

A LARE OF FIRE.

A correspondent of the Hilo Tribune, Hawaiian Islands, gives this graphic description of a visit to the most noted crater on the globe.

Leaving Hilo on one of those still and beautiful mornings for which this district is famed, seated in one of Wilson's comfortable Concord coaches we start out on a visit to the volcano of Kilauea—the domain of Madame Pele, the Goddess of Fire.

The winding road lies to the southwest for a distance of thirty-one miles—a ride full of interest to the tourist, and which when once taken will never be forgotten.

Right and left until the four mile post is reached the sugar cane fields extend, the long stalks gently swaying in the wind like the undulating billows of the ocean.

Leaving the cane fields behind, we travel along a splendid road through a tropical forest, the grandeur and picturesque quality of which can hardly be described.

On either side is the virgin forest abounding in ferns, native woods and vines, among which can be noticed the lanula tree with its cones like a pineapple, the i-le-i vine clustering thickly round the ohia trees, wild bananas, bread fruit, guavas, tree ferns towering here and there, with underneath a luxuriant growth of vegetation.

Rolling merrily along, the coffee plantations are encountered and for many miles along either side can be seen the clearings with their groves of young trees, the reward of the perseverance of these hardy pioneers, the coffee planters.

About noon our driver pulls rein at Mountain View House, a snug little hotel nearly 2000 feet above the level of the sea, and as the air has become cooler and perceptibly lighter, we are able to do justice to the ample lunch which is placed before us.

Here we are nearly surrounded by the forest, the only opening being the cutting made for the road, down which we look straight to the sea from the lanai of the hotel.

From this point the last part of the journey is commenced. The road is steeper and the jungle is, if anything, more dense, but to a lover of nature the whole is a feast.

Added to this our driver is quite communicative, and as he has driven the stage for some time and knows every person on the road, his information helps to pass away the time most agreeably.

As we arrive within a few miles of the Volcano House we have a beautiful view of Mauna Loa toward the west and Mauna Kea, towering ten thousand feet above us, away to the northwest, with their barren summits rising into the sky, a strange contrast to the tropical country through which we have lately passed.

word to fall into line, and we took our last look at that tempestuous sea of life, the memory of which shall last as long as life itself.

As we followed our guide back over the lava beds a splendid view was had of a lunar rainbow, which showed to perfection with the high walls of the crater for a background.

Arriving at the Hotel, and while enjoying a refreshing cup of coffee, we could see the glare shooting up from the great pit three miles away, dying out and then brightening up more intense than before, and so it continued until we left on our homeward journey.

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ELK CITY, IDAHO. In this spare moment I write a few paragraphs, which I place at your disposal hoping that, if used, they will prove entertaining to my old-time friends.

Elk City is situated in the beautiful valley of Elk, which is four miles long by one mile wide. The valleys between high mountains that are a spur of the Bitter Root.

It is in the heart of the mining district, which embraces an area of about 100 square miles, and covers all the water shed of the South Fork of the Clearwater river; and is 120 miles from Lewiston and 60 miles from Grangeville. It is reached by an excellent wagon road from Grangeville, for which the state paid some \$20,000 toward its construction, and the people donated the rest.

About 200 miles from here is located the Buffalo Hump Mountain, which is in the vicinity of the famous Lost Mine. For this great number of men have hunted for months at a time, but have been unable to locate. The mountain reminds one of a buffalo hump.

The mining excitement broke out in 1860 and at one time during the following 2 or 3 years, there were, I am told, about 7000 people here; but after the mining fever passed over, the number dwindled down to a few, until at present there are about 300.

The largest mines are the "American Hill" and "Buffalo Hill," both of which pay well, and they are still expecting them to do better when they get the machinery in first class condition. These mines are both placer and are both supposed by some to be the bed of an old river.

In the gravel there is carbonized and petrified wood. The gravelly banks are washed down by hydraulic pipes, the gold being caught and held by the riffles in flume boxes. They clean up about once in two months, and it is amusing to watch them cleaning the bed rock on their hands and knees with huckle-bush brushes.

