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## FOREIGN LETTER FROM T. P. CRAMER

**The Cramer Family Will Reach New York on Homeward Journey August 13.**

Velp, The Netherlands, July 16, 107.

Editor Courier: At last we are beginning to get a taste of summer, and it is a grateful relief to us who have been accustomed to so much sunshine. What would you think of keeping on winter underwear until July 15th? We hope that the season from now on will try to make up for what we have not had previously. We have only two and one half weeks more in Holland, and we hope to be in New York again on August 13. We leave Rotterdam on the S. S. "Statendam" on August 3d, and if we strike a hot wave in New York we shall long for the cool breezes of Holland. We have just returned from a few small trips to various points in other parts of the country, and were favored by the weather, as the rain came almost altogether at night. We lived for several days in the Middle Ages, and things we saw and spoke about happened in a period ranging from the 18th Century Crusades, until the liberty of The Netherlands was well established. We first visited Haarlem, which was one of the centers of action during the Eighty Years war, and is rich in memories of that famous struggle. In the park we find the "Spaniards Laan" a magnificent lane one-half mile long, with four rows of century old trees making three avenues, which remind one of the arches of the large cathedrals. The large church of St. Bavo stands in a square where is a statue of John Laurens Koster, a native of Haarlem who was the first to use movable type when the art of printing was in its infancy. The church is probably six centuries old, has a fine set of old chimes, and also two small bells captured from the Turks during one of the late Crusades. These bells are rung every night from 9 till 10:30, and their plaintive melancholy note can be heard for a long distancce. The church has been magnificently restored on the outside, but inside it is still as it was many years ago. The floor is composed of large blue stone slabs under which are the tombs of many brave Hollanders who died in the Spanish wars. The stones are badly worn so that the inscriptions can not be read, but often a date of 300 or 400 years ago can be deciphered. The church contains one of the finest organs in the world, and we were fortunate to hear one of the semi-weekly concerts which are free to all. It was truly magnificent, and the effect produced by the grand climaxes will not soon be forgotten. The city still shows many of the old canals and waterways.

Toward Amsterdam there is the Amsterdam Poort or gate, one of the few entrances to the city, which were really small fortresses when the city had a wall and moat, and the three or four gates were the only possible means of entrance. We rambled through the streets and alleys, and as the sister we were visiting lived 20 years in Haarlem we had the best of guides. The city has in its museum some rich art treasures, and the room containing the Franz Hals masterpieces is one of the famous things of Holland. We saw numbers of Americans in the art galleries, and it is remarkable how easily one can distinguish between the nationalities. In Haarlem we saw an American family of five who had probably been "doing Europe" with the usual rush. While seated in the Franz Hals room I overheard the husband say to his wife "I hope I don't see another picture gallery for a week, and the tone of utter weariness showed that he meant it. Later while his family was visiting the rest of the museum he sat in a chair and slept. We were careful not to try to see too much and we varied our sight seeing, so that our brains and eyes did not get too many impressions. We spent another day in The Hague, and on the train from Haarlem we went through the heart of the bulb culture district. There were few flowers to be seen but the bulb farms are a show in themselves. The bulbs were being gathered, and the work is all done by hand, the men moving along on their hands and knees and grubbing out the bulbs with their bare hands. The soil is very light and sandy. The farms are divided by four foot hedges into pieces of about one-third acre, and this is done to protect the flowers from the strong sea breezes and to keep the soil from being blown away. The bulb territory has been very much extended, and now reaches almost from Haarlem to Leiden, the town with the famous university.

The Hague is a fine looking city and just at present is of interest to the whole world on account of the sessions of the second peace congress. We saw some of the delegates and the building in which the meetings are held, but did not have the opportunity of getting a look in. The Hague has a charm of its own and as the weather was fine, we received the best possible impression. The Mauritz House is a small art gallery, but contains some gems by the old masters, and Holbein, Murillo, Rubens, Rembbrandt, Jan Steen, Paul Potter and many others may be seen at their best. We saw a beautiful Madonna by Murillo, the famous Paul Potter's Bull, and Rembrandts "Lesson in Anatomy", with faces that look as if they were able to speak. The buildings where the 1st and 2d Chambers meet are located beside the Mauritz House, and the back windows open above the "Vyver" or lake, which gives them a beautiful setting. The Hague has a Prison Gate which is now a museum of instrumets of punishment and torture. We saw branding irons, anklets, neck forks with prongs, pillories, racks, headsmens swords and axes and an executioners block upon which were beheaded more than 200 people during the Spanish Inquisition. One exquisite torture was to shave the prisoners head, fasten it so that the crown of the head was uppermost, and then allow a drop of water to fall about six feet, there being a drop every thirty seconds. The result was that the prisoner went insane in 48 hours and usually did the third day. We saw the holes worn in the hard stone by the dropping of the water when there was no head to receive it. We walked through some of the principal streets, past the palace where the Queen lives for at least three months every year, and visited some of the shops for cards and photos.

