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REVIEWS OF BRIDAL COUPLES.

How They and the People Enjoy Life at Old Point Comfort.

OLD POINT COMFORT, Dec. 7th. Special Correspondence of the JOURNAL.

This is the time of year when Old Point Comfort puts on its most hospitable air, and its palatial hotels shelter rest and pleasure seekers from all parts of the country. Indeed, it is doubtful if any other resort in America draws its patrons from such an extensive territory. They come from East, West, North and South. And the bridal couples! It seems as if this charming retreat was made especially for the newly wedded pairs who are just starting out on the journey of life together, and to whom there is but one world with two in it. Well, there is truly everything here to make the honeymoon a honeymoon indeed. As a rule the blissful couples avoid the gay throng and seek the many sheltered nooks around the grim ramparts of Fortress Monroe where they can squeeze hands and look into each other's eyes. You have to be careful when walking about Old Point Comfort, for the corners are full of them, and you are liable to start them up as dog does a covey of partridges.

It's easy to tell 'em. The genial hotel clerks can "spot" them every time. The favorite bridal route is by way of the Old Bay Line from Baltimore, because the trip down the Chesapeake is so quietly delightful and pleasant—no noise or bustle of the railroad. So when the Alabama or Georgia reaches the dock here in the morning, the porters and "boys" are on the lookout for the newly married. The clerk knows just where to give them rooms—and if you can find any more luxurious or comfortable quarters than at the hotels here you will have to look outside this country for them. They want a good breakfast too and quick, for these wedding trips somehow give the travelers a wonderful appetite so the waiters say. It's not all sentiment by a long shot, and some of the little ladies in their dainty gray gowns will astonish you with their capacity for the fried chicken, waffles omelets, quail on toast and other delicacies cooked and served so deliciously at the famous hostilities of Old Point.

Speaking of gray, that reminds me that most of the brides travel in gray. Occasionally you see another color but no often. And the trunks they take! Sometimes there are four or five just for one little woman, but she uses their contents for if that is a time when a girl wishes to look attractive, isn't it on her wedding trip? Of course it is and they know it. The prettiest ones must all come to Old Point, for you seldom see one who isn't what Chimmie Fadden calls Chimmie Dewey, a "peach." It is generally supposed that every couple goes to one of three places on their wedding trip—Old Point, Washington or Niagara Falls, but the other places cannot come up to Old Point as a mecca for the newly mated. It is not an infrequent occurrence for nearly a hundred couples to be registered at the Chamberlin and the Hygeia at one time.

They do so hate to leave, too. In fact many who have planned a trip to include other resorts find it is so truly Old Point Comfort that they change their minds and stay right here until the last minute, and before they go away you often hear "little wifey" say: "Now John or Charlie or Henry (whatever the name may be), I want you to promise that you will take me here a year from now when we celebrate our first anniversary."

And John does it, too. You see there are the dances and the delightful music of the hotel orchestras, the drills and the social events at the fort, the many places such as the Newport News shippard, Hampton Institute, Norfolk, Portsmouth and the Navy Yard, the fine hunting near by, and the many pleasant acquaintances one forms among the elite southern people who frequent Old Point. All these make the variety necessary. Old Point is never monotonous. Then the enjoyable trip up and down the Chesapeake by the Baltimore Steam Packet Co.'s Old Bay Line route is one of the features long to be remembered with pleasure. These steamers have elegantly appointed bridal staterooms, and have for a half century carried nuptial pairs on their journey in life together.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

December 8. JANUARY cotton opened in New York at 7.90 and has had a declining tendency all day, finally closing at 7.14 the lowest point touched for several months and a net loss of 20 points since yesterday. There is a great feeling of depression and of general disappointment at such a continued decline. It is a pleasure to note that Southern markets are reported steady from day to day, with a fair demand, and the Liverpool market appears to be in a perfectly healthy state. After the decline runs its course there should be a sharp reaction, and unless there is much in the situation which is not on the surface we are not very far from the turning point. New BRASS market, very firm at 61 to 61.

THE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, December 8. OYSTERS. OREGON. May Wheat..... 80 81 May Hibs..... 4.00 4.04

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Will Appeal to Supreme Court.

