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WONDERS OF AMERICA

By T. T. MAXIE

6. Western Newspaper Union.

AMERICAN CAMPAINE

THE records of past ages are authority for the fact that campaniles or bell towers became very common in Italy and especially in Rome between the eighth and eleventh centuries. Almost everybody has at some time seen a picture of that famous old one of old St. Mark's Church in Venice.

On the other hand, campaniles are rarely seen in the United States now-a-days and yet California boasts what is perhaps the most splendid example of a bell tower on the western hemisphere.

It is one of the most pleasing and graceful architectural structures one can hope to look upon and is located in the grounds of the University of California, at Berkeley. The gift of a Mrs. Sater, it cost about \$200,000, is 302 feet high, approximately 38 feet square and is constructed of California granite, with the exception of the pyramidally-shaped top-piece which is of white marble.

Within the tower is an immense clock and a chime of twelve beautifully-toned bells. These precious bells were safely transported through the submarine-infested waters of the Atlantic, during the earlier days of the world war.

These bells, also the gift of Mrs. Sater, range in weight from 340 to 4,118 pounds. The tenor or largest bell carries the following inscription, written especially for the purpose by Professor Flagg of the university: "We ring, we chime, we toll; Lend ye the silent ear; Some answer in the heart, Some echo in the soul."

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GROVE GIRL VISITS ANCIENT MONASTERY

Goes Overland in Quaint Oriental Style, Accompanied by Natives of the East.

(From Forest Grove News-Times)

Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Cole of this city have just recently received the following letter from their daughter now in Turkey as a teacher and missionary.

Soumeila Monastery, 18th Jue, 1921.

My own dear Ones: Miss Daniels and I are off here for a few days' vacation, and a delightful surprise it is proving.

We came in the auto truck as far as Gevalik, and there met the Klamath (governor). He turned out to be an old acquaintance of us both, as he had formerly been in Ordoon, and had visited Trebizond at irregular intervals.

The Vall of Trebizond had telephoned out to the Klamath that we were coming, and asked him to provide us with two gendarmes (police) for the rest of our trip. The Klamath was most cordial, and nothing would do but we must be duly introduced to various other officials in control of this whole region.

At last the gendarmes were ready, the refreshments had been served, and Oriental hospitality satisfied—we were permitted to go on our way. A little further up the mountain, near a small group of houses, the two gendarmes, our gallant, spirited charges) were waiting. It didn't take long for the little things to be stowed in the roomy saddle-bags which adorned our saddles, and soon we were jogging up the rugged mountain road. The two gendarmes placed themselves one at the head and the other at the end of our little procession.

It made a veritable cinematograph series of most interesting pictures to watch our party winding in and out the hair-pin turns of the road. It was neither very steep or dangerous and our mules were sure-footed, the leisurely, in their movements. Talking to them in Greek, Turkish or English, emphasized with the whip, had the effects of a spur that proved but momentary. The scenery was so wonderful in its rugged grandeur that we hadn't any desire to arrive at our destination too soon.

But our mules needed reminders that we did want to get there eventually. Two American girls—attended with Oriental royal care—we felt as if it must be a dream—too beautiful to last. Six men, four Greeks and two Turks (gendarmes) escorted us up to this rock-bound fortress-monastery. Although I had seen pictures of the place, the reality has gone way beyond them.

We rested for our noon meal at a little Greek church where the first two monks who started this monastery, stayed for a year before they found this site. Tradition says that these monks had a vivid dream, way back in Athens that they must follow St. Mary's icon in the direction of Trebizond. There are three of St. Mary's icons that are thought to be the oldest (according to the Greek church). One of these is now in Cyprus, one in Greece and the other here in this monastery.

These monks left all and followed the icon which was thought to have flown in this direction. There is a spot part way up the mountain where the icon is supposed to have alighted for a brief rest, before finding or taking up its permanent abode in the monastery. Whether the icon's pointing for a brief rest on its way thither or not, the monks seemed to have failed to exactly locate it for one year. That led to their founding the little church where we stopped for a brief nooning.

At length, half way up this mountain that stands nearly 5,000 feet above sea level, they found the sacred icon. A veritable wilderness of trees and under-bush covered the rugged mountain side. Nothing daunted, these two faithfuls climbed some ever-green trees and from them gained a foothold on the over-hanging rocks, and began the digging out of two rooms, largely out of the solid rock. That became the nucleus of what has grown into this famous structure of eight or more rooms.

