

It is the Greatest as Well as the Strangest of Rivers.

ITS UPPER PART A MYSTERY.

Shrouded In Impenetrable Forests and Vine Growths Through Which a Gleam of Sunlight Never Shows-A Curious Woodland Tangle.

While the Amazon is the world's greatest river, if not in length at least in the volume of water which flows through it, it is the world's strangest river as weil.

The few travelers and explorers who have journeyed up this water course to its many sources in the glaciers of the South American mountains tell stories which are almost incredible about the literal maze of streams which unite to form it, each stream having its birth in one of the great ice masses. Yet a few hundred miles below, where they merge and create the river, the temperature is such that it works its way through a perfect labyrinth of tropical vegetation.

Only the mariner can tell the place where the Amazon really has its mouth, because the opening it has made on the eastern coast of South America is so wide that it extends over 100 miles. A long distance before one comes to the mouth of the river, however, one is really sailing on the waters of the Amazon, because they force their way so far out into the ocean. They say that 300 miles out at sea off the mouth of the Amazon you can hoist a bucketful of fresh water out of the ocean from the deck of a ship, such is the quantity of its water that flows from that gigantic basin.

Long after you have entered the actual river and have its banks north and south of you if you are in midstream you will still be out of sight of land, such is the breadth of the vast channel. The river stretches far into the ocean and far up the country. Take a map of South America and look up a place called Iquitos. It lies four-fifths of the way across the continent from east to west. Yet from Iquitos there is a fortnightly service of ocean going steamers to Europe which descend some 3,000 miles of the river before they reach the sea.

It is not only one branch of the Amazon, but many, that are thus to be regarded as the same as ocean highways. The southern branches of the Amazon are broken by rapids along a line where a low continental shelf exists. Above these rapids, however, there is again deep water. Thus beyond the falls of the Madeira there are over 10,000 miles of navigable water on that river and its branches.

Not only Sir Martin Conday, but other travelers who have ventured along the upper river and its tributa-

Kipling's Corncob. "Did Kipling ever steal one of my corncob pipes?" said the late Mark Twain once. "Never, and if he says so he's wrong. He tried to steal one and failed; then

he tried to steal another, but I prevented the theft and gave it to him, probably the only pipe that Kipling ever got honestly."

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The Champion.

"By the way." continued the near sport, "who is the lightweight champion of America?

"It is still a matter of doubt," answorod the wise guy. "Some claim the title for the east dealer, while othexample the concern is entitled to it "-

SUMMONS.

In the Justices Court for the District of Athena, county of Umatilla, state of Oregon.

Homer I. Watts, Plaintiff Summons. ¥8. Anna Bergevin, Defend't. To Anna Bergevin, the above named defendant:

In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within 42 days from the first publication of this summons; service of this summons upon you being made by publication and if you fail to appear, answer or in any way plead in said action you will suffer judgment to be taken against you for the sum of \$225.00 for damages done by you to property belonging to and in the possession of the plaintiff, by you willfully and wrongfully trespassing upon plaintiff's property, towit: lots 13 and 14, section 10 and lots 3 and 4 section 15, all in T. 3, N. R. 35, E. W. M. Same trespass being committed on or about the 25 of April, 1910, and further for cost and disbursements of this action. This summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order made out and entered by the above entitled Court in opon court, on May 27, 1910 and said summons shall be published in the Athena Press beginning on Friday, June 3, 1910, and appearing once a week for 6 consecutive weeks, the last publication being on Friday, July 15, 1910. Given under my hand, this 27 day

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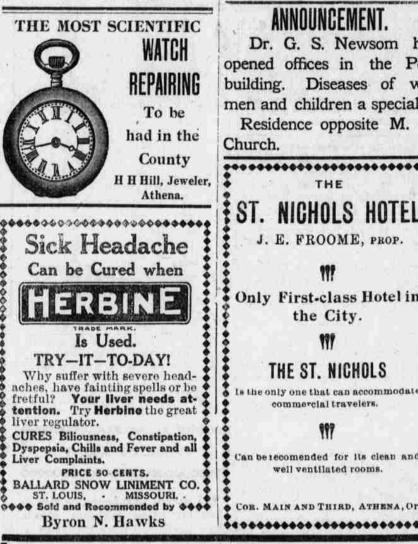
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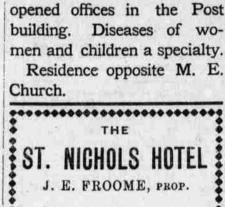
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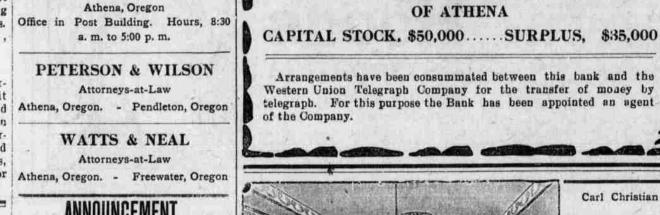
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ries, say that here a curious woodland tangle exists. To the surface of the water the sun's rays seldom reach, and one may go many miles along waterways where it is well nigh as dark as night because the sky is almost completely shut out by the mass of vines which interlace the trees and are so thick with leaves. Deprived of the sunlight, all is dark and rank. The damp air is laden with unhealthful vapor. The surface of the water in places where the current is too sluggish to carry it away is covered with scum and weed.

It requires no little courage to explore these fastnesses, for a man really takes his life in his hands, so unhealthy are they. Occasionally, however, one can see the upper portion of the forest where there is a little crevice in its roof of vines. Above this is really a scene of life and beauty. Birds and butterflies and other gorgeous insects are flying from place to place; flowers of hundreds of hues and shapes are blooming from the plants attached to tree, branch and trunk. While below all may be lifeless and silent, above the height where the mass of vines overshadow the river nature has created a world of brightness and animation; but, as already stated, it is almost entirely shut out from the human eye.

To attempt to break through this canopy of vines which hide it from the lower world is almost impossible because the vines grow so thickly, but some naturalists have penetrated it and say that the forests really have two surfaces, the one above this artificial roof and the one below. That which is above is barred from human entrance. Its inhabitants are mostly birds and insects that are radiant with beauty unequaled in the world.

Whatever grows in the Amazon mud strives with desperate internecine struggle to reach this sky exposed surface and there blossoms. Beneath, where man can walk or float, all is dark. Only here and there a fitful ray of sunlight struggles through. Orchids blossom within this shadowy region.

You can see these bright creatures flitfully in the cavern below, but not in all their glory, as they must behold one another above. Sometimes as they flit about beneath they will chance to cross a sunbeam slauting through a hole in the vegetation; then for an instant they flash into view like an explosion of burning color. It is thus that the great butterflies are seen to the best effect. No one can imagine what a picture they produce in their native haunts as their wings flash and close and flash again in the sunlight as they fly.

No; this upper world of the Amazon forests has been closed to human beings and promises to remain a perpetual mystery unless with the aid of some aerial craft one may be able to visit it .- Chambers' Journal.

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