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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

After having travelled Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, which was the most disagreeable part of the entire trip, because we went through the section of Birmingham, Ala. and Memphis Tenn., crossing the Mississippi river at the latter place, and the heat was very oppressive, we arrived at Kansas City, Mo. on Monday morning. Next to Saint Louis, Kansas City is the largest town in Missouri, and one of great interest from an industrial point. Missouri's crops are some of the richest in the country; its farm values of corn are \$120,516,000, its oats, \$8,387,000, its tobacco \$945,000.00, its hay \$32,292,000; its Irish potatoes \$5,380,000., the number of bales of cotton I think last year were 59,633, and it also has tremendous crops of rye, buckwheat, flax and hay, from which it can be easily determined that it is a very rich state, and one of the most progressive and up to date in the entire union; its territory was included in the Louisiana purchase sold to the United States by Napoleon. In the state is perhaps the largest stock raising section in the country, and riding along the rail road one can see an uncountable number of mules for which this state is so famous. Saint Louis and Kansas City are the principal marketing places in the state for all of the home products, naturally these cities have grown to enormous proportions. There are really two towns called Kansas City, one in Missouri, and one in Kansas; however, they are so close to each other, just the Missouri river dividing, that they are practically one city and their combined population makes it quite a town.

The Missouri town is the capital of Jackson County, and it has magnificent public and private buildings, the residences as a whole are the handsomest in that section of the country; one residence there, that of a lumber king, was built at a cost of four million dollars, covers an entire city block, and its gardens are most splendidly kept, one seldom sees such a beautiful collection of flowers, the stables are famous throughout the country for the perfectness of their appointment, and horses are known throughout the sporting world. There are only two persons living in this residence, the owner and his daughter. The play grounds and parks of Kansas City are the most complete and wonderful of any city I saw in the entire West; every conceivable form of amusement for children is to be found in them, the swimming pools are perfect, and I was particularly impressed with the very large number of tennis courts throughout the city, it seems that there is a tennis court in each block of the residential section.

One interesting thing about Kansas City is that it is located on the Missouri river which frequently changes its bed, and from one of the parks one can see the river in the distance, and note the various directions which it has taken, those living just on the banks are always in danger, there are not many who do live

near the river on this account. Kansas City itself seems to be in no danger from this uncertainty of the river, as it is on a very high hill, and seemingly it would be impossible for the fickleness of the river to affect it.

There are seventeen railroads that enter Kansas City, and it has immense cattle and horse markets, large beef and pork packing plants, the car and repair shops of seven railroads are located here. It has a number of very handsome hotels, the most noted is the Baltimore, at which I was a guest, and it is regarded as the handsomest in the middle West. It is indeed a magnificent hostelry, and compares favorably with the famous hostels of New York, Philadelphia and other eastern cities.

I was greatly surprised to know that when I had reached Denver, Col., I was approximately half way across the continent; Denver, to me, had been very far away, and I was surprised to learn this. From an artistic point Denver is far ahead of Kansas City, for it is a place of handsome residences, churches and public buildings. The source of its wealth, however, is different from that of Kansas City, the mining interest of Colorado is the chief source of the wealth of its citizens.

The first American settlement in Colorado was made by mining parties in 1858-9, since that time Colorado has become even more prolific than California in its yield of precious metals. The state was admitted to the union on August 1, 1876. In 1893 the legislature passed a bill making equal suffrage for women a law, and the state has since grown to be one of the richest and most talked of states in the whole country. To me, Colorado, from a scenic point, is the most interesting state we have, with the possible exception of the famous canyon of Arizona, but Colorado possesses so many interesting places, and such magnificence of scenery that to me it comes first; its mountains are sublime, the peaks in this state reach a high altitude than in any other, except Mt. McKinley in Alaska which is inaccessible; I believe, however Dr. Cook, the famous liar and explorer, says he reached the summit of this peak. Colorado is certainly the home of the free, every person, male and female, has a voice in its government, and there is no taxation without representation in this state.

One has to remain only one year within the state, within the county ninety days, and within the precinct ten days before he is a citizen. What a wonder it is that all the women in the United States do not flock to this land of equal opportunities and advantages! The governors of Colorado are elected for a term of ten years at a salary of \$5000.00 a year, the voting population of the state is 271,658. The legal rate of interest is 8 per cent; doesn't it seem time for North Carolina to get in this stream of up-to-date-ness and advancement? and the tax rate per thousand dollars is \$4.00. The city of Denver I shall describe in the next issue.

