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A VISIT TO THE HOLY LANDS.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT: As some of my Watauga friends may be interested in my recent trip to the Holy Lands, and the Orient, and may care to know what places and countries I visited. I am enclosing this letter stating the same.

Our party first landed at Funchal Maderia, which is noted for its natural beauty. We visited the old Cathedral that Columbus was married in, and the Methodist mission, and other places of minor interest. From there we went to Cadiz and Seville, Spain, where we saw much of the Moorish architecture, and many of Murillo's noted paintings. We saw the tomb of Columbus and the great jewelry made of the metal that the early explorers carried from America. Next we visited the fortification of Gibraltar, and from there we went to what was once the home of the Pirates, Algiers, Africa.

These were all places of note and historical interest, but not to be compared with the places we were to visit next. Athens with its Acropolis surrounded by Mars Hill, Nynx, Socrates' prison, Stadium, and the temples to Jupiter and Theus, all in full view is truly a thrilling and an inspiring place. Constantinople, with its many mosques, and the Constantinian church, St. Sophia, with the Temple, the Museum, the Bosphorus, the filthy streets and dirty people, and the fact that they have starved their dogs to death, all combined, gives interesting things to see and think about.

Next we concentrated our attention on the noted and inspiring country of Palestine. Here we saw too many things to begin to tell about, but I shall speak of them briefly and pass on to Egypt. We landed at Haifa and went to Jerusalem by the way of Nazareth, Gallilee, and Samaria, from Jerusalem we drove to Jordan, Jerico and the Dead Sea. We visited such places as, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Mt. of Beatitudes, Cana Mt. of transfiguration, Mt. Tabor, Little Hermon, Valley of Esdras, Samaria, Shechem, Mt. Ephraim, Betel, Bethlehem, Mt. of Olives and Calvary. We took the train from Jerusalem to Joppa, and from there we went to Cario, where we saw the Pyramids, Sphinx, Obelisk and in the Museum we saw the mummies of the Pharaohs, that ruled at the time of Moses, and many other ancient Egyptian relics.

After this our cruise turned westward, landing next at Naples, where we went through the National Museum, the Aquarium, and the great Cathedral. Then we started for the world renowned city, Rome, where we found ourselves in the midst of such places as St. Pauls and St. Peters Cathedrals, the greatest in the world, the Vatican, the Forum, the Colosseum, the Catacombs, the Appian Way, and the many other places of less interest which help to make it a wonderful and charming city. We went from Rome to Pompeii and from there to our boat at Naples. Our next and last stop was at Villanchio, where we took an automobile ride on the foot-hills of the Alps, by way of Nice and Monte Carlo.

After this grand drive, our attention turned homeward. Up to this time the weather had been beautiful and the sea calm, but from this time on they were to be reversed; great storms and waves did not fail to afford excitement, and break up the monotony. Yet it all added to the richness of our experience.

Now as I have stated in a rugged and poorly organized manner the major facts concerning my trip, yet I have told but little

A Fortunate Accident

Two miles from Boone, on the Boone and Blowing Rock turnpike, are two bridges. They have been in great need of repair for some time. Their condition was mentioned at the meeting of the stockholders on the 25th of May in Boone. This was the meeting at which the stockholders decided to pay a 7 per cent dividend and then borrow enough money to repair these bridges and put the turnpike in fine condition. It is a pity the latter had not been attended to in advance of the first. For, by the merest chance, a horrible accident was narrowly averted last Thursday morning, when one of two wagons crossing one of these bridges broke through and fell to the creek below, greatly damaging the freight it carried and injuring one of the mules rather severely. It had scarcely been an hour since a heavy automobile passed over the same unsafe structure. How it escaped is a miracle. The driver of the wagon which fell, saved himself from great bodily harm by jumping. If he had fallen into the creek and the heavily loaded wagon had fallen on him, he might have been killed or seriously injured. The wagon which followed had entered on the same bridge, but the driver managed to pull it back so far that it did not go down. The driver of the first wagon, which fell, was Don Bowles while his brother drove the second wagon.

