

IN WONDERLAND.

An Omaha Party Over on the Golden Shore.

Reveling in the Perfume of Fruits and Flowers.

Troubles and Annoyances of an Overland Trip.

To the Editor of The Bee:

Your request and my promise to send a letter for publication in THE BEE have never been forgotten, but slightly neglected. This neglect is owing to the fact that on my arrival in this city I entered at once upon my work, and have been constantly occupied. I will first say a few things about our trip, for the benefit of those of your readers who may contemplate a visit to the Pacific coast.

Although our party was "select" and our car entirely new, we were all greatly disappointed to find that in place of an emigrant train, as we had ignorantly supposed, our car was attached to a long, slow freight train. We had supposed an emigrant train to be made up of emigrant cars only. Had there been no invalids in the party it would have made but little difference, but the constant jerking and jangling, from taking on and letting off freight cars, was most annoying to the sick in the company.

Therefore, we would warn all invalids against crossing the mountains on a freight train. We deem it a duty to suggest, also, to parties crossing the mountains on an emigrant-freight train to make their own arrangements with the Central Pacific at Ogden before starting. We relied upon the promise of the Union Pacific agent at Omaha to arrange for our party to have a special car from Ogden to San Francisco, but when we arrived in Ogden we found to our great surprise that such a party had never been heard of by the Central Pacific. But through the great kindness of the agent of this road we were amply stowed away in a clean, nice car, entirely to ourselves.

We were just nine days making the trip, and would have been ten had not our car been transferred to the express at Sacramento. This was done, at the request of the wife of Rev. J. B. Johnson, whose life was despaired of as we crossed the summit of the Sierras. We were assured by the conductor that persons with very weak lungs greatly endangered their lives by being carried so high and so long.

After nine days picnic we arrived in San Jose Tuesday evening, March 27, 1883. No doubt the majority of your readers are already familiar with the many published accounts of this "wonder land." San Jose is a city of about eighteen or twenty thousand. It is situated in the beautiful valley of Santa Cloud, near the center. It is just fifty miles south of San Francisco. It is famous for its wide streets, beautiful drives, fine residences, tropical trees, fragrant flowers and prosperous schools. If the education of her citizens may be measured by the number and character of her school buildings, and their religion by her churches, they are highly educated and truly religious.

The state normal school is located here and has an attendance at the present time of over 500 pupils. This delightful valley and its surrounding foothills are devoted almost exclusively to the raising of fruit. There are still a few wheat fields in certain localities, but these are being sold and used up into small lots of five to ten and twenty acres and sold to fruit growers.

An orchard of ten acres will yield an income of from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year. The following are among the most common fruits in the valley: Prunes, peaches, apricots, nectarines, cherries, oranges (not so plenty), lemons, limes, figs, grapes and all the smaller fruits. The extensive fruit canneries furnish a ready market for all the fruit raised. The most of the orchards are sold for so much per pound. These orchards are cultivated with as much care and kept as clean as the most careful farmer would cultivate his garden—not a weed, not a blade of grass can be seen.

The glory of this valley consists in its great variety of fruits, flowers and shade trees. The very air is fragrant with the perfume of flowers. The yards and gardens surpass anything I ever looked upon.

The people are, as a rule, rich, good lives, very good natured and happy. They are certainly the most satisfied people on earth. The climate is not what we had hoped to find it, judging from the few weeks we have been here. It is very cool, and at this season of the year, and no doubt the year round rather damp. There has not been an hour since we arrived in the state that a good fire has not been comfortable; and, as I write with a magnificent bouquet on my table, the wood fire roars and crackles in the stove by my side.

Twice within the last ten days we could see the "beautiful snow" falling and spreading its white mantle over the summit of Mount Hamilton, while all around us were growing fruits and blooming flowers. We are told that during the very hottest days it is cool in the shade, and when night comes on you need the same amount of cover that is necessary in the coldest weather. We sleep under as much cover here, with the perfume of roses in our room as we did in Omaha when the mercury marked the below zero. These sensations to this climate think it perfectly delightful. We hope in time to reach the same much to be desired state of mind.

We find our old friend and townsman, J. S. Murray, and his excellent wife, living on a small fruit farm in the suburbs of the city. They have a delightful home, and are both contented and happy. Their orchard, filled with all the choice and valuable varieties of fruit, yields them a bonny income, and with their handsome way of growing the cream, their one hundred hens to supply them with eggs, and their fast horse and nice buggy to carry them at the rate of

2.30, if they are not happy they never can be in this life.