The 4th Series

The 4th series of the Building & Loan opened on Sept. 4th. Thirty days have not elapsed, yet 490 new shares have been subscribed. The receipts each month are \$1,200, and this money is going for the improvement and erection of homes. Think what it will mean in ten years to the county. Get in the prosperity line before the ninety days expire.

PLACING OF CORNER STONE WILLIAMSTON BAPTIST CHURCH

BY MRS. FANNIE BIGGS
Who Gave This Beautiful Edifice to The Baptist People of Williamston

The formal exercises for the dedication of the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church were begun on last Saturday afternoon at four o'clock when a large number of people came together at the church for the placing of the corner stone. After a short prayer in the church offered by Rev. Mr. Rogers, of Robersonville, the people left the church and went to the street to witness the placing of the corner stone by Mrs. Fannie S. Biggs, who has given this beautiful edifice to the Baptist people of Williamston. In the box of the corner stone were placed photographs of various members of Mrs. Biggs' family, the present deacons of the church, coins of 1915, and copies of The Enterprise, The Biblical Recorder, The Religious Herald, Charity and Children and the New Testament. Mrs. Biggs used a silver trowel, appropriately engraved, which was given her by the congregation, placing the first mortar with this beautiful symbol.



MRS. FANNIE S. BIGGS

This box is not to be opened for a hundred years, and as it was being sealed for this long time, the minds of many of the spectators wandered into the gloomy unknown future, and thought of the many changes which will take place in this community within that period of time.

After the laying of the corner stone, those present went again into the church, and the remaining part of the program was carried out.

On behalf of Mrs. Biggs, her sons, Dr. John D. Biggs and Mr. Harry A. Biggs, presented the deed and keys for the church to the Board of Deacons, and it was accepted by Mr. J. W. Anderson, Chairman of the Board. After this Rev. Mr. McFarland, of Scotland Neck, delivered an address on the "Care of the Church," which he said was applicable to the local church as well as the universal church.

These exercises were closed by prayer offered by Rev. George J. Dewell, of Ayden, three times former pastor of the Baptist Church in Williamston.

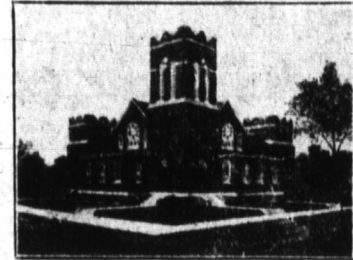
On Saturday evening at the Masonic Hall a reception was given to which every one in Williamston was asked. A very large number was present, and the evening passed very pleasantly.

A receiving line composed of Mrs. Biggs, Rev. Dr. Blackwell, of Norfolk, Va., Rev. and Mrs. George J. Dowell, of Ayden, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Burrell, and Rev. Mr. McFarland, of Scotland Neck and Rev. Dr. Caldwell, of Wilson, welcomed the guests. During the evening short addresses were made by the visiting ministers present, which were highly entertaining and very greatly enjoyed. Refreshments were served by a number of attractive young ladies of the town.

On Sunday morning the Sunday School met for the last time in the old church, promotions were made in the classes, and the school marched in a body to the new church where they were addressed by Dr. Blackwell at the morning service. During this service Mrs. D. W. Brashear of Frankfort, Ky., sang a beautiful solo, and her voice, which is a sweet, lyric soprano, was never heard to better advantage.

As an offertory at this service Mrs. Carrie Biggs Williams and

are taught in Holy Scripture. Mr. Burrell, who has made a reputation as a speaker and thinker in Williamston, was at his best in this master-piece of a sermon. The music was very beautiful at this service. Mrs. Brashear, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., and Mrs. W. R. Burrell sang a very beautiful selection by Mendelssohn and the choir rendered the "Te Deum" set to music by Morrison.