They sweep out every little crevice for fear any loose gold may be there. The mines are mostly placer in the immediate vicinity, but about 30 miles south there is the Dixie Camp, at which there is both quartz and placer, and to which several thousand people are expected next summer.

The mines are as yet very little developed, but the outlook is good. Elk city is about 4000 feet above sea level, and is visited in summer by some quite heavy thunder storms. The houses are built mostly of logs, but present quite a cheery appearance on the inside.

There are many old cabins of the 60's all around, which alone stand to tell the tale of early days. One cannot help wondering what associations still cluster around these relics, if they could only speak. I find the mining people a very hospitable lot, who will do anything for one another. Deer are plentiful, also some bear. Fish abound in the streams and there is an abundance of game.

The mountains are just covered with all kinds of wild flowers in spring and the woods are filled with song birds. Huckleberries abound on the mountains. The old Nez Percé trail to Montana runs through here. Quite a number of Indians pass through here on hunting and berrying trips.

SILVER, WHEAT AND WAGES.

In the time of Julius Caesar the ratio of silver to gold was 7 to 1. When Columbus discovered America it was 10 silver to 1 gold. When our forefathers settled in this country it was 15 silver to 1 gold. Up to 1873 it was 16 silver to one gold.

In the commercial ratio today it is 31 silver to 1 gold. The fundamental claim of the free coinage advocates that the amount of money in circulation has been decreasing since the so-called demonetization of silver is disproved by the fact that there has been an enormous increase—210 per cent, as compared with 1869, and 106 per cent as compared with 1873, and this increase has been brought about by the increased use of silver, which floats to the tune of \$600,000,000.

Uncle Sam is back of all this white metal, for it is coined on the account of the government, and private owners of bullion are not allowed to have their metal coined for their own profit.

By thus limiting the coinage and backing all to the limit, the government maintains the silver at par with gold, precisely as it maintains greenbacks at par. If free and unlimited coinage should be granted while there is a difference of 17 between the commercial ratio, which is 31 to 1, and the coinage ratio now demanded at 16 to 1, the government would not be back of the total output, which would, as a matter of course, be measured by the word "unlimited."

Private owners of bullion would coin for their own profit by right of law. The agricultural interests could not prosper under free coinage if the laboring and salaried classes were snubbed. The lesson of idle men today is proof sufficient. There would be no talk of overproduction if the unemployed were busy and "blowing in" their weekly wages for something to eat and wear.

As prices of what the laborer has to buy rise faster than the price of his labor he is the man who is always the first cheated by a depreciated dollar, and when he suffers the farmer feels it. There might be a brief period of intoxication for the farmer who was heavily mortgaged, and who knew how to grab on schedule time the amount of depreciated dollars to wipe off the mortgage, but when the schedule time arrived it might happen, as it has too often in history, that cheap dollars were not so easy to get when all men were cheap.

What and cotton do not regulate the price of silver; if they did silver ought to be creeping up a bit, for since 1865 these two great American products have advanced. It was eight years after the "alleged crime" of 1873 that the Territory of Dakota began to sow wheat for the market. Six years later—in 1887—she threw 62,500,000 bushels on the market.

There is more in that episode than in all of the free silver argument for those years put together. The extension of transportation lines by land and sea since 1873 has opened up Roumania, Bulgaria, Egypt, India, Argentine Republic, Paraguay and Uruguay, and other competing wheat fields.

Coin's labored studies to make wheat the chief of silver or the reverse will not stand the test of investigation, which nearly 100 days yet before the election will give to sincere people. The fact that all of the civilized nations of the world are on the gold standard proves either that they must have all gone crazy if the populist arguments are sound, or else it proves that these nations are wearied with foiling with commercial ratios that are getting farther apart with time, and the consequent increased production of silver even as a by-product at lead mines.

