

WAKEMAN'S WANDERINGS.

He Continues His Interesting Tramp Across Portugal.

Incidents of the Road and a Disquisition on Donkeys—Charming Pen Pictures of Solemn Processionals, Ancient Inns and Portuguese Country Homes.

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BEJA (Portugal), Dec. 28, 1891.

We came to ancient Evora, where are found the most striking Roman remains in Portugal, but I can never forget the look of anguish and commiseration which came over the face of Dobraido, my good Gallego guide and servant, as I announced that henceforth my journey was to be pursued on foot.

The genuine grief of Dobraido drew my attention to two facts of some importance to travelers in Portugal. One is that such firm suspicion of the character of any one growing enough to travel on foot is so fixed and preëdict in the Portuguese mind, that the sentimental tramps labor under the greatest possible disadvantage.

The other striking fact is the Portuguese donkey itself, and the variety of uses to which the little animal is put. Thousands of them can be found in all the larger cities, doing all manner of labor and service. Every human being in the country districts seems to possess from one to a score. In front of every church, in every piazza or square, huddled in every crumbling archway, are dozens and scores, the most of them accompanied by a barefooted driver with an iron-pointed stick in his hand, and a handle, caparisoned with a rope around his shaggy neck, in lieu of halter or bridle, and a huge wooden saddle with upturned wooden yokes at the front and back.

You do not sit astride these little beasts. You ride them something like you do the wild and wanton steed, with your legs dangling sideways with your legs dangling over the donkey's right side, and in moments of peril with your two hands violently clutching the front yoke. You will make sad business of it if you undertake a rigid and stately posture; but observing the native Portuguese double upon his donkey into the form of a printer's reversed interrogation, and faithfully copying his riding, which is chiefly upon the under sides of the knees, you may always do almost as well as to walk.

They are brought into requisition for the most trifling errands, and you will not walk a rod if his own or any other person's donkey is within call. The gauthard on the mountains has him for an inseparable companion, and the herdsmen who care for the black bulls which are bred and furnished for bullfighting at Lisbon and Oporto, which, by the way, is not at all like the Spanish butchery, but is a veritable skill and sport combined, are always found with more donkeys than bulls.

As a sheep-herd's ground shifted but half a mile, all the preparations for a long journey are made and the shepherd rides in state to his new station among the rocks. So if a peasant laborer is engaged for a day's service on an adjoining farm, if he has occasion to go from one field to another, or if women in the country carry a bit of gossip at the next cabin or crossroads, each sets out with boundless preparation, arrives at a ten days' pilgrimage, and returns with a pack of goods or a wialack in addition of self-support, never recalls so trifling a matter as the beast until it is wanted for the return journey. Then all the preparations for his donkey to express a wish for it. A horde of lads, whooping and howling, hunt him, capture him and rush him to his owner in a perfect delirium of joy. Goats and florid Portuguese malcontents, when his duties are demurely and faithfully resumed.

Other extraordinary ways in which the donkey is here employed were illustrated on our way from Evora to Beja. The roads seemed constantly filled with them. Here is a procession of women and their women on their way to Evora with all manner of country produce swaying from their wooden saddles, and their donkeys laden with water-casks, plods along with companion or driver, sent from somewhere to somewhere over his off-traveled ways, and with a pack of provisions, and a bundle of his gray old face. Here comes a boy completely hidden by piles of corn leaved heaped so high that the stacks appear to be towers of water, walking into Evora on invisible legs. Bells jangle in a muffled way beneath the fodder, and barefooted lads prod the hobbling naysires viciously, and the pack of goods, tripping and mincing along a slender pathway beneath a huge wall of rock, laden with rye and corn in casks and panniers. From the ends of these things, extended across from back to back, securely fastened with thongs, and from the latter, ropes depended, sustaining a rude hand-hack of pine staves, which were covered with the stout linen woven by the peasant. The sufferer, smoking a cigar with great relish and consciousness of his temporary impotence, was thus being quite comfortably borne to the hospital, accompanied by a large delegation of neighbors and relatives, all upon donkeys, and all prompted by their sympathetic natures to continually give expression to grievous moanings and lamentations.

