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A VISIT TO THE WORLD'S FAIR.

A Roxboro Gentleman Gives an Account of His Trip and Tells of a Few of the Many Interesting Things That He Saw.

I wish to tell my friends about a few things I saw and learned on my trip to the World's Fair at St. Louis.

I left Roxboro on Thursday, November 10th, and went by Lynchburg and Roanoke, Va. The last named place is where the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company has large shops for building and repairing their cars and engines, and it is a real pretty city of about 20,000 inhabitants. After leaving there we went up Roanoke river and through the great mountains of West Virginia, which were the greatest I ever saw. I am sure I saw many homes in the valleys in which the sun never shines in their doors, as the mountains stand like a great wall about them. Among these mountains we could see the coal mines, which were at work digging and loading the coal on small cars and run them down to the main line and load the large cars. Then they had coke ovens that would burn all the small, fine coal, and make coke for iron furnaces. As we went through we could see hundreds of these burning right close to the railroad, so we could feel the heat of them. These mountains we travelled through for nearly 200 miles, and in this distance we went through many tunnels. Then we went through a fine, level country, and the prettiest homes and farms I ever saw was in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. They raise corn, wheat, oats and grass, horses, cows and hogs.

I arrived at St. Louis at 11:30 p. m., November 11th and here I saw the largest depot in the world. It would hold 32 largest passenger trains at one time, all under its roof, and tracks outside of this to hold 100 more trains. Everything was furnished in the best style. In the passenger rooms were tiled floors, best seats, lights and steam heat.

Saturday morning I went out to see the great World's Fair and it was so far greater than I expected that I cannot describe it. I will tell you the size of some of the large buildings.

Palace of Manufacturers.—525 by 1,200 feet. Cost \$719,399, and covers 14 acres.

Palace of Varied Industries.—525 by 1,250 feet. Cost \$712,679, and covers 14 5/10 acres.

Mines and Metallurgy Building.—525 by 750 feet. Cost \$498,000, and covers 9 acres.

Agricultural Palace.—500 by 16,000 feet. Cost \$529,940, and covers 18 acres floor space. You can spend a good day in this building and then not see half of what is in it.

Palace of Liberal Arts.—750 by 525 feet. Covers 9 acres, and has a magnificent triumphal arch 90 feet high over the doorway. In this building you can see the finest paintings of the world, which I would love to describe, but I fear I will make my letter too long.

Palace of Fine Arts.—836 feet. Cost \$987,727, and covers nearly 10 acres. In this great building you

see the handiwork of both foreign and American artists, which constitute a collection of surpassing brilliancy.

Palace of Forestry, Fish and Game.—300 by 600 feet. Cost \$171,000, and covers 4 acres. In this is hundreds of living birds and fish of all sizes, colors and shapes, from the waters of nearly all nations.

The Government Building.—756 feet long—the largest exhibit structure ever erected by the government. Cost \$450,000. In this building you see many great things. One was a cannon that was 50 feet long and weighed 291,000 pounds. The ball was 16 inches and weighed 2,400 pounds and would shoot this ball 21 miles in less than one minute. It costs \$500 each time it is shot. There is one Gatling gun that shoots 800 times a minute, also one large whale that measures 32 feet around the body and 89 feet long. There is an underground mail system used in cities, by laying pipe line 8 inches in diameter, and having a round pouch that will hold 600 letters, and by compressed air this pouch is driven at the rate of one mile in two minutes.

The great Floral Clock, that has 18,000 planets on its face, which is 112 feet across, the minute hand is 74 feet long and the hands weigh 2,500 pounds each. The minute hand moves around on the face at the rate of five feet to each minute and the hours and half hours are struck on a large bell.

Palace of Education.—525 by 750 feet. Cost \$367,362 and covers 9 acres. This great palace of knowledge lends a charm and dignity that will live in our minds for many years.

Palace of Transportation.—525 by 1,300 feet. Cost \$696,000 covers 15 acres and contains 4 miles of track. In this we see all methods of transportation from stage coaches to the greatest engines and finest cars.

Palace of Electricity.—750 by 525 feet. Cost \$415,352, and covers 9 acres. This was brilliantly illuminated at night by thousands of colored electric lights that made it very pretty indeed.

Palace of Horticulture.—400 by 800 feet. Cost \$228,872, and covers 17 acres. Conservatory.—204 by 230 feet, 40 feet high. In these we see many scenes of dazzling splendor and beauty never before witnessed.

Palace of Machinery.—525 by 1,000 feet. Cost \$510,086, and covers 12 acres. It has three high towers with searchlights and thousands of incandescent lamps, brilliantly lighting up the scene for many miles.

The great Ferris, or Observation Wheel.—340 feet high, and has 36 passenger coaches, each carrying 60 persons, making 2,160 at one time.

