

WHAT AN ILLINOIS VISITOR WRITES OF ROGUE RIVER VALLEY

The Urbana Courier-Herald of September 29 contains the following descriptive communication from Colonel N. A. Riley of Urbana, Ill., who recently visited his son-in-law, Harry Hubbard, owner of the Oak Knoll orchard, formerly the Pruitt orchard:

"We arrived in Medford at 2 o'clock p. m. Harry Hubbard and wife with little Austin met us at the train. We have enjoyed every moment since our arrival. Peaches, pears and apples are in abundance. We can hardly be reconciled to the seeming waste of fruit, especially of peaches. Enough peaches to supply Urbana for many days covering the ground under the trees. However, peaches are a side issue in this Rogue valley. Apples and pears are the chief industry. The Oak Knoll fruit ranch, owned by the Hubbard boys, George and Harry, is one of the best and most profitable of the many orchards in the Rogue river valley.

"The prospect for a large yield of apples and good prices seems certain. Five thousand boxes at \$1.50 per box the lowest estimate, would bring \$7,500, netting fully 20 per cent on the money invested. The apple and pear ranch of John Kirkpatrick is another good producing orchard. Think John will realize big money this year. His ranch is beautifully situated on the side of a mountain with a splendid view of the city of Medford and the surrounding mountains.

"Very few people realize what it means to own and work a good producing fruit ranch. Eternal vigilance is the price of success. Plowing, pruning, spraying and watering is the watchword from year to year. My observation is that a forty-acre fruit farm in the Rogue river valley will take care of it much more profitable than a 160-acre farm in Illinois. I am certain our Urbana townsmen made no mistake in their investments here in Oregon. We enjoyed a fine dinner at John Kirkpatrick's home on Sunday, the 14th. Good cooks seem to be another production of this wonderful valley.

A Wonderful Journey
"This letter is already too long but I cannot refrain from telling you about one wonderful journey of three days over the Cascade mountains to Crater Lake. Nothing like it in the world. A beautiful blue lake smothered thousands of feet from the top of the mountain. The highest point on the rim on the lake is 8156 feet. The greatest depth of the lake is 1996 feet. We walked down the zigzag trail about 2000 feet to the water's edge, not daring to look downward from the dizzy height. Keeping our eyes on the narrow trail lest we make a mistake. Retaining from the lake required one hour's time, including many steps to regain our breath. Anyone with a weak heart could never make the climb.

"We spent the night sleeping in tents. The sight of this wonderful lake by moonlight was beautiful and the sunrise view no less grand. My first impression on viewing the lake was similar to my first view of Galilee, twenty-four years ago, in Palestine. Much more could be said about the great forest reserve and park owned by the government and destined to rank in interest and wonder with the Grand Canyon of Arizona.

"Returning from here we journeyed over mountains and plains along Lake Klamath to the city of Klamath Falls. We stayed over night at the White Pelican hotel, one of the best hotels inland on the Pacific coast. Don't know why it is called the White Pelican unless it is from the size and length of its bills.

Heard Woman Speaker
"We journeyed from here to Ashland, another beautiful town located on the side of the mountain. Here we heard our first woman's political speech. A lady from Massachusetts was making a Progressive talk to the assembled crowd in the park.

"We arrived in Medford after three days. A wonderful journey with accident except one small puncture. Think H. T. Hubbard could give the boys some pointers on running an automobile over mountains, sometimes a rise of 33 1-3 per cent.

"We had a good visit with Carter Boggs. He looks to be in perfect health and seems to be prospering financially.

"This country has just voted by a large majority one-half million bonds for good roads through the county. I can imagine what the farmers of Champaign county would do to the officers who would propose such a bond issue. Illinois is way behind the "wild and woolly" west on the good roads proposition. The city of Medford is the best town between Portland and San Francisco."

HOMESTEAD CONTEST HENEY'S SPITEWORK STATES DR. KEENE

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 1.—Dr. James M. Keene, dentist and prominent politician of Jackson county, was defendant in a suit tried before Federal Judge R. S. Bean Tuesday, instituted by the government to have Dr. Keene's claim to a timber homestead set aside.

The feature of the case, however, was the fact that Clarence L. Reames, United States attorney, prosecuted for the government, and his brother, A. E. Reames of Medford, just as vigorously defended Dr. Keene. That William D. Penton, head counsel in Oregon for the Southern Pacific, assisted A. E. Reames in the defense, and Jesse L. Sumrall, one of Prosecutor Reames' deputies, assisted in the prosecution, are only incidental. Blame for the whole affair is cast by Dr. Keene upon Francis J. Heney of Oregon land fraud prosecution fame, and who at one time was United States attorney here.

Incurred Heney's Wrath
On the stand in the course of today's hearing, Dr. Keene testified that he had always taken an active interest in republican politics of the state. When Francis J. Heney was prosecuting the land fraud cases in 1905, Dr. Keene, according to his own statement, took occasion to express himself "very vociferously," and Heney, he said, just for revenge, had his land claim investigated.

That Dr. Keene was a delegate from Big Butte to the national convention in 1904 that selected Roosevelt and Fairbanks as the presidential candidates of the republican party, was another interesting statement of the defendant dentist. Big Butte is 30 miles up the Rogue river from Medford, a mere clearing in the forest, where 25 or 30 of the homesteaders, who, wishing to show their residence in the district, voted.

Patent Granted
It was brought out in the hearing that Dr. Keene had made his final affidavit in February of 1904 and in December of the same year, on the strength of the affidavit, the patent was granted.

