

Saratoga the American Spa

[Special Correspondence.]
SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Saratoga, which has been not inaptly called "the oldest and most beautiful of America's summer resorts," is now at the height of its racing and social season, and a more brilliant season it has never enjoyed. For a decade this picturesquely endowed town seemed to have lost something of its vogue as a recreative resort for people of fashion and wealth, but it appears now to be getting it back and a good deal more besides. This season there has come a genuine Saratoga revival, restoring the old time glories of the famous spa. Newport and Bar Harbor, which for a time seemed to be the centers of fashionable recreation, are now rivaled by Saratoga. The many big hotels and the hundreds of handsome villas and pretty cottages are now full, and gaiety reigns supreme. This revival is due to a number of things, but mainly to the improvements inaugurated by Hon. William C. Whitney in the racing facilities and methods. A few years ago the equine sport at Saratoga suffered many abuses. Now, however, a change of affairs has

Where Devotees of Fashion and Racing Disport Themselves, and the Meeting Place of Many Conventions

Saratoga seasons are invariably marked by fetes and celebrations of a varied nature, and one of the most enjoyable and picturesque of these is the annual floral parade, or, as some are pleased to call it, the "battle of flowers." The Saratoga Floral association has charge of this event, which this year occurs in the first week of September. In keeping with the Saratoga revival, the coming fete will surpass any of its predecessors, rivaling in elaborateness and beauty the famed floral carnivals of the Pacific coast.

Saratoga is by no means the exclusive rendezvous of the folk of fashion and social distinction nor of the players of the racing game or the other games which flourish here. Thousands of people come here every season thinking of more serious things than smart gowns, costly jewels, splendid equipages and fleet footed horses. Saratoga is par excellence the convention resort, and here meet scores of associations, international, national and state, to discuss the problems of religion, ethics, economics, politics and about everything else in which humanity is interested. There is scarcely a time from early in June until late in September when one or more conventions are not in progress here.

Among the conventions yet to be held this season are those of the American Bar association, which will attract hither the leading exponents of the law from all over the country and delegates from Great Britain and possibly France and Germany, and the New York state Republicans, who will undoubtedly renominate Governor Odell and give expression of sentiment on current politics of interest to the nation.

CARROLL WALLACE ROSS.



COURT OF ONE OF THE LEADING HOTELS AT SARATOGA.

been brought about, and the men at the head of the Saratoga Racing association are of a caliber such as to inspire the utmost confidence.

The cottagers first came into distinct prominence about nineteen or twenty years ago. During the last year or two they have been increasing in numbers and this season occupy a more important position than ever before.

Unlike many summer settlements where there are undue rivalries and inharmonious relations between the "cottage set" and the "hotel set," the two elements here appear to live in entire harmony. Almost without exception the villa owners began Saratoga life in the hotels or the cottages controlled by them, and the transplanting has not severed their attachment for their earlier homes.

Some of Saratoga's villas are veritable palaces and, with their grounds, cost "a king's ransom." One of these is Woodlawn Park, built and for many years occupied by the late Judge Henry Hilton. In this beautiful estate there are more than twenty miles of shaded drives, with lovely little lakes dropped down here and there like green fringed mirrors, cascades, terraces, rustic bridges and all the accompaniments of the modern landscape gardener's art. There is more ground in Woodlawn Park than is occupied by Central park in New York. The drives are kept in perfect condition and are free to the public for drives and strolls. The approach to Woodlawn along North Broadway is lined with a succession of costly villas in superbly kept grounds.

Another popular residential district is Union avenue, which for two miles or more spreads away with its flanking of so called "cottages," although the costly buildings have little in common with what is generally conveyed by this term. Perhaps a mile out of the city on this thoroughfare is the palatial home of Spencer Trask, who has made his country seat, Yaddo, one of the ideal estates of this country. The first Yaddo was burned, and in restoring it Mr. Trask has reproduced many of the architectural beauties of Haddon Hall, one of England's most famous places.

Other beautiful but less pretentious residences dot the avenue all the way back to Circular street, near which is the house long occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Dore Lyons and named Lyonhurst. This house was once the home of Artemus Ward, whose unique humor won him international repute and whose sister, Mrs. Babcock, sold the property to the Lyonses.

STATE NEWS.

Waynesville Courier: Our friend G. C. Ball brought us the other day the very biggest radish we have ever seen. We put it on the scales and it tipped the beam at three pounds and five ounces.

The Methodist church and 35 small houses were destroyed by fire at Lexington last week, and the damage is estimated at \$25,000, with less than \$5,000 insurance. The flames started in a livery stable.

Newton Enterprise: Mrs. A. M. Huit is again the largest wheat farmer in the county. Although it is the worst wheat year that anybody in the county has any recollection of, she has just had threshed 1,073 bushels.

Nashville Graphic: Dr. T. T. Ross informs us that on the 16th day of June he set out a lot of tobacco and just forty-four days after, it had been cured and marketed. The doctor says the crop could have been marketed several days earlier.

Bayboro Sentinel: Crops in this county were never better than now. All kinds are in fine condition and looking well, and the farmers are smiling over the outlook. If no storm should interfere Pamlico will take care of her own and be able to help others next year.