Bullion brokers and mine owners would get a large profit by adopting this scheme of free and unlimited coinage, but the farmers would see worse days than they had yet dreamed of. Common honesty and national honor are at stake in this campaign. Our credit can be saved by going slow; gold production is increasing wonderfully; international agreement is hoped for, and trade relations will soon change to the benefit of the United States.—Philadelphia Ledger.

throughfare, stroll through the shops, and spend the evening in public parlors, where she may watch but not know her fellow-lodgers, is the one with whom such a relation becomes in the beginning easy of accomplishment, and in the end a morbid necessity. Quite as frequently as the maid who is arranging the room drops a peice of information concerning the bride in the next suite of apartments, her auditor will return a question, and thus the intimacy is formed—for intimacy is what such confidences lead to.

"There is but one way and one time to check such confidences, and that is at their first appearing. The maid will appreciate the behavior of superior, and her respect for her will increase a thousand-fold; she will, for a time being at least, have received a wholesome lesson, and her desire to gossip will be lessened; while the mistress will have received a moral brace most satisfying to her conscience, most invigorating to her dignity and most stimulating to her character.

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What to wear on Your Wedding Day. Married in white, You have hooked him all right. Married in gray, He will never get away.

Married in black, He will wish himself back. Married in red, He will wish himself dead. Married in green, His true color is seen. Married in blue, He will look it, not you. Married in pearl, He the distaff will twirl. Married in yellow, Poor fellow! Poor fellow! Married in brown, Down, down, derry, down. Married in pink, To a slave he will sink. Married in crimson, He'll shingle your whims on. Married in buff, He will soon have enough. Married in scarlet, Poor victimized varlet! Married in violet, purple or puce, It doesn't much matter, they all mean—the duce.

The "Red Necktie Brigade." Andrew Jefferies of Bristol is the possessor of a relic which no amount of money could buy. It is a red necktie, and not a particularly handsome one at that, but it boasts quite a history. Mr. Jefferies is a veteran of the War, having served in the One Hundred and Nineteenth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers. Just previous to the battle of Fredericksburg Mrs. Custer, the wife of General Custer, presented to each man in her husband's command a red necktie, and from that time they were known as the Red Necktie brigade. Mr. Jefferies prizes the homely little necktie highly and never tires of showing it. He says the soldiers fought more bravely when they had their ties on.—Philadelphia Record.

Curiosities About Keys. The Yale lock manufacturers have proved that in a patent lock having six "staps," each capable of being reduced in height 30 times, the number of changes or combinations will be 86,400; further, that as the drill pin and the pipes of the keys may be made of three different sizes the total number of changes will be 2,592,000. In keys of the smallest size the total number of changes through which they can be run is 648,000, while in those of large size the number can be increased to not less than 7,776,000 different changes.—St. Louis Republic.

Norwegian Wedding Presents. Every guest at a Norwegian wedding brings the bride a present. In many parts a keg of butter is the usual gift, and if the marriage takes place in winter salted or frozen meat is offered.

Norwegian Thrift. After supper I have a happy thought. I have read somewhere that the Norwegian children are exceedingly fond of sweets and owing to the heavy tax on sugar have few opportunities of eating them, so I bought a pound in Bergen, and this I hand round. The whole family solemnly help themselves, and with deep gratitude depicted on their faces, come up to us, shake hands with both the doctor and myself and say "Takk." I give some cigars to the farmer and the two sons, the latter never having before smoked such a thing.

The thrift of the Norwegian is shown in the treatment of these cigars by the youths. They smoke for five minutes, then carefully extinguish the burning end and place the cigar away in some corner of the house. The next morning I see them having another five minutes' smoke, and these cigars actually last for over two days, being taken in homeopathic doses at intervals of about two hours. Finally the ends are cut up and used in granulator's pipe.—Chambers' Magazine.

Struck It the First Time. "So you have written a novel?" "Yes." "Has your heroine satin skin, velvet eyelashes and hair like threads of spun gold?" "Yes." "Is her name Gwendoline?" "It is." "Then I don't see why it should not be a success."—London Answers.

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