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FOREIGN LETTER FROM T. P. CRAMER

The Cramer Family Visit Points of Interest at and Near T. P.'s Former Home.

(Continued from last week.)

In the afternoon we went to the beach of Scheveningen, which is one of the popular European resorts. The ride in the trolley was along the old road where the large trees all lean toward the east from the effect of the strong prevailing westerly wind. The beach presented a lively scene and was covered with the wicker beach chairs such as may be seen at the Cliff House near San Francisco. Along the road and in the fishing village we saw numbers of the fishermen with the peculiar cap and springy petticoats. There is a large fishing fleet here and the success or failure of the run of herring means much to the people. The beach shows nothing of the Coney Island character, but is more for permanent guests, the hotels being magnificent structures, and many fine villas fronting on the ocean and road.

We visited Amsterdam the next day and in the National Museum saw the priceless collection of Rembrandt's paintings, among them the "Night-watch". The canvas is probably 12x18 feet and the colors are as clear and bright as if the painting had been just completed. There were many others, but we attempted to see only a few of the best, and then spent a half hour in the old China and porcelain section.

The city of Amsterdam was originally built in the form of a half moon with the straight edge fronting on the river "Y". The canals were made in concentric semi-circles, and four of these still remain, the fine old families of Amsterdam living in the houses fronting on these canals. There were many cross canals and others not having the same general character, and it is on the smaller canals that one gets the glimpses of back steps and kitchen doors opening right on the water. We walked through the best of the shopping district, and it was amusing to see how even the Dutch merchants know the American has dollars to spend. Everywhere we saw signs in English, and in other places placards in the window especially inviting Americans to inspect the specialties they had to offer. One enterprising barber had in large letters on his front window "Chaving and Hair-cutting". The Dutch barber may not have all the frills of his American fellow craftsman, but he gives good service, and I got an excellent haircut in Velp for the price of 10 cents, and no reduction was made because he did not cut a full crop.

In traveling through the part of the country that we saw, one could not but help being struck with the dairying possibilities of the land. Green grass and cows were everywhere, and the sight of such fine milk cattle would have made a Josephine county dairy farmer green with envy. Haying was in full swing, but although we saw hundreds of men swinging broad bladed scythes, we only saw two mowing machines in operation. There were plenty of hayrakes, and it surprised us to see the immense amount of hay cut from the meadows. Hay cocks stood almost as thick as mushrooms all over the land. Near Amsterdam we passed a large peat bog where the soil had been cut away to a depth of about six feet, and after being dried, had been burned as fuel. The peat is the accumulation of centuries of water plants which die and finally begin to

turn into coal, and are then cut into pieces like large bricks, and form the principal article of fuel for household use.

Much is said about the cleanliness of the Dutch and our observations bore out the reputation. The rain keeps the vegetation always green, and the people try to do the same with the cities. In Velp we saw a girl scrubbing the front fence, and in Haarlem we saw a man employed by the city scrubbing down the brick retaining wall of the canal. It seemed to us that in Amsterdam a little more attention might be given to receiving the water in the canals, as the odors which were wafted to us, helped to deepen the impression of being in the Middle Ages.

Around Velp there are a number of fine old castles and residences and we have visited Roosendaal and Middachten. The latter is a fine old residence with beautiful grounds and around the house proper a moat with draw-bridge. The date on the house is 1682. There are fine woods belonging to this castle and the "Middachter Allee" or lane is a mile long and composed of four rows of hoary beech trees, which make a mighty arch through which the sun only comes in small flecks. We spent an afternoon there last week, and the American children had no trouble in learning how to pick Dutch huckleberries.

Yesterday we spent with another sister living at Deventer and on the way passed through Zutphen, the place of the writer's birth, and the spot where Sir Phillip Sidney, one of good Queen Bess' favorites, was killed in the Dutch wars, I believe in 1586.

Deventer dates back seven or eight centuries and in by gone days boasted of an extensive commerce. It is now taking on an air of the new century progress, and has a carpet factory which makes carpets that sell for \$6 per yard.