Each wing that has been added shows the characteristics of its own particular age. Consequently, there is steady advancement from Stoic crudeness to worldly comfort and durability at the same time. No one architect planned the whole, and so the whole presents the oddest collection or group of rooms tucked in at all angles and heights.

The doors of the earliest rooms are so low that we had to almost double up to get inside, and the windows scarcely admitted enough light to see by, to say nothing of reading. The new guest rooms, on the contrary are large, and lined with windows suiting even the taste of those strange people called English and American, who actually want windows open at night! We were ushered into the very best room in the whole establishment, and it's no less than 20x25 feet, and has a fire-place as well as a stove. It has a divan about four feet wide, on three sides of the room, and it is covered with a heavy material evidently from Europe. A carpet also from abroad, covers the floor.

Before the war this monastery had unlimited wealth in its own right. But during those troublous times it was twice robbed by soldiers of the land, and once by Russians.

But far more interesting to me than the indefinite supply of rugs, silver and gold plates that are no longer in the memory of the oldest monks, is the collection of ancient parchments that still remain. I can't help but wish that our friend, Dr. Rendell Harris, English professor and lecturer, might have a chance to browse around in their quaint old library. There surely would be facts of great historic interest, as this monastery dates back to 538 A. D., and many of these parchments and old books date back from seven to eight hundred years at least. The dates are given on a number of the parchments and the books hang bound, hand-written on parchment, are treasures museums would go far to find. Even the old guests are said to be of parchment. Whether that is true or not, they look as if they had come into existence along with the monastery. One of the monks, who came up here to escort us, and incidentally to visit his family, has been searching long for any English or American names in the guest books. He found two English who stopped here years ago, on their way from India and Persia to England; Mr. and Mrs. Gatons, our British consul and wife, before the war, and two American consuls, Mr. Heister and Mr. Jenkins. So it looks as if we are the first American girls to visit this lovely spot, and we are feeling sorry for all who haven't had the wonderful experience of even a brief sojourn in this uplifting spot.

The paintings on the outside walls of the old chapel, cut out of solid rocks, are said to be two hundred and fifty years old. They have the stiffness of early work, but are unusually well preserved in spite of exposure to the weather. In no uncertain terms there is pictured where the good will go, and also, the other place. An angel is standing over some scales in one side of which an individual is being weighed. He is evidently tipping the scales decidedly in his direction. I was told, in French, by a Greek, that it showed the man to have done so many bad deeds on earth, that the evil one was standing there to lay claim to his victim.

NELLIE A. COLE, Trebizond, Turkey.

NEWS ITEMS

Local, Personal and Other City Events Briefly Noted.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kemmer are at the Tillamook beaches this week. They drove down Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Summers and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blasser motored to Seaside Saturday, returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hocken and family returned Sunday from Netarts where they had spent a week's vacation. They report the weather delightful at the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hedge and daughter, Miss Zola, motored down to Seaside Saturday and returned Sunday. They report most delightful weather but few people on the beach.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hocken and children came home Monday from Netarts where Mrs. Hocken and the children had been for a week. Mr. Hocken took them down, returned home and then went after them on Sunday.

W. J. Lang has rented his place on the Hillsboro road to G. W. Wells and on Monday Mr. and Mrs. Lang moved to Portland, where they have rented a house at 229 East 19th Street. Mr. Lang will maintain his interest in this part of the suburb and says they will be present at all club dances and Commercial club meetings.

Stroud & Co., Inc. this week sold the George Covell place at Aloha to Silas W. Tuttle, of Illinois, who is now in possession. Mr. and Mrs. H. Covell, who have been occupying the property, are now residing with their son in Beaverton until they can find a suitable home here. Mr. Covell, Sr., will have charge of the health, accident and sick benefit insurance department there for the Hartford of Connecticut.

Mrs. F. H. Allibands and son, Junior, of Portland, are guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Stipe.

HIGHWAY TO OPEN TO GASTON TODAY

The work of repairing the bridge over Gale Creek just south of town has reached a stage whereby it will be opened to traffic today, Thursday, thus opening the paved highway straight through to Gaston. It is said that the paving beyond Gaston, between that town and Wapato, has hardened sufficiently that it will also be opened for traffic. It is said that we cannot say positively, but when Hon. John B. Yoon was here Tuesday he was assured by the bridge builder that the bridge would be open today. Previous to this time a detour around by Capatiam has been necessary.

