

# BOYS WHO ARE BIKING IT TO SEATTLE WRITE OF TRIP

The Press Democrat Monday night received another interesting letter from Ray Francisco and Victor McDaniel, the Santa Rosa boys who are riding their bicycles from Santa Rosa to Seattle. It was from Redding and the interesting details of the trip to that point will be read with much interest by their Santa Rosa friends. They have styled themselves "Bicycle Tramps." The letter follows:

Redding, Cal., Aug. 15.—Editor of Press Democrat, Dear Sir:

August 12.—We made Dunnigan on the night of August 11, and had supper there. Lots of hay in that country and we made use of it that night. Breakfast at a ranch house. Rode on through Arbuckle to Williams, where we met a boy friend formerly of Santa Rosa. Then on to Colusa Junction, where we met another boy friend, formerly of Santa Rosa. From here we rode to Maxwell, where we spent the afternoon, and fixed our first puncture, as it was too hot to ride. From Maxwell we rode to Willows that night. We had fine roads all day. At Willows we met Mr. George Coulter formerly of Santa Rosa, and Gus Lee, also a Santa Rosan. Spent the night at Willows.

August 13.—Rode on through Germantown, Orland, past Corning and on into Red Bluff. As you have seen by our plans we were going around the Siskiyou mountains, but by this time we had gained sufficient information concerning the roads but that way to cause us to change our plans. Also, it

would take us much longer to go that way and we would not see the falls, so we are planning to follow the automobile route strictly through the mountains. At Red Bluff we met Mr. Percy Davis, who was manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. He showed us through his place, and they certainly have fine headquarters there. About eight miles the other side of Red Bluff we had gained our first glimpse of Mt. Shasta, which is capped with snow. A little later the Sierra-Nevada Mountains came into view, and at Red Bluff we saw the Sacramento River for the first time on the trip. Visited the huge flume owned by the Diamond Match Company, which carries the lumber down from the high Sierras.

August 14.—Leaving Red Bluff we passed through some very hilly country on our road to Cottonwood. As fruit was plentiful in these hills and the ranchers generous, we got all the peaches and grapes we could eat. From Cottonwood we passed through Anderson and on to Redding. From Anderson to Redding we passed over some of the best road we have struck so far. As a whole, we have found good roads all along the valley, but they look pretty rough from here on. The Siskiyou mountains are now staring us in the face, and we are living in anticipation of some fine trout fries during the coming week. Very truly yours,

Ray Francisco,  
Victor McDaniel,  
"Bicycle Tramps."

## COUNCILMAN BARHAM IS BACK FROM HUNT

Councilman Aubrey Barham, Mrs. Barham and the Misses Blanche and Maude Barham have returned from their vacation and hunting outing on the Matthews ranch, sixteen miles from Cloverdale. They had a fine time.

Councilman Barham's pleasure was somewhat marred by an accident in which he damaged his knee. Consequently he had to get about with the aid of a stick for some time, and this checked his hunting enthusiasm considerably. Nevertheless he killed one big buck.

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