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"The next day we continued our journey by rail to an altitude of 14,600 feet. At the journey's end I was too ill to care about anything. As I recollect, I slept about an hour the first night, and thereafter gained about an additional hour, until I slept normally.

"Returning to sea-level from the high altitudes in no way inconvenienced me, but I have, on several occasions, noticed that others suffered the same effects when descending from the high altitudes to sea-level as in ascending from sea-level."

W. H. SHOCKLEY.

The Salinity of Walker Lake.

39, East Fourth Street, Mount Vernon, N.Y., February 18, 1913.

Referring to the salinity of Walker lake, to which Mr. Shockley calls my attention, I perhaps exaggerated the facts of the case in stating that it was a saturated *brine*. In my time in that region, saturation extended only so far as calcium carbonate is concerned; there was no deposit of sodium salts, although the water was strongly saline. At that time, 1867, there apparently were no mollusks in the lake, and I do now recall that there were fish; I think, however, there were fish in the Walker river, its only feeder. I do not question Mr. Shockley's statement in the matter of purchasing fish of the natives; possibly it was another instance in which his leg was pulled. Twenty years ago the *Journal*—or *Bulletin* it was then—misprinted Lake Lahontan for me.

J. W. REDWAY.

MEETINGS OF THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, SESSION 1912-1913.

Sixth Meeting, January 27, 1913. Major LEONARD DARWIN,
Vice-President, in the Chair.

ELECTIONS.—*Gilbert Anderson; Rev. I. H. Shackleton Bailey; Charles Schoo Barton; Henry Adolphus Cartwright; William Harry Coombs; John Wilfrid Earle; Herbert Archer Edwards; J. Elliot Elliott; Field-Marshal the Right Hon. Lord Grenfell, G.C.B., G.C.M.G.; Ernest John Harrison; Lieut.-Colonel G. V. Holmes, I.A.; Gordon Lewis Jacobs; H. H. Raj Rana Sir Bhawani Singh Bahadur, K.C.S.I.; Frank Edward Johnson; Edgar G. Lister; Oswald Partington; Alfred Ernest Pratt; Herbert K. Scott; Allan Gibson Steel.*

The Paper read was:—

"Morocco." By Allan G. Ogilvie.

Seventh Meeting, February 10, 1913.—DOUGLAS W. FRESHFIELD, Esq.,
Vice-President, in the Chair.

ELECTIONS.—*Mrs. John Annan; Miss Emma Cecilia Bell; Miss Gertrude Bell; George Gordon Brown; Rear-Admiral Montague Edward Browning; Mrs.*