

# OBSERVATIONS OF AN OREGONIAN

Ashland, Ore., April 16.—It was a royal pleasure to pull down into the sunlit valley where Ashland is spreading out among the peach orchards in all directions, and feel that we were in Oregon once more.

After crossing and traveling lengthwise through thirteen states we have't seen anything that looked as good to us as Oregon, and after seeing some of the best towns in the United States we saw nothing as good as Portland from any standpoint. We found the Lewis and Clark fair well advertised and the people generally talking of coming to visit the exposition. Some asked us who Lewis and Clark, the promoters, were. They seemed to think they were a firm engaged in wholesale vaudeville.

One of the greatest benefits that has ever come to Western Oregon was doubling the overland train service from San Francisco to Portland a few years ago through the efforts of Traffic Manager McCormick, of the Harriman system, who now has headquarters in Chicago. Before that was done there was only one overland train a day and that reached Portland in the morning and left there at night, so that through passengers never got to see Western Oregon by daylight. The double train service marked the beginning of a new era for this part of the state, for which Mr. McCormick and the Southern Pacific Company deserve great credit. On the other hand, the train service was warranted. In a tour about 6,000 miles,

over half a dozen different railroad systems we nowhere nor on any line saw trains doing as heavy a passenger business as on the trains through Western Oregon.

The Northern Pacific, Union Pacific, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Rock Island nor Illinois Central are prosperous, profitable railroad systems. We traveled on all of them during the past month, but none of them had trains filled up to begin to compare with the Southern Pacific trains entering Portland. On no other line had we any trouble procuring sleepers. The tourist cars got most of the travel, but the standard Pullman sleepers were trailing along empty. At 'Frisco every berth in the Oregon express was taken—tourist and standard, and only at Sacramento could we get an upper berth in a tourist.

The class of people traveling are more prosperous looking, better fed, men and women, better dressed and all good-natured, like well fattened stock in comfortable quarters. There is no better train operated in the United States, barring a few of the so-called "limited" trains, than the Oregon and Shasta express. The coaches are roomy, well finished, clean and kept in the greatest comfort. The chair cars, tourist and sleeping cars are the best that can be obtained. The 90-pound rail from 'Frisco to Ashland is ballasted with crushed rock that makes a smooth, dustless roadbed. The dining car service was better than on any road except the Northern Pa-

cific, and as good as that. The waiters, porters and train men are a superior class of men, of good manners, and free from the jerky, nervous, snappy ways of some employes one meets. The Port Costa ferry is being repaired and the Oregon trains are taken around to Stockton and Sacramento via Tracy Junction. This takes one about fifty miles farther but on nearly the same time and through the most beautiful part of California. The Oregon express leaving 'Frisco or Portland Saturday evening are popular trains for business and professional men, as this gives them all day Saturday and Monday at each end. San Francisco always impresses us as a big place—the great bay with its shipping and arms reaching like the fingers of the hand, fifty miles into the interior. Around the bay and on these arms, into which flow navigable rivers, are towns and cities, 500, 5000 10,000 30,000 to 80,000, like Berkeley and Oakland. 'Frisco, as the center of all California life, is connected with all these suburbs by steam cars, electric, horse cars, ferries and steamboats. The new Key line electric system operates from Berkeley direct across the bay to a mole and ferry of its own. Its electric trains flash across the four miles of piling like comets in the night. It is reported that the Southern Pacific is planning to electrify its suburban lines to Berkeley and operate them from its longer pier. The Oakland mole and pier would be used exclusively for its transcontinental trains and local business to the interior and Southern California.

