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TRIP ACROSS THE CONTINENT

Very Interesting Sketch of a Trip To The Panama-Pacific Exposition and Western Canada.

BY HARRY A. BIGGS.

A happy slogan for us people of the United States, and one which indeed is a very popular one this year, is, "See America First," and truly one who is a patriotic American citizen should hide his eyes with shame, if through preference, he journeys to foreign lands to view the wonderful scenes of other countries, without having first seen the greatness of his own, the scenic beauty of the West, and the wonderful achievement which has been made, and which could not have been made by any other save American citizens, who have thoroughly imbibed the progressive spirit which is every where in evidence in this wonderful republic of ours. The contest among the nations of Europe has closed the avenues of travel to Americans, and I might say that I think it is a very good thing for us, because every citizen should satisfy himself with the beauties of his own continent before he runs away for the exploration of others.

However, we are but human beings, seldom appreciating the things which we have just at hand, and frequently miss the wonderful beauties which are all around us in our vain search for more wonders which lie in the distance.

With this slogan in mind, I decided to take advantage of the Panama-Pacific Exposition being in progress, and visit the principal places of interest in our western country, of which I had so often heard, and had read so many glowing accounts of the wonderful beauty which lay there, for certainly no more remarkable freaks of nature exist than those which are found particularly in Colorado, Arizona, California and in the Yellowstone Park.

I was very happy indeed, in joining a party of North Carolina people, some of whom I knew before, but those whom I did not know soon became my friends, for no where in the world are people more cordial than in North Carolina, and are always friendly to those who show the slightest inclination to be friendly. The party was composed of good, sound, up-to-the minute North Carolinians, some of whom have become prominent in their various lines of endeavor, among whom were: Judge Brown of the Supreme Court, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, Superintendent of Education in North Carolina, M. C. Braswell, one the State's wealthiest and largest merchants, T. W. Tilghman, well known in lumber industry of the South, Dr. William E. Vines, pastor of the First Baptist church of Charlotte, Dr. John Gray Blount, of Washington, member of the State Board of Medical Examiners, W. W. Old, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., a lawyer and head of the Sons of the Confederacy of the entire South, Dr. Charles Grandy, a prominent physician and a son of one of Norfolk's millionaires, J. W. Thomas, a lawyer of Columbia, and a son of the dean of the law school of the University of South Carolina, also a nephew of Miss Mary's School, Raleigh, Mrs.

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As Another Sees The Exposition

A great many of us planned in minds to go to the Pan-American Exposition at San Francisco, but most of our imaginary castles fell and we could not go. But we are fortunate in being able to secure a series of articles from the pen of Mr. Harry A. Biggs, one of the party of three from Williamston to the Exposition. Mr. Biggs has kindly consented to give some sketches of the scenes of the wonderful West, and of the greatest Exposition of the world.

We hope that our readers will give these articles careful reading, especially the younger ones, for they will be both interesting and instructive.

The September Term of Court

One Monday, the September term of Martin County Superior Court will convene here. The term will hold two weeks, and Judge Frank Daniels will preside the first week, and Judge G. H. Rountree, the second week. This arrangement was the outcome of an exchange of courts by Judges Rountree and Daniels.

The civil calendar, which was published several weeks ago is a lengthy one, and there are many cases on the criminal docket. The entire two weeks will be filled with business for the attorneys, who were forced to continue many cases from the two preceding courts this year.

To Locate Elsewhere.

Dr. G. C. Godwin, who received his license this year, has decided to locate in Spring Hope for the practice of his profession. There are three resident physicians in that town, and Dr. Godwin will make the fourth one. The town is situated in a splendid section of Nash County, and is noted for its substantial growth. Dr. and Mrs. Godwin left today by motor for their new home, and friends here wish for them success and happiness.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM



G. E. Cassel

On Railroads Co-operating With the Farmer

Co-operation is a theme that lends itself most readily to theory but yields stubbornly to practice. It is easy to speak the word but difficult to understand it and more difficult still to practice it. All can be selfish but it takes vision to be progressive. The organized farmer has been preaching co-operation for a long time, but now come the railroads talking co-operation in the language of the soil.

A recent paper read by G. E. Cassel, publicity agent of the Norfolk and Western railway, is so full of horse sense that we reproduce it in part and urge the farmers along that roadway to continued co-operation with the management of the road in all problems of mutual interest.

"We are now dealing with two of the most gigantic occupations of men—farming and land transportation. They are the basis of pretty nearly all wealth. When they fail the whole country fails. Therefore, how important it is that these two should fully understand each other, and work together not only for their own commercial advancement but for the prosperity of the nation.

