MISSOURIAN FINDS VALLEY IS FINEST SPOT ON COAST

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"There is a peculiarly happy stimulation in the atmosphere of your wonderful valley that lured me to linger longer; and then another while, and finally another week; and this evening I am sorry that I must go," said Dr. E. C. Hessley of Eastern Missouri, as he tarried a moment to warn the reporter not to quote him.

"I have already remained so long that I'm almost acclimated," he added; and his seventy Missouri summers really seemed to have been subjected to a process of subtraction during his visit of ten weeks in this valley.

Regrets Loss of Time

A professional life of unusual severity in exposure and privations incident to being the only physician to minister to the material needs of a large clientelle of an extensive territory in a swamp region north of the Missouri river and close to the banks of the Mississippi would have aged a man of ordinary physique long before Dr. Hessley began to feel that he was growing old. Indeed, he may be readily pardoned for resenting the imputation that he is scarcely beyond the horizon of the prime of life today.

"It will forever remain one of the regrets I have stored away during my brief span of existence that I did not find this enchanted spot forty years ago," continued the doctor. "During those four decades, though, I have made a home back there, about which seems to cling a cluster of memories which I am loath to leave. They are interwoven with the vines that cover a grave in a hedged cemetery there, beside which a plot has been reserved for me—and I feel that I ought to be there when it's ready for me.

Ignorant of Our Wealth

"So indifferent to the great wealth the people of this valley possess in having merely a home here, I am sometimes impressed with the belief that many of them do not appreciate it. I have been away from home six months, during which time I have seen much of this golden coast of the Pacific. I saw the great show of worldly productions in the marvellous exposition at San Francisco. I traversed the principal valleys of California, alluring in their beauty and charming in their wealth of cultivation; yet the enchantment soon wears off, like that of the chemical perfumes; but here, in this valley gem, framed in its circle of rugged mountain ridges containing within its borders and surrounded by so many of the native growths intended for use in the provision of comfort for man, I have found the most naturally home-like place on the coast.

"I have farmed nearly all of my life. When I was too busy in professional activities to be my own farm hand, I superintended the work. I was particular about it. I farmed right; and I succeeded. I could have succeeded here. You have no hurricanes; no cyclones; no floods. You ought to have no drouths, for you should long ago have watered the farms of the valley from your abundant mountain springs, lakes and streams. That neglect is another reason for my belief that you don't know how rich you are in natural resources and how free you are from the terrors and the fierce outbursts of the elements. It is so easy and so comfortable just to live here that many of you haven't sought to improve the situation by the use of a great bounty of materials that nature gave you.

Improvement in Sight

"I find evidence of progress in the new generation that has taken hold of things here, however. They are ambitious for better things. They appear to appreciate their heritage. They possess civic pride. They have seen the world outside and have been stimulated by the mighty forces that first gave emphasis to the word 'advancement.' The case has been presented to me by old pioneers here. I have analyzed it. The men of the emigrants' trail, menaced at all times by dangers to life and the fear of failure, did a great service for these young men and women who will reap the harvest of their courage and daring. These fathers and mothers ought to be promoted to the retired list and their pension should be a home of comfort and ease, prepared by those for whom they blazed the way.

"Don't bother the old men of the valley. Let them rest in peace. Take care, however, that you young fellows don't get that habit too early in life. It is easy to cultivate it in an atmosphere like this. It is your duty to make this rich valley fairly hum with energy and enterprise. There are thousands of acres of productive soil here that you have left to the rabbits and chipmunks. That is shameful waste. God didn't intend this whole valley for a playground. That's why the Indians were driven out. It was a just punishment; and it ought to be made a case of the survival of the fittest.

"I saw Crater Lake two months ago," concluded the doctor. "I cannot describe it. It would be a great joy to me if I could. It is the grandest natural scene I ever saw. In all the world it is alone in its glory. Artists have painted it very beautifully; but the atmosphere of its rugged grandeur isn't there. It is an emerald gem set in the crest of the mountain as a special charm further to adorn the beauties about it."

TABLE ROCK TABLETS

E. W. Carlton has returned from a trip to the Panama exposition.

James Reese is now located at Gold Hill, where he is working at the cement plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandford Richardson were visiting relatives in Table Rock over Sunday.

Pruning of the pear trees at the Modoc orchard was commenced this week.

Owing to the continued rains, very little farm work is being done.

Mrs. Earl May was a Medford visitor Wednesday.

The headquarters at the intake of the Table Rock ditch are being put in shape to withstand the winter floods.

Several of our citizens visited the school a few days ago and report that they found it progressing nicely under the management of Miss Hattie Lester.

