

REV. SAM JONES

Writes of a Tour of the Northwest.

Atlanta Journal.

Home a week ago to-day where was dry and hot. I am now in Minnesota, where it is wet and cold. I spend most of my time in my room with the fire with my overcoat on. In the morning through the fields I see where the frost of last Sunday hit the corn and it is brown in the lower bottoms. They have had rain, rain, for nearly ten days in the west and northwest. From Louisville, Ky., nearly to Sioux Falls, Ia., thence to Minneapolis, I have never seen finer crops on the ground. The wheat is immense. In Indiana, Illinois, Nebraska, where they have cut the wheat, it looks like you can step from shock to shock over the vast area. They have not been able to work their corn so well as usual, but their corn is much farther advanced than Georgia corn in size and looks. In North Georgia, in sections, we have not had a good rain in over two months. Cotton is very small and corn is smaller. But after we have fared better with our corn so far than many sections of the west and northwest with immense crops that have not only damaged the lands in many places more than the north of the crop, but along the creeks and rivers great fields of wheat have been washed away by the tide, and thousands of acres of wheat is now floating down the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. A drouth beats a flood. I only wish we could get some of the rain that is falling in superabundance here. On this tour I am attending chautauques and Woodmen's picnics. The western people are given to Woodmen's picnics along in the summer time. They have an "old settlers" day in each county that brings thousands of people together, and they have the woodmen's picnics. I attended their gathering at Spencer, Ia., last week. In spite of the weather there were ten thousand people gathered there. The vast chautauques and woodmen's picnics and old settlers' days and camp meetings, etc., bring the people together in great masses four or five or six times a year. I think well of these great gatherings. They bring their basket dinners and mingle and talk with each other in social life and listen to the speakers, and sometimes they have balloon ascensions, street parades, flying genies, brass bands, and there were just twelve brass bands in the procession at Spencer last week. I have never seen a heavier wheat crop than I have seen this year. It can be harvested and threshed in good shape we shall have bread for the eater and bread to spare. In the corn belt the corn was never more promising than to-day. Of course there are vicissitudes which make it problematical whether it shall yet mature and be gathered into the crib. I was surprised to learn of the increasing values of farming lands away up in the northwest. The tide of emigration sets that way for the farmer and lands which three years ago could have been bought for ten dollars an acre are now selling like hot cakes at forty and sixty or seventy-five dollars an acre. It is a great country through Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, eastern Kansas and northwestern Missouri, as fine lands as ever a "row flew over," and with seasons they can make all they can gather in a year. One hundred and sixty acres is the average farm in the northwest. It has a grove which has been set out anywhere from five to ten acres, a good farm house and a large barn. On the one hundred and sixty acres you perhaps will see forty acres of wheat, twenty of oats, forty of corn and the balance they use as pastures. On every farm you will see a nice bunch of well bred cattle, great big fine hogs and brood mares with more or less little herds of cattle and covets of colts. I saw that meat and horses won't stay up in price very long if corn is made to fatten them this fall. The farmer of the northwest has struck the high water mark of prosperity. I wish we could get the tide of emigration of the best class of farmers turned towards the south. With the same frugality and industry, the farmers in southland would produce more and yield to the farmer a great net income. But Yankee Doodle is up to advertising methods, and they talk their country and many of them talk it up, sell out and go further west, and many are selling their farms and going up into Canada to buy cheaper lands. I never saw the tide of travel heavier than now. Three years ago with all the trains full I thought everybody would get where they wanted to go and get back home again in a few weeks, but they have been three years on the road, going and coming, and yet it seems the passenger trains are fuller, hotels more crowded and more freight trains standing on the side-

tracks as limited passengers go by, than I have ever seen before. I go from here to Ashland, Ky., thence back to Illinois, Ohio and as far east as New York on my tour. I will write of the things that I think will be most interesting to our readers. Whatever the drouth may do in Georgia, if the seasons hold out in the great corn and wheat belts, there will be bread and meat for sale if we have only got the money to buy it. No starvation in this country yet, gentlemen. Yours truly, Sam P. Jones.