It may seem strange that this should be called a fortunate accident; but is it not so? Suppose that bridge had stood till an automobile loaded with women and children crossed it, and had fallen with its precious freight! Suppose the second and higher bridge had fallen under similar circumstances. It is higher than the one that fell, and those falling with it would inevitably have been badly injured if not killed. Suppose again, this had happened at the height of the summer season. What would the cost have been to the turnpike company in diminished tolls? What would it have cost Boone in diminished visitors? As it is, the damage will be considerable. It might have been enormous later on.

Now the turnpike company has time to strengthen every bridge and culvert from here to Blowing Rock, before the summer traffic begins. And if the company, with this warning before it, neglects to do its duty, the dividends of many years will be wiped out if the case ever comes before a Watauga county jury. Dividends are all right when earned. They are never earned till the turnpike is placed in a safe and practical condition.

The President of the turnpike company has promptly taken over the damaged freight and will decide on and pay all other damages at once.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

about it, as it would take a book to do so, furthermore words cannot express the thrilling inspiration that one gains from such travel, neither can they express the amount of mental food gained for the intellect to feed upon in the future.

This little write up I am sending, hoping that you may find it worth printing. I am such a poor writer that I hesitate to attempt anything of the kind, but as I had made this trip I felt that it would hardly be right that I not make some statement of it in my home paper.

Yours Truly,

B. H. HARMAN.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

The canal tolls will be acted on this week.

Dry weather and forest fires are reported about Linville Falls.

W. O. Bradley, republican senator from Kentucky died on the 23rd of May.

Vera Cruz has been thoroughly cleansed by the U. S. army, under Gen. Fred Funston.

Last week and this week are given over to college commencements generally.

The President has appointed three commissioners to build the Alaska railroad.

Congressman Webb was appointed chairman of the Judiciary committee of Congress May 27th.

Great Britain has finally decided not to take part in the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco next year.

The Irish home rule passed parliament last week by a majority of 77. It now goes to the house of lords. Mr Asquith, premier, promised several amendments.

Mr. W. B. Matheson, president of the Bank of Alexander, celebrated his 75th birthday last Saturday. He may celebrate many more natal days.—Taylorsville Scout.

The Salem Female college conferred an honorary diploma upon Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, a distinguished alumna of that noted institution.

The English suffragettes insulted King George last week, ruined many fine works of art and tried to destroy the water works at Glasgow. All because Mrs. Pankhurst was again arrested.

N. B. Broughton, of Edwards and Broughton Printing Co., Raleigh, died at Philadelphia hospital on the 26th, after having undergone an operation.

Messrs. Duncan and Moorehead were appointed a committee at a conference of the Republicans and Progressives at Greensboro on the 26th of May, to try to reconcile the two factions in this State.

The question of amalgamating the various sects of the Presbyterian church, will not probably be considered by the Southern Presbyterians in this general assembly at Kansas City.

Col. Roosevelt visited the Smithsonian Institute, inspected the stuffed animals he had killed in Africa, took dinner with friends, called on the President and conferred with the Progressives in Washington on the 26th of May.

The committee of the Chamber of commerce of the U. S., on statistics, reports that the general prospect for a large yield of fruit of all kinds, with the possible exception of peaches, has not been equalled in ten years, with the exception of 1912.

Miss Emma Lehman, for fifty years a teacher in the Salem Female college at Winston-Salem, presented by the alumnae with a handsome loving-cup filled with gold coin, and a magnificently bound memorial volume containing letters from contributors.

Last issue of The Topic carried the pleasing announcement that the First National Bank of Lenoir would be open for business in a few days. This issue gives the definite information that the bank has opened under the most auspicious circumstances. The confidence which the public has manifested in the bank under new management is very gratifying, and the feeling of security which now prevails will mean much to the business interests of the community as a whole.—Lenoir Topic.

POINTLESS PARAGRAPHS.

Time to swat 'em.
Get out your fly-traps.
There are no fogs in Boone.
Subscribe for the Democrat.
There will soon be no flies in Boone.