"The farmers and the railroads are natural allies in all their interests. It is difficult to conceive of greater service to the commonwealth than that of firmly fixing in the minds of both the railroads and the farmers that they are mutually dependent and that the prosperity of one depends on the prosperity of the other, but that suspicion and misunderstanding destroy the various interests of both. Many of the most progressive and far-seeing railroads have fully recognized this relation and dependence.

"In the study of economic conditions in all branches of human endeavor, from the birth of our nation down to within quite recent years, we are astonished at the utter lack of the co-operative principle—the 'work together' idea—and not only that, but extreme selfishness and purlind prejudice has more apparently dominated in the different branches of trade and other avenues of enterprise. This was a condition that government could not remedy. No statute law, or even written constitution, can do more than safeguard those inalienable rights of the individual.

"The mutual advantages of co-operation and sympathetic understanding are many and varied for both the railway and the farmer. The farmer is peculiarly dependent upon rapid and cheap transportation. His products are always comparatively bulky and frequently perishable. The railroads give farmers a worldwide market for their products. An intelligent understanding of the fundamental improvement of railway transportation is essential to the prosperity of any agricultural community. Worldwide and nationwide markets are made possible only by regular and cheap transportation such as is offered by the railroads.

"So the farmer may conclude that when he co-operates with the railroads, his most potent allies, he is doing good for himself and much good for his country.

"While there's leaves in the forest and foam on the river,
The farmers and railroads shall flourish forever."

Newsy Items From Oak City

Billie Haislip was in town Friday.

John W. Manning was in town Thursday.

Jack Eubanks, of Hassell, was in town Thursday.

H. K. Harrell and wife were in Tarboro Monday.

B. A. Cletcher, of Williamston, was in town Thursday.

Mackey Savage, of Kinston, spent last week in town.

Miss Lou Council spent a few days last week in Bethel.

Miss Malissa Worsley spent Friday in Scotland Neck.

Lawyer Kitchin was here from Scotland Neck Thudsy P. M.

Willie Johnson and Leon Taylor spent Wednesday in town.

H. S. Everett and H. H. Rawls went to Williamston Thursday.

Mrs. F. M. Harrell will have the opening of Fall millinery on the 23rd.

Mrs. J. H. Etheridge and Mrs. C. M. Hurst spent Friday in Hobgood.

Jesse Crisp, Joe Ayers, Billie Savage and Charlie Crisp attended the ball game in Rocky Mount Thursday.

Seriously Hurt

Last week at Jamesville, the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Roberson was run over by a horse and severely injured, suffering a compound fracture of the shoulder. Mrs. Roberson was standing across the street from her home talking to a friend, when the children across right in front of a spirited horse, whose driver was unable to check before hitting the little boy. Mr. and Mrs. Roberson have recently moved to Jamesville from Wilts Sliding, and have erected a comfortable residence in the newly improved part of the town.

Tobacco is still bringing high prices on this market, and the farmers are hauling it too.

News Budget From Hamilton

Miss Fannie Matthews is visiting in Macon.

Miss Fannie Gladstone spent a week in Tarboro.

Douglas Edgerton spent several days here last week.

N. W. Worsley has returned home from his vacation.

Mrs. Harry Waldo and daughter have returned home.

Walter Davenport and son spent the week-end here.

S. M. Euell and W. E. Davenport went to Raleigh Wednesday.

Joe Bynum and Mr. Barrett, of Farmville, spent several days here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Johnson and children returned Thursday from a visit to Rocky Mount.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Haislip and son, Mrs. S. D. Matthews and Miss Maggie Jones spent Wednesday in Williamston.

Mr. and Mrs. Mann, Misses Charlotte and Winnie Nicholson, of Washington, spent Thursday with Mrs. D. E. Taylor.

August Tobacco Sales

The Agricultural Department in its announcement of the tobacco sales for the month of August, changed the general order of things in the State, for the larger markets show small sales and the smaller ones, the greater number of pounds. Fairmount stands first with 2,012,634 lbs., and Fair Bluff second with 1,215,690. Wilson gave figures amounting to only \$26,087. The Martin County markets sold together only 214,762, of which Robersonville offered 126,125 and Williamston 87,637. During August there was very little tobacco in this section ready for the warehouse floors, and there was no strong effects to induce heavy sales. For the past two weeks the amount offered has been largely increased.

The threatened destructive freshet failed to materialize.

