

# What a Visitor Thinks of the Valley

J. E. FUSELMAN, a recent arrival, expresses his opinion of Medford and the Rogue River valley as follows in the Daily Reporter of Martinsville, Ind., his old home town: "Medford, Or., Oct. 10, 1910.

"Editor Reporter: "Having been born and raised and having led an active business career for thirty years in Martinsville, I am led to believe that I have many friends who read the Reporter who will be interested in hearing from us. A score or more of persons asked me to write to them and I promised that I would do so, and fully intended doing so when I promised, but I had scarcely ever been a day's travel from home before and did not realize that it would take five whole days for a letter to reach Martinsville from here, and five days to get a lardy reply—after it was written by my friends and mailed.

"Then, too, I believe that we have some friends who did not request us to write, that will be equally glad to hear a word through the Reporter.

"After three days happily and profitably spent in Portland and in making side trips to Oregon City, Rose City Park and other places, we took a sleeper for Medford. We made it a rule to arise as soon as it was light enough to see, and thus we took advantage of all the daylight we could for observing the country we passed through. 'Twas dark when we passed through Roseburg, 100 miles north of here. Coming up Cow Creek canyon, south of Roseburg, afforded the roughest of mountain scenery, and we could not refrain from wondering if Medford was going to appear in much such a country, but we were delightfully surprised after a while to see the beautiful, broad valley of the Rogue river come into view and orchard after orchard appear on every hand—orchards from process of clearing and settin' gout trees to those in full bearing, more heavily laden than I had anticipated in my palmist's fau- cibus and hopes. Do you know that I have seen the apple and late pear trees heavier laden than the Medford booklet shows them? Have seen a dozen apples, good-sized Jonathans, Spitzenberg and other varieties on a foot of limb, and the rest of the tree and tree after tree, and orchard after orchard, almost as heavily laden? You just cannot realize it. How I wish that all of you could see the apples and Winter Nels pears as they actually are now. Apple pick- ing has been on for two weeks. Twenty-five earloads left here Fri- day for New York.

"We came here, first, for Mrs. FUSELMAN's health, so will let up on the fruit talk pretty soon. Have picked almonds from the trees here, and they are certainly delicious. The tree resembles our peach and the almond in its hull looks very much like a quarter-grown peach. I do not think they bear prolifically, for peo- ple do not grow them in a commer- cial way. English walnuts will be on the market the last of October. I have not yet seen any bearing orch- ards. Our black walnut has been planted to a considerable extent and we see rows of them here in the city for shade, and pretty well laden with walnuts; have seen no white walnuts, though they are here. In fact, we have not been out much because of our household goods not yet having arrived, and our trying to get two new homes (which we purchased) in readiness for the arrival. We have two small lungalows in a good growing residence section of Med- ford, and now, after a lapse of al- most a month, we are expecting our goods daily.

"Medford is a city of 10,000 in- habitants, and she has them, 100— and scarcely a house for rent and not a storeroom. At least 500 resi- dences, some of them finer than any- thing in Martinsville, have been built this year and more starting, duty. More business buildings, equally as substantial as the Citizens' National Bank building, are now being erected than all the business rooms in Martinsville. In addition to this are two fine six-story hotels being put up of concrete, granite and brick. Fine Oregon gray granite is only 15 or 16 miles distant. Medford has few factories, I understand, but you just keep your eye on us.

"The Southern Pacific is the best dispenser of injustice as regards to railroad transportation and freight, but it is only a question of a short time until Harriman and Hill will have lines through here from the Pacific to the interior and Eastern Oregon. In a very few years Oregon will be plied with transportation of all kinds and in all parts. Oregon is a comer.

"I was in a vineyard Saturday where the owner has tons of large, luscious Tokay and other varieties of grapes, some bunches weighing two pounds or more. I bought any kind I wanted at 3 cents a pound. I presume Tokays in Martinsville are about 10 cents a pound. These are raised without irrigation. The ap-

ples I saw—for the most part—are raised without irrigation and they are much better keeping qualities and flavor. I ate an apple—a Yellow Newtown Pippin, of the 1909 crop, kept in cold storage—a few days ago and it was delicious and had kept perfectly. The fruit associa- tion here have several boxes of the 1908 crop in cold storage and I am reliably informed that they are also in perfect condition. I saw second crop strawberries, fine ones, too; likewise beans, cabbage beets, etc., growing in the gardens.

"R. E. Wilson, with whom Paul Blank, a brother of our Clem, works on a ranch, will turn his pigs on his cull apples which our people back home would like to have for winter.

