

## LETTER FROM A SALT LAKER NOW IN THE ANTIPODES.

A. Roundy, Formerly of this City, Now a Resident Manager for a Big American Glass Firm in Sydney, N. S. W., Writes in a Decidedly Interesting Vein to Gov. H. M. Wells Regarding Business Affairs, and General Topics in Australia at Large.

A. Roundy, formerly a well known member of a local firm here, writes in a very entertaining vein to Gov. Heber M. Wells from Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. Mr. Roundy is manager for the interests of the United States Glass company of Pittsburg in the antipodes and in this capacity does considerable traveling by sea and land south of the equator. In his letter to Gov. Wells he gives his experiences in the land of giant ferns, eucalyptus trees and the laughing jackass, and incidentally includes some observations from the standpoint of an American.

The letter is subjoined:  
Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 1, 1903.—I have thought for some time that when the right spirit came to me I would write a letter to you regarding Australasia, its people, climate, habits, etc. Have been here now over 18 months; have traveled in that time over 40,000 miles, by land and sea, through and around Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand. It is a big contract to try and go into it all in one letter, but will make a start with Sydney and see how we come on.

The most wonderful thing about Sydney is its harbor, said to be the best in the world. I do not blame the natives for being proud of it. As you approach this country by steamer, you make a bee line for what appears a solid mass of rocks, but upon getting nearer an opening is seen leading off to the left; upon passing through this channel you enter the harbor proper; it is almost completely landlocked. It is the shape of a hand with a dozen or more fingers leading off in every direction. All these little coves or inlets have deep water right up to the shore, so that the largest ocean going steamers can go up to the land almost anywhere. I have been told there are over 200 miles of shore line inside the heads. The land surrounding these numerous bays is very hilly and rocky. Some of the rocks the size of a house. Scrub underbrush and big eucalyptus trees grow everywhere they can get a foothold. The buildings are mostly erected with red tile roofs presenting a wonderfully pretty sight as you steam into the harbor.

**HARBOR VIEW.**  
The location across the harbor is considered rather the nicest part for residential purposes. Ferry boats ply back and forth at convenient hours, and in the morning and evening hours it is a sight to see them. We live across the bay at Mosman's. Have rented one-half of a residence, the owner occupying the other half. The part we took was partially furnished, but we had to buy a few things, like American rocking chairs, refrigerator, etc., just enough to make us comfortable; we seem to be sort of camping out, but enjoy it very much. I can walk to the ferry from either side in 10 minutes, it then takes 20 minutes to cross. To one raised in the interior it is a great sight, the harbor is always full of steamers and warships, from all parts of the world, and as they are constantly going and coming there is something new to see every day. Where we live is on a hill overlooking the harbor, with a lovely view especially at night when the city and all the boats are lighted. Owing to the long drought, (six years), which this country has passed through all kinds of foodstuffs are very high. We find it almost impossible to keep meat over night, especially in the summer. It is usually alive in the morning, but by the time it is cooked it is dead. I have had several funerals of discarded meat. I now buy a few chops or a steak on the way home which we cook and eat before it goes bad. I have a fancy little thing here; it usually is a fancy little thing about what Sam Levy would deliver cigars with. Speaking of Sam reminds me of a sign on George street here, it says "Your old friend Sam Levy is back again." I took Mrs. Roundy over to see it, it reminded us of home.

**ICE AT A PREMIUM.**  
To go back to the ice question, a piece about the size of a Salt Lake adobe costs 12 cents. I don't suppose one family out of a hundred ever buys a piece of ice, and they seem to prefer warm to cold water. The water gets very warm, as the pipes are on top of the ground, as it never freezes here, there is no need for them to be buried. The sun gets a good whack at them, it never forgets to shine here. We keep no servants, as this would only be in the way, a woman comes in now and then to do the worst of the cleaning. We cook our little meals, eat them on the porch, in the kitchen or parlors as we feel, and I will tell you privately they taste good. I would rather have a piece of bacon and a boiled potato at home than the best meal that could be bought at a restaurant. As I am away from home two-thirds of the time stopping at hotels and restaurants, I feel that I am a good judge.