Seeking pardon at your hands for the length of this matter-of-fact letter, and sending good wishes and kind regards to our Omaha friends, we remain, Cordially yours, J. W. I. SAN JOSE, Cal., April 23, 1883.

An Important Capture.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE BEE. NEW YORK, April 28.—The police made an important capture of counterfeiters last night. This morning they had been working on the case since last August. The first person captured, George L. Stanley, is an alleged manufacturer of counterfeit trade and "Blind" dollars. He fought desperately, but was overcome and handcuffed. Next were Matthew J. Rooney, Hugh Curry, Thomas Riley, Thomas Kearney and his reputed wife, Lena, Mrs. Jennie Holden, wife of Jim Holden, now in prison for passing counterfeit money, who were arrested this morning. The operations of the gang have extended through Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland and New York.

A Square Official.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE BEE. NORTH PLATTE, Neb., April 28.—The rumors regarding a shortage in the accounts of Anthony Ries, the former county treasurer, have not a shadow of truth. Ries appeared before the board of commissioners this week and demanded an inspection of his books straight, all balances accounted for, and a record of which no one could be ashamed, but may be proud of. ALBION STALLE, County Clerk.

A Satisfactory Meeting.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE BEE. NEW YORK, April 28.—A number of delegates of the Irish convention from this city and the New England states arrived last night, but the majority of the body reached here this morning. Excepting among a small dynamite faction there is a general satisfaction with the result of the convention.

Lots of It.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE BEE. WASHINGTON, April 28.—The treasury statement today shows the balance as follows: Gold coin and bullion, \$186,046,758; silver dollars and bullion, \$108,498,280; fractional silver coin, \$28,072,332; United States notes, \$46,483,846; total, \$370,131,212. Certificates outstanding, \$47,997,790; silver, \$71,585,541; currency, \$9,705,000.

A Heavy Gale.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE BEE. ST. LOUIS, April 28.—Texas storm dispatches say that a violent wind storm swept over the northwestern part of the state last night, doing much damage at Banham, Palo, Pinto and Balton. A number of houses were blown down and in Bell county several persons are reported to have been killed. A school house containing 70 children near Fort Worth was demolished but only one child is reported hurt.

Washington Matters.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE BEE. WASHINGTON, April 28.—Rear Admiral Edward Middleton, of the United States navy, lately retired, the youngest son of the late Gov. Henry Middleton of South Carolina, died in this city last evening. General B. Baum, commissioner of internal revenue, to-day sent to the President his resignation to take effect the 30th inst.

TELEGRAPH NOTES.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE BEE. A hundred liquor dealers were arrested in New York yesterday for violation of the excise law.

Advices from Vera Cruz report yellow fever broken out, with several fatal cases of black vomit.

The Carlton residence at Waterbury, Mass. is exposed to such an extent that Mrs. Esté G. Carlton, was burned by an incendiary last night.

In the hurdle race of Forepaugh's circus at Pottsville, Pa., Saturday night, Mrs. Cook's horse fell. Mrs. Cook is thought to be fatally injured.

The Thomas musical festival at Baltimore closed Saturday. He will go to San Francisco at the close of a series of seventy performances throughout Ohio and the northwestern part of the state.

A dispatch from Prof. A. F. Bandelier to his family at Highland, Ill., says he is safe and well at Ft. Apache, Arizona, and that the report of his capture by Indians is untrue.

At Newago, Mich., yesterday Brooks hotel, Exchange hotel, two churches and fourteen other buildings were burned. The town was nearly destroyed. Loss estimated at \$20,000. But little insurance.

The Vermont state authorities, after much litigation in Canada, got possession of \$200,000 bequeathed to the state for the benefit of common schools by Aramis Hamilton, of Brantford, Canada. Hamilton was a native of Vermont and died in 1877.

Mary Bellamers, wife of an Italian knife grinder in Nashville, saturated her knife with coal oil, set fire to it and was horribly burned and will die. She had been exposed to such an extent weeks on account of the death of her child.

As the northbound Nashville & Chattanooga train was nearing Anderson, 45 miles below Chattanooga, Saturday, a passenger, suddenly arose and shot Bob Reeves through the heart. Hawkins then jumped from the train and had his neck broken. Both men were from Decher, Tenn.

Col. Mapleson, before leaving New York, signed a contract with Col. Mann for a special train of Mann bonders cars for the use of Her Majesty's Opera troupe in a tour of the United States next winter. One car is especially designed for Mme. Adeline Fatti's use, and will be named after her. Col. Mapleson is induced to build this train to a visit, fatigue his artists are exposed to such an extent as to be unable to secure reimbursements for like expenses incurred from 1845 to 1861.