Harvey Richardson of Agate reports that hunters in an automobile killed and made away with five of his fine geese Sunday afternoon. Such contemptible tricks as this are among the reasons why the farmers forbid hunting on their premises and dislike the town hunter.

At a meeting at the school house last Tuesday evening committees were appointed to take charge of a Christmas tree entertainment to be held on the night of the 24th of December.

S. C. Collins returned Tuesday from a week's visit with relatives at Springfield and Eugene.

E. E. Fraley, who owns a piece of land that produced this year the largest crop of corn and pumpkins ever raised on an acre of land in Jackson county, reports that he is about to close a deal with an eastern party for a portion of his ranch. After closing this deal Mr. Fraley expects to return to his old home town in Pennsylvania, where, we learned after some questioning, he expects to "tie up" with a lady who was a school mate of his during his boyhood days and who has acquired considerable of this world's goods. Also a trip is planned to Europe next summer, and after an absence of more than a year Mr. Fraley will return to the Rogue River valley.

TAFT WOULD CLIP PLUMS OF POLITICS FOR ECONOMY

CHICAGO, Dec. 10—William Howard Taft in an address here last night suggested the abolition of one great crop of political plums, namely, postmasters.

"TO CHERISH AND PROTECT" AT PAGE TONIGHT AND TOMORROW

This subject comes from the pen of William Vaughan Petit. It is a strong melodrama that, due to its unconventional theme and intense situations, will be received agreeably. Under the direction of William Humphrey the many dramatic possibilities of the story have been brought out with clearness and power. The scenes are effective and the appropriate light effects which are now expected from all Vitagraph productions are not lacking in this.

Local and Personal

Miss Abbie West, who has been visiting young friends in this city for some time, will return tomorrow to her home home in Junction City, this state.

G. M. Locke, coast manager for a large tobacco house in Portland, is a business visitor in Medford today.

The rains of the past ten days have much improved the condition of the fields for work therein, but the moisture is not yet sufficient to render plowing easy.

J. S. Miner, who recently purchased a ranch in the Willow Springs district and took possession, is in Medford today, purchasing supplies and attending to other business. He says the farmers of that district confidently expect water from the Rogue River Canal company's ditches by the first of April and are proceeding vigorously on that prospect in the preparation for bumper crops next season.

Mrs. Harry Harmon, of Grants Pass, who has been visiting in this city several days, will return home in the morning.

Lester Wilson and daughter Inez, of Salem, who have been visiting relatives in this city this week, will leave for home tomorrow.

Abner Tomlinson is here from Spokane, Washington, visiting with his mother in the Eagle Point district until after the holidays.

STATESMANSHIP OF INDUSTRY

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He spoke of the opportunities of democratic America.

"I like to think of the boy in the gutter," he declared, "who will some day stand up and speak the voice of America."

Stand on Own Merits

Business, the president declared, should stand on its own feet. American business men should not be afraid to match wits with any n the world. The typical American should be entirely independent. He added that business men do not need the help of official Washington as much as they think they do.

"Too many business men," he said, "run down to Washington and say, 'it looks like rain; for God's sake give us shelter.'"

The president, amid great applause, declared he believed that when the present war is over the people of the world will demand guarantees that peace shall reign.

"If America preserves her self-possession," he added, "she may exert a great mediating influence. I mean spiritual mediation, not government mediation." He appealed to business men to apply themselves to business as if they were building up the constitution of the United States and a common kindred of all mankind.

The president concluded his address amid great applause. The entire audience stood and sang "The Star-Spangled Banner." He then left for the state capitol for a public reception.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 10.—Governor Stewart is awaiting reports from agents he has sent to Hopewell to investigate the necessity for state relief measures. Newspaper relief funds have ben opened and Richmond expects to have organized aid in Hopewell before night. Petersburg and Norfolk are taking similar measures.

Governor Stewart said today that the situation was so well in hand at Hopewell that half the troops would be withdrawn before night.

UNFILLED TONNAGE OF STEEL TRUST BEATS ALL RECORDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The unfilled tonnage of the United States Steel corporation on November 30 totalled 7,189,489 tons, an increase of 1,042,037 tons over October.

The increase in the unfilled tonnage—1,042,037 tons—was a surprise to the financial district as the figures were well above, in many cases double, all previous estimates.

The figures also mark the greatest increase over announced by the United States Steel corporation and the total unfilled tonnage is, with one exception, the largest ever reported. The unfilled tonnage for March, 1913, was 7,468,956. Just how much of this unfilled tonnage is represented by foreign business is not definitely known outside of the corporation, but it is generally believed that European orders represent a considerable portion.