On the way many interesting experiences and incidents illustrative of the customs of the country and the characteristics of the people were enjoyed. Near one little hamlet, named, I think, "Liana," we met the procession of "Nosso Senhor," as the host or last sacrament to the village is called, consisting of men on donkeys and kneeling with the peasant about as the solemn procession went by. It was preceded by villagers, who scattered aromatic leaves in the road before it. A white-robed acolyte was in advance tolling a strange-toned bell in measured strokes. The priest, clad in a gorgeous chasuble, walking under a red silk canopy, held in its place by four supporting youths, followed. He bore in his hand a silver vessel containing the sacred emblem of the cross, and his side marched white surplined choristers and acolytes carrying censers, following these were men in robes of crimson and scarlet stoles, each carrying a long wax candle. All were chanting at intervals a dirge-like hymn. The entire procession was one of sound and sight before we who knelt in the roadway, a sight before Dobraido told me that a Portuguese superstition rendered this kneeling until the next day, and that the priest, in view of the direct importance. Else "Nosso Senhor" would next be required at the bedside of him who should so fall in week and countenance.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Directors of Poso Irrigation District for the purchase of the bonds of said district at any time after the publication of this notice, and until MONDAY, the 15th day of February, 1892, at 1 o'clock, P. M. of that day, at the office of the said Board, at the corner of 7th and K streets, Sacramento, California.

Said bonds are issued under and in pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, approved March 24, 1891, and the organization and government of irrigation districts and to provide for the acquisition of water and other property, and for the distribution of water thereby for irrigation purposes, approved March 7, 1891.

Said bonds are of the denomination of one hundred dollars each, and are payable in gold, and are subject to the provisions of the said Act; they bear interest at the rate of six (6) per cent, per annum, and are payable semi-annually on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July.

None of the said bonds will be sold for less than ninety (90) per cent. of the face value thereof.

Said proposals will be opened at the afore-said place and the purchase of said bonds will be awarded to the highest responsible bidder.

Said Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

All communications relative to said bonds should be addressed to J. E. ANDERSON, Secretary of said Board, at Spottswood P. O., Kern County, California.

The receipt of the organization of said district and the proceedings had for the issue and sale of the bonds are hereby certified to by the Superior Court of the County of Kern, in said State.

Done by the order of the Board of Directors of Poso Irrigation District, the 5th day of January, A. D. 1892.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check to insure good faith.

J. E. ANDERSON, Secretary, Jan 14-18

NOTICE OF SALE OF BONDS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT UN-SEALED PROPOSALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE BONDS OF THE POSO IRRIGATION DISTRICT OF KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, AT THEIR OFFICE, AT THE CORNER OF 7TH AND K STREETS, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M., OF FEBRUARY 15, 1892, WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAID DISTRICT, AT THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAID DISTRICT, AT THE CORNER OF 7TH AND K STREETS, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M., OF FEBRUARY 15, 1892.

Said bonds are issued under and in pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, approved March 24, 1891, and the organization and government of irrigation districts and to provide for the acquisition of water and other property, and for the distribution of water thereby for irrigation purposes, approved March 7, 1891.

Said bonds are of the denomination of one hundred dollars each, and are payable in gold, and are subject to the provisions of the said Act; they bear interest at the rate of six (6) per cent, per annum, and are payable semi-annually on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July.

None of the said bonds will be sold for less than ninety (90) per cent. of the face value thereof.

Said proposals will be opened at the afore-said place and the purchase of said bonds will be awarded to the highest responsible bidder.

Said Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

All communications relative to said bonds should be addressed to J. E. ANDERSON, Secretary of said Board, at Spottswood P. O., Kern County, California.

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