

THE MOTORIST AND THE MOUNTAIN

The following is an interesting story written by Randall H. Howard, of Mount Hood and how the people of adjoining counties are planning on making it more and more accessible each year by constructing roads to its base.

It used to be thought that the glory of scaling one of the great mountain peaks of the continent was reserved for the exceptional beings whom nature had specially endowed with strength, daring and leisure. It was an accomplishment to be retold to grand children; to be entered in the autobiography. Nevertheless, several thousand persons have registered their names in the famous Mazama copper box at the top of Mount Hood during the past ten years.

Years later, when the boy had grown up and married, the doctors intimated that he had best make his will. But nature took the man of medicine. Yocum remembered the little meadow, along the old Barlow road, only four miles from Mount Hood's perpetual snow line.

When Mr. Yocum first looked out from the top of Mount Hood, on July 16, 1888, not to exceed one hundred persons had preceded him to the top. "I climbed the mountain hundreds of times during the twenty-three years that I was a professional guide," Mr. Yocum said to me.

Also, it may seem strange to talk about sun-blistering on a climb up Mount Hood. An old joke to the effect that one should take a lesson from Dame Nature and transform his face to the hue of a native South African seems ever-living around snow-capped peaks.

There is only one regular resting place in the long ascent—at Lunch Rock on the Hood River valley side, and at Crater Rock on the Portland side. The guide knows that more frequent long stops are risky, often bringing on muscular stiffness.

The mountain climbers start, and the guide does work. He goes ahead, following the safety rope, cutting notches in the ice, creeping on and on toward the very pinnacle of nature's great monument of lava rock and ice.

over the world at their feet—at first perhaps hesitantly; then bravely; then emboldened and transfixed by the inspiration of the view. The descent of Mount Hood is much more hasty, though in some ways more tiresome and more dangerous than the up-climb. Some of the mountain climbers will inevitably beg and plead to stay on top, beg to see the sunset from the world pinnacle.

But this time it was a perpetual camp. He located the old meadow camping ground as a homestead. He built a comfortable log cabin in the shadow of the mountain. Travelers stopped, and his home soon became known as "Government Camp".

Viewed in the light of the present accessibility of Mount Hood, the day when Mr. Yocum first climbed to the top seems ages ago. The pinnacle of Mount Hood is now almost as easy to reach by the average person as the sea shore.

"I haven't got a quarter million dollars," he continued and explained. "But I can get it. I can sell bonds—and I've got Portland property to guarantee the bonds."

Then the speaker went on to tell of the great improvements that had been made in the automobile road to Mount Hood during the past two years. Earlier than that date, an automobile rarely ever started from Portland on the sixty-mile run to the base of the mountain without taking along block and tackle, and axes and saws.

But that time is gone. A number of automobiles have lately covered the distance in less than three hours, and other automobiles that make regular daily round trips during the summer months keep their running time to the mountain within four hours.

So it is that pioneer mountain guides and automobile enthusiasts—the Yocums and the Wommers—have made Mount Hood that the tourist of today knows. Westerners are so surrounded with nature beauties and scenic wonders that the artistic sense of many is blunted.

At last! At last! The summit! The summit! The climbers look out

derful—but he politely reserved and maintained the opinion that he had seen "just as rugged, just as beautiful sights in Switzerland." But when the top was reached, when he looked out across the wonderful panorama of cities, rivers, valleys, plains, hills, mountain ranges and mountain peaks—some of them three hundred miles away—he was silent and awe-stricken.

Likewise, an army officer, discharged from the service with the best wishes of a group of surgeons who, after a

numerous operations, told him that the months of his life were numbered on their fingers. Colonel W. F. Tucker traveled over the world and through the United States, lured here and there, hoping yet fearing. At last he approached Mount Hood, via the Hood River valley. And there he lives today—in a roomy log cabin at the edge of his cleared orchard tract, where the white sides and the storm beaten pinnacles and the fresh cool breath of old Mount Hood have given him a new life-grip and remade him into a vigorous man.

