

"THE LAND OF THE SUNSET"

Some Impressions of a Chatham Citizen who is Touring in Southern California.

Menlo Park, Cal.,
August 11th, 1902.

To the Editor of The Planet:

I was at first disposed to dodge your kind request to write a few lines for your readers from this land of the sunset, but when I read in a recent Planet your all too flattering announcement of my letters I resolved, like Paul Dombey's mother, that I "must make an effort" to keep my promise to you however much I fall short of your promise to your readers.

Chatham to California in three days sounds like Jules Verne, especially when we recall the fact that not so long ago the trip took three months; but such is the astonishing result of less than fifty years of progress. The California Limited, on which I travelled from Chicago to Los Angeles, the Santa Fe route through Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona is said to be the fastest train crossing the continent. It is a solid train of Pullman's vestibuled and electric lighted throughout, and includes a dining car, observation car, library and smoking car, buffet, barber shop and bath room car, with tables for playing ping pong. Each berth in the sleeping cars has two electric fans to moderate the intense heat of the desert. The library carries all the latest novels, magazines, newspapers and periodicals, writing materials, etc. What a contrast between this mode of going with every luxury that money and ingenuity can supply and the overland mule wagons of the forty miners, who crossed the untracked prairie and sun scorched desert, enduring unbearable hardships, privations and dangers, without a trail or guide to follow but the setting sun. Fully to appreciate the difference one should read a dime novel about the Navajo Indians and the Arizona desert and then cross by the California Limited.

Well, what shall I say about California? I have seen it with my own eyes, and I can tell you that it is a land of varied features; all I can hope to do is to set down a few general impressions of a traveller hurriedly passing through it, and I can tell you that I have to make the usual discount on travellers' tales.

KENT AND CALIFORNIA.

In one or two respects it is like our own County of Kent and adjacent counties; the soil is of almost inexhaustible fertility and the people talk English. There the parallel ends. In most other respects California is the antithesis of Western Ontario. At home the land is flat and wet and the great problem is to drain the water off the land. Here it is all hills and very dry and the great problem is to get enough water on the land. At home the climate is—well, you know what the Chatham climate is, and I won't say a word against it. Here the climate is the chief pride of the Californians. It is dry and salubrious and life. They have no winter as we know it and the extremes of temperature during the year are not great. In Southern California the thermometer reaches 90 and 100 degrees in the shade, but on account of the extreme dryness of the air the heat is not all uncomfortable. The proximity of the sea tempers it and there is not a day without a cool breeze. Years ago before the development of irrigation the soil of the land was practically valueless as it would not grow anything. If they made sales of the land they sold merely so many cubic feet of superheated climate and the land was thrown in.

Now all this is changed. The climate is as valuable as ever, but the land, owing to the partial solution of the water problem, has enormously increased in value—wherever they can develop water enough to irrigate the land either by artesian wells—large quantities of water have been obtained in this way—or by storing the rainfall in reservoirs high enough up to flow on to the land by gravitation the land is worth from \$100 to \$250 an acre. A good water supply is here better than a gold mine.

THE PROMISED LAND.

If California is the promised land, as the residents claim it to be, it is undoubtedly owing to its climate and its fruit. The climate, as I said, is dry—no colds, no asthma, no bronchitis, no consumption. But this is not all. There is life in it. You feel alive to the finger tips. There is no room for that tired feeling. One feels like doing a day's work all the time. As I write I look across the bay towards the hills beyond in the hazy distance, the land is brown and parched, no rain having fallen since May, but the cypress and myrtle and eucalyptus, the acacias and evergreen oaks fill the landscape with rows and patches of restful color, and, although the sun is bright and even hot, a delightful breeze sweeps over the hills from the sea behind me that makes it altogether pleasant to be alive.

A TEMPTING MENU.