For rent to a good live man, store room in opera house block, Fairbury, Neb. Splendid location for general stock, county seat and county offices, also bank in the building, population of Fairbury, 2,000. Country well settled. Rent low. Apply at once. J. H. BUCKSTAFF, Lincoln or Fairbury, Neb.

Crowding Justice.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE BEE. FLORENCE, Ala., April 29.—An immense crowd here yesterday overpowered the jail and hung George Ware,

SCALPING SPECULATORS.

Short and Sharp Activity in the Grain Market of Chicago.

The Changed Positions of Speculators—Corners Toned Down.

The Opening of Navigation—A Break in Pork and Lard.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 28.—[Herald special.]—There has been little change in the grain markets during the past week, although an unsettled feeling has prevailed and values have been quite irregular. The local operators are still ranged about as they were a week ago, but the "bull" side has been weakened by the partial loss of confidence in the "country"—that vast region outside of the hard-down principal cities, that is so fertile in business for Chicago. There has been a great falling off of buying orders from this source, and the volume of trade has lessened accordingly. Notwithstanding the fact that the prospective failure of the western harvest is still a gigantic bugbear to the "bulls" on Wall street, the advice received here—and Chicago dealers spend more time and money to secure complete and reliable crop statistics than any other class of men in the country—indicates that early estimates of the damage wrought by frost, flood and drought were exaggerated, or, more correctly, that the favorable conditions during the present month have repaired, to some extent, the harm then done, and the salvage will be greater than expected. That fact, while it has modified the ideas of some of the longs in the wheat deal, has by no means induced them to sell short. Until Wednesday the tendency was an early upward. A break then occurred, but a partial reaction ensued followed. The sellers have, in the main, been parties whose motto is quick sales and small profits, and a large part of the trading lately has been with this idea, a mere scalping business; what is bought at to-day's lowest prices being disposed of at to-morrow's highest. The great provisions king, Philip D. Armour, is the main stay of the wheat market, and the eyes of all other operators are fixed upon him. He is said to be holding six or eight million bushels and upon his course depends the course of the market. As long as his brokers buy all that is offered, no serious break is possible, but if he begins to unload, the price must tumble. He commands the situation by the mere force of capital. His \$10,000,000 are in shape to use, and the "crowd" can neither break nor scare him. Meanwhile the information comes from Great Britain that the market will need very little more foreign wheat during the current cereal year, but in face of European advice the strong man on "change say wheat must yet go higher, some of them even insisting that the May options will touch \$1.25. The doubters are afraid to go "short" for fear the weakness is but part of a "milking" process that speculators here and elsewhere may be led into selling, that the holders may increase their holdings.

The speculative trading is fast changing from May to June and July, and the margin between these months has also been lessening during the week. The last "bull" story is that a new pest has appeared on the Pacific slope, and is causing havoc in the already suffering wheat fields of California. It is described as a small, dark-green insect which develops into a fly, propagates prodigiously and sweeps everything before it. The ophiya, as it is called, is expected to remove the last vestige of the Californian crop. The rather unexpected lay down of Handy, Richardson & Co. has had little effect upon the markets and is already out of mind. The firm had not been doing much business of late, in fact it was always the best customer. Handy came here from a tin snail two years ago to run a big corner August wheat. It took a half million dollars out of the pockets of the Chicago speculators, and they have always had it against him. He has been a daring trader, and not always a successful one.

Jorn has shown more strength than for some time past, although none of the big traders are known to be under it. It settled back toward the middle of the week, but still evinced firmness. There must be a large movement of corn next week, and it will have a "good" start. One hundred vessels are now loaded and ready to sail for the lower lakes. These will transport a total of nearly 4,200,000 bushels of grain. The Chicago river presents a scene of excited activity. At the elevators thousands and thousands of bushels of the golden cereals are passing through chutes to the holds of schooners, barges and propellers. The vessels are hurriedly being placed in readiness to depart, the fleet expecting to start out on Tuesday when, it is believed, the straits of Mackinac will be open.

Not much is doing in other grain than wheat and corn. Oats have ruled dull and weak, while rye and barley have been very quiet. Provisions were firm and higher up to Wednesday, when pork broke 40 cents and lard half as much. The greater portion of the loss was recovered next day, but the feeling was not nearly so strong. A break in the prices of hogs and increasing receipts are having some effect on products. McGeech was the largest buyer of lard during the decline, taking everything offered. Many operators, although having in ultimate higher values, think lower prices must follow the late advance. Others consider the small consumptive demand and the falling off of legitimate business reasons for lower figures; but the "bulls" find an offset in the fact that the arrivals of hogs in Chicago during March and April show a decrease from the same months of last year of over 300,000 animals. McGeech continues to stand back of lard and appears confident of coming out ahead.

