

SHORT HOOD

For some years past it has become spontaneous to notice how the newspapers of the Willamette valley at irregular intervals call attention to the signs of activity observable around Mt. Hood. The observations of these journals, it is unnecessary to state, have always been made at a safe distance, and as far from the truth as they were from the mountain. Almost every one knows that Mt. Hood is of volcanic origin, and that it may some day break forth with destructive fury. It is at present in a state of quiescence, and has been so for many years. But although Mt. Hood now no longer serves as an outlet to the pent up emotions of old Mother Earth, yet it is indirectly instrumental in affording relief to the average Webfoot editor. The Portland Oregonian, Vancouver Independent, and others of like bore, have an annual eruption of facetiousness, something like to the following: "At his old tricks again—Mt. Hood smoking." After this outburst of Webfoot wit and a generous diet of sassafraz tea, the subject is dismissed until the following year at which time it appears fresh and brilliant as ever. With due deference to the superior intelligence which these journals justly arrogate to themselves, we must humbly doubt if any white man, excepting, of course, the venerable Joe Meek, ever saw, at the distance these papers are from Mt. Hood, any smoke or flames issuing from it.

One day in the month of August, 1873, the editors of this paper, accompanied by several gentlemen from Portland, made the ascent of Mt. Hood. The weather was clear and beautiful. While scaling its snowy steeps, or resting on its giddy summit, we observed no peculiar phenomenon that would indicate a dangerous state of activity. There was no smoke, no flames, nothing of an unusual character. It is true, we watched with pleasure the fleecy clouds circling around its hoary peak, while all the sky beyond was bright and clear, and the beautiful landscape beneath was bathed in a flood of glorious sunlight. When we returned from our trip, however, we learned from the Oregonian that the very day upon which we made the ascent, Mt. Hood had been behaving very badly. At Portland, fifty miles away, dense columns of smoke had been seen arising from the mountain, issuing from the crater. These papers always place the crater on the summit, although those who have been there place the crater on the south side of the mountain, quite a way down. It is rather peculiar that those who were on the mountain that day, and those who were camped only eight miles away, did not see the volumes of dense smoke witnessed by the Oregonian. It is a well-known fact that during certain seasons of the year, the atmosphere of the Willamette valley is somewhat smoky. When looking at Mt. Hood, those leagrd persons must have had smoke in their eyes. Preposterous as it may seem to some, we have no doubt that clouds will for some time to come have a tendency to circle the summits of high mountains while all around is clear. But certain papers will doubtless see smoke issuing from Mt. Hood as regularly as the seasons come round.

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