**HOTELS ARE CHEAP.**  
Speaking of hotels, will say that as a rule they are very good and when price of food is considered, very cheap. The usual charge per day is 10s, or about \$2.50, with a rebate of 10 per cent to commercial men. One never locks doors at hotels here, neither do you see a room with bath attached. The bath room is usually off the corridor, which you get into as you can, the Australian way is great on his morning shower, and you are lucky if the wait is not long. The house maid walks into your room in the early morning, bringing a cup of tea, and the morning paper. The first time the maid showed up in my room I felt like ducking my head under the pillow, but soon got so I could say hello to her, or whatever her name was, with the best of them. In addition to the regular meals, there is usually a cold lunch set in the smoking room at nine in the evening, this with a bottle of Milvaux's goes very nice. Shows are placed outside the door upon retiring, to be given over to the tender mercies of the "boots" who usually knows as much about shining them as a hog does of heaven. On my last trip to West Australia, a friend from New York got but one shoe back in the morning. "Boots" swore there were but one there thought a one-legged man occupied the room. My friend never saw the other, he tried to make the hotel pay for them, but had no luck.

**CHEAP FRUIT.**  
We are now in the middle of winter, lovely cool weather, no frost, but just when all gardens are growing best. Strawberries are in market. Pine apples very plentiful. I bought three for sixpence yesterday. Speaking of "Pines" reminds me of one we have over home. I brought it down from Queensland the other day, it measured 1 1/2 inches long, and 20 inches around, and weighed 8 pounds. As it is green yet we are waiting for it to get

put on a New South Wales stamp, although he may have plenty of Victoria or Queensland stamps in his pocket.

There are no express companies here; all carrying of that kind is done by the postal authorities. Should you want to send say a bicycle to Melbourne, you take it to the postoffice, attach the right amount of stamps, when the government undertakes its delivery. The money system is rather inconvenient to a stranger. Notes issued by a bank in one state are not good in any other state, although the bank that issued them probably has a branch in the other state. I do not mean that they are worthless, as they will be cashed, but one has to pay for the accommodation. When on a trip I take gold or a letter of credit.

In traveling by land, I find between the principal cities, cars patterned after the Pullmans, but much inferior. The porter is a white man that will take no "sass," neither will he shine your shoes. Except on long trips, the English style of cars are used with seats running crosswise of the cars and doors on all four sides. I find them very comfortable, and particularly nice when three or four are traveling together, as they can have a compartment to themselves. The most of my traveling is done by water, some of my trips are quite a journey. Take the trip from Sydney to Fremantle, on the west coast, it takes 10 days each way. One would hardly think it, but the distance is 3,000 miles. I don't believe I will ever make a good sailor, while I do not get good and sick, I do get so I don't want anyone to speak to me. Some of my trips are cold, as the trip from Hobart in Tasmania to the south end of New Zealand, that is a four day ride, and is always cold and usually rough. There is no place to get warm on board ship.

the only thing one can do is to keep to the cabin, put on an overcoat, wrap up in a rug, and read or sleep.

### WELL PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Every capital city lays itself out to build the most gorgeous public buildings, such as Parliament House, Government House, Postoffice, railway stations, town halls, law courts, land offices, etc., etc. They also go in big for zoological and botanical gardens and parks. This city has hundreds of acres of a kind of rough park called "The Domain," where the unemployed and others lay around on the grass. I have occasionally seen women, apparently asleep under a tree. Citizens are very tenacious of their rights regarding these parks. If there is a whisper of any part being given away for any purpose whatever, there is a great how-de-do at once. This is a great country for a street speaking, on all days of the week, speaking on religion, or any subject one could wish. All religious bodies hold forth in the domain on Sundays, even our missionaries from Utah hold forth in the domain on Sundays, and are very kindly listened to. The Salvation Army is at its best here, having much more pretentious buildings than at home. It is a regular sight to even walk on the streets here, one sees so many different costumes. There must be at least a dozen different costumes worn by the tin soldiers seen here, some have the oddest caps you ever saw, look for all the world like a little fancy candy box fastened over one ear, no earthly use as a protection from rain or sun. Then the costumes worn by sailors from all parts of the world and to the variety.

