

**COLONEL DONAN
ON CLIMATE.**

**Striking Contrast Between that
of East and Oregon.**

From the first to the fifteenth of last month—November—the press dispatches bulged out with stories of icy horrors all over your hapless down-easty regions. Thermometers ten to thirty degrees below zero from Montana to Maine. Fearful blizzards raging in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa and Wisconsin. Snowdrifts above the fenceposts in Missouri, Illinois and Michigan. Railroads blockaded, trains delayed and street car and telegraph service demoralized, from Omaha, St. Paul and Milwaukee to Buffalo, Pittsburg, Philadelphia and New York. Sleet, snow and slush, icicles and frost-nipped crops and noses, even down in Texas, Alabama, Georgia and Florida. Business almost suspended in many of the smaller cities, great suffering among the poor everywhere, and a howl of frozen misery going up from every part of the winter-smitten land.

And during all that time, here in Portland the trees and grass were green as May. Lawn mowers were running. Roses, lilies, pansies, daisies, sweet peas and oleanders were in full bloom. The lilacs, cherries and dogwoods were budding again. Young radishes, onions, lettuce and beets were in their prime. New peas and potatoes were in market. Strawberries were coming in from Medford and Yakima, and the raspberry and blackberry vines were loaded with fruit and blossoms, as if it were June. Last week—in mid-December—the small boys were in swimming along the Willamette harbor front.

Talk about paradisaic climate! It is here. No heat in summer. No cold in winter. No blizzards, no droughts. May-day all the year round. This is the true evergreen shore.—Colonel Pat Donan in New York Sun.

Justly Indignant Citizen.

EDITOR MINER:—Whose duty is it to fill up the hole in the middle of North Cracker street, caused by the leaking main of the Sumpter Water company? It has been in that condition nearly all summer and now has two feet of water in it, making it dangerous to pedestrians and horses passing over it. My experience in walking into it during the dark nights when the electric lights were all out, was quite enough to provoke a saint, had it chanced to have been anything more serious than getting wet nearly to the waist.
ERWIN GATEWOOD.

Sumpter, Dec. 23, 1900.

Eastern Man Quietly Looking Around.

It may safely be assumed that the recent unobtrusive visit of Professor Calvin to Baker City means the prospect of eastern money looking to this section of country for investment. This noted geologist and mineralogist came into Baker City a few days ago, evidently on business of a particular character, since his presence here was known to but very few. He departed last evening for the east as quietly as he came. The only thing that is known in respect to his visit is that he registered at the Warshauer on his arrival, and that most if not all of his time was spent with Judge Burke while here. Professor Calvin has been connected with the State university of Iowa for twenty-seven years, as a member of the faculty, occupying in that institution the chair of geology and mineralogy. He is also the state geologist of Iowa. His summers have for many years been spent in the mining sections of the west, particularly

in Colorado, in which state he is largely interested in the gold mining sections. It is an encouraging sign when such men are attracted to the Inland Empire, and beneficial results may be anticipated by eastern Oregon following this quiet and unassuming visit from the great geologist.—Democrat

BIG BUSINESS AT SHANIKO.

Freighting Center for a Large and Rich Section of Country.

Captain A. A. Graham, of the Columbia Roofing and Refining company, has just returned from Shaniko, where he built the roundhouse for the Columbia Southern railway. In speaking of his visit to Shaniko this morning, Captain Graham said: "Shaniko is the terminus of the Columbia Southern railway. All the freight for the largest and richest part of Oregon, including Crook, Grant, Harney, Lake and the largest part of Wasco and Gilliam counties, comes there to be transferred to wagons. All the wool, wheat and other products are shipped from Shaniko, making it the best and busiest shipping point in eastern Oregon. About 20 miles southeast from Shaniko, on a good road, are the Trout creek mines, which consist practically of a mountain of ore, running exceedingly high in gold, besides containing large quantities of lead, copper and silver. This mine is shortly to be sold for \$1,000,000, so it is said, and will be operated by a company of up-to-date mining men. This will open up other properties practically unknown to outsiders now, and will make Trout Creek one of the liveliest mining countries on the Coast, besides bringing Oregon further to the front as a mining state.

"As soon as the big irrigating canal, which is now in course of construction on what was known as the 'Desert,' is completed, it will open up a district unparalleled in productiveness and will bring flocks of homeseekers to this country. This 'Desert' lies about 70 miles south of Shaniko and those wishing to investigate the business chances out there will have to come to Shaniko."—Telegram.

Lost—A small pocket account book in Sumpter or on road to Cable Cove. Finder please return to MINER office and receive pay for trouble. Eugene Bartholf.

A big placer proposition wanted. See J. P. Wallace, general manager Monmouth Development company, Sumpter, Oregon.

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Chicago Portland Special 10:45 p m	Salt Lake, Denver, Ft. Worth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and East.	9:45 a m
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9:45 a m	Walla Walla, Lewiston, Spokane, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Milwaukee, Chicago and East.	10:45 p m
8 p m	OCEAN STEAMSHIPS All sailing dates subject to change. For San Francisco— Sail every 5 days.	4 p m
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6 a m Ex. Sunday	WILAMETTE RIVER Oregon City, Newberg, Salem, Independence and Way-Landings.	4:30 p m Ex. Sunday
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