(To be continued.)

S. N. Baruch, of Oakland, Cal., has purchased from John Sandy and John Adylott six mining claims on Canyon creek about 15 miles from Kerby, which he will develope with a view to installing machinery for work next year. The property will soon be connected with the outside world by telephone as Mr. Baruch will put up the line for the forestry service.

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Don't forget that commencing September 1st and continuing daily for two months, tickets will be on sale at almost every railroad station in the East to all points in Oregon and the Northwest at what has come to be popularly known as "colonist rates." These rates are the cheapest general long distance rates ever established, and enable one to reach Oregon from any part of the United States at but a trifle more than one cent a mile. They are the greatest incentive to colonization and progressive home building of any known agency, and if the restless, dissatisfied resident of he East is made to know before hand the advantages he can enjoy here, the problem is solved, and the star of empire will continue to move steadily westward.

Now is the time to spread the gospel of Oregon, so that it may be heard and heeded by the time rates go into effect. Send one name, or two, or a dozen, and you will be exerting a worthy influence toward the upbuilding of our state. Send them to your nearest Southern Pacific agent or to Wm. McMurray, General Passenger Agent, Portland, Oregon.

## JOUQUIN MILLER VISITS OREGON CAVES

**Will Tell of Beauties of Josephine County Lime Stone Wonder in Sunset Magazine.**

Joquain Miller, the noted writer and poet, arrived in Grants Pass Saturday evening from Eugene where he has been for some time on a visit with relatives. He was accompanied by Jeff D. Myers, a prominent business man of Portland and he was met at the depot by a reception committee of the Commercial club and by Judge C. B. Watson, of Ashland, who had come down to join Mr. Miller and Mr. Myers on a trip to the Southern Oregon Big Caves, in the Grayback Mountain district. Sunday afternoon the party was taken to Williams in a private rig and early Monday John Kincaid, the well known Big Cave guide, was on hand with saddle and pack horses and a complete camp outfit and took them on to the Caves. They went in by way of the Grayback Mountain trail and would reach the camping place near the Big Caves that evening. They expect to spend a week in the mountains during which time they will thoroughly explore every recess of Oregon's underground wonder, which promises to rival the Mammoth Caves of Kentucky when they are fully opened up.

It is at the instance of the Southern Pacific that Joaquin Miller makes this trip to the Josephine County Caves, the company having decided to take up an extensive campaign of advertising Southern Oregon and Joaquin Miller will write descripitive sketches of the Big Caves, Crater Lake and the other wonders of nature in this section and of the grand scenic attractions that are here. These with the writeups of these resources of tihs section of the state will be published from time, to time in Sunset, the magazine pub-published by the company. These articles will be illustrated and as Sunset is one of the leading and best magazines in the United States this advertising will be of great benefit to Southern Oregon. Joaquin Miller is one of the best descriptive writers of nature in the United States and his articles will be highly interesting and instructive to all who are interested in the beauties and attractions of the West.

## GRANTS PASS HUSTLERS NOT DETERRED BY RAIN

**Big Delegation Go to Medford Carnival—Find It Drowned by Heavy Storm.**

Grants Pass showed its mettle Thursday as one of the best hustling towns in Rogue River valley when 200 of its hustlers in a special train went to Medford in a driving rain storm, the heaviest ever known in this valley at this time of the year, to take part in the exercises on Grants Pass day at the Medford Fruit Carnival and the meeting of the Oregon Horticultural Society. As it had rained all night and bid fair to continue the heavy rain all day the Medford people did not expect a crowd f rom Grants Pass so the reception committees were not on hand to make the visitors welcome but there were enough of the Medford men, not daunted by rain, who were on hand to represent the city. The rooms of the Medford Commercial Club were made the headquartrees for the Grants Pass delegation. The stove was fired up and the room made warm and soon all were dry and comfortable and in easy chairs whiled away the day between strolls, made in the heavy rain which never stopped, about the town.

The carnival was washed down and out and looked as wet and bedragled as a hen dipped into a millpond. In the afternoon a fruit growers meeting was held at he Opera house that was fairly well attended and some highly interesting addresses were made and papers read that were of much interest and value to fruit growers. The evening was so wet and disagreeable that no evening session was held and most of the Grants Pass crowd came home on their special train at 10:30 p. m.