### SALT LAKERS ABROAD.

When I started this letter had no

idea it would spin out so long. I don't seem to find any stopping place, did hope to tell you something about other cities of this continent, but for fear you will get out of patience will draw to a close for this time. Will just add that the last year and a half has been one of great enjoyment, one of new things. I have been almost constantly on the move. Have visited the "golden mile," some 400 miles in the interior from West Australia, have been up north under the equator, where it is summer in the winter time, and have in the summer, have traveled through the center of Tasmania (Van Dieman's Land), from Launceston on the north coast to Hobart on the south, have landed in New Zealand at the extreme south end of the south island, at Invercargill, said to be the most southern city in the world, then worked my way north to Auckland on the north island, then again have landed at the north end of the north island, and out at the extreme south. Have found friends and good people everywhere, and occasionally run across old Utahns. Johnny Lawson is a daily visitor at my office. Mr. Morse is met with occasionally. The two Blackley boys are in West Australia. I know of several others connected with mining that have been in Utah more or less.

As to Australia proper it has been very much overrated. There is a little fringe around the coast that is all ways fine, but its comparison with our own dear country it will never amount to much. Four-fifths of the whole is only fit to raise parrots and snakes, and is a good country to keep away from. It is not a country to invite emigrants to. Should a shipload of poor people go in to the back blocks, they would starve to death, if they relied upon their own exertions.

## WHAT TO EAT.

Valuable Suggestions for the Kitchen and Dining Room.

This matter will be found to be entirely different from and superior to the usual run of food articles. In that every item is a nugget of culinary wisdom and eminently practical. Conducted by Katherine Kurtz, Marquette Building, Chicago, to whom all inquiries should be addressed. All rights reserved by Banning Co., Chicago.

### Menus for Next Three Days.

**SUNDAY.**  
**BREAKFAST.**  
Bacon Frazzle, Grapes, Chili Sauce, German Fried Potatoes, Coffee.  
**DINNER.**  
Cold Fillet of Beef, Grilled Mushrooms, Hot Potato Salad, Coffee.  
**SUPPER.**  
Oyster Rarebit, Celery and Grated Cheese, Brown Bread, Cocoa.  
**MONDAY.**  
**BREAKFAST.**  
Cereal, Creamed Dried Beef, Muffins, German Fried Potatoes, Coffee.

**LUNCH.**  
Tomato and Egg Toast, Lima Beans, Pear and Grape Salad, Coffee Cake, Tea.

**DINNER.**  
Lamb Fricassee, Corn Soup, Baked Potatoes, Lima Beans, Tomato Salad, Coffee, Cake.

### TUESDAY.

**BREAKFAST.**  
Cereal, Meat Cakes, Stewed Peas, Delicate Corn Bread, Grilled Tomatoes, Coffee.

**LUNCH.**  
Curried Eggs, Rice, Celery Sandwiches, Tea.

**DINNER.**  
Roast Veal, Green Grape Jelly, Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Egg Salad, Coffee.

### Oyster Fricassee.

Drain 25 oysters, retaining the liquor to scald them in. When they are plump drain from the juice and keep hot—save the juice. Put two tablespoonsful of butter in a saucepan with four tablespoonsful of flour and stir until bubbling hot, but do not brown. Then add slowly the pepper, a dash of cayenne and a pinch of mace or nutmeg. When smooth and boiling take from the fire, stir a little of the sauce into the broken yolks of three eggs, mix this with the oysters and place over the fire, stir and cook until it begins to thicken and then turn into a hot dish. Garnish with triangular bits of toast and sprigs of cress and serve very hot.

### Oyster Salad.

Drain, wash and plump the oysters in their own liquor. Drain and while they are still warm sprinkle a little French dressing over them—just enough to moisten—set them in the refrigerator to chill and when ready to mix cut rather fine with a silver knife, mix with an equal quantity of mayonnaise and a pinch of dice, and enough mayonnaise to bind together, arrange them in nests of lettuce leaves with a few slices of capers or gherkins sprinkled over them.