OREGON NOTES

News in Brief, Gathered From Various Parts of the State

Food and dairy products supporters of the western states held a two-day convention in Portland.

The state lime plant at Gold Hill has closed down, due to lack of orders from the farmers for limestone.

The first rabid coyote reported in several years in that section was killed a half mile from La Pine by a road crew.

Lottie Augusta Thompson, who settled in Canyon City in 1863, died last week in that city at the age of 32 years.

A loss of \$20,000 was sustained when fire destroyed the King's Valley Lumber company's plant, two miles from King's Valley.

Work on the Pacific highway south of Monmouth, which was retarded for a considerable period of time by litigation, is now in full swing.

More vessels crossed the Coos Bay bar in August than in any month since October, 1919, a period of nearly two years. The number was 37.

Oregon trappers caught 249 predatory animals in August, according to a report compiled by Stanley G. Jewett, predatory animal inspector.

The budget for the Central Oregon Irrigation district for the coming year is fixed at \$115,000, necessitating a tax on the settlers of \$1.25 an acre.

W. J. Gortmaker is dead at Oregon City as the result of being scalded while engaged in repairing the flume leading to the Oregon City Woolen mills.

Frank Pilley, aged 60, a well-known Sutherlin sawmill owner, was instantly killed when he fell against a circular saw, severing his head from his body.

The Berrians of Newberg stand out a crate of the new Burbank Standard prunes to President Harding and another to Secretary of Commerce Hoover.

Because of road construction the McKenzie pass will be closed to travel from September 13 until spring. It is announced from forest service headquarters.

The total fire loss for Oregon, exclusive of Portland, during August, was \$118,895, according to the monthly report made by A. C. Barber, state fire marshal.

Oregon's common school fund will have at least \$21,648.71 this year from the banks of the state whose unclaimed commercial and savings deposits escheat to the state.

Keber Brothers' lot of fuggies hops at Mount Angel yielded 8000 pounds from 10 acres, and the quality was excellent. All growers in that vicinity have completed picking.

The management of the yellow pine regions in Oregon and California will be discussed by forestry officials of the two states at a conference to be held soon in southern Oregon.

C. A. Johnson of Posell has been appointed sheriff of Wheeler county to succeed Sheriff Keeley, who resigned as a result of a report by auditors that his books showed a shortage of \$19,973.83.

Ninety-two feet of the trestle of the Eugene-Springfield electric railway of the Southern Pacific company was destroyed when a large hop dryer, adjoining the track at West Springfield, was burned.

The Springfield Milling & Grain company, with a capacity of 224 barrels of flour daily, has an order from a Portland firm that will keep the mill operating at full capacity for more than a month.

Rev. Jesse T. Anderson, the missing Baptist minister of Marshfield, was arrested at Clarkburg, W. Va. He will not be returned to Marshfield. Rev. Mr. Anderson disappeared in Portland several weeks ago.

Resolutions asking that the tariff protecting lumber and shingles be taken from the bill now before congress, were ordered sent to Oregon legislators as the result of a vote taken by directors of the Bend Commercial club.

The new annex to the Astoria high school, which is now under construction, will be dedicated as a memorial to the Clatsop county young men who lost their lives during the world war. The dedication exercises will be held next Armistice day.

Dissatisfaction with the management and rates of the Cottage Grove Electric company was shown by the voters in a recent special city election, when a \$50,000 issue of bonds for an electric light system was authorized by a 3-to-1 vote.

Newspapers of Oregon will be forced to pay the Western Union Telegraph company approximately 20 per cent more for intrastate press messages after October 10 than they pay at present, unless its proposed new rates, filed with the public service commission, are suspended by the commission. A special election to vote on the proposed issue of municipal bonds amounting to \$130,000 to take up Condon's funded and warranted indebtedness and to extend the present water system, has been set for September 17.

Attention of the people of Linn county to the 1925 exposition in Portland will be called in a forcible way during the county fair at Albany. The fair board has decided to designate the opening day, October 4, as "1925 Portland Exposition Day."

The wages of the 300 common laborers employed by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company were

reduced approximately 20 per cent when the arbitration board of three, appointed to settle a dispute between the employees and the company, made its report.

