

SANTA ROSA BOYS EN ROUTE ON BICYCLES TO SEATTLE

The Press Democrat Team's Great Experiences

The Press Democrat team of bicycle tramps, the boys style names—Ray Francisco and Victor Malinjal en route from Santa Rosa to the Seattle Exposition, are having very interesting experiences. Their friends and readers of the Press Democrat are following them by the diary they keep and which they are sending intervals en route in letter form to the paper.

Considerable interest has been aroused over the boys in Santa Rosa and especially telephone messages are being sent asking for more tidings. Here is one to hand. Yes, another letter came by mail from the boys from California, and shows that they are making good progress towards the accomplishment of their goal:

Sastella, Cal., Aug. 18, 1909.—Dear Press Democrat, Dear Sir: Please do not be too critical in your inspection of the hand writing, as it is being accomplished by the light of burning pine needles.

Aug. 16.—Spent Sunday resting and turning our wheels in Redding.

Cross Pitt River

August 16.—Left Redding by the free bridge and found poor roads and a great many hills to start with. We got off the main road four times during the day as there were no signs to guide us, and roads ran in every direction. We passed over grade after grade before we reached the Pitt River ferry. Some of the roads were very rocky, while others were smooth and covered with pine needles. After being carried across the Pitt river we took the railroad track for a short distance

to make a cut-off and we made our way up and down some rough grades to the United States Fishery on the McCloud river. Reaching this place at dark we wasted no time in making camp on the river.

Visit Salmon Hatchery

August 17.—We arose quite early and took in the sights at the hatchery. Hundreds of large salmon were lying near the surface of the water, or were swimming about. Some were kept in large cages under water. In a large building they kept the salmon eggs for hatching. At 8 o'clock the salting began. A large seine was run out by the workmen in boats and this was drawn in by a donkey engine. It was a sight not to be forgotten to see the fight that followed. The salmon that were spawning were sorted out and put in cages and the rest were thrown back into the river. Then the operation was repeated. We were given two small salmon which weighed about six pounds apiece, and these came in handy for several meals. We stayed here until noon and then started out, but we soon found it too hot to travel, so we waited until it became cool and then we made about ten miles and camped on the Sacramento river for the night. During the afternoon we passed through country where the vegetation, trees and everything had been killed by smelter fumes.

Some Fine Scenery

August 18.—We made a few miles (about 30) again today as the grades were long and steep and the roads rough. But the scenery along the way repaid us for our trouble. We are now in the mountains, where the railroad passes through tunnel after tunnel, and crosses and re-crosses the river. Words cannot describe the beauty of the scenery on the upper Sacramento. We found a fine place to camp for the night in a pine grove near Sastella. We have a fine bed made of pine needles, and we also have pine gum to chew. In going up a grade our packs are so heavy that we get behind and push and steer by a rope attached to the handle bars.

Malinjal's Report
While getting down a very steep grade on August 18, the number leader on Victor's wheel collapsed by break, and in order to stop he had to lean into a rocky wall. In doing so his hand was cut quite badly and he was lacerated in other ways. She has been getting along all right, as we have plenty of medicine with us. Very truly yours,
Ray Francisco,
Victor Malinjal.

FINAL COOKING LESSON THIS EVENING

Miss Tracy Will Roast Beef, Make Cakes and Puddings

The final cooking lesson of the series which Miss Tracy has been giving in Native Sons' building, will be given this evening at 8 o'clock.

So interesting and instructive have the lessons been that the many ladies who have been in constant attendance regret that tonight will be the closing of the Cooking School and that Miss Tracy is to leave Santa Rosa so soon. The menu arranged for this evening will be a valuable lesson. The selection of meats is most necessary to know and Miss Tracy is always generous with her suggestions. The beef will be cooked during the evening and also pound cakes and puddings.

Mr. Petch, manager of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co., under whose auspices Miss Tracy is conducting the Cooking School, is very much pleased at the interest the Santa Rosa ladies are taking in the lessons. He says that so satisfactorily has Miss Tracy shown how to use the gas range—both oven and broiler, as well as the top burners being demonstrated—that he anticipates no complaints for years to come. This being an evening lesson a cordial invitation is extended to the gentlemen to accompany the ladies. The lesson will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

Chief of Police
Reinforce Hilder, in charge of the heartiest thanks to all persons who kindly assisted in the recovery of our mother's body. The body was recovered by Bennett Valley, California, and was buried in the cemetery at Sastella, California, August 18, 1909.

WILL ORGANIZE FARMERS' UNION

Meeting to Be Held in Santa Rosa Next Friday Afternoon to Form Local Branch

It is announced that a meeting will be held in Warner's hall in this city on Friday afternoon next for the purpose of forming a branch of the Farmers' Union. On the day following a branch will be formed at Sebastopol. In a previous issue of this paper mention was made of the objects and aims of the Farmers' Union. Everybody interested is invited to be present at both meetings.

WILL PAY CENT A POUND FOR PICKING

T. Boone Miller, the well known hop grower, stated yesterday that he had seen about twenty growers, and it was agreed that a cent per pound would be paid for the harvesting of the season's hop crop. Mr. Miller has a splendid field in his yards on Russian street.

J. L. JORDAN EIGHTY YEARS OLD TOMORROW

J. L. Jordan, Santa Rosa's well known citizen and former city clerk, will be eighty years old tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. He has seen the flag waving in San Sebastien, Sebastopol, He came to this state in 1853 and to Santa Rosa in 1876. He has a large number of friends who will heartily wish him many happy returns of his birthday on the morrow.

Towls Brought Here
Consable Samuel J. Gilliam went to San Francisco yesterday and brought back Towls here on a warrant sworn out by W. J. Hinchey July 15, charging him with larceny. Towls was arrested Thursday by the San Francisco police and being kept out on the streets here in a railroad police cell.

Big Harvest Gathering
A large gathering of the farmers of Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Eureka and other Indian River towns, will be held at the Sebastopol fairgrounds on August 21st.