The most attractive of all the fine buildings was the Hall of Festivals and Cascades, with fine dome 280 feet above the ground, with colonnades 52 feet high, extending 750 feet on each side. Assembly Hall seats 3,500 people, with central cascades 300 feet long, and 150 feet at grand basin. Cost \$1,000,000. Pumps will force 90,000 gallons of water every minute. Lagoons about a mile long. All of this building is so arranged that they can light it

with three colors, red, white and blue electric lights, which are put about 12 inches apart all around the top and the windows and doors that makes all this beautiful beyond description.

Jerusalem.—The Famous Jaffa Gate.—The reproduction of the Holy City covers 11 acres and contains 1,000 natives. We had a guide that carried us through this ancient city and pointed out to us the wall where the Jews go to pray, called the wailing wall, and said when the Jews in that country could not get to this wall to offer their prayers, that when at a long distance away, they would turn their face towards Jerusalem when they went to pray. We were shown Solomon's Temple and it was made of fine marble and very pretty. In the midst of it we saw the rock on which Abraham offered Isaac on Mount Moriah. Next we saw the Mount of Olives and on this the Garden of Gethsemane where the Savior was betrayed by Judas. Then we went into the hall where He was tried before Pilate, and he said he found no fault in Him but to please the Jews he gave his consent for them to crucify Him. Then we were shown the street along which they led Him while He was bearing His cross, and when He fainted Simon of Cyrene helped Him carry the cross. We were shown the Crucifixion in life size by cyclorama of all the different scenes and the tomb and coffin of the Savior which was made of fine marble and the outside was 16 by 24 feet and 16 feet high. Then we saw a cyclorama of the wilderness with the Ark of the Covenant which was the exact pattern and cost \$20,000. And we could see Mount Sinai in the distance and many other things I cannot tell about now as my description is getting long.

I have not said a word about the many fine State buildings that cost \$50,000 to \$100,000 each and the great broad street of one mile that was full on each side with different kinds of shows, and this street was called the Pike. On this was the Japanese Village, Mysterious Asia, The Magic Whirlpool, New York to the North Pole, Galveston Flood, and many other things.

W. A. CARVER.

Rolling Illicit Still.

A floating rumor has it that a rolling steam blockade distillery has for some time been run in what is known as the flat woods of Tar River and no effort has been made either by the government or county officers to capture the rolling outfit. In case the rumor is true the still is well located near two mills and railroad stations and can ship their whiskey either to Henderson, Durham or Oxford by the railroad. These rumors have been afloat for some time and somebody must know something about the sly work going on.—Oxford Ledger.

Another Surprise Marriage.

On the 19th of November, at 7 p. m., Mr. J. W. Dunn summoned the pastor of Providence church to be present at his home. The object of the summons was to officiate in joining in holy wedlock Mr. J. W. Dunn and Miss Cora Fuller. This shows that there is no point that can be reached in man's life for satisfaction. Mr. Dunn, having received the premium on tobacco at St. Louis, seeks and procures one still richer nearer to him. May their life be long, happy and prosperous, is the well wishes of their many friends.

J. H. G.

The Merchants' & Farmers' Bank, of Milton, has been declared insolvent and placed in charge of the State Bank Examiner.

The Closing Out Sale

Is now in full swing. Crowds have been here every day taking advantage of the great bargains we are offering. Remember that there is not a better stock of goods in the county and that it must be closed out by Jan. 1st. The prices we are making will move it. We called your special attention to many items in last week's ad. Here are a few more that will pay you to look over.

For Ladies and Children.

300 yards Androscoggin bleach, sells for 10 cents everywhere except here it is 8 1-2 cents by bolt, 9 cents less than bolt.

A big lot of the best ladies vests and pants you ever saw sold at 25 cents each. They are nearly as heavy as the best 50c. grade and would be a big value at 35 cents.

Also splendid 50c. grade in both vests and pants. Have extra large sizes in both grades. Misses union suits, a good value at 25c., for only 20 cents suit.

Ladies and misses cloaks at prices that no competition will dare to meet—good line of them, too.

And the prices that we are making on dress goods is enough to make a competitor weep—but let him weep—the goods must go—and go quick.

For Men and Boys.

Big stock of underwear cheaper than you have ever seen it.

Wright's Health for men sells everywhere at \$2.00 suit. Our price today only \$1.80 suit.

Wright's Health for boys, worth \$1.20 suit, for 90 cents.

Extra heavy yarn socks, would be big value at 35 cents, for only 25 cents pair.

Our entire stock dress shirts, hats and caps at greatly reduced prices.

Big line sample gloves at wholesale prices.

We have just opened up the biggest stock of Xmas goods we have ever shown. It is now on display and ready for your inspection.

Come early and get your share of the bargains.

A. M. BURNS.