The Southern Pacific company will not reduce its fares to compete with the automobile stages that have been cutting into passenger traffic, but will take trains off the lines where necessary, according to F. E. Battura, assistant passenger traffic manager of the company.

Elimination of grazing land for 35,000 sheep, of the 75,000-horsepower water power possibilities of the Umpqua river and of the fishing privileges in Diamond lake, were the reasons which prompted the Bend Commercial club to go on record as opposing the inclusion of the lake and surrounding territory in the Crater Lake National park.

The new course of study for the schools of Oregon, which will be issued in September, 1922, will contain an outline by grades for humane education, a letter addressed to county superintendents by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent, has announced. The last legislature passed an act requiring humane education in every public school in Oregon.

Five fatalities were listed among the 345 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending September 8. Those who lost their lives were Chris Mueller, a logger of Dallas; Phillip Kraft, a logger of Astoria; Weri J. Gortmaker, a carpenter of Oregon City; Chas. Northrup, a laborer of The Dalles; and G. P. Sloan, a painting contractor of Portland.

The census bureau has issued a preliminary statement of results shown by the manufactures census taken in Oregon for 1919, which reflects a marvelous growth of industries in the five years following 1914. The value of manufactured products in those five years increased 234.2 per cent and capital invested in manufacturing establishments almost as much, or 215.4 per cent.

Douglas county's prune yield will be more than one-third of the crop of the Pacific northwest, according to estimates made. Estimates on the prune crop for the northwest, according to Oregon Growers' association officials and representatives of the larger packing corporations, vary between 22,000,000 and 27,000,000 pounds. Douglas county's yield is placed at approximately 9,000,000 pounds.

Dr. Richard M. Brumfield, former Roseburg dentist and leader in local fraternal and social affairs, will go on trial in the circuit court at Roseburg, Wednesday, October 5, on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the brutal slaying of Dennis Russell on the night of July 13. This was the announcement made by Judge Bingham, after he had overruled a motion for a change of venue presented by the attorneys for the defendant.

The total net income of taxable persons in Oregon during the year 1919 amounted to \$196,240,806, according to the figures that have been compiled by the office of Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue. The tax paid on this income was \$8,332,347. Two persons of the state paid taxes on incomes of from \$500,000 to \$750,000; the same number paid taxes on between \$400,000 and \$500,000. None are listed with incomes ranging from \$150,000 to \$200,000, and 18 with incomes of from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Returns from the special election held in Crook county show that the county unit measure carried two to one. This unit is the first in the state to adopt the plan. The measure will enable rural communities to have advantages enjoyed by cities. All school districts of the county, exclusive of those of the first and second class, will be combined and will be presided over by five directors selected at large. One rural supervisor will be in charge. He will, in a manner similar to that of city superintendent, select the teachers.

The following fourth-class postmasters were appointed in Oregon to fill vacancies caused by resignation: Willie C. Griffin, Arago; vice Caleb C. Robison; John M. DeMoss, DeMoss Springs; vice Amos Thompson; Ernest J. Malone, Holley; vice Charles L. Malone; Lawrence A. Prescott, Imbler; vice George T. Ferguson; Otto M. Murphy, Marquam; vice James C. Marquam; George T. Elsey, Meritt; vice Mattie Dean; James Bell, Pioneer; vice Maggie E. Bell; Henry C. Smith, Fortson; vice Henry C. Smith; Herman J. Funk, Heisson; vice Mathew Morrison.

VERGNIA

Although R. R. grading was not resumed till late in August, it is now being rushed forward. A steam shovel is doing splendid work at the "Rose Hill." It is claimed that work is being pressed at other camps along the line. Some ask, "Why was work not resumed sooner?" The public is left to guess. It would be stupid to guess the delay was caused by the lack of men to work. On July 25, 1921, this statement was made in the House of Representatives, Washington: "According to the Department of Labor statistics approximately 5,000,000 workers are at this time idle." In the face of this fact, a reasonable guess would be: Strings on the moneybag are too tightly drawn.

Building is active here. Mr. McGraw, of the Bank of Vermonia, is having a new residence constructed.

Mr. Kessey's Moving Picture hall is nearly ready for use, but not complete.

Rogue river pear and apple crop to yield \$2,500,000 for 1921.

Oregon exports of wheat and flour for August \$4,000,000.

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