Change of Base.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE BEE. Boston, April 28.—The board of health, lunacy and charity have voted to take charge of the state almshouse at Tewksbury.

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THE PRISONER WHO MURDERED A BOY NAMED ROBERT BATHUNE AT MUSCOLE SHOALS LAST WEEK.

Before the hanging Ware confessed he murdered the boy for \$5 and a plug of tobacco and threw the body in the river.

STATE JOTTINGS.

Captain Hoover, of Louisville, has been experimenting with German eels. He enclosed two acres of land, turned a living stream of water into it and then planted five thousand carp in the pond thus formed. They are doing finely and it is the proprietor's intention to enlarge the pond to five acres in a short time.

The editor of the Republican says that the editor of the Hampton Journal went to the former town one day last week and invested ten cents in three pair of "socks." The intelligent editor does not inform the public what "socks" are.

Judge May, of Falls City, has received a letter from Judge Cobb, of the supreme court, inviting the former to deliver a poem on decoration day at Lincoln. The Falls City gentleman will probably accept, as the season for poetry is now ripe.

Happy Hallon, near Plattsmouth, is at present very unhappy. At the residence of Mike Maguire, last week, Ed Everts, a young girl, was killed by a bullet from the back. Everts was jailed and the old man's word attended to.

Christopher Freudenthal, an extensive farmer of Lincoln precinct in Jefferson county, was indicted some time ago for the murder of his wife. He was recently tried and sentenced to the penitentiary for one year.

Judge Gaala recently held a term of court at Lincoln for Judge Pond. While sitting he fined a man \$500, and six months in jail for keeping a disorderly house. The sentence was the highest which could be given.

A subterranean river has been discovered on the farm of Dr. Longley, three miles from North Platte. It is about thirty feet below the surface of the earth and has a depth of about nine feet of water.

The people of Fremont expect to get Brownell Hall, the educational institute of the Episcopal church from Omaha. The change will be made if the citizens of Fremont guarantee a bonus of \$10,000.

The village of Kalamazoo, in Madison county, is improving wonderfully. The town was only started a few years ago, but there is every reason to believe it will continue to prosper.

Loup City will have a new flouring mill. It is to be three stories and a half high and the first story will be 30x70, and the second and third stories will be 30x50 feet in dimensions.

There was a wrestling and sparring match at the Falls City Opera house last week. The occasion brought out the practically-inclined people for miles and miles.

The preachers of Hastings address their audiences three times on a Sunday. These gentlemen come nearer to earning their money than many others of the cloth.

Some "9." horse jockeys camped in the neighborhood of Norfolk, are swindling the people by trading them broken down and worthless animals for young horses.

The stallion season has commenced, and the country papers are full of details of the Episcopal church from Omaha, with pedigrees which date from away back.

The Odd Fellows of Beatrice, Wymore, Blue Springs, Crete, Osceola, Lincoln and Ashland celebrated the anniversary of the order in Plattsmouth last Thursday.

Niobrara is said to be the center of travel for emigrants going north. Numbers of teams pass through the town daily on the way to new settlements.

The court house of Gage county, at Beatrice, was recently condemned as unsafe by the grand jury. The term of court was held in the opera house.

Several men engaged in building a meat market at Springfield struck last week for a raise of 25 cents per day. They were paid off and allowed to go.

The P. & M. railroad company paid to the treasurer of Nemaha county \$4,684.83, the amount of the tax on the road in the county.

A farmer named C. W. Brown, living near Hastings, has an orchard of 225 living apple trees. The gentleman deserves success.

Arrangements are being made for setting a large colony from Illinois and Wisconsin upon the Hettiger lands in Wayne county.

A large number of people have been settling in York and some of them have opened general merchandise stores.

Ground was broken last Wednesday at Hastings for the first of the new college buildings which will be erected there.

The Masonic hall building at Grand Island will be fitted up for postoffice purposes within the next four weeks.

The depot grounds at Kesterson were laid out last week, and work on the building is expected to begin soon.

The bakeries of Springfield are supplying Louisville, Papillon and other neighboring villages with bread and other goods.

The seminary located at York will probably be converted into a college at the next meeting of the trustees.

The new Baptist church at Beatrice will be dedicated on Sunday, May 6th, with appropriate ceremonies.

