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NOTES BY THE WAY

Mrs. Kozler Visits Plymouth Rock and Other Historic Spots in New England.

(Continued from Last Week.) After seeing Boston, the next best move was to go to Plymouth, sit on the rock, drink from the spring that supplied the Pilgrims with fresh water, and look around. Here we found enough to keep us profitably employed for a day or two, or for many days for that matter.

Plymouth Rock and the original landing place are at the base of Cole's Hill, and a granite canopy stands over the rock. The upper part of the canopy contains the bones of many of the Pilgrims who died during the first winter and were buried at the base of this hill. In the war of the Revolution and the war of 1812, fortifications were garrisoned on this hill.

In the Court House are kept many valuable documents, the patents and records of the Colony, the will of Miles Standish, etc. Pilgrim Hall contains a large Museum of Pilgrim memorials and curiosities. Burial Hill is the site of the ancient fort which served as a meeting house, where the Pilgrims attended, fully armed and equipped for any sudden onslaught from the savages. The ancient burial ground is kept in excellent condition, and all around may be seen on the old state tablets familiar names of the Pilgrims. Plymouth Beach forms the outer protection of the harbor. It is more than three miles long, and Gurnet Light House is five miles from the rock. There is a large tract of wildwood west of the town, where deer and other animals are seldom disturbed by the hunter.

The next thing in order was Salem, with its witch stories, many of which were most bewitching. Here we found the houses in which the supposed witches lived, the court records of their trials, and we could even stand on the spot where they were hung "until dead and buried," as one of the sheriff's records reads. The witch pins are still in the court house.

The objects of interest are Roger Williams' house, (sometimes called the Witch House) 1635-36; house in which Lafayette and Washington were entertained; Broad Street burying ground; Hawthorne's birthplace, and at 34 Turner St. stands "The House of the Seven Gables;" Peabody Academy of Science, endowed by George Peabody in 1867, with \$140,000, etc.

After a day spent here we took the trolley for Marblehead. Marblehead is one of most unique towns on the Atlantic coast. It is built on the rocks, the crevices serving as cellars. The vocation of the inhabitants since its first settlement in 1629 has been as seamen in fishing vessels and coasting vessels. It was here that Brigadier-General Glover, one of the bravest and most distinguished officers of the Revolution, raised his famous regiment. Every man save less than a dozen were practical fishermen.

The greatest object of interest is the old burying ground on the hill, where the first settlers were buried; also a large number of the soldiers and sailors of the Revolution are buried here. Captain Muggford, who captured the British powder ship, and James Hammond, one of the heroes of the frigate Constitution, are buried here. Rev. David Mosson, who performed the marriage ceremony between George Washington and the widow Custis, rests in this sacred soil. The house where the famous Molly Pitcher was born is one of the sights.

From Marblehead to Gloucester, passing through Beverly and Essex, is a delightful trolley ride. This was and is the most famous fishing town on the New England coast. Along the coast are some of the finest summer homes. After a day at Revere Beach, which is several miles long, with its beautiful broad parkway constructed some distance from high water mark, we turned our steps next morning toward Harvard and Cambridge.

MRS. H. E. KOZLER.

Dallas Well Represented.

The convention held in Salem this week to outline a desirable system of water laws for Oregon was largely attended, many of the leading men of the state being present. Delegates appointed by President M. M. Ellis to represent the Dallas Board of Trade were State Senator U. S. Longhry, George T. Gerlinger, George E. Johnson, T. J. Hayter, George Cone, J. B. Nann and T. J. Cherrington.

Will Move to Portland.

Samuel Orr, one of Polk county's leading farmers and hoopers, has leased his farm at Kiekreall and will move with his family to Portland, where he has large property interests. He will sell all his livestock, farming implements and household goods at public auction on Tuesday, September 25. The sale will commence at one o'clock in the afternoon, and will continue until every article is sold.

County Clerk E. M. Smith issued license to wed to Clarence J. Whiteside and Lillie May Guthrie, Friday.