McDowell Democrat: Here is a record for this year for wheat raising in this country! On twenty-eight acres, 303 bushels of good grain were taken up this year. This crop was raised on the Daniel Dobson farm near Greenlee by T. B. Jackson, one of the tenants.

Miss Alice Holderfield, aged 51, committed suicide last week, four miles from Raleigh, by tying a handkerchief around her neck, fastening a trunk strap to the handkerchief and hanging herself to a tall bed post. She was temporarily insane from the incessant strain of nursing her blind mother, 92 years old. Miss Holderfield recently made two attempts at suicide.

Sanford Express: A. and C. Wright, of Richmond, Va., are the contractors who are at work on the extension of the Cape Fear and Northern Railroad, southward from Fuquay to Smiley's Falls, and thence to Fayetteville. This is the road the Dukes own. They own another road from Dunn westward toward Smiley's Falls, and this latter road will probably be extended to the falls, as materials for the great factory they will build at the falls are ordered sent to Dunn.

Greensboro Record: Mr. Isaac Prosser, manager of the Empire Steel and Iron Works, at Greensboro, says: "I have spent the best part of my life in the business, but I want to say I never saw a finer deposit of brown ores than are to be found at Wilson's Mill's, on which the company has a ten-year lease. It is about a hundred miles from Greensboro, but a track is being put in leading right into the mine and as soon as it is completed we shall begin to ship in ores to the works."

Raleigh Times: The entrance examination at the A. and M. College will be held September 2nd, and September 3rd is registration day. The prospects are brilliant and 400 students are expected. The total registration last year was 368. It is expected that between 500 and 600 will matriculate during the session. A letter has been received from one man 49 years old who says that he will take the dairying course, while his son, 25 years old, will be in the college. Of the 22 who took dairying last year all are now in that business, some owning their own dairies and others managing dairies.

Pender Chronicle: The Acme Tea Chest Co. has begun work on another cargo of sweet gum logs, which it expects to have ready for shipment about October 1st. This business has proven a blessing to our community, as it furnishes employment with good wages for most of the fall and winter months. Nearly all the sweet gum timber on the Cape Fear river was bought by an English syndicate, and after being cut and carried to Wilmington on largelighers the bark is taken off and then loaded on large steamers and shipped to Glasgow, Scotland, where it is veneered for tea chests. There must be a fancy price received for it there, for besides the great expense of getting it out and transported to Wilmington, we learn from reliable authority that the freight on it to Glasgow is \$18 per thousand feet.



EDWIN L. SABIN.

mine operator, has built the first smelter ever operated in the state of Wyoming, and is now at work on the longest aerial tramway in the world.

The Harpers recently published a novel, "Marion Manning," by Mrs. Edith Eustis, a daughter of Hon. Levi P. Morton, which was at first received by the public with interest on account of the personality of the author. But within the past month the book has been called for on its own merits. The publishers state that it has gone through several editions and shows every sign of growing activity in its sales. This is peculiarly gratifying to the author, who is a young woman of marked ability and independence of thought.

RICHARD TUPPER.

Raleigh Times: Mr. T. K. Bruner, Secretary of Agriculture, returned last evening from a trip through the tobacco belt and he secured some fine photographs of the crop. He says that tobacco has been injured in some places by lack of rain but curing is progressing nicely and the grades will be high.

A stormy convention was held at Hendersonville last week to nominate a Democratic candidate for Congress in the new Tenth district, now represented by Maj. J. M. Moody, Republican. On the third ballot J. M. Gudger, of Asheville, received 162.94, being .44 more than a majority. The chair held that 163 votes were necessary. However, at this point Mr. Gudger took the platform and announced that he was nominated and the convention seemingly sustained him and adjourned. The chair declared Gudger nominated before the body broke up.

Duplin Journal: On a recent trip through several townships in the county we found all crops in a flourishing condition. The farmers of Wolfcrape, Glyssons and a part of Kenansville and Faison have the best crops this season we have seen in several years. The tobacco, cotton and corn are all fine throughout and an example of energy, judgment and progress of those who toil from day to day. Along with all these can be seen the nice homes, new school houses and churches marking the onward march of progress of old Duplin. The people of the eastern section of the county are indeed giving examples of good living that are worthy of imitation anywhere.

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 - Just cool off with "I think I'm not."
 - And, more than that, Don't read a rule Beneath this head: "How to Keep Cool."
- Josh Wink in the Baltimore American.

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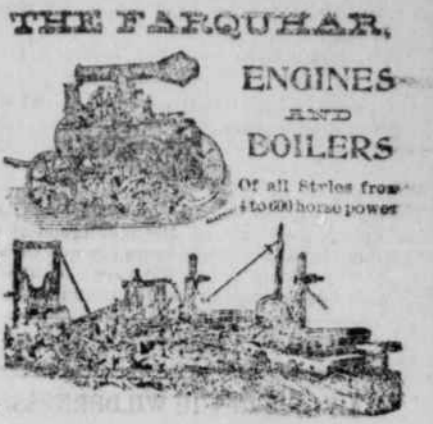
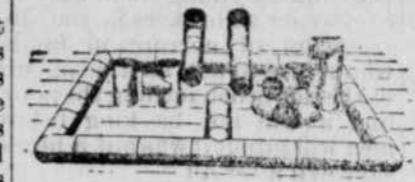
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