We drove from Deventer along a fine brick paved road to Apeldoorn and the palace of "Het Loo". This is the young queen's favorite place of residence, and she usually spends nine months of each year there. We were conducted through parts of the grounds which include a large lake, the model farm where it is said the queen sometimes makes butter; trees and flowers and lawns all in the best of condition, and very extensive horse stables. The palace is a plain looking white structure but looks as if it might be comfortable. There was an imposing looking military man on guard at the palace gate. The domain is very extensive and stretches for many miles north and west. The grounds near the castle have several memorials which commemorate the events of the young queen's life, and show the love which the people bear her. We walked down the "King's Lane" leading from the castle, and just as we were entering our carriage, the queen and Prince Hendrik returned from their drive, and we saw them pass by at a short distance. The queen was dressed in white, and appeared to be stouter than the portraits usually show her.

The roads in Holland are perfect for bicycles and automobiles, and at this time of the year they are almost a constant procession. The bicycle is still in strong demand and people of all ages and conditions ride. The children have seen a man with wooden shoes riding on his bicycle. The butcher, the baker and the candle stick maker use the bicycle instead of the delivery wagon and hundreds of them are to be seen with large willow baskets fastened to the front forks by a special form of carrier. We also see motor cycles very often, but I do not care to try one, they always look as if

IRRIGATION CONVENTION AND INDUSTRIAL FAIR

Systematic Preparations Being Made, All Committees Working Hard Big Success Assured.

Last Tuesday evening the Commercial Club met, the principal business being in connection with the Irrigation Convention and Fair. There were 63 members of the club present and enthusiastic discussions were entered into. For the purpose of materially assisting the progress of the Executive committee H. C. Kinney was added to the committee, he to have charge of the erection of the Fair buildings. This work will commence on Monday morning. The site for the buildings has been located upon the railroad grounds.

In the matter of the state apportionment of \$1200, all the appointments for Jackson and Josephine counties have been forwarded to the governor for approval, and the board of commissioners will be immediately appointed by his Excellency.

All the various committees appointed to arrange the stock, fruit, vegetable, poultry, goats and sheep, farm products, grasses, grains, mines, minerals and clays, etc., etc., exhibits, are all busy all over the two counties. The Southern Pacific Railway Company are printing and distributing the display bills all over the state announcing a special rate of one and one-third for round trips from all parts of Oregon. The Portland Board of Trade has appointed its delegates to the convention, as also have the Chamber of Commerce and Commercial Clubs all over the state.

All the carpenters are getting into line for the purpose of constituting a special committee who will erect triumphal arches on Sixth street.

The Condor Power and Light Company have promised to supply all the material for illuminating the city in a brilliantly grand manner—the Condor company does not do things by halves.

Farmers are already bringing in

some of their choicest specimens and products which will be stored and taken care of at the Exhibit room on Sixth street. These will be removed to the Fair buildings as soon as completed. There will be the grandest display of nuggets ever exhibited in Southern Oregon, far exceeding the one made by Josephine county at the Lewis & Clarke Fair.

The Ladies Auxiliary have 12 committees in active work, arranging for the locating of the numerous delegates and visitors at most all of the finest residences of the city.

Grants Pass means to make the occasion of the visit of so many prominent people of national and state repute a memorable one in the history of Southern Oregon.

A large number of the prominent government officials and prominent business people from all parts of Oregon will visit this convention and Fair upon their homeward trip from Sacramento.

Hood River will be represented by most of their prominent fruit and horticultural specialists. The Agricultural Colleges of the State will be well and ably represented, having already appointed their delegates.

The merchants of Grants Pass are all taking a lively interest in this great undertaking and have made arrangements for special displays both in their windows and also at the Fair buildings. The timber exhibit promises to be one of the most striking attractions both in natural and manufactured products.

There never was a time in the history of Grants Pass when so much co-operation and harmony was manifested as at the present time, therefore nothing but a gigantic success can be the outcome of this, our first real effort.

raising and garden business in Grants Pass, and of course expected to sell my produce direct to the dealers. I went to the different merchants and tried to dispose of my produce to them, and as I have to pay cash for everything I buy, I demanded cash for my crop. I did not find a single one of them willing to give me cash—instead they offered me metal chips and trade, and they would only take a limited quantity at that. Well, I let one dealer give me chips in payment and now the business is bankrupt and I have the chips to show for my work. Last year I refused their terms. Money may be an evil but it is a necessary one, so I begin to look about to see how I could turn my crop into cash.