I need not say much about the fruit of this state, as it has an international reputation, and is one of its great sources of wealth and attractiveness. Nearly all the tropical and semi-tropical fruits grow here to perfection. Olives, nectarines, apricots, oranges, lemons, grape fruit, almonds, English walnuts, plum apples, prunes, pomgranates, quinces, loquats, peaches, grapes—this is a mere enumeration of some of the fruits I have seen that are produced in abundance and to perfection. This is a very attractive list, but I could not help

thinking that in peaches and plums Canada can hold its own, not to mention corn, wheat, barley and the other cereals, in which I think we greatly excel, while in pears and apples Kent would make California look like a two spot. I hasten to close this first instalment of my promise in order to catch the mail.

EDWIN BELL.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

UP THE RIVER.

Mrs. William Marshall has returned from a trip to Buffalo and the Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Rothwell are spending a few days in Windsor and Detroit. Mrs. A. McMullen is visiting her many friends on the river. The River boys have formed a football club and play Monday and Thursday evenings at John Filby's.

UP THE CREEK.

Alice Buckler, West Lorne, is the guest of friends on the creek. Mabel Cowan, Valetta, is visiting relatives here. Tena Houston has secured the position of teacher at No. 1 school. Miss Mabel Neilson will teach the young idea how to shoot at No. 15. A rifleman has taken up his quarters in the home of J. McCormick. Louis Baird, clerk, was on the creek Monday, engaged in township business.

Mrs. C. Weston, who is in the City's Public Hospital is improving. Mrs. R. Gray, City, is the guest of P. McKellar this week. Mrs. W. J. Clements, City, is spending a few days on the old home farm. Dr. Battisby occupied the pulpit of St. Paul's Sunday.

Robert Jackson is entering an action against the township for injuries by the late flood. Mrs. R. Broughton, Flat Rock, who has spent two months with friends here, leaves for home Friday. A good story is told of our "canny commissioner" of Ward No. 1. When the teams were hauling gravel from the Lake Erie crossing some of the men would race their teams back to the gravel yard. Ald. McCoig, of the city, seeing them racing, asked Rod Houston why they were running their horses. Oh, said Rod, we are working for Jim McCormick, and we have to run to make wages.

Eskimo Pastimes.

Next to gambling the Eskimo men like to wrestle.

Meat Eating.

Meat eating reached its greatest height in this country, and to its excess are charged the prevalence of rheumatism, gout and kindred evils and the consequent heart difficulties which annually mow down two large a proportion of the population.

Glazing Pens.

The glazing of pens, in some varieties considered an important operation, is done with lac dissolved in naphtha.

Blighted by Blood.

Traditions are common in western Kansas of trees suddenly dying without apparent cause after having been used as gallows for lynchings. Many are said never to have leaved again after this experience.

One is never more on trial than in the moment of excessive good fortune.

WORN TO A SHADOW.

When there is a falling off in flesh in woman or man there is "something wrong." And that something wrong is generally a loss of nutrition and the consequent loss of the organs of digestion and nutrition. Sometimes this loss of flesh is accompanied by various ailments, but in many cases the appetite does not fail and there may be a constant desire to eat. Languor, nervousness, irritability, sleeplessness, are symptoms often associated with this loss of nutrition and falling off in flesh.

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The five names signed to the official medical bulletins concerning the condition of King Edward are the names of the most distinguished doctors in England. Their honorary titles would in each case take up more space than the first bulletin they issued from the King's bedside. Among them are specialists in every form of disease, from skin affections to complex maladies of the intestines.

Sir Frederick Treves, most famous of these physicians, and who himself performed the operation, is forty-nine years old. He is one of the greatest living authorities on abdominal diseases. He received his medical education at the London Hospital, and at a very early age, he became prominent in anatomy, pathology and surgery. At 30 he was the only man of his age who ever held two professorships in the Royal College of Surgeons—those of anatomy and pathology. He gained the Jacksonian prize in 1883 for a long treatise on "Intestinal Obstruction." He has written copiously on surgery. He is a Baronet, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Knight of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Surgeon-General, Surgeon-in-Ordinary to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, consulting surgeon and emeritus professor of surgery in the London Hospital, late Surgeon Extraordinary to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, consulting surgeon in the South African field forces, late with the Ladysmith column, and member of numerous medical societies.