Other facts developed were these: That 11 years ago Dr. Keene made his original homestead entry on the timbered tract of 160 acres at Big Butte. There his cabin, a makeshift affair, was erected by a carpenter, a two acre tract was cleared, a brush fence built and several smaller crops were put in one year.

On the stand Dr. Keene admitted that he had never lived there for a single night and that no furniture had ever been taken to the cabin and that he had never passed a night there. He had slept one night within two miles of his cabin, he said, and stated that he had often visited the place.

Many of the allegations of the government regarding the facts of actual residence and non-compliance with the homestead requirements were admitted by the defense, but blame for this was laid on the government land officers who were in charge at that time, the defendant disclaiming any deliberate attempt at fraud. Dr. Keene said that he had followed the custom in practice for many years in Oregon and had shown good faith by not attempting to sell the land as others had done, whose patents remained unquestioned.

While Clarence L. Reames was a private practitioner at Medford, he with his brother, represented Dr. Keene in the same case, both for the defense, however, when the government started litigation against allowing the patent to stand. Consequently, now the United States attorney was thoroughly on the "inside" of the defense, and he showed this knowledge in his cross-examination of Dr. Keene on the stand.

WOMEN CLUBS MEET THURSDAY

The women of southern Oregon who met in Ashland on September 2 took steps toward organization that more systematic and far-reaching results might be accomplished. A president and secretary were elected, who, with a representative from each club in the valley, forms a board for organization. The president is calling a meeting of this board for Thursday, October 2, at 1:30 p. m., in the assembly room of the library building. An effort has been made to come in touch with all women's organizations in Jackson and Josephine counties. Any who have not been notified will confer a great favor upon the committee by communicating with the president, Mrs. W. G. Davidson of Medford, phone 575.

MEDFORD COMPANY COAST ARTILLERY IS HIGHLY PRAISED

To the Editor:

Will you kindly permit me to express my deep appreciation to you and your city for the excellent military company you have:

Sometime ago I noticed in a Portland paper considerable praise for their coast artillery company. It appeared to me as being a proper and patriotic spirit. Each city and its local papers should be sincerely loyal to their military organizations.

I wish to commend you and your city for the very splendid coast artillery company you are encouraging and maintaining. You are indeed fortunate in having such a fine military organization as the 7th company.

A year ago last May when I mustered in your company and saw the fine material of your best young manhood, I predicted a good company from the start, but it has succeeded and excelled beyond my greatest hopes, and now I wish every company in the state was as good as the baby company. The Medford company has taken each year its full quota of officers and men to camp. This is a record that I have not seen before in over twenty years service. Its standing, as the youngest company in firing, drilling, ceremonies, military courtesies, discipline, etc., is little short of remarkable.

Many times I have heard it asked "How can they do it—make such a fine showing, and the youngest company in the corps" and their answer would be, "It is the Medford spirit, the youngest city and company, and we set the pace for all others in all things." The company has certainly been a great booster and advertiser for your city. Showing that live fathers have sent out live sons from a live city.

The city is very fortunate in having an old experienced officer in Captain Deane to organize and develop their splendid military company.

Patriotism, love of country and the flag, are beautiful and sacred growths that should live in every true American breast. The citizen soldier is of the highest type of good citizenship. For does he not toil, produce, pay, and perform all of the duties as every citizen, and in addition educates and trains himself to defend his home and country. And little do we know how soon we may need his services, as trouble stalks on all sides of us. Which is the better citizen, which is the nation's best asset. It is the young man who is trained to help the country that has helped and made him.

Yours truly,
C. C. HAMMOND,
Colonel Commanding, Oregon Coast Artillery Reserves,
Eugene, Sept. 27.

STUDENTS FAVOR VOTING UNIVERSITY NEEDED MONEY

The Southern Oregon Students' association has adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, the educational system of Oregon has been hampered and harassed for nearly six years by certain individuals, who have misused the Oregon system of direct legislation in this matter, and who have attained no worthy end or approached any nearer to any solution of such problems as exist by six years of agitation, political manipulation and litigation, and

Whereas, what the educational system of Oregon needs at present is, peace, and an opportunity to grow and develop like the educational systems of other progressive states, and

Whereas, the recent passage of the millage bill for the support of the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural College, already enacted, will in about a year automatically take both institutions out of politics and allow them to devote all their energies to educational problems, and

Whereas, in some parts of the state well meaning and worthy citizens have been misled by the political agitators and disorganizers aforementioned, and

Whereas, Southern Oregon on the other hand has always stood firm and united in favor of sound education and reasonable expenditures therefor and has upheld progressive educational measures, be it therefore Resolved, That the Southern Oregon Students' association urge upon the citizens of Southern Oregon the duty of registering in large numbers for the referendum election of November 4th, and of returning impressive majorities in favor of the university bills, and

Resolved, that the press of Southern Oregon be thanked for the progressive stand it has always taken and for the able work it has always done in the cause of higher education of our home cities with the request that they be published.

- V. T. MOTSCHEUBACHER, President.
Klamath Falls, Ore.
HAZEL M. RADER, Secretary.
Medford, Ore.
LOUISE WILLIAMSON, JESSIE PURDY, FRANCES HEATH, EDISON MARSHALL, HAZEL RADER, IRENE SULLIVAN, CATHERINE DEUEL, MILDRED G. BROWN, MILDRED GERIG, VERNON GARRETT, RUTH LAWRENCE, MARY STEVENSON, EMERSON P. MERRICK, Committee.

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Grandma Kept Her Locks Dark, Glossy, Thick With a Mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur

The old time mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur for darkening gray, streaked and faded hair is grandmother's treatment, and folks are again using it to keep their hair a good, even color, which is quite sensible, as we are living in an age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

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