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Some Notes Taken by The Way.

My last letter was written just before we arrived at Cincinnati. We spent a few hours in that bustling busy city and found it like nearly all big places, on the rush and go for the Almighty dollar.

We were struck with the amount of smoke and dirt to be seen and while it is a big busy place, still a little closer attention to street cleaning would much improve the general appearance of things in the business center.

We left Cincinnati at 12:20 on the Noon Day Special of C. H. & D. Ry. and had a pleasant run of three hours to Indianapolis. The country between Cincinnati and Indianapolis is generally very fine farming lands. The farms are level and well cultivated and produce fine crops. Good horses, fine cattle, hogs and sheep are seen all along the line.

Wheat, corn and grass are the principal crops. The wheat fields extend for miles and the corn and grass fields are large and numerous. The corn is cultivated with riding two horse sulky cultivators, one man plowing a row each trip across the field. The corn is small yet, being ten days or two weeks later than with us and the wheat is just beginning to turn.

Cherries seem to be the most bountiful fruit and nearly every farm house the trees could be seen loaded with the red ripe cherries.

There are a number of flourishing looking, prosperous towns along the line, the most important being Hamilton, McConnellsville, Rushville and many other smaller places. We met many familiar faces at Indianapolis, the North Carolina delegation being composed of H. B. Varner and wife, C. W. Hammer and wife, W. K. Jacobson, W. E. Swearingen and this scribe and his better half.

The first session of the Convention was held in the Claypool Hotel Tuesday evening, when the Governor of the state, Mayor of the city and one or two other important personages delivered addresses of welcome. The News Boys' Band, composed of thirty or more pieces, made good music for us and a male quartette sang several selections.

After the addresses, lemon and cherry punch was served and an hour spent pleasantly shaking hands with friends and meeting many of the Indians.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were given up to business meetings of the Convention, the proceedings of which would not be of interest to the average reader, and to viewing the points of interest in the city. Indianapolis is a beautiful city, claiming over 230,000 inhabitants and has many attractions.

Among its important buildings the State house one of the nicest in the country, may be mentioned first. Then the United States Court House, City Hall, Post office and many churches, schools and benevolent institutions add much to the attractiveness of the place. The nice cozy houses with green lawns and abundant shade add a charm to the city, which is particularly attractive to visitors. There are numerous parks and pleasure grounds and well kept and cared for which go far towards making it an ideal city of residence. The water system, street car system and lighting system are all good and strictly up-to-date. Their trolley lines extending to Cincinnati, Columbus, Toledo and many other towns and cities which

with the steam railways make Indianapolis one the most accessible cities of the country. These numerous lines of travel bring the products of the rich surrounding country into the markets in abundance and something to eat is abundant and cheap. The city is proud of its good schools and many other attractions, but the object of tenderest affection is the beautiful and expensive monument to the "Soldiers and Sailors," which is indeed worthy of admiration. It occupies a commanding position and is the center, or hub, so to speak, of the city, as many of the principal avenues radiate from it like spokes from the hub of a wheel. It towers nearly 300 feet high and is surmounted by a bronze figure of liberty 38 feet high. Around the base on four sides are groups of soldiers and sailors seemingly on the alert for the approach of the enemy. An electric elevator extends from the base to near the top and the scene from the outlook affords a panoramic view of the city and surrounding country that is hard to surpass. It would be too tedious, in an article of this kind, to go into details of the numerous manufactures, wholesale houses, banking institutions, department stores, etc., that go to make up the busy, prosperous and progressive city Indianapolis is, so I will just say it is in many respects the most attractive city I have ever visited. The "Hoosiers" are a whole souled and hospitable people and are doing much to make our stay among them pleasant. Each day we are entertained, given trolley rides, and receptions and shown many courtesies, that are appreciated and tend to bind us more closely to our entertainers and hosts. We leave here Saturday morning for two or three days tour of the state and in my next letter I will try to tell something of the other towns that we shall visit in this progressive and wide-a-wake commonwealth.

H. C. M.

June 15th, 1906.

An Air Ship Sails Over Washington.

Washington, June 14.—An air ship under complete control, flying over Washington, was the spectacle witnessed here today. Thousands turned out to see the novel sight and cheered the navigator as he skillfully directed the craft.