I started a wagon and last Summer I sold my entire crop (barring some 66 boxes of pears) direct to the consumer and collected the cash for same, and I am doing the same this year. And until the merchants wake up to their opportunity I shall continue to do so. I may add that I buy all my supplies in Grants Pass and pay cash for them.

I believe in patronizing home trade—that is the only way to build up a prosperous city, but it must not be a one-sided affair. Do you imagine for one moment that any sane man would prefer to peddle his produce if he could take it direct to a dealer and get the cash for it? If you do you are wildly in error. Mr. Editor, would you be willing to accept metal chips in payment for my subscription of the Courier, or do you think I can pay my taxes, or water and light bill, or anything else with them? No, you know I cannot.

In conclusion, I will say that I believe the day is not far distant when the growers in this vicinity will realize, as they have elsewhere, that they will have to organize, and start a co-operative business themselves. If the dealers in this town do not desire that, it is up to them to make good.

Respectfully yours,
J. F. BURKE.

A Mining Company Operated by Grants Pass Business Men.

The Hell Gate Mining and Development Company was organized August 7 at the office of Attorney O. S. Blanchard. This company was organized through the efforts of R. E. Gilbert, a mining promoter of Los Angeles, who has done a great deal toward the development of Southern Oregon. Through the efforts of Mr. Gilbert, who is a heavy stockholder, the new company has secured the property of H. F. Shoenfeld, on Rogue river at what is called Hell Gate.

DORA JENNINGS DIED TUESDAY

Young Woman Who Was Twice Tried and Acquitted Is Dead.

Dora Jennings, the Granite Hill girl who was acquitted on the charge of murdering her father in 1906, died at the home of her mother here Tuesday morning. The cause of her death was tuberculosis. She made no statement before her death that would clear up the Granite Hill mystery in any way.

Her brother, Jasper Jennings, is still in jail here waiting a second trial on the patricide charge. Jasper Jennings was not at the house when his sister died, but was allowed to attend the funeral.

Dora has been sick since May, and has been living with her mother and brothers since her acquittal last year. For two weeks before her death Miss Jennings was delirious. Toward the last she said neither she nor Jasper killed her father, but her mental condition was such that it was doubtful if the statement would have any weight with a jury.

It is supposed that she may have contracted the disease by confinement in the county jails of Jackson and Josephine counties where she was confined for many months awaiting trial.

Mrs. H. H. Eaton of Hill spent several days in Grants Pass visiting her grandfather, J. R. Brown.

Miss L. W. McFarlane of Concordia, Kan., arrived here Wednesday to spend several days visiting her uncle, W. J. Wimer of Waldo.

This property is well known by the business men of Grants Pass, as is proved by the number of prominent men connected with the company, among whom are Geo. S. Calhoun, president, W. B. Sherman, vice-president, O. S. Blanchard, secretary, Claus Schmidt, treasurer, combined with J. L. Calvert, August Fetsch and R. E. Gilbert on the board of directors.

The standing of these men in the business life of this city gives the company a high standing and a reputation possessed by few mining companies. The property secured by this company is one of the richest old channels in Josephine county, and is a good producer a fact verified by the bank, and under the management of the officers of the company, which insures proper management, will no doubt become one of the wealth producers of Southern Oregon.



AUSTIN J. HOLLINGSWORTH

Austin J. Hollingsworth, the pastor-elect of the Christian church of this city, was born near Ashland, Neb., July 6, 1885. Although young he is by no means inexperienced in his chosen profession, as he began preaching at the age of 18, and has held some important pulpits in his native state. This work has been done chiefly while attending school.

After finishing the common school near his birthplace he entered Cotner University at Lincoln, Neb. Here he spent seven years preparing himself for the work into which he felt himself called. None have better, and few have so promising a future as Mr. Hollingsworth. The church is to be congratulated on securing him as pastor.

the rider were trying to hold on to the wheel just as it is slipping out of his grasp.

I have written a little longer this time as it is my last letter this trip, and I hope it will not be long to the point of weariness.

Sincerely Yours,
THEO P. CRAMER.

Quick delivery—The Weekly Oregonian.

Peddling—The Other Side.

Editor Courier: In a recent issue of your paper I noticed an article that interests me greatly, and if you will permit me space I would like to present the other side of the case. The article referred to is about the farmer peddling his produce. I am going to give you a bit of personal experience: Two years ago I went into the fruit

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