking of long ago. Continuing south mostly along the coast we saw fields being prepared for planting beans, others being planted to potatoes, and for many miles we pass orchards of almonds, walnuts, figs, oranges, lemons and other kinds of fruits and nuts, then other large tracts of hills on which nothing seems to grow except occasional patches of cactus and small brush.

Arrived in Los Angeles the evening of the 14th and on the 16th removed to present location. Arthur and family arrived the 18th. The 19th we saw the top of Mt. Lowe near 6,000 feet elevation. On electric cars to Rubio Canyon then cable cars 3,000 feet up on a 62 per cent grade, then on electric cars again over high trestles and zigzag around big cliffs until one thinks many times with the old lady, who crossing a high bridge on the way and seeing the ground

approaching as she neared the other side) said thank the Lord she's lit agin. From the summit we could look over cities, orchards, fields and out to Santa Catalina Islands, sea Southern California and study geography. We visited Santa Monica, San Gabriel Mission, The Ostrich Farm and many places of interest that I will not undertake to describe now. We returned the 25th from Santa Catalina Islands. The thirty miles across a small chunk of the big pond reminds many of things good and bad they have eaten the past month, though we stood the trip very well; at the Islands we had a pleasant ride over the Marine gardens in a glass bottom boat, the best hour of sight seeing yet. We saw millions of fish of all kinds and some more, (but don't tell father or Bill Ayers of this.) We engaged a launch for next days's fishing and went to bed to dream of the big fish we were going to catch. We got up before breakfast, ate a few rounds, got aboard of our boat (about 18 feet long) and headed direct for sea. We fished out about eight miles over big hills and valleys, saw some whales but did not catch any, concluded we would have better luck on land, returning via Seal Rocks and home. Along the road, we saw many tons of water melons, squashes and pumpkins, left laying over the fields and almond trees in full bloom. In the markets are almost all kinds of vegetables. Strawberries two boxes 25 cents. Yet, as in most cases there are two sides to a story, don't be in a rush to sell out and come here, for every thing considered Eastern Oregon is so far ahead of this that you could not see California for the dust. If it rains again look out for some more.

W. O. MINOR.

Ankeny Elected.

Levi Ankeny, of Walla Walla, was Wednesday elected United States Senator from Washington.

The total ballot was: Levi Ankeny, 99; Harold Preston, 9; John L. Wilson, 2; W. L. Jones, 1; George Turner 23.

Many of the members explained their votes and let loose a flood of oratory.

Preston and Wilson were put on the committee to introduce Ankeny, and all three made speeches, in which there was a note of sadness on account of the death of John B. Allen.

The Illinois Central Railroad office, at Portland, Oregon, has a small supply of nicely mounted wall maps of the United States, 32 by 38 inches, also Cuba and Porto Rico, enlarged. If you will send us ten cents, in stamps, we will prepay the postage and send you one of these handsome maps, by return mail.

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Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Morrow County Land and Trust Company will be held at the office of the Company in Heppner, on Saturday, March 14, 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and other business that may come before the meeting.

R. F. HYNNE, Secretary.
Heppner, Or., Jan. 15, 1903.

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Committee Report.

The following report of the committee appointed from Morrow county, has been submitted to the Columbia River Irrigation Association.

To the Columbia River Irrigation Association:

We, your committee, who was assigned the duty of ascertaining and submitting plans and suggestions for irrigating the arid lands of Morrow County, Oregon, beg leave to submit the following report:—

Morrow County contains a solid area of arid land, embracing some twelve townships, and extending Southward from the Columbia river to an average distance of eighteen miles. The immense tract slopes gradually to the North and West, and is admirably situated for irrigation purposes. Of these twelve townships fully three-fourths of the land yet belongs to the government, and at least 100,000 acres of it can be reclaimed by irrigation.

This vast stretch of country contains but little settlement, yet the deep, rich soil could be made highly productive under irrigation. This tract has an elevation of from 240 feet at the Columbia river to about 650 feet along the South boundary. It is now covered with sage brush and will produce nothing without water.

This committee would suggest two plans for irrigating this land, viz:

1st. To conduct water thereon from the Umatilla river, by means of a large ditch, the ditch to begin at, or near, the town of Echo, in Umatilla County, and to run through a portion of Umatilla County, flume the water across Lower Butter Creek and run the ditch across Morrow County from East to West. This plan is entirely feasible and practicable.

The Umatilla river does not contain enough water throughout the dry summer season to supply this ditch; therefore, it will be necessary to establish reservoirs, or storage vaults, and fill them with the water from the river during the winter and spring seasons. Various small ditches could be constructed leading from the main canal and during the wet season all of this land could be thoroughly flooded. It would thus require less water from the reservoirs in the dry season to keep the ground sufficiently moist to produce crops. Throughout this vast area are many natural reservoir sites which should be utilized with but little expense.

2nd. We also invite investigation of this region as a location for Government irrigation under the artesian well system. There are here numerous evidences that artesian water can easily be procured. Just across the Columbia river, on the Washington side, a company has been boring for oil, and at a depth of only one hundred and forty-four feet a large vein of artesian water was struck, and the well, even with its original tubing, shot water over three feet above the surface of the ground. Experts claim that this well, if properly tubed, could be made to throw the artesian water to a height of 40 feet.

Throughout this region are a few surface springs, among which may be mentioned Tub Springs, Well Springs, Sand Springs, and others.

In our opinion there is no more favorable location in the West for procuring an abundance of artesian water than in this section. Were the Government to take hold of the enterprise and make a successful test, it would no doubt induce hundreds of settlers to rush into this part of the country and bore wells at their own expense.

Both the above plans are entirely practicable, and by adopting both or

either of them, the greater portion of this vast stretch of land could be transformed from a barren desert in thousands of prosperous homes, productive grain fields, orchards and gardens. We respectfully urge the Government engineers to give this region a careful and thorough investigation. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. HAGER,
FRANK GILLIAM,
GEO. CONSER,
W. B. FISLEY,
E. M. SHURT,
Committee.

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