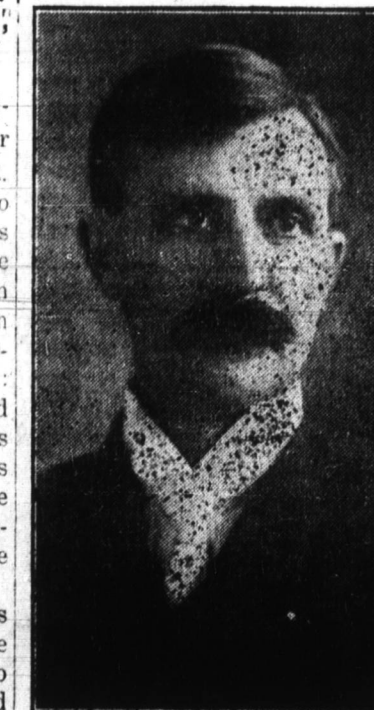
WILLIAMSTON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

The erection of the new Baptist Church in Williamston is the outcome of the religious fervor of Mrs. Fannie S. Biggs, one of the oldest residents of the town and one of the most earnest workers among the Baptist women of North Carolina, whose zeal for the cause of Christ prepared her for the making of this acceptable gift, and it is a building of which any community might be proud; it is the handsomest edifice ever erected to the glory of Almighty God in Martin County, and is a modern church building, containing Sunday School rooms, baptistry, steam heat and things necessary for the teaching of the word of God.

The edifice was erected at a cost of over \$18,000.00, and its furnishings are of oak in Mission style.

Mrs. Biggs has had placed in the church very handsome memorial windows to her husband, the late John Dawson Biggs, to her son, the late Dennis S. Biggs, her grand niece, Victoria F. Martin, and to the late Dennis Simmons and Martha A. Simmons, her sister by whom she reared after the death of her mother, Mrs. Caroline Spruill Alexander, at the time when she was six years of age.

The building of this handsome church in Williamston has set a precedent which it is believed the other churches of the town will soon follow, and before long Williamston can claim as modern and up-to-date churches as any



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town of its size in the State. It has already enhanced the value of real estate in this section, and will mean much towards the development of our town in social and moral as well as in a religious way.

BREAKS INTO DRUG STORE

Unknown Party Enters The Drug Store of Sanders & Fowden Sunday Night.

Last Sunday morning about 2 o'clock, night policeman Patrick noticed that Saunders & Fowden had a new night clerk, who for fear that some one would see him working so early Sunday, had a very dim dim spark from the power house to guide him in the selection of the best flavored Havanas, etc.

The policeman finally decided that the man was not in the employ of the firm, and went around to a side window and found it open. As action had to be quick he forgot that the intruder could go out through one of the front doors, one of which had the key on the inside, and so called to awaken some one to come out and help him guard the building and trap the burglar. The man inside hearing the call, opened one of the doors and sprinted up the street with bullets whizzing behind him. In his flight he lost the cigars taken from the store. There is no clue to his identity as Officer Patrick could not recognize him in the dim light.

Several times recently, the drug store has been entered. Last week, the Hoyt Hardware Company was entered and two pistols taken. Some one also entered the Cafe of H. Gurganus & Co., and carried away several articles.

Services In The Country

The revival spirit continues in this part of the county, and Sunday there were baptizings by Rev. J. T. Stanford and Mr. Asa J. Manning, the former immersing three and the latter ten. Great crowds attended the meetings each night, and the interest is marked.

Saturday and Sunday the Yearly meeting was held with the Church at Spring Green, and as usual, a large crowd assembled, as this is one of the largest and most prominent of the country churches in Martin County. The neighborhood is well able to care for all the visitors, and numbers of people go out to spend the day with friends or relatives.

Next Sunday, the Kehukee Association at Bear Grass will draw thousands from all parts of the Eastern section. There will be present several visiting elders from the North, and the Association promises to be one of the best in years. The people in this County are hospitable to a large degree, and Bear Grass Church has made ample provisions for the entertainment of all who attend the Association.

House of High Prices

Proprietor N. D. Young of the Roanoke Warehouse here, makes an announcement of high prices for tobacco on his floor. The sales which he has managed this season have been among the best in averages which have been given here or anywhere. Mr. Young is an experienced tobacco man, and the farmer's interest is his also. It is his aim to keep his floor up to the highest notch in high prices, and he will do it. Read his big half page ad on 8th page of this paper, and bring him your next lead and get high prices.