The ship started from a point three miles from Washington on the Virginia side of the Potomac and was steered directly for the Washington monument. The navigator, after twice circling the monument, landed about 50 yards from the south portico. Mrs. Roosevelt was at the window when the descent was made and exhibited great interest in the strange looking structure.

After remaining in the grounds short time the navigator made another ascent, carrying his ship over three newspaper offices and then took a straight course down Pennsylvania avenue to the capitol.

After remaining about a quarter of an hour at the capitol the navigator started back to Virginia.

An insurrection is in progress in Korea and the Japanese government is engaged in suppressing it. Japan some time ago took possession of Korea. While the latter has a nominal government Japan is practically in control.

DOWIE SAW HIS OWN VISION.

Also Tells of Visit to Heavenly Land.

Chicago, June 15.—John Alexander Dowie, testifying in the hearing of the Zion City controversy in Judge Landis' court this afternoon told of an instance when his body and soul became separated and in his spiritual being he distinctly saw his own dead body lying beneath a shroud.

It occurred, he said, while he was fighting the liquor traffic in Melbourne, and was regarded by him as a Divine warning that he was about to die.

At another time the witness asserted his spirit left his body and the angel Gabriel and the Virgin Mary were present in the realm visited by the spirit. This narration of life and death was brought out by Attorney Newman during his cross-examination of Dowie. Following the vision, the witness continued, two acquaintances came to him and told him they dreamed he was to be assassinated.

Then, while alone in the tabernacle, came a voice warning him to "arise and go." "I arose and went," said Dowie, "and while on my way home I heard an explosion. The next day I found that my enemies had tried to kill me with dynamite. The back of the tabernacle had been wrecked."

Dowie denied, in the course of the examination, that he had ever represented himself as Elijah, the restorer, subsequently qualifying the statement by saying that he told his people that he "came in the spirit and power of Elijah." On September 18, 1904, he said, he proclaimed himself as the "First Apostle, but when pressed for an explanation as to how he received the commission he replied: "Can't tell you."

Dowie declared that he had received a direct command from God on an occasion when he held a meeting of 4,000 persons who had been cured of disease. A voice repeated three times the words "go forward."

Prescription for Snake Nervousness

Statesville Landmark.

A prominent Statesville physician was hastily summoned yesterday morning to visit a negro who was reported to be suffering with "snake nervousness". The doctor hesitated at first but finally decided to take the case and, according to instructions, hurried to the home of his patient to make an examination. Arriving at the house he was informed that the sick man had a desire to be supplied and was instructed by some of his friends to kill a big black racer snake, skin it and wear the skin around his waist, which would secure the desired results. This was tried Sunday by the negro, who was afterwards seized with the above disease.

The physician made an examination and found the negro in a high state of excitement and declaring that snakes were coursing through his blood. And the doctor wrote the following prescription for him: "Eat lots of fat back and hoe cotton like the devil."

An editor in Iowa, after looking over the situation, has concluded, that "some go to church to weep, while others go to sleep; some go to tell their woes, others go to show their clothes; some go to hear the preacher, others like the solo screecher; boys go to reconnoitre, girls go because they orter; some go for reflection, precious few to help collectien."—Exchange.

STOLEN BOY FOUND.

The Kidnapper a Former Stock Broker.

Philadelphia, June 18.—Little Fredy Muth, who was kidnapped from school on Tuesday last, was recovered from his captors in a sensational manner this afternoon. For several days the identity of the kidnapper has been known to the police, but despite the efforts of four hundred men who have been working on the case, he was not located until today.

Accompanied by one of his men, Chief of Detectives Donaghy went to 526 North Sixty-second street, in west Philadelphia, and there found John Joseph Kean with his captive. Kean attempted to escape, and was shot at by the detectives. Kean surrendered and was taken to police headquarters.

The kidnapper, who is 42 years old, is described as a former stock broker who had recently been a real estate agent. He has a wife and three children, and it is believed that his desperate situation drove him to his crime.

In communications to the father of the child he demanded \$5,000 for its return, and in a letter written on Friday declared he would kill the child and himself if the money was not forthcoming. Kean's terms were acceded to in a "personal" inserted in all of Saturday's papers. In a subsequent letter Kean proposed new terms, and these were likewise accepted and another "personal" was inserted in yesterday's newspapers.