Very Handsome Millinery Display

Despite the fact that old Sol was still sending down sweltering rays and the expected cool spell had been marooned at Winimucca, the women of the community and some out of town attended the millinery openings of Waters & White and Harrison Bros., on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The fresh summer costumes of the shoppers contrasted attractively with the black, red, dark blue, brown, etc., shown in the models in the two departments, and apparently the heat was not even thought of.

In shape, color, trimming, the showings in millinery at both stores were stunning from the viewpoint of the woman who knows. The sailors predominate but there are the nobby models, which appeal to so many woman. In colors there are German Reds and Belgian Blues to suit either Allies or the Teutons. In fact, the managers of the two departments have brought back from the fashion centers beautiful creations to adorn the heads of the most fastidious.

Harrison Bros. & Co., also displayed suitings, neckwear, shoes and all the furnishings to make up the wardrobe of the woman with good taste.

The sales at Waters & White and also at Harrison Bros., were highly satisfactory. When in need of millinery, drop down at Williamston.

Eye Specialist Coming.

An experienced optician representing A. K. Hawkes Co., Atlanta, Ga., will be at the office of Dr. J. H. B. Knight, Sept. 22nd, for ONE DAY ONLY, when and where he will examine the eyes and fit glasses for all who desire his services. There will be no charge for this expert service. You will only have to pay for your glasses. All who are having any trouble with their eyes are invited to come and come promptly. His work will be guaranteed by Dr. Knight. Ad.

Several citizens living on Haughton Street, who have tired of having the Palm Beaches wet while tramping through the grass and weeds, have employed workmen at their own expense, and have had a clean-up-week.

It has been learned that the Garretts will not purchase any scuppernong grapes this year, having enough wine on hand for the present. It may be possible now for private citizens to get a taste occasionally.

Have Your Tobacco In Order.

Have your tobacco in good, dry condition and well graded, and we can always please you. We have pleased everybody so far this year, and will continue to do so, if your tobacco is brought to us in good marketable condition. How do you like these figures? T. W. Wells sold 480 lbs. for \$60.89, average 12.70; Z. T. Gurkin sold 732 lbs. for \$99.68, average 13.61; Edgar Rogerson sold 226 lbs. for \$32.41, average 14.33; J. W. Hopkins sold 834 lbs. for \$124.45 average 14.81. Don't listen to Hot Air Drummers, but bring your tobacco to Headquarters.

Yours to please,
Staton & Hight, Props.
Dixie Warehouse.

FALL SESSION OPENED MONDAY

A LARGE ENROLLMENT

That The Interest in School Life Here Has Been Awakened Was Clearly Seen On Opening Day.

That the people have an awakened interest school life here was largely demonstrated this year when on Friday the 10th, quite a number of the parents, ministers and the entire Board of Trustees assembled to witness the exercises which were preliminary to the actual beginning on the following Monday morning at 8:45. The chapel exercises were under the direction of Principal Jerome and Supt. Asa J. Manning, whose presence is always felt for good wherever he goes, gave an excellent though short address to the pupils assembled.

After the exercises, the pupils marched to their respective rooms and promotion cards were examined and the assignments of grades, seats, books and lessons made for Monday.

The large number of pupils possessing promotion cards gave evidence of good scholarship during last year. One of the largest numbers which was sent to another grade was that coming from the 3rd. It was this grade whose work was found to be the best at the County Commencement.

Monday morning the real work of the school began. On the 10, 206 were present—an increase over any previous year—and on Monday 10 more came in. The enthusiasm at the opening was very noticeable and pleasing to those who are anxious that the children of the town stand with the best in North Carolina. There are a number of out of town pupils, and tuition is free to all high school pupils, and it is urged that all who desire to enter, do so at the beginning, so that the full benefit can be gained.

The Williamston High School has sent some splendid young men and women to the various colleges of the State, and many of them have completed the courses there and are making good in their chosen life-work.

The Trustees are endeavoring to give every comfort practicable this year, and with that end in view, have engaged a full-time janitor who will remain during the school hours, and attend to the comforts of the children and teachers. Special attention has been paid to the heating arrangements and all things are ready for adjustment when the cold weather comes. The pupils and parents should appreciate the work which has been done to bring greater comfort to the entire school.

The children are not expected to enter the campus until 8:30, and each parent is urged to keep them at home, allowing them just time to reach the campus at that hour. It is not best for the child to allow it to leave home an hour or more before school time, and stand about on the street corners. In this way there is such a fine opportunity for the child to get into trouble or habits not good for the little ones. At 12:15 the pupils are out for dinner and are expected to return by 1:15. This hour gives every pupil in town sufficient

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