

A RAMBLER'S OBSERVATIONS.

"Have you any extra time at your command you would feel like throwing away?" Enquired Mr. Dolph Woodworth of me one morning...

Mysteriously pulling me to one side, he whispered in my ear that a Mr. S. B. Fay, of Flint Nick, an old acquaintance, who had recently arrived in Portland, expressed a desire to make a prospecting tour in the neighborhood of Table Rock...

We left Battleville on the first ult. at about 3:30 a. m. properly equipped for sport as well as mineral, our party consisting of Mr. S. B. Fay, Dolph Woodworth, Thurston Grim and your humble servant.

The morning was beautiful, early as it was. We had partaken of an excellent breakfast before our departure, which placed all in good traveling mood.

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lodge from the ridge above through volcanic causes, finding its final resting place in the center of the camp. Upon one side of its flint-like surface is carved a bear in the act of climbing, while upon the other side the figure of a man minus the nose can plainly be seen.

The following morning, leaving both supplies and horses, we made the ascent of Table Rock, 5,500 feet elevation, passing on our way over snow eighteen inches deep. The scene presented to our view while on this famous rock has too often been described to admit of further comment upon the part of so poor a scribe as myself.

Though a trifle hazy, with the aid of a glass we could discern familiar localities upon French Prairie, while the Tualatins and the Coast Range showed up in the background grand and impressive.

Turning your back upon this scene you are enabled to view plainly with the naked eye twelve distinct snow capped peaks, embracing with a few exceptions the principals of the whole Cascade Range. The rock itself contains many monuments built of stones gathered and inscribed by visiting names and dates of their visit.

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one of the roughest trails in that section. But owing to a bit of information given Mr. Wolworth by Mr. Russell, that caused the former gentleman to keep up a considerable amount of thinking, the trip was abandoned. It seems Mr. Russell and another hunter, whose name now escapes me, was out hunting and prospecting in that region a short time after Mr. Wolworth's party had left.

Returning to the camping spot of the night before, the party made themselves comfortable for a few days' stay. While here some prospectors, others toyed with the gay and festive trout—which, by the way, we found in great quantities. A little hunting was indulged in and a general good fellowship reigned supreme.

There is an old saying that "you never know a woman until you marry her." Let me here say, "you never find a man out until you have camped with him." If there is a spot upon this green earth where he will expose himself it is there.

We broke camp on the morning of the 13th, retracing our steps, and remained at Russell's that night and left the following morning for Battleville, making a short stop at Willott Springs, arriving at destination in the evening, where I found, too late, a written request from Colonel Elliott to join a party for Mount St. Helens.

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THE SWISS REPUBLIC.

PORTLAND, ORE., Oct. 6, 1893. EDITOR INDEPENDENT: DEAR SIR.—In your issue of September 29, you make some statements concerning the Swiss republic that surprise me very much, and with due respect to yourself, I would say that you have been better posted in this matter you would never have penned those lines.

You say that a class of reformers are proposing to change the American method of legislation to that of the Swiss, etc. Your objection seems to be that direct legislation through the initiative and referendum would not give time for deliberation or amendment. In this you are mistaken.

Important measures go direct to the people, a circular called a "mandate" is published, and sent over all the land so as to be in the hands of everybody. The subject is discussed in the homes, clubs, hotels, on the street, everywhere, and when the day of voting arrives, the Swiss people know what they are voting for.

Love of home, patriotism and honesty is the rule that governs the Swiss voter. It is considered an honor to be a voter or to hold office, and only the honorable men of the country are office-holders. Can you see the point where the two republics differ?

You say Switzerland is narrow and contracted, has no history of invention, arms or statesmanship. That country has just celebrated its six hundredth anniversary as a republic, the compact of Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden having been made in 1291. Can a country be called narrow that has defended its liberties for that length of time, that has universities, polytechnics and other institutions of learning that inspire respect and admiration, and bring pupils from every part of Europe and America?

Is there a country where life and property is more secure than in Switzerland? Mr. Editor, you should go to Chicago, see the Swiss exhibit, then go farther and see the great factories, their cotton mills, woolen mills, chemical instrument works, their silk industries, their embroidery industries, their watch makers; and the glory and beauty of these industries is the fact that in thousands of cases this work is carried on in the homes of the people, not only in the towns but on the mountains under the shadow of the Alps.

You may be sure, Mr. Editor, that good statesmanship was required to keep this model republic these six hundred years in existence, so that today the fact exists, witnessed and re-echoed by many thousands of American tourists, that there is but one Switzerland, that at all of danger half a million freemen are ready to defend its liberties, and to hand down its rights and privileges to generations yet to come.

God grant that this, our beloved country of these United States may have a day dawn upon it, when the people shall be as virtuous, as patriotic, and understand the real meaning of liberty as well as is the case with the Swiss people.

German War Dogs.

The time-honored injunction to "let slip the dogs of war" is being provided with a new meaning in Germany. That country is determined to be prepared for the next European war, and is leaving no stones unturned to render its military organization as effective in every branch as possible.

Not only are dogs used by the ambulance corps to seek out the wounded, bring them brandy, water and soap, fetch the ambulance attendant, and help to draw the injured on little hand-carts, to the field hospital, all of which services they perform with wonderful accuracy, intelligence and skill, but they are now attached to some of the regiments as regular four-footed soldiers, in this capacity, the first lesson they have to learn is silence.

They are taught to repress the outbreak of barking, by which they would announce their presence to an enemy, and to replace this mode of signaling by a low growl audible only to their friends. This is a difficult lesson, but a more tedious task is to follow. This is to teach the war dogs that while all dogs are dogs, men are divided into friends and enemies, and the way to distinguish them is by the color of their trousers. The way this fine distinction is impressed on their intellect is by dressing soldiers up in Russian and French uniforms, and make them beat and ill-treat the dogs and abuse them in Russian and French unisons; whereas soldiers in German uniforms are told off to pet and caress the canine recruits, and regale them on that delicate diet to all beings born on the Fatherland—the sausage.

At night the dogs can render good service at the outposts their quick sense of hearing enabling them to announce the approach of footsteps long before they have been detected by duller human ears. The dogs are also trained to carry dispatches in a little leather satchel, which is buckled on the light iron collar they wear. Gray Pomeranians make the best soldier dogs, on account of their great muscular strength, their quickness in learning, and their unobtrusive color. For ambulance service, however, Professor Buntzger, the animal painter, who is much interested in this branch of the Red Cross Society, and has himself trained many dogs for it, declares that Scotch collies are the best breed.

The Wily Chinese. A German Jew who keeps a pawnbroker's shop in Sidney, is blessed with one daughter, who now and then keeps shop while her father attends sales, on the lookout for bargains. During the temporary absence of old Moses recently, a meek looking Chinaman walked into the shop and asked Rachel to show him some "welly good watches."

Rachel handed down four from the shelf at the end of the counter, marked respectively, "\$50 watch," "\$40 watch," "\$30 watch" and "\$10 watch," and arranged them in a line on the counter in the order of their value.

John inspected them and taking advantage of Rachel's momentary inattention slipped the \$10 watch into the place occupied by the \$40 watch, and handed over a \$10 note saying, "I takee cheep watchee."

Shortly afterwards Rachel discovered the swindle and sought revenge in tears. On the return of old Moses she related the misadventure with many protestations of concern.

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