P. S.—I see Bailey and Beveridge had a fight. They are both young men—they will learn better after awhile. I used to love to fight when I was a kid, but when I passed the fifty mile post I found that it was poor business, and now I don't propose to fight, gentlemen, unless a fellow jumps on my wife's husband; then I propose to keep the flies off him until the procession stops. Don't fight, gentlemen. Yours, S. P. J.

Wide Tire Wagons.

One of the best ways to prevent the formation of ruts and to keep earth roads in repair is by the use of wide tires on all wagons carrying heavy burdens. In most foreign countries they not only use the four to six inch tires on market wagons, but on many of the four-wheel freight wagons, in addition to wide tires, the rear axles are made fourteen inches longer than the front ones, so that the hind wheels will not track and form ruts. Water and narrow tires aid one another in destroying the roads, while on the other hand wide tires are road makers. They roll and harden the surface, and every loaded wagon becomes, in effect, a road roller. The difference between the action of a narrow tire and a wide one is about the same as the difference between a crowbar and a tamper; the one tears up and the other packs down. By using wide tires on heavy wagons the cost of keeping roads in repair would be greatly reduced. The introduction in recent years of wide metal tires which can be placed on the wheels of any narrow-tired vehicle at a nominal cost has removed a very serious objection to the proposed substitution of broad tires for the narrow ones now in use.—Maurice O. Eldridge in Southern Farm Magazine.

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The Hereafter.

Two old-time negroes were engaged in a discussion of death and its mysteries when Uncle Moses said: "Reuben, does you believe dat whin a passon dies dat he kin turn to a dog or chicken?" "Well, I dunno," answered Reuben. "Ef you had yo' way whin you dies would you turn to or chicken?" "Dat depends all together." "All together on what?" "On wheder you lived in de neabours or not."—Philadelphia Times.

Washington, D. C., July 8.—Chairman Griggs, of the Democratic Congressional Committee, signaled his return to headquarters to-day by blowing holes in President Roosevelt's anti-trust balloon. Judge Griggs, in his good-natured way, proceeds to ridicule the President's belated zeal against trusts, and at the same time hurls a few stubborn facts at the President and the Republican party on the subject of trusts. "I see the President has declared that he is to make war on trusts," said Judge Griggs. "A fight conducted by the Republican party against these monopolies would be nothing more than a sham battle, and I have too much confidence in the good judgment and common sense of the American people to believe that they will be fooled by this sort of campaign bluff. For six years the Republican party has been in absolute power. It has controlled the Senate, the House of Representatives and the executive departments of the Government. For seven months Congress, Republican in both branches, has been in session, yet not one sentence, not one word, not one syllable of legislation has been undertaken for the suppression of trusts. Now, four days after the adjournment of Congress and five months before it is to meet again, with a great national campaign coming on, in which the people are to decide who are the friends of the trusts, the President sallies forth, armed cap-a-pie, to assault the trusts. Mark you, he did not send a message to Congress, but instead took occasion to go to Pittsburgh and deliver his proclamation in that city.

"The Democratic party sent a message to Congress while that body was in session, although we had no authority to do so. We sent it from our caucus and upon this same question of trusts. Every Democrat in the House voted against adjourning until some legislation was enacted which would curtail the power of gigantic monopolies, and every Republican voted to go home without taking any such action, leaving them to plunder the people for a time longer. We voted to remain here. If it should be all summer, for the purpose of enacting an anti-trust law. But now, after Congress has adjourned, the President buckles on his armor and starts out to fight the trusts. It is all a big bluff, as they say in poker parlance, it is a 'four-flush,' and I do not believe that anyone will be deceived by it.

"And what is the remedy which the President suggests? Why it is publicity. Publicity is nothing more than moral suasion, which would have about as much effect upon a trust as it would have upon a highwayman. I never knew moral suasion cause a robber to desist from 'holding up' his victim and I cannot see where it would be any more effective with the trusts. What is needed is the strong arm of the law in both cases. We have the Republican party on the run upon this great question of trusts, and we propose to keep them running and see that they do not hide behind any such flimsy shelter as the President put up in his Pittsburgh speech.