### Escaped An Awful Fate.

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All boys and girls into whose homes the Saturday News comes, are invited to try their hands at this puzzle. For the first three correct answers received through the mail (none others considered) THE DESERET NEWS BOOK STORE will give a free story book, a standard work, neatly printed and well bound. The names of the three winners, with the solution of the puzzle, will be printed in the following issue of the Saturday News. Cut out the picture, mark plainly the location of the various objects you find, and address it to the

## DESERET NEWS BOOK STORE, PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.

Last week's winners were: Lena Perrett, 367 L street, city; Teddie Evans, 835 east First South, city; Miss Mary Pack, 1840 Verona street, city.

### SOLUTION TO THE PUZZLE THE SILENT GUN.

The missing words of this puzzle are as follows: Spade, King, House, Stake, Faggots, Lion, Torch, Muskets and Spears. By using the lower left corner of the picture as base, the alchemist can be found toward the right corner, formed in the grass. With the picture in its natural position, one of the leaders can be found a little to the left of center, formed in the lion's mouth. With the upper left corner used as base, a second can be found to the right of the lion's head, formed in the foliage, and a third in the left corner, just below Jack's head, also formed in the foliage. With the left side of the picture as base, the last of the leaders can be found, between the king and the house.

### "GUM TREE SAP AND SUGAR."

Supply the missing words by objects illustrating them in the picture; also find the five hunters from whom the elephant was saved.



Once upon a time there was an elephant so kind hearted that it gave him to see anything harmed or molested. One day while quietly grazing along the edge of his native jungle he nearly read on a - - - - -.

The - - - - - of course supposed that it was intentional the elephant's part, and would have bitten him, but seeing afterward by the elephant's actions that he had no desire to harm him, his anger abated, and he concluded that he would be good creature for a long time and became great friends.

One day they were surprised by a party of hunters, and the elephant made captive. This grieved the - - - - - very much, and he scurried off to the bushes to plan some way of effecting his friend's release. As it was near the close of day, the hunters soon decided to encamp for the night, and after securing the elephant, settled themselves for a good night's rest.

While the - - - - - was quietly biding his time in his hiding place, he noticed that as the darkness increased the place became infested with fire flies, and it occurred to him that they would be the means of effecting his friend's release. He waited quietly until the hunters had fallen asleep, and then he crept over to the elephant, he made known his plan. Then he secured a - - - - - and - - - - - from one of the sleeping hunters and ran off in search

of a gum tree. Finding one, he thrust the - - - - - into its trunk, and, withdrawing it, a stream of gummy, sticky sap oozed out. Filling the end of the - - - - - with this gum, he returned to the camp and helped himself to a large - - - - - and some sugar. This he mixed with the gummy sap, and in a short time he had prepared a substance very much like honey, but much more sticky. So far, his plan had worked out well, and if he could only find a - - - - - his friend's release would be assured. Just where to obtain this puzzled him greatly, and for a while it seemed beyond the range of possibility, and he began to fear that, after all, his plan would fail, and his friend be dragged off to grace some zoological garden.

As he sat there puzzling his - - - - - he kept chewing away at the handle of the - - - - - and of the - - - - - and in a little while it was chewed almost to a pulp. Some of the fibers getting into his throat attracted his attention to this, and he found that he had chewed the end of the - - - - - handle into a veritable - - - - -.

"Why, this is the very thing," said he, as he hurried over to the elephant with the - - - - - and - - - - - of gum-tree sap. He suggested to the elephant that he seemed to be making it grow in the dark the - - - - - replied that he had mixed the gum-tree sap with

sugar, and the sugar attracted the fire flies. They, of course, all stuck fast, and in a little while the hideous monster which he had painted on the elephant's side was a glowing mass of light, and showed plainly in the darkness. Thus it was that the ingenuity of the - - - - - saved his friend, the elephant, from the hunters.

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