Lord Joseph Lister, whose name was signed first to the bulletins, is Surgeon-General-in-Ordinary to his Majesty, and he was Surgeon Extraordinary to the late Queen. He is famous for having perfected the antiseptic treatment of surgical cases. He has received numerous honorary degrees such as LL.D., M.D., D.C.L., and D.Sc. He was created a Baronet in 1883 and a Baron in 1897. He was President of the Royal Society from 1890 to 1900, and is now President of the British Association for the Promotion of Science. He is 75 years old.

Sir Thomas Smith, Honorary Surgeon to the King, is an Englishman. He is a consulting surgeon in numerous hospitals, and was created a Baronet in 1897. He has achieved considerable reputation for scientific articles entitled "The Treatment of the Ruptured Pericardium" and "The Surgical Treatment of Intra-peritoneal Injuries." He is a specialist upon the kind of trouble from which the King is now suffering. He is a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, and Honorary Secretary of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society.

Sir Francis Henry Laking is what might be called the King's family physician. His official title is Physician-in-Ordinary and Surgeon Apothecary-in-Ordinary to his Majesty. He is also Apothecary-in-Ordinary to his Majesty's household, Surgeon Apothecary to his Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales and his household, and Surgeon Apothecary to the Duke of Connaught. He is a consulting physician at many hospitals and was once house physician at St. George's Hospital. He has made a specialty of children's and skin diseases. He is a Baronet, a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, a graduate of the Heidelberg University medical department, and fifty-five years old.

Sir Thomas Barlow was Physician Extraordinary to the late Queen Victoria, and is now the physician to his Majesty's household. He is professor of clinical medicine and physician to University College Hospital, medical advisor to the British Museum, Secretary of the Royal British and Chirurgical Society, a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Fellow of the Royal Order of Physicians, and consulting physician to a number of hospitals. He is a specialist in internal diseases.

Bobs and Kitchener.

"Oh, yes," he said. "Bobs and Kitchener comes along sometimes. My colonial 'y' oughter see the difference at the stations, though! When 'Bobs' train pulls up, he gets out and struts along the platform, an' everybody knops off work 'so' to come up an' have a look at 'em."

"He jes' walks about among the crowd, talkin' to 'em like me an' you would. Asks 'em how they're gettin' on, 'nations, an' so on. 'Course he's never familiar, or anything like that—'y' can always see his boss—an' if he notices anything wrong, he lets 'em know quick an' lively—but he seems to be more of a friend to everybody than anything else."

"But when 'Herbert' steps out of his carriage, there's hardly a soul on the platform—they're all away diggin' trenches, or mountin' guns, or scoutin' round the county—any blessed thing, so long as he can see 'em workin'." Lord kept 'em if they ain't. Why I b'lieve if Kitchener was to be given a command of Heaven's gates, he'd jes' as soon Stellenbosch Peter, spite of all his long service, suppose in 'he caught him nappin' any warm afternoon!" —Tommy Cornstalk, by J. H. Abbott.

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Blenheim	7:05 a	10:30 a	7:05 p	10:45 a	7:05 p
Ridgeway	7:05 a	10:30 a	7:05 p	10:45 a	7:05 p
West Lorne	7:05 a	10:30 a	7:05 p	10:45 a	7:05 p
Dutton	7:05 a	10:30 a	7:05 p	10:45 a	7:05 p
London	7:05 a	10:30 a	7:05 p	10:45 a	7:05 p
Leamington	7:05 a	10:30 a	7:05 p	10:45 a	7:05 p
Windsor	7:05 a	10:30 a	7:05 p	10:45 a	7:05 p
Walkerville	7:05 a	10:30 a	7:05 p	10:45 a	7:05 p
Wallaceburg	7:05 a	10:30 a	7:05 p	10:45 a	7:05 p
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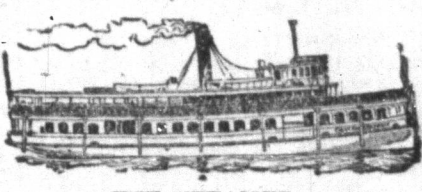
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