The trains from Portland to 'Frisco are equipped since April 1st with an elegant parlor observation car. There is a smoking compartment for gentlemen who smoke, and the rear part has large easy chairs for others. It is free to Pullman passengers. Others pay chair rates. These observation cars are the latest Pullman pattern, 81 feet long, 72 feet from outside of wheels, and take a longer turn-table than the Southern Pacific company has at Portland. So they are cut off at Roseburg, where they can be turned around. These cars weigh 120,640 pounds, and the new driving cars weigh 122,000. Train men say these cars are so attractive that they are used until late at night. As soon as arrangements can be made to turn them around at Portland they are to be run through the valley by daylight on trains 11 and 12. There is also talk of putting on a limited train from 'Frisco to Portland as soon as the whole distance is laid with heavy steel. The work between Oregon City to Ashland is to be completed by August 1st, but the proper ballasting of the track cannot be finished before next year. The 'Frisco and Portland line would stand for a limited train, as it is said to be the most profitable line for passenger business and pays more per mile, than any other piece the company owns, on the authority of a high official. Considering that all traffic from both ways has to be lifted 4000 feet above sea level that is a remarkable statement. The limited would go through in about two hours less time.

**A Day at Berkeley.**  
This suburb of 'Frisco has 30,000 people, and is growing rapidly. To look across the bay at night at this college city is a charming sight, as the streets run parallel with the water and rank upon rank of electric lighted terraces greet the eye, sloping up to the mountains. Berkeley has two miles of water front, with the State University grounds and buildings well up against the mountains. Its proximity to 'Frisco, as a fashionable residence center, (10 cent fares to the city, with cars every few minutes), a college town, and beautiful natural site, explain its rapid growth. I was so fortunate as to meet Mr. Edward Strakosch, of the Realty Syndicate, that has built the Key line to Berkeley, with pleasure resorts like Idora Park, and Piedmont Springs, and having enormous real estate interests to develop. Their office is at 14, Susunoe street, San Francisco. He was showing Casuso, the Neapolitan tenor, and Dippel, the basso, from Breslau, Germany, the sights of Berkeley. The two latter gentlemen were stars in the Courted grand opera company of New York, playing at the big city. They were willing to test their voices in the Greek theatre that has been constructed right up against the mountain, its semi-circle of solid masonry backed by a wall of towering eucalyptus trees. So I heard some of the finest Italian tenor and German bass singing that is at present in the United States. By the courtesy of Mr. Strakosch, one of the managers of the Realty Syndicate, we took long trolley rides over their system, visited the chutes and aerial railroad, 4000 feet of coal mine, continuous free theaters and other attractions, that the enterprise of a modern real estate syndicate can suggest. Their capital is \$5,000,000 and they pay six per cent per annum to investors in sums of from \$100 to \$10,000. If the company has many more in it

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The university will expend about \$2,000,000 this year on improvements, several fine cut stone buildings going up. The state spends nearly as much on the care of its grounds as some other states spend on the support of their educational institutions.

Besides the university and agricultural college California maintains five schools for training teachers, and there was more of unexpended appropriations in their several treasuries than we appropriate in Oregon for those purposes.

The Greek theater at Berkeley will seat 10,000 people and has a free concert every Sunday afternoon. It is built up of concrete, the top semi-circle of the amphitheater being 400 feet around, 20 tiers, and all is to be covered over with marble.

The appropriation for the agricultural college buildings and grounds this year is \$150,000. Berkeley, like Stanford, gets private support, as the Hearst and Crocker estates have donated millions. Wealthy people in California seem to rival with each other in this respect.

There is an immense amount of building at Berkeley, although lumber is \$18 to \$30 a thousand. The city has a \$50,000 Carnegie library, and a \$100,000 high school with 900 students enrolled. Hon. David Craig of Macleay has made his home here to educate his family. He is doing a thriving real estate business, and showed us over the city, and considers that he will derive great advantages for his children, and climatic advantages for himself and Mrs. Craig, although he admits a good hop-yard in Oregon might pay better.

Berkeley has 2800 students enrolled. I met a graduate of the mining engineering department on the trail, coming across from New York, where he goes once a month to report as expert on some big mining properties. He had all kinds of money.

Saturday afternoon we went to hear the comic opera Florodora, at the old Tivoli theater, and it was such a complete exposition of the fallacy of being a millionaire that I have decided for one to cut out all aspiration in that direction. DAD.

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