Meanwhile misleading stories have been given to the public by the police in order to serve their purpose.

The boy, who is only seven years old, was apparently unharmed, except that he bore evidence of suffering from hunger and exposure.

Kendalls Have Gone.

The Times-Democrat.

It is reported on the best authority that the two Kendalls who gave the solicitor down in Anson certain facts concerning the alleged lynchings, have disappeared. The Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer has the following:

H. D. Kendall and H. D. Kendall, Jr., the persons who turned State's evidence in the Johnson lynching cases, passed through Wadesboro Sunday, June 3rd. They had a double barrel gun in their buggy and were going in the direction of Monroe, and later were seen at both Monroe and Wingate.

No one paid much attention to the fact that Mr. Kendall had left home—as he was not considered in any danger—until Monday, when Mrs. Kendall phoned persons in town that he had gone away and that she did not know whether she would ever see him again or not.

Mr. Kendall, the Messenger-Intelligencer learns, was somewhere in Burnsville township as late as Sunday, but as to his present whereabouts this paper has no information.

Shot to Save Mother.

Athens, Ga., June 19.—Sam Gray, aged 47 years, was shot and instantly killed by his son at White Hall, this county, yesterday afternoon. The older man is said to have advanced on his wife, knife in hand, threatening to kill her when John Gray, aged 17, entered the room. He plead with his father to desist. This enraged the old man and he then threatened to kill them both. The son seized a gun and fired on his father. The load almost tore off his face. Young Gray told of the deed and gave himself up.

Give Her a Chance.

The Times-Democrat.

Susan Hannon, the young girl of Concord who murdered H. Y. Stack, is now under sentence of manslaughter, and is doomed to five long years in the state penitentiary, according to the sentence of the Judge who heard the case.

She is young, tender and impressionable now. After five years in the penitentiary, surrounded by depravity, associated with hardened criminals and in the atmosphere where hope or a thought of reform is an unknown quantity, she will come out from the prison walls a callous, set, hardened woman, unfit for society, careless of her future.

A petition is being circulated, signed by the attorneys at the Bar and by a great number of the people of Concord, asking that Governor Glenn grant her a conditional pardon in order that she may be sent to a reformatory or to some good home where every effort possible will be made to eradicate the blot upon her youthful career, and start in bad faith, in case such pardon is granted, she will then be forced to serve out her original sentence.

It is the same old story of the sin of erring youth, and of how to deal with the case.

Time and again we have urged the necessity for a reformatory for such young criminals as Susie Hannon. We reiterate the importance of such institution and shall continue to do so until we have some place for young criminals in this State more conducive of repentance, hope and reform than the state penitentiary.

It is our sincere hope that a sufficient number of names will be found on the petition when presented to the Governor, to cause him to give the case thorough consideration, and it is likewise our hope that he may see his way clear in granting this conditional pardon.

Negro Attempted Double Crime.

Charlotte Observer.

Freeman Jones, colored, is in jail here charged with burglary and attempted criminal assault, which crimes were committed in east Durham this morning about 3 o'clock. He has been positively identified by the victim of his brutal attempt, Mrs. J. W. Baker, and has partially admitted the desperate charges against him.

Mrs. Barker was dragged from her home and into the yard by a negro. In the scuffle that followed she was painfully hurt, and is suffering today from a bruised chest and sprained back. Her cries and the cries of her aged mother awoke a negro man and his wife who lived near by, and when they started to ascertain the cause of the trouble the negro ran off. The negro was arrested in a short time and was dressed just as the woman had described him. She positively identified him. The woman, who is 55 or 60 years old and half-witted, lives with her aged mother. She was awakened Sunday morning a light found the negro in the room. He grasped her and dragged her into the yard, when her outcries forced him to flee.

Policeman Kills Negro.

Chester, Pa., June 17.—While attempting to escape from a policeman today William, alias "Chick" Horsey, a negro, was shot and instantly killed. Horsey was beating his wife on the street when the policeman came on the scene.

The negro ran and the policeman chased him, firing two shots after the man. One