Watch Boone grow and the other towns blow.

Plenty of white horses, but no red-headed girls in Boone.

O Miss Mary, quite contrary—not 'luden' at Mrs. Edward Buncombe, however.

We are having our dry time—the navy's is coming July the first.

Those Hottentot kraal fences are still standing—or, rather, they are still falling down.

No excuse seems to be better than a poor one, in the estimation of Mrs. Edwards chapter.

According to Charles S. Mellen the late J. P. Morgan was in the same class with Robin Hood—the greatest financier of his day.

Huerta will discover what the fun in General Funston's name stands for if the fun ever really begins, and there won't be any fun in it either. Funny, isn't it.

Charles S. Mellen was probably one of the men to whom the late J. P. Morgan would have loaned a million dollars on his character alone. Morgan thought he knew Mellen, and he did.

The present fashion reveals almost too much of the female from divine for modesty, but not for matrimony, think its most brazen votaries.

Bon is French for good; Boon is English for gooder, and Boone is North Carolina for the goodest little town in the mountains.

"No blackmail for Columbia" is Teddy's first note of peace on his return from the River of Doubt. Well, in view of certain Big Stick proceedings, Columbia probably considers him an excellent judge of blackmail himself.

The Psalmist might will have stood at sunrise in June on the highest peak of the Grandfather mountain—the oldest land in the world—when he sang: "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, that the King of Glory come in!"

One of these days, believe, one of these days, we are going to pine for our lofty mountain pines so "dewy dark", the destruction of which we now view with such complacency.

The split and divided skirts are all right in their place—on a man's le-er, ah, lower extremities.

If the new-fangled cheese-makers succeed in putting the limberger order into our mountain formage, we shall have to get muffers for our olfactories as well as our autos.

The New Haven railroad was peculiarly a New England enterprise—built and managed by New England methods and New England men—Mellen and Morgan. Yet, these people send men down here to "write us up" and proclaim that civilization has stood still for more than hundred years in these North Carolina mountains!

If "beauty unadorned" adorned the most, there is no need of dress-reform, the present female fashions filling the bill perfectly.

Mrs. Edward Buncombe's chapter of silence as to why it refuses to include a picture of the Boone cabin monument in the forthcoming history of Western North Carolina, will become a volume if it continues much longer.

WILEY'S KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE, KIDNEY AND BLADDER

Presence of mind in loving is apt to indicate absence of heart.

The ten negro voters who cast their ballots in the democratic primary at Asheville for G. S. Reynolds, in his race for the democratic nomination as congressman from the 10th district, had their trouble for their pains, their votes having been excluded by the convention of Buncombe county. Resolutions condemning the voting of negroes and republicans in democratic primaries were adopted.

COUGHED FOR THREE YEARS.

"I am a lover of your godsend to humanity and science. Your medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery, cured my cough of three yrs. standing," says Jennie Flemming of New Dover, Ohio. Have you an annoying cough? Is it stubborn and won't yield to treatment? Get a 50c bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery today. What it did for Jennie Flemming it will do for you, no matter how stubborn or chronic a cough may be. It stops a cough and stops throat and lung trouble. Relief or money back. 50c and \$1.00 at your druggist.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve for pimples.

After being in session for 18 days, the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, adjourned sine die May 23rd. There will be no change in the name of the church. It was resolved to raise \$105,000 annually for education, and that all money due Vanderbilt University theological department to June 30, 1914, be paid.

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There's always room at the top and always a crowd at the bottom.

Executors Notice.

Having qualified as Executors of Levi Morphey, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them duly authenticated within 12 months from the date hereof or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery, and all persons due the said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment. This May 26 1914.

C. A. Grubb,
J. M. Morphey, Executors.

Lumber for Sale!

We now have our steam saw mill located about one mile above Winkler's mill, and can fill bills on short notice. Lumber delivered if wanted.

W. L. HAYNES & BRO.

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to me either note or account will please come forward at once and make settlement as I am bound to collect. Heed this notice and save trouble, March 23, 1914

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