

On February I went again to New Orleans to represent Oliver Lodge 121 in the Grand Lodge. I also represented the Chapter, Council and Commandery. Had a very pleasant time with the Officers of the Grand Lodge.

On February 28 went to Pine Prairie with A. F. Neilson and took Alice along. We went to LaCompte on the S. P. train and from there by automobile twenty miles to the Prairie. Had a very nice day and took dinner at the hotel with a lady who had seven children and did all the work herself. We bought in a stock of merchandise that was sold as a bankruptcy of E. L. Fontenot. It brought \$412.00.

In the month of March, I went to Hot Springs where I took the baths and drank the hot water. I believe it is a great cure for the system that is out of order.

In May went to Texas, first to San Antonio and then to Palestine to visit brother, August. I found him and wife just about dried up. It is strange to say that a hardy German with a strong body, a good trade, good schooling, should stay in a country of plenty of opportunities, at one little house and never try and better himself.

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Took a ticket on the S. P. for San Francisco and return, cost \$54.95. Stopped at Los Angeles for a week and then went to Monterey where I lodged at the Hotel Del Monte, one of the best on the Pacific Coast; from there to Santa Cruz, thence to the Big Trees, Las Carlos and San Jose, Santa Clara and Alameda, stayed at my sister, Karoline, for three weeks and then took a steamer for Honolulu, H. I. The Seine was a good strong boat and made the trip of over 2000 miles in five and a half days. As I had my niece, Carrie, along, the company we found was exceedingly good and I profited by this trip a good deal for we were invited by several nice families on the Island and the people in general were

very hospitable. On August 2 we took a steamer for the Island of Hawaii where the living crater, Halemananan, is situated four thousand feet above the level of the sea. The crater is called Kilana and is a lake of fire with burning sulphur piled around it. Saw the Pit in the day time and also at night. Of course the night scene was delightful to look at and not to be forgotten. After staying for two days and passing through immense cane fields where the laborers are mostly Chinese, we went back to Honolulu and stayed until August 23rd. Had an opportunity to see Pearl Harbor, Punch Bowl, Diamond Head, Fort Shafter, Fort Dennison or Burial Cove up on the side of the mountain. We stopped at the Hotel Young, very fine in all respects, took a surf boat to shoot with the waves, also a bath.

Arrived at San Francisco on the 29th and found Carlo's father sick in bed. He died about a month after. He was a good scholar, his education was made by himself with books he bought, of which he had abundance of most all languages.

Came home September 15th and, after a weeks stay, felt as lonesome as can be, made arrangements for another trip, which was to carry me entirely around the globe and, accordingly, made arrangements with the German Lloyd Bremen for the necessary tickets, which consisted of railroad ticket from Alexandria to Vancouver, Canada, from there ticket to Yokohama, Japan on the Canadian Pacific Liner, Mont Eagle, from Yokohama to Hong Kong by way of Shanghai, China, from there made a side trip to Manila, Philippine Islands and, returning, sailed from Hong Kong to Singapore, India, took another side trip to the Island of Jaffe, landed at Batavia after a month travel returned and started from Singapore to Calcutta, India, by way of Burma and Rangoon from Calcutta through India by railroad, the first trip up the River Ganges as far as Benares, then to Lucknow Agri Jaipur Delhi and noted the Marble Quarries of India and then down to the Sea Coast of the Indian Ocean Bombay, then crossed the Bay to the Eleplentine Cave from Bombay, India, by steamer to