RALPHIGH, N. C. December 8.—There will be an appeal to Supreme Court of the United States if the attempt is made to Annual lease of the North Carolina R. R. to the Southern Railway.

To Abolish Criminal Court.

RALPHIGH, N. C. December 8.—It is stated that Gov. elect Russell will in his message to the Legislature, which it seems is to take the place of an inaugural address, recommend that the Eastern and Western Criminal Courts be abolished, and two Superior court circuits be established instead.

Ayer Strangely Silent.

RALPHIGH, N. C. December 8.—Populist state Chairman H. H. Ayer declined to advise the Populists how to vote in the election in Jackson county, today, for a member of the lower house of the Legislature.

He refused to answer questions as to whether the Populists should vote for the Republican nominee, who is for "ritchard for Senator, or for the Democratic nominee who is a free silverite.

N. C. R. R. Stock Declines.

RALPHIGH, N. C. December 8.—It is asserted that the recent agitation regarding the annulment of the lease of the North Carolina Railway, and Governor elect Russell's consideration of the lease, has caused a considerable decline in its stock, which since the ninety-nine year lease to the Southern Railway was made, was as high as 1.35. It is now only 1.15.

Funds for the Strikers.

HAMBURG.—Numerous meetings of the striking dock laborers were held in this city. The largest of these was a mass meeting at which Herr Mulcahamb, Social member of the Hamburg for Hamburg, announced that the subscriptions to the fund for the support of the strikers had so increased that the distributors of the fund would be enabled to raise the weekly grants to immunities by one mark a week and to give to married men an additional allowance according to the number of children in their families.

The employers have had another meeting at which their refusal to submit to a dispute between the striking dock men and themselves to an arbitration tribunal was reaffirmed. This action of the employers is due to the fact that a guarantee amounting to \$350,000 has been signed for the protection and aid of the smaller employers.

Will Not Indict Beef Trust.

CHICAGO.—The Federal grand jury after a few minutes' session decided to abandon the alleged beef trust investigation and was formally discharged by Judge Grosscup. Some of the members of the jury expressed themselves satisfied that a combination existed among the more prominent packers. It had been impossible, however, to reach by subpoena the witnesses most desired and as no sufficient evidence was available upon which to base an indictment the attempt at the investigation was given up.

Migrating to the South.

SUPERIOR, Wis.—The exodus of families from this section of the country to what is termed "the fruit belt" of Georgia is beginning to attract considerable attention. It is estimated that already 150 families have disposed of their belongings in Superior and Duluth and taken tracts of land in the South, mostly in the vicinity of Sibley, Ga., where there is quite a colony of Northern people.

Many of these people go down without a dollar in the world after paying the freight on their household effects, and there are many others who have a comfortable surplus left to begin work on immigration companies, backed by the Southern railroads, have been doing missionary work in this section for a year, and claim to now have their colonization matters fairly started.

One of these companies has 13,000 acres of land near Sibley, and is selling it at the rate of \$5 per acre. It is guaranteed to raise whatever a farm in the United States will produce, and independent incomes are guaranteed as well after a few years.

Since some companies have been successful others have been formed. Agencies are being established at points in Eastern Minnesota and Northwestern Wisconsin. They are meeting with unexpected success.

Fire Loss for the Year.

NEW YORK.—The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin says: The fire loss of the United States and Canada for the month of November, as compiled from our daily records, amounts to \$5,311,900. The November record is remarkably light and makes certain a great reduction for the whole year of 1896, as compared with 1895, unless some enormous conflagration takes place this month. The total for 1896 will be about \$115,600,000.

Testing Smokeless Coal.

NEW YORK.—The government torpedo boat Cushing took aboard several tons of acme, formerly called loyal-sock, smokeless coal, at the Leligh Valley railway dock at Perth Amboy and took a spin around the lightship as a preliminary test of the steaming and smokeless qualities of the coal.

Mr. Davis, president of the State Line and Sullivan Railroad, which supplies the fuel, was aboard the vessel. The run from Newport to the Brooklyn navy yard, a distance of 160 miles, was made in seven hours and forty minutes, using but one boiler, developing a speed of about twenty-two miles per hour.

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