VALUATIONS ARE DOUBLED.

Polk County Tax Roll for 1906 Shows Increase of \$4,000,000 Over Assessment of 1905.

The summary of the assessment roll for Polk County for the year 1906 is as follows:

CLASSES OF PROPERTY	1906	1905
Acres tillable land, (115,738).....	\$3,311,225	\$1,650,575
Acres non-tillable lands, (316,296).....	2,147,690	901,110
Improvements on deeded lands.....	518,187	262,780
Town and city lots.....	290,620	134,300
Improvements on lots.....	615,360	313,795
Imp. on lands not deeded.....	21,815	8,720
Railroad bed, (73.09 miles).....	487,050	307,730
Telephone and telegraph lines.....	14,440	7,450
Railroad rolling stock.....	59,350	27,680
Manufacturing machinery.....	93,650	40,870
Merchandise.....	225,400	120,740
Farm Implements.....	82,865	69,980
Money.....	39,430	45,940
Notes and accounts.....	160,255	89,060
Shares of stock.....	141,200	63,300
Household furniture.....	183,520	156,510
Horses and mules, (4,423).....	168,115	136,010
Cattle, (8,073).....	98,570	91,570
Sheep and goats, (33,524).....	69,130	52,475
Swine, (3,361).....	10,905	8,765
Gross Value.....	\$8,738,670	\$4,389,420
Number of polls, 1161.		
The total valuation of taxable property, less exemptions, in 1905 was \$4,035,750.		

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS WED.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cadwell Celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

About thirty friends and neighbors gathered at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cadwell last Friday evening and joined with them in celebrating the 25th anniversary of their wedding day. The evening was spent in social conversation, and a number of happy speeches were made, congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Cadwell upon having reached their twenty-fifth anniversary. The hours passed most pleasantly to all, and the evening was brought to a most enjoyable close after delicious refreshments had been served. Mr. and Mrs. Cadwell were remembered with many handsome presents, among them being two rocking chairs, silver tableware, etc. Many letters were also received from absent friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Cadwell were married in Iowa City, Iowa, September 7, 1881. They have lived in Dallas continuously since first coming to Oregon, and have made many warm friends in this community. Both are active members of the M. E. Church, and are interested in all movements having for their object the uplifting and betterment of mankind. Their many friends will wish them many more happy anniversaries of their wedding day.

Those present Friday evening were: Judge and Mrs. J. L. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Siefarth, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Holman, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Miller, Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Brackenbury, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. N. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hawkins, Mrs. F. H. Morrison, Mrs. C. S. Chapin, Mrs. W. P. Miller, Mrs. J. D. Smith, Mrs. D. P. Stouffer, Mrs. Lu Magruder, Mrs. Minnie Ralph, Miss Marie Wells, Miss Ruth Morrison, Miss Consueva Gigger and Mr. Thomas Elliott.

PRUNE DRYER BURNS

Evaporating Plant on James Elliott Farm Destroyed. Early Wednesday Morning.

Fire originating in the tunnels of the large prune evaporator on the James Elliott farm south of town, Wednesday morning, totally destroyed the building and its contents. The workmen were powerless to check the flames, and within five minutes after the fire was discovered the building was ablaze from floor to roof. By tearing down the trestle between the dryer and warehouse, the latter building was saved. Fortunately, no wind was blowing, else Mr. Elliott's fine house and barn would have been destroyed.

The evaporator was what is known as a combination dryer, there being a stack dryer in one end of the building and tunnels in the other. It had a capacity of about 500 bushels of prunes, and was one of the best buildings of its kind in the county. It was owned by Wesley Elliott, who estimates his loss at about \$2000. No insurance was carried on the building or its contents.

Mr. Elliott will probably dry the remainder of his crop in J. B. Nunn's dryer, the use of which has been generously tendered him by the owner. The young man feels the loss of his building quite keenly, but is not in the least discouraged and expects to build next year on a larger scale than before.

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A Coos bay paper says town property is higher in Marshfield than in Portland.