The Medford business men paid $400 to get the carnival and are out twice that sum in other expenditures connected with the carnival and the breaking up of the entire program by the unprecedented rain storm will cause a heavy financial loss to them, but the fruit and other crops will be so benefited by the thbrough soaking the gound has had that the gain to the agricultural wealth and greater trade to be had from the farmers will more than make up for loss on the carnival.

Prof. J .S. Diller, one of the most noted geologists in the United States, and who has been in the field for 33 years, was in camp at Grants Pass last week with his party. He was in this section for geological work on the Grants Pass quadrangle but was called from regular work to take up the examinaton of coal lands in townships recently withdrawn on the south fork of the Coquille river, leaving here Monday Prof. Diller was accompanied by Dr. Kay, of the University of Iowa. They will remain at the work under direction of the forestry service during the present summer and fall but the professor will make Grants Pass his headquarters during the winter when he hopes to make extensive geological examinations of the hills surrounding the city.

Prices on Edison Phonographs advance September 16. We still have a few in stock at the old prices. Photo and Music Store.

## MONEY FOR ROGUE RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT FAIR

**Josephine County Gives $500 State Appropriates $1200 —Success Assured.**

The Rogue River Valley Industrial Fair is now a certainty for ample financial backing has been secured and on September 10, 11, 12 will be held in Grants Pass the first fair that will embrace the entire Rogue River Valley and show to visitors the splendid products and varied resources of this most favored of valleys And though the time is short such is the willing cooperation of all towns and sections of Josephine and Jackson counties that the exhibits will be as complete and the arrangements as perfect as though a longer time had been taken with the possibility of a slackening of interest and neglect of work.

A full list of all the committees will be published next week in all the papers of Josephine and Jackson counties and the rules and regulations governing the fair. In the mean time it is expected that every person desiring to promote the development of the resources and the prosperity of Rogue River Valley will at once begin to aid the work of securing exhibits of every kind embracing agricultural, stock, mineral, timber, manufactures and other productions.

To finance this undertaking for a district fair for Rogue River Valley is cosiderable of an undertaking but it has been accomplished. The county court of Josephine County at their session last Wednesday appropriated $500 to the fund to meet the expenses of the fair. The needs of the fair were presented to the Court by R. W. Clark, Joseph Moss and R. H. O'Neill, the finance committee for the fair organization, and so clearly did they show that this expenditure on the part of the county would be an investment that would bring about such an addition to the taxable wealth of the county that when it came to vote on the appropriation was made unanimous without any hesitancy. Judge Jewell and Commissioner Wertz are giving their hearty support toward making the fair and the irrigation convention a success and they were quite willing to give the county's co-operation and financial backing to these two undertakings that will have such influence in calling the attention of homeseekers and investors to the many advantages and resources of Josephine county and all Rogue River Valley. Commissioner Logan was not present at the session of County Court.

In addition to the approprition of $500 by Josephine county there is an apporpiation of $1200 made by the state, the bill for which was passed at the session of 1905 through the efforts of Senator E. V. Carter, of Ashland. This state appropiation is a continuing one and is available each year for a Rogue River Valley district fair. To secure this fund a commission of five members, three from Jackson and two from Josephine county, has to be created. Three of these members are appointed by the Governor and the agricultural society of each county shall each appoint one. To be recommended to Governor Chamberlain for his appointment on this commission the Ashland commerical club has recommended E. T Staples, and the Medford commercial club has recommended John D. Olwell. Grants Pass commercial club has recommended L. B. Hall. There not being agricultural societies in either Josephine or Jackson counties, at least under that designation, the fruit growers associations of the two counties are held by attorneys, who have been consulted, to be legal oragizations, and have named the fair commissioners for each county For Joephine county the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association has elected Charles Meserve, and for Jackson county the Rogue River Fruit Growers Association, of Medford, has elected J. A. Perry. The recommendations and credentials of these men have been forwarded to Governor Chamberlain and as soon as their appointments have been made these commissioners will meet and organize in legal form the district fair association for Rogue River Valley. By the provision of the act this $1200 can only be used for premiums on agricultural and other exhibits. This sum of money will enable liberal cash premiums to be given and thereby reimburse exhibitors for their expense and trouble in making an exhibit.

The Grants Pass Canning Co. now has everything in readiness for canning fruit and vegetables in large quantities. Last week a trial of the machinery was made and a small lot of blackberries, apples, tomatoes and pork and beans were canned in order to test the machinery and the work was found to be perfect. Orders for large amounts of tomatoes, prunes and apples have been placed with Douglas county growers and soon the cannery will be a place of great activity.

The Knights and Ladies of Security want all members present at their regular meeting Tuesday night, August 13. Business of importance will be brought up.

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