The school children of Niobrara are rehearsing the operetta of Red Riding Hood and will produce it soon.

It cost the county \$55 to bury the bodies of Green and Ingraham, the victims of the Hastings "33."

THE OLD WORLD.

Continued Development of Irish Conspiracies and Informers.

A Lively Riot Between Greeks and Arabs on the Banks of the Suez Canal.

DURBAN, April 29.—Joseph Hanlan, a Phoenix park murderer, makes a statement incriminating a number of persons. As Hanlan refused to depose when brought before court, his own information will be used against him. Patrick Delany, sentenced to ten years penal servitude for assassinating Justice Lawson, pleaded guilty to a most heinous crime. His sentence for shooting at Justice Lawson will probably be commuted. Thomas Caffrey, the last of the present trials, will be concluded in a fortnight. The prisoners implicated in the assassination conspiracy will be tried by the next commission. The police know that the murderers of Billey and Kenny are in America. It is stated that a request, supported by affidavits, will be made to the United States government for the extradition of about a dozen persons.

The police have evidence implicating James Carey, the witness for the crown in the state trials, in the murder of Talbot, the police informer, of Clark, the Fenian informer, and the bricklayer Behan, and also in the attempted murder of Murphy, the bookkeeper of the Irish People. It is likely Carey will be tried for one of these crimes. The assassination of Behan was not connected with political troubles.

Another arrest has been made here in connection with the conspiracy to murder. The prisoner is a tailor named Nevin. He is the man who was mentioned yesterday by Informer Davine as having been hiding place of the Fenians to find the appointed place of Peole who have been condemned to death. Davine also stated Nevin was afterwards charged by the assassins with deceiving them. The Dublin police have discovered that several men wanted for participation in the murder conspiracy have left Ireland.

BERLIN ITEMS. BERLIN, April 29.—The Malagasy envoys ask the protection of Germany against French aggression.

The rumors of differences between Bismarck and the secretary of state for foreign affairs are unfounded. It is considered improbable that the attack of the North German Gazette upon the American minister involves resignation. Sargent had little direct intercourse with Bismarck since his arrival.

RELIGIOUS ROW. PORT SAID, April 29.—In a religious riot between Greeks and Arabs, several persons were killed and many wounded, including a number of police. British troops and sailors, with Gatling guns, surrounded the Greek church to protect it. The Greek consul took refuge on a gunboat.

THE MINISTER'S MEANING. BERLIN, April 28.—The Boreen Courier publishes a report of an interview with Sargent, the American minister in which the latter denied he wrote any article for the New Yorker and Handels Zeitung relative to Germany's action on the subject of the importation of American pork or was a contributor of the publication of such an article. Sargent said he sent a dispatch on the subject to his government which was properly published by the State department together with other reports of American ministers and consuls, and that it was then copied by the various journals including even the papers in Berlin. The statements in his dispatch which were made the particular object of attack by the North German Gazette were, in fact, quotations from the German paper, and were duly credited to it by the Boreen.

Sargent further declared there was no truth in the statement that he had said the prohibition of American pork was an illegal measure and was carried despite the opposition of the Reichstag.

A HOT AND HOLY TIME. LONDON, April 28.—The Times' correspondent at Rome says that Archbishop Croke is on his way to the Vatican, where he is to be hailed over the coals for giving his support to the movement of the nationalist and revolutionary parties in Ireland.

THE BALTIC'S BEARING. QUEENSTOWN, April 28.—Arrived, the Baltic.

NEVER FAILING INFORMATION. TULLAMORE, Ireland, April 28.—Three arrests in connection with the conspiracy to murder, were made here in consequence of information given at the examination of the three conspirators in Dublin yesterday by a man named Zory, a resident of Tullamore.

WAIVED BY THE GOAL. ST. PETERSBURG, April 28.—The imperial procession to the Cathedral, usually made after the Easter reception, has been waived this year.

A WHISKEY FAILURE. SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE BEE. ST. LOUIS, April 28.—The St. Louis distillery company, the chief owner and president of which is Alfred Bevil has suspended with secured indebtedness of \$65,000. What other claims stand against the company have not yet transpired nor are the assets known.

A SCARED CROWD. SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE BEE. BUFFALO, April 28.—A fire in the Rovers house at midnight frightened about one hundred guests out of their rooms and into the street. The origin was in a concert saloon on the first floor and this was entirely destroyed. No lives were lost. The loss is incalculable.

JAY ON A JOURNEY. SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE BEE. NEW YORK, April 28.—Jay Gould left to-day in a special car on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Rail-

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