HATS advertisement featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and hat, with text: "You can spot them a block away. Not so strikingly conspicuous-cut and style go away in the lead. \$3.00"

SHOES advertisement featuring the text: "'Walkover' has a last that's decidedly high grade and a wonderful fitter THE 'HYLO' Glad to show you J. G. VOGT"

Oregon Lumber Co. advertisement featuring the text: "Oregon Lumber Co. Dee, Oregon ALL KINDS OF LUMBER, SHINGLES SLAB WOOD, ETC. CAN FURNISH CEDAR SHIP LAP, ANY QUANTITY"

The Mount Hood Ironing Cabinet advertisement featuring the text: "The Mount Hood Ironing Cabinet CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING COMBINATIONS: Lap Board, Ironing Board, Sewing Cabinet, Writing Desk, Etc. EVANS NOVELTY AND MACHINE WORKS Hood River, Oregon"

Strawberry Pickers advertisement featuring the text: "Strawberry Pickers The Purest Drugs for all kinds of ailments, from the ills caused from having eaten too much fruit, to those caused from insect bites or accidents. REMEMBER WE HAVE ONLY THE BEST Eastman Kodaks, Films and Supplies Carl A. Plath, DRUGGIST The Rexall Store"

STRAWBERRY PICKERS advertisement featuring the text: "Supply Your Needs at the BRAGG MERCANTILE CO."

Table of clothing items and prices from Bragg Mercantile Co., including Ladies' Shirt Waists, Ladies' Khaiki Suits, Ladies' Dress Skirts, Ladies' Khaiki Dresses, Ladies' Gingham Petticoats, Ladies' Black Mercerized Petticoats, Ladies' Khaiki Jackets, Ladies' Khaiki Shirts, Ladies' Khaiki Bloomers, Men's Good Khaiki Pants, Men's Heavy Whippcord Pants, Men's Best Whippcord Pants, Guaranteed Corduroy Pants, Men's Full Size Work Shirts, Heavy Black Sateen Shirts, Heavy Khaiki Shirts, \$1.25 Dress or Work Shirts, Canvas Gloves, Muleskin Gloves, Leather Gloves, Summer Shirts and Drawers, 50c Underwear, broken lines, Poros Union Suits, Heavy Black or Tan Cotton Socks.

Notice of Completion of Street Improvements advertisement featuring the text: "Notice is hereby given that the Transfer & Livery Co., contractors, have filed written notice this 21st day of May, 1912, of the completion of Cascade Avenue by grading the roadway from curb line to curb line in front of Blocks 10 and 11 of Hood River Proper and Blocks 15 and 16 of Hood River Proper and Blocks 2 and 3 of Waucoma Addition, under their contract with the city heretofore made and entered into and under Ordinance No. 22, and that the amount due said contractors for said improvement upon its acceptance is hereby stated to be \$7107."

FRESH SPRING VEGETABLES advertisement featuring the text: "KINNAIRD & KINSEY Phone 78 The Purity Dairy Co. Yours for prompt service and Good Milk THOS. D. CALKINS"

Real Estate Moved Well Last Year advertisement featuring the text: "Give us a trial and we will make it do the same thing this year. Figures tell. The total amount of the sales of property handled by us last year reached \$267,950, more than a quarter of a million. Sale prices ranged all the way from \$30,000 to \$600. WHEN YOU WANT TO DO BUSINESS CALL ON W.S. Nichol"

Painting and Tinting advertisement featuring the text: "Painting and Tinting Done on short notice. Satisfaction guaranteed. Country trade especially solicited. F. HAWLEY Phone 311-X Postoffice Box 212"

PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL advertisement featuring the text: "PORTLAND Bids You to Her ROSE FESTIVAL JUNE 10-15 Tickets will be on Sale from all Stations on the O.-W. R. & N. JUNE 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 1912 One and One-Third Fare for Round Trip A program has been prepared which will surpass any former. Arrange to spend a week in Portland, and a week at NORTH BEACH on the Pacific. REDUCED FARES will be in effect from Portland, and the O.-W. R. & N's Excursion Steamers will be making daily runs. J. H. FREDRICKY, Agent."