DEATH BY RIFLE SHOT

Prominent Salem Man Kills Himself at Wallace Fruit Farm in Polk County.

Professor F. M. McElfresh, foreman of the Wallace fruit farm, three miles from Salem and formerly an instructor in the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, shot himself in the head with a rifle shortly after noon Saturday. The bullet penetrated the brain and death resulted instantly.

Soon after eating his lunch Professor McElfresh went to the fruit house apparently in his usual health and spirits and the first intimation of trouble was the report of the gun. It is believed that he was temporarily insane. McElfresh was well known and popular in Salem, and was a member of the Masonic order.

Mrs. Beatrice Cowan Dead.

Mrs. F. R. Rich received a telegram Friday announcing the death of her only daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Cowan, which occurred at Golden, British Columbia, on Friday morning. The news of Mrs. Cowan's death was a sad surprise to the family, as they had not known that she was ill. Mrs. Rich left on the early Sunday morning train for Revelstoke, B. C., and arrived there in time for the funeral, Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Cowan was born in Roseburg, Oregon, and was 28 years old at the time of her death. She lived the greater part of her life in British Columbia, her father being a prominent mining man of Revelstoke. She left a husband and a 2-year-old son.

Mrs. Harvey Neal returned Tuesday evening from an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Cogill, at Astoria. She will visit the remainder of the week in Dallas.—McMinnville Telephone-Register.

J. W. Forsyth is at home from the Falls City Lumbering district this week, where he is interested with the Polk County Lumber Company. The company is putting in a new mill which will be ready to start up in a few days.—Newberg Graphic.

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USEFUL LIFE ENDED

Thomas C. Nye Passes to His Reward After Brief Illness, Aged 79 Years.

Thomas Callaway Nye died at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. S. C. Miller, in Dallas, Tuesday, September 11, 1906, after a short illness, aged 79 years. His remains were taken to Vancouver, Wash., Wednesday morning, for burial beside his deceased brother, John Wirt Nye, who died in 1865.

Mr. Nye was born in Ashe county, North Carolina, May 14, 1827. He moved to Missouri in 1840 with his parents, Dr. James Madison Nye and Nancy Callaway Nye. In 1847, he, in company with his father and two younger brothers, went to Mexico in the service of the United States government. In 1850 he was united in marriage with Frances E. Gess, a daughter of Captain William Gess, of Randolph County Missouri.

He came to Oregon in 1865, and engaged in farming and stockraising in Umatilla County up to 1900, when his eyesight and general health failed. Since 1903 he had lived in the Willamette Valley, most of the time in Dallas, Polk county.

Mr. Nye joined the Masonic Lodge in Trenton, Grundy County, Missouri, in 1856. At the time of his death he was a member of Umatilla Lodge, No. 40, A. F. & A. M., located at Echo, Oregon.

About seven years ago, he united with the M. E. Church, South, and remained a faithful member until his death. He was devoted to his church and to Masonry, and lived a consistent, upright life. In politics, Mr. Nye was a staunch Democrat. He was a kindly old gentleman, and made many friends during his stay in Dallas.

He is survived by an aged wife; one daughter, Mrs. A. J. Dillon, of Butler, Washington; one brother, A. W. Nye, of Pendleton, Oregon; and three sisters, Mrs. M. J. Mays, of Elgin, Oregon; Mrs. S. M. Angell, of Riverville, Washington, and Mrs. M. M. E. Metzker, of Springfield, Missouri.

The Renewal of a Strain.

Vacation is over. Again the school bells ring at morning and at noon, again with tens of thousands the hardest kind of work has begun, the renewal of which is a mental and physical strain to all except the most rugged. The little girl that a few days ago had roses in her cheeks, and the little boy whose lips were then so red you have insisted that they had been "kissed by strawberries," have already lost something of the appearance of health. Now is a time when many children should be given a tonic, which may avert much serious trouble, and we know of no other so highly recommended as Hood's Sarraparilla, which strengthens the nerves, perfects digestion and assimilation, and aids mental development by building up the whole system.

