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TRIP ACROSS THE CONTINENT

Very Interesting Sketch Of a Trip To The Panama-Pacific Exposition And Western Canada.

INSTALLMENT XI.

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The trip from Southern California towards the north we visited the California Pacific Exposition at San Diego, which is a local exposition, showing in a most attractive way the wonders of this marvelous state. It was at this place that I heard the famous Billy Sunday preach. Although I am not an ardent admirer of Billy Sunday, his methods may appeal to some, and I have no doubt that he has accomplished much good. Certainly on that day he attracted the crowd, for there were about twenty-five thousand people gathered around to hear him.

Years ago San Diego began to build the Panama-California Exposition to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal. All the buildings there are of a Spanish type; the effect of the Mission, about which I wrote last week, live again in these buildings, and every effort has been made to keep them historically correct. Trees, vines and flowers grow the entire year there, and the effect which they lend to these remarkably beautiful buildings is very charming. The principal buildings are the California, Art, Agriculture, Horticulture, Liberal Arts, Machinery, U. S. Government and Mining, in which are shown the remarkable progress the state of California has made along these lines, and a visit there shows it is State to be among the very first in the Union along all lines of endeavor.

Still further up the State, enroute to San Francisco, we visited Paso Robles, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Del Monte which are all famous resorts in California. At Santa Barbara, Del Monte and Paso Robles there are hotels which would delight the most discriminating, and months could be spent most ideally at each of them, for one would never tire of the beauty of the ocean, the balmy climate and the grandeur of the mountain scenery, all of which one gets at the same time, and is a combination which one seldom finds in other parts of the world.

At Santa Cruz, which is a famous ocean resort, I went with several others, for a dip into the ocean, and I could not help but be reminded of how very far away I was from home, and if I were to start westward, out into the ocean, how far I would have to travel before reaching the Atlantic and arrive at Williamston. Near Santa Cruz, about five miles away, we visited the Big Trees for which the State is so famous. These trees are believed to be the oldest living vegetation in the entire world; it is estimated that they are five thousand years old. The Giant, which is the name of one of the trees, rises to a height of 308 feet and is 28 feet in diameter. I was told that this tree had been 27 feet higher, but the top part of it was struck by lightning. There are many other big trees nearby and one would certainly be interested in a visit to the wonders of

the forest. San Francisco, that city of magic growth and cosmopolitanism, was the next place we visited, and certainly next to New York is the most fascinating city in the United States, and one would have to be extremely *blaze* not to enjoy a visit to this city. The longer one remains there the better he likes it, there is something indescribable which seems to have a subtle charm and the hours go very rapidly; there are places one very hard to interest and entertain. From a point of wealth and number of inhabitants it is the principal emporium of the Pacific Coast of America, and the Bay upon which it is situated, which is fifty miles long and five miles wide, is one of the greatest harbors in the world. The altitude of the city is 130 feet above sea level, and the climate, which is practically the entire year, is ideal in the day, just cold enough to make one feel energetic, though at night it was disagreeable to me and one has to always wear an overcoat every day of the year. During a stay there one really feels alive, and his mind is alert to take in all of the things of interest which the city offers. I suspect this feeling is caused by the very lively state of things in San Francisco, for I have never seen a city which has so few restrictions, which we people of the South have become used to.

San Francisco is served by an extensive water works system, the reservoirs have a storage capacity of 100,000,000 gallons, and the average consumption is 80,000,000 gallons a day. There are 750 miles of streets, the sewer system covers 308 miles, and the cost of maintaining the city government exceeds \$7,000,000. From which it can be seen that the city is on a very extensive scale. The city proper was almost totally destroyed by earth quake and fire on April 18th, 1915, the loss amounting to nearly \$250,000,000.00. But with marvelous energy it was quickly rebuilt, as if by magic, as I said in the beginning, and it has now a population of nearly five hundred thousand souls.

San Francisco is a wealthy city its bank clearings for 1912 were \$2,677,561,962.00. The assessed valuation for 1912 was \$605,141,664.00, and the splendor of the buildings both of a private and public character bespeak of the great prosperity.

I was particularly impressed with the fact that during one day in San Francisco I ate oysters, strawberries, celery, turkey oranges, figs, grape fruit and plums, and bought roses, chrysanthemums and violets on the streets. They seem to have no idea of seasons like ours, and one from the East forgets whether it is winter or summer, for the things we eat in summer they eat in winter, and what we have in winter they have in summer. There are so many things in the city of great interest that I scarcely know which to mention, however, the sylvan charm of the Golden Gate, with its Japanese Tea Gardens, the Cliff House and Suiro Gate, Baths which are famous over the whole world are places of great interest. These baths are located on a cliff overlooking the ocean, and afford a magnificent view of one of the most beautiful sections of California's scenic coast. The entrance to the Baths is a reproduction of a Grecian temple, while the approach to the baths proper is down a broad stairway boarded with palms and other flowers. These baths are composed of six tanks, and the wa-

ter in each of them is changed every day; this comes direct from the ocean and is supplied by the force of the waves themselves.