"Paul Blank has been a resident here in this valley since June, 1903, and his brother, Carl, is now a resi- dent of Medford, though he is in charge of a gang of workmen at Ashland, a few miles south. Both of the Blank boys are looking well. I have seen more of Paul than of Carl.

"Paul is teaming now for a com- pany of ranchmen and certainly looks the part of health and says this country is good enough for him. He was in Dr. George Cook's hands, who operated on him a few years ago at St. Vincent's for appendi- citis. Dr. Cook told him to come out here. He took his word for it and is glad he came. Many of us know how Carl Blank came to Denver last winter, accompanying poor Charley Pettit, a brother-in-law, who died there. Carl then came on here and joined Paul, and I think he is also glad he came. These boys are as popular here as their brother, Clem, is in Martinsville, which is saying a great deal. Our families were yesterday guests of Paul Blank for a trip to Lower Table Rock, and we had a delightful time of sightseeing and experiences. We saw our first jack-rabbit, killed it and took its ears, since it had no further use for them. O. P. Ellis came upon a moun- tain rattler. He struck it with a stone as it lay coiled and sounding its tocsin of war. It was soon des- patched by a man with a revolver, and he pinched off its nine rattles for the baby to play with. He wasn't as large as some Jake Thacker brings in, but it was a rattler just the same. We had all been up on Table Rock except father, who could not stand it to go all the way up. Think of Mrs. FUSELMAN going en- tirely up on the mountain—a climb, and a stiff one at that, of more than a mile. We were well repaid for the effort. From this eminence we had a most beautiful view of Mount Pitt, 50 miles away, as well as all other mountains of the Cascade range, on the east, and the Coast range on the west, to say nothing of the beauties of the Rogue river in its craggy meanderings for miles, and the prolific orchards and grain farms on either side of it for miles distant in all di- rections. One not accustomed to such view power cannot conceive how one can see in the western country.

"Mount Pitt is a very high peak, perhaps 7000 feet, and is more clearly visible to the naked eye at 50 miles distance than a large wheat rick on Henry Shireman, Jr.'s hill to one standing on the courthouse tower.

"Say, boys, this is the next day and the hemorrhage of my think- shop that I had yesterday in writing, the foregoing 22 pages has appar- ently caused no unpleasant effect after a good night's rest, and here I am making a few remarks by way of bringing this effusion to a close. My wife thinks I am out at our new house washing windows, but I am not. It makes my head ache to wash windows, and as I never had a genuine headache, it's too late in life for me to try to get up one of any consequence by beginning to wash windows now.

"It's raining here today, which is the third day of rain since our arrival in Medford—almost three weeks ago—having been one day each week. Just about right; don't you think so? Well, the way it rains here is peculiar and reminds me of our little Elizabeth in her art of crying. The weather man began yesterday to think he had to give us some rain and began getting ready by causing some fleecy clouds to appear from time to time, and last night not a star was to be seen, and rain began to gently trickle down his old weatherbeaten face, without one of those effulgent overflows as we experience so often in Martins- ville. He tries to compose himself, and a smile of sunshine breaks forth for a time, then again remembers that his feelings were hurt, or he imag- ines they have been, and the tears of rain begin to slowly roll down his cheeks again. The rain does not come in torrents as it does back home—the former home. Many people do not carry an umbrella, but wear a crav- en- tie and trust to luck to keep dry

Farther than that I have not seen a residence with a foot of gutter or a down spout. Our city water is melted snow and a cistern is not heard of. We have not heard a rumble of thun- der or seen a blink of lightning and I understand they are both rare in the valley.

I might say here to my many ad- I had yesterday in writing vbgkqj mirers that I want a Stevens repeat- ing rifle, a binocular field glass, a pair of Elk skin hunting boots and a few other etctras for my Christ- mas. Talk it over at a mass meeting so not to duplicate on presents, and don't go to sending money to me, for that is the last thing I could possibly need. I write you in penty of time so that you can have a number of mass meetings if necessary, in order to make out your list of presents without duplicating. You can't af- ford to let the campaign or other min- or matters interfere with these mass meetings. I may take to the pencil pushing trial occasionally, if your readers will stand for it. Wire me if your subscription list shows a decid- ed slump.

Medford has ten thousand popu- lation. The Rogue River valley has the finest of climates to be found. The air here on this day of rain is lighter and more delightful than Mar- tinsville can muster when she has her Sunday clothes on, and I am not "knocking" on the home of my nat- ivity, either.

Sorrowfully yours,  
J. E. FUSELMAN.

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the small brown crawfish for fish food, and that upper Anna creek, East Anna creek, Sand creek and Castle creek be stocked with eastern brook trout. Estimates of appropriations for necessary improvements and a proper administration of the affairs of the park have previously been sub- mitted.

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