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SOUTH AFRICA

Interesting Letter From Dave Hadley.

Johannesburg, Feb. 10.

ED. HEADLIGHT:—I left New York on the steamer City of Paris on Christmas day, and arrived at Southampton, England, on New Year.

Here was one of my first surprises—the manner in which they tried to extort money from me. Finding the hotels crowded, I was sent to a private house where I had to pay \$2.00 per day. This was not so high, but they continually demanded "tips." There was a splendid show of dishes on the table, but little grub, and I soon would have wished for Tillamook, the land of plenty, if I had been forced to stay there long.

Three days later I left for South Africa on the steamer Warwick Castle. We had an exceptional pleasant run, the like of which was seldom seen, said the sailors. The sea was often calm as a mill pond.

We landed at the Canary Islands which impress one with their beauty. The natives came on the boat with all sorts of wares for sale, and we amused ourselves by tossing small coins overboard to see the boys dive after them. They would catch a coin before it got to the bottom.

We crossed the equator on January 16, and here encountered a terrific thunderstorm. The sky was a vivid glare of "streaked" lightning, and copper wires were strung on the masts to guard against damage. The thunder roared for hours, and my hair, though short, stood on end.

We saw a lot of porpoises, whales and flying fish; also a number of albatrosses, a large bird, some of which measured 9 feet from tip to tip of wings.

We arrived at Cape Town January 28th, and it looked as if I had struck it in the wrong time as it was crowded with people leaving Johannesburg to get out of the war. I was told it was foolish to go there just then as the Boers were on the alert and would no doubt attack us thinking we were enlisted to fight them.

I ran the risk, but on the way up was surprised to see the train pulled up. The Boers searched our persons and baggage to our great disgust. Every Boer in the Transvaal has an Englishman, and they repeatedly called me a "Cockney." Finally I pulled my coat off and told them I was an American citizen from Tillamook. That settled it.

We saw some peculiar beasts on the way up, among them small monkeys and babboons. We passed by several ostrich farms and some fine vineyards. Further up, the country is barren, until we reached the vicinity of Johannesburg where there are many farms.

The natives live in straw huts that look like bee hives. There are many tribes, and there are all nationalities of the world represented here. The Malaysians are very numerous.

The Kaffirs work principally in the mines and as servants. Their dress is simply a skin around their

loins. The women wear bangles on their feet and rings on their toes.

It would surprise you to see the number of oxteams, nine or ten yoke in a team, and very fine beasts.

I heard an argument among some Boers as to the color of the British flag. One said it was green with a red square in one corner, and another said it was blue. The third man says, "I have seen it three times and it was always white." He had seen the flag of truce.

It rarely rains here in winter, the wet season being in the summer, which makes it warmer, and they say the winters are quite cold.

If there are any Tillamook boys who have African fever, there is a good show here. They can get a horse, rifle, and good wages to enlist in the volunteer corps, and they expect to see active service soon.

Respectfully,
D. J. HADLEY.

NESTUCCA NEWS.

(From the Ocean Wave.)

The school districts in the southern part of the county are entirely too large, but under existing circumstances it would be a difficult matter to rearrange them in such a manner as to make them much better than at the present time. There is a large amount of unoccupied land in all the districts, which as a matter of course, within a few years will be more thickly settled.

There are many bachelors, also, who have no children, but own as much land in the center of the district as anyone. The families therefore are so few and far apart, compared with what they should be, that it makes school facilities poorer than they should be. It seems it would be better to make as few changes in the districts as possible, at the present time, and until more families settle in the districts, as in a few years people will know much better where they will want the district lines than at the present time. While the districts are large it is very inconvenient for those in the remote parts to send, if they were divided it would work a hardship upon all; because it would reduce their funds to such a small amount, that none would receive much benefit. Perhaps in a few years the bachelor ranches and unoccupied lands will be settled with families, and it will be less difficult to divide up the districts in a satisfactory manner.

The owners of the HEADLIGHT are not engaged in denying they own it.

It is an old trick to send papers out promiscuously, saying they are sent on trial only for a few weeks free of charge, and then sending them right along trying to collect for them afterwards.

The Hillsboro creamery is to be moved to Eugene city, as a more profitable field. The Hillsboro people are not satisfied to do without such an institution, and will try to secure another.

The big bank of snow that is usually prominent from Sheridan until the later part of April in the Salmon river mountains is now gone, which old settlers say promises an early spring.—Sun.

We have communications from several parties which cannot possibly appear this week, and they must take their turn in the future. It would be a great relief if we could imbue our friends with a full appreciation of the circumstances which govern a printing office—especially in handling long-winded articles.

Miss Anna Pagenkopf left Wednesday for Meda, Tillamook county to take charge of a school. She has long been in attendance at McMinville college, and her many friends regret her departure, from their circle yet wish her abundant success in the school room.—Telephone-Register.

If the Oregonian, which is so persistent in its efforts to belittle that faction of the republican party which has Senator J. H. Mitchell's authority to act for him, has any better men to introduce to public notice than Solomon Hirsch Judge C. H. Carey, Judge Tanner and Mr. F. P. Mays, we would be pleased to have him do so. Unfortunately for that paper no better men live in this community, and its silence on this proposition will be as pronounced as that of the grave. No better men live in Oregon, and the editor knows it.—Tomahawk.

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