Judge Griggs expects to go to New York the latter part of this week to confer with the Democratic leaders in that city.

Wild Animals at Rest.

When a bear sleeps his sleep is heavy; but, unlike lions and tigers, he sleeps little in the daytime. Grizzly bears usually curl up under rocks, but sometimes crawl up on the top of the rock, and then spread out their legs in what seems a most uncomfortable and dangerous position; but bears never release their muscular grasp of any object when asleep.

The highly strung, nervous animals are the most interesting to watch at night. They usually belong to the hunted tribes, whose lives are in constant danger in the forest, and they possess such a highly developed nervous system that they really sleep with one eye open. The slightest noise will certainly awake them. It is almost impossible to surprise an ordinary English hare at night. The eye nearest to the point from which an attack may be expected is kept open, and the ear is always opened in the same direction.

Deer, when asleep in the shooting season, merely seem to close their eyes for an instant and open them again to see if all is quiet. Guinea pigs never seem to sleep, and are constantly on the watch for an enemy approaching. This is unusual, considering that most guinea pigs are kept as pets.

The Same Old Story.

J. A. Kelly relates an experience similar to that which has happened in almost every neighborhood in the United States and has been told and retold by thousands of others. He says: "Last summer I had an attack of dysentery and purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I used according to directions and with entirely satisfactory results. The trouble was controlled much quicker than for mer attacks when I used other remedies." Mr. Kelly is a well known citizen of Henderson, N. C. For sale by Orr-Gray & Co.

Southwest Agriculture.

The cattlemen have for years insisted that the soil was too barren and the climate too dry for agriculture—and in a sense and over a large portion of the Southwest they were right. But to-day different theories are exploited. More modern plans are followed. The farmer in the semi-arid section to-day does not seek to raise wheat and corn for market—he sends the product of his farm to market in cattle, sheep and hogs. He tills the valleys and pastures and uplands. Alfalfa sends its roots twenty feet into the soil and produces three crops of hay a season. On it stock can be fattened, and with stacks of it in reserve, blizzards of winter have no terrors. The stock runs out in the open year round. The farmer and his sons raise enough feed to put the cattle in prime condition and to fatten the hogs—the increase of the herds makes riches. Kafir corn grows in the semi-arid belt and gives a certain crop. In a moderately wet year it gives great yields, in dry years it is fairly rich in return. Both these crops were unknown to Western farmers a few years ago. Along the Arkansas River, in Colorado, sugar beets are being produced in vast quantities on land that was, half a decade since, barren prairie. Two \$800,000 sugar mills are now in operation.

Cotton fields are whitening farther west each year in Texas. The back country cotton gins are crude, but they give the farmers a market. Better and more modern structures will take their places. The creamery, something never known before in the Southwest, is paying cash for milk. "White-faces" sprinkled among the grazing thousands of cattle tell their own story of the improvement in breeding that is depositing the "scrub" cow and steer in favor of animals with better blood, returning a speedier and larger profit.—Review of Review.

Men are obdurate at both ends of their lives, women all through theirs.

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"Egyptian cotton is being introduced in Texas and promises to revolutionize the cotton industry in the South," Mr. C. S. Austin, of San Antonio, Texas, remarked last night at the Raleigh. "It is much more desirable than the cotton raised in the United States now and is even better than the sea island cotton. The Egyptian cotton has much longer fibre than other cottons and its seed can be removed so easily that it is not necessary to cut up the cotton in ginning it. A series of saws which work between rods is used in ginning ordinary cotton and considerable power is required to tear it loose from its seeds. The Egyptian cotton can be separated from its seed by a series of rollers, which do not cut the cotton and destroy the length of its fibre. The department of agriculture has distributed the new cotton throughout the South and it will soon be known whether the Egyptian product will flourish in all the districts devoted to the raising of cotton."—Washington Post.

It is a wise woman that refuses to know when her husband has been taking a drink.



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