Died of Apoplexy.

John R. Lewis, of Salem, died in the Murphy hospital near that city, Monday. His death was caused by apoplexy, from which he had been suffering for a number of years. Besides a wife, he left two daughters and one son, who reside in the east, and two stepdaughters, to mourn his death. Mr. Lewis was a relative of J. J. Wiseman, of this city, and had many acquaintances here.

Change of Date.

Dallas College will open its doors for the Fall term on Tuesday, September 25, instead of September 19 as first announced. Prospects of a large attendance of students is highly encouraging, and it is believed that the attendance will exceed that of any former year. Many improvements have been made about the college buildings and grounds, and everything will be in readiness for the opening one week from next Tuesday.

Printing, the kind that pays, at the OBSERVER office.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thompson, popular hotel people of Dallas, spent Monday in the city.—McMinnville Telephone-Register.

Miss Anna Cornelius, daughter of John Cornelius, is now assistant instructor of typewriting and shorthand at Dallas College. Prof. G. B. Hardin is professor of that department there and gave her the position.—Forest Grove News.

Manager A. Welch of the Willamette Valley Co. came up from Portland last evening for a short stay in this city to inspect the local water and light plants of the company. He will leave today for Corvallis and Dallas on a similar mission.—Albany Herald. Mr. Welch arrived in Dallas, Thursday, and spent several hours looking over the extensive construction work in progress at the company's big power station in South Dallas.

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HEROIC DEED RECALLED

Polk County Suicide Rescued Girl on Mount Hood Five Years Ago.

The death by suicide several days ago of Professor F. M. McElfresh at the Wallace fruit orchard, of which he was superintendent, near Salem, has aroused no end of surprise and regret among the Mazamas, by whom he was held in high regard. Professor McElfresh it was who performed a spectacular feat in saving the life of a young woman who fainted in a blizzard near the summit of Mount Hood, in July, 1901, while the Mazamas were scaling the big peak. With a fine display of courage he offered himself as a human sled, and with the unconscious young woman, Miss Bethel Rawson, of De Moss, Or., lashed to him, he was lowered by ropes down the steep sides of the peak by other brave Mazamas. It was the only effective way of getting the imperiled young woman down off the peak and to safety. Professor McElfresh not only devised the means, but volunteered himself for the arduous feat.

The Mazama party were near the top of the peak when Miss Rawson fainted from exhaustion and exposure to a blizzard. All other means of getting her off the mountain, after efforts to restore her had failed, proved unavailing, and Professor McElfresh's ingenuity and fine courage solved a difficult problem and made him a popular hero. He declined to take any credit to himself, however, and with a modesty that was second only to his courage dismissed his conduct as not unusual.—Oregonian.

Best Man Was Absent.

Millard Long was to have been best man at the Whiteside-Guthrie wedding in Dallas, Sunday, but he wasn't. It was all because he ruined his Sunday trousers, just as he was leaving Corvallis, so at least his friend George Whiteside, says. Millard was all dressed up 'til his best friends would scarcely have recognized him, and his frisky driving horse was hitched to the buggy and waiting to start. Mr. Long's hair was anointed with goose-grease 'til it fairly shone, and his shoes had been rubbed with "Rising Sun" stove polish 'til they were like mirrors. And just as he went to get his grip to put it into the buggy, that pesky critter, the horse, took a notion to hurry up. He hurried. So did Millard. The latter ran 'til out of breath and finally "stubbed" his toe and landed in a ditch. One knee was almost dislocated and the trousers were a total wreck. That is why there was no best man for Clarence Whiteside to lean on in his hour of trial, Sunday noon.—Corvallis Gazette.

Harney valley may have artesian wells.

W. H. Logan has sold his interest in the barber shop of Logan Bros., to Hugh Maloney, who will also occupy Mr. Logan's dwelling in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Logan are moving to the A. Braly farm west of town, which he has leased.—McMinnville Reporter.

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