The Presidio, U. S. Army headquarters, occupies an area of 1540 acres, being the largest army post in the United States. It is beautifully situated on the ocean, commanding a splendid view of the beautiful harbor and one would surely be interested in a visit there. One of the mints of the government is located in the city, and the buildings of the civic center attract one for their massiveness and beauty.

The Church of San Francisco de A-sisi, founded in 1776, is the oldest building in the city, and was a part of the Mission for which the city was named. The hotels are models of elegance, the Saint Francis is the most prominent one; the theaters which are open the entire year are wonderful, and actors of the greatest prominence appear alternately in San Francisco, Chicago and New York. One of the most fascinating things to me in the city is the splendor and beauty of the cabarets—they rival those of Paris and New York, and I have never visited more perfectly appointed ones than are found here, I always went myself, with several congenial friends, in one of more of these delightful places to round out an evening in San Francisco after having paid attention to the more serious things during the day.

The commercial connection with the Orient makes San Francisco one of the principal cities of the world in trading with foreign countries, and a visit to the docks brings to light much of interest about the commercial importance of the city.

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The Virginians.

Students of history will find in the elevation of the descendant of the Indian Princess, Pocahontas, something to call to mind early romantic situations in Virginia, whose soil has been productive of many noble men and women since the white pioneer hewed his way into the forests of the New World. That the First Lady of the Land has the blood of the true American in her veins, fills the remnant of the various Indian tribes with pride not to be wondered at, for is not this their own, their native land? The life of the Indian maiden joined with that of Rolfe the Englishman, was the beginning of a posterity, whose influence has made the Old Dominion's history more interesting.

The tributes that the Indians laid at the feet of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, was but the giving to one of their kind, in whose character has been fulfilled the highest desire of the Anglo-Saxon blood. "The two Virginians" as the President and his bride may be termed, heard, in their supreme happiness, the call of their native soil, and so in their desire for the simple life, they are enjoying it at the beginning of the days which God may grant them. The great heart of the South rejoices that these two Virginians are showing forth the true Southern love for the land of their birth.

The office walls are adorned with handsome 1916 calendars, the gift of the Bank of Martin County, the oldest bank in the county, with capital and profits \$45,030. The calendar way, is an attractive method of advertising, and it is appreciated.

Twentieth Century Book Club

The Twentieth Century Club held a very delightful meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 15th, with Mrs. W. H. Harrell, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was the author studied, and a most excellent sketch of his life was read by Mrs. C. B. Hassell.

Selection, "The Young Hiawatha," Mrs. Burrell, "The Day is Done," Mrs. S. R. Biggs, Roll Call, Quotations from Longfellow, Current Events, Mrs. Martin, "Hark to the Mandolin," Mrs. Cone and Mrs. Williams, Polish Dance, Mrs. Warren Biggs, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Martin, Jr.

A delicious salad course was served.

No Powder Plant.

The Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington, has correct information that the Duponts are not thinking of establishing a powder plant in Carolina. This will be disappointing to those places which have made a bid for the plant, among them being Williamston.

However, the consensus of opinion here, was that the town did not need such a factory. It has been facetiously remarked that some of the good citizens preferred going off for a long vacation by some other route, other than the powder one, and prefer simple life while on this old whirling ball.

Jamesville Items

much. Just think of the children in Europe, where war is going on.

Dennis Coburn was the guest of Miss Mildred Watters Sunday evening.

W. B. Gaylord, John Sexton and Sylvester Stallings went to Norfolk this week.

C. J. Griffin went to Baltimore Sunday for the purpose of selling his fur, which he had shipped.

The sign of Christmas was visible to the naked eye Saturday night, you are at liberty to guess in what way.

Turkeys are selling on this market from 16 to 17 1/2 cents. Eggs are 30 cents, and chicken from 25 to 40 cents.

Louis Griffin went to Washington City Sunday. While away he will buy a farm in Maryland, near that city.

Santa Claus will be in town Friday night. It is believed that he has been hard hit by the war, so children, do not expect too

Miss Effie Brown, a student of Meredith College, returned home Friday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Brown.

Zeno Davenport seems to be very much down-hearted. Say Zeno, has your best girl got another fellow, or is it the price of a Christmas present?

Rumor has it that Emery Murphey local Ford Doctor, will be married during the Christmas holidays. Say Mr. Murphey, don't be bashful. What is her name?

The Farmers & Merchants Bank is hanging calendars of splendid size and workmanship in all the business offices of the town. This office was the recipient of one on Thursday by the hands of John L. Rodgerson, Asst. Cashier. This bank has advertising incorporated in its every-day business.

Coming Monday Night

There is a treat in store for all lovers of fun and pretty dancing girls for the Harry Stewart Musical Comedy Company have just been booked to play the Opera House for one night only, Dec. 27th.

The Company is headed by that well known Comedian, Harry Stewart, who has been appearing in late Broadway Success, and he is supported by a company of 20 including Miss Billie Fay, the little girl with the big voice, who has been headlining shows in all the big vaudeville houses. Miss Minnie Desmond, who made herself famous with her clever character impersonations, also the Personality Girl with the Tantalizing Eyes, Miss Bernice De Farris, late with the Town Topic Company, Mr. James Corberly who has been with all the leading Shubert Productions, Solley Brilliant, who has been a favorite for his cleverness; and the Great California Baritone, Mat Kennedy, and a beauty chorus of twelve pretty Broadway Dancing Girls. Special scenery and costumes for each show. The show has 14 dancing songs hits. The show will be a two act Musical Comedy entitled, "A Call For Volunteers."

This Musical Comedy is for laughing purposes only. Admissions will be 50, 75 and \$1.00.

Oak City News.

Mrs. Rickey was in town Sunday.

Mr. Smith, of Winterville, was in town Saturday.

Zeb Whitehurst, of Greenville, was in town Sunday.

Jim Daniels, of Robersonville, was in town Sunday.

J. W. Hines spent Monday and Tuesday in Norfolk.

Miss Lou Council spent the week-end in Hamilton.

Little Margaret Fleming left for her home near House Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Council returned to their home in Norfolk Sunday.

Mrs. B. M. Worsley and Mrs. Edgar Long spent Monday in Robersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Allbrooks spent the week-end in Scotland Neck.

Mrs. I. S. Bowen, of City Point, Va. arrived Sunday to spend Christmas with her parents.

Willie Tew, of Port Norfolk, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hines the past week.

Mrs. Mary Mitchel, of Windsor, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Johnson.

Misses Annie M. Dautdrige and Helen Council returned from school at Greenville Saturday to spend the Holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph House took their little son to the hospital at Rocky Mount, where an operation was performed on his throat.

Do Your Banking Early. Banks will close Friday (today) at 1 P. M., for a half holiday, and open again on Monday, Dec. 27th at 9 A. M.

Banks will close today at 1 P. M., and will open again on Monday.

New crisp one dollar bills handy for Christmas presents at Bank of Martin County.

HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

For Martin County. The County Should Co-operate For Its Establishment.

Editor Enterprise:—My attention was arrested by a statement in a recent issue of the Enterprise that Mrs. J. G. Staton appeared before the Board of Commissioners of Martin county on the first Monday in December and advocated an appropriation by the county for "Canning Club Work." This is known officially as Home Demonstration Work. A trained woman is employed who not only organizes girls canning clubs, but who visits the homes of the county and organizes the home keepers into classes for the purpose of teaching the fundamentals of cooking and other home work. Substantially such a woman becomes the leader for a better and happier country life. Usually the county appropriates \$500, which amount is duplicated by the Federal Government out of the Lever Fund, and in part by the State. The money so raised makes a total of not less than \$1000, and is so used to pay the expense of such county agent, less a small sum which is set aside for the payment of sub agents.

Much depends upon the woman selected as agent. She should be a woman who is well trained, who possesses knowledge of domestic science, and who above all, loves other women and is consecrated to her work.

It is true as stated that the entire sum allotted to North Carolina has already been distributed and no further sum will be available until the latter part of 1916. Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon of Raleigh, is the State agent for the Home Demonstration Work and has made a conspicuous success. I take the liberty of directing the attention of the Board of County Commissioners and of the intelligent men and women of Martin County to the importance of this work, to the end that they may make their plans to appear before the Board of County Commissioners about September next for the purpose of presenting this matter.

The activity of Mrs. Staton is worthy of all commendation.

Very respectfully,
John H. Small.

Mr. and Mrs. Kader Crawford and Master Asa left Tuesday for Seaford, Del., to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun Ross during the holidays.

Misses Frances Knight, Eva Peel, Fannie Murt and Daisy Manning and Sallie Hadley are at home from school for the holidays.

Give a Cartoon of Lamps for a Christmas present.
Williamston Electric Co.

Card of Thanks.

I sincerely wish to thank my many friends and neighbors publicly for their many acts of kindness, which were shown me during the illness of my husband, and at the time of his death. For all this I shall ever be grateful, and shall always remember them with a sincere recollection. May they receive many blessings, in my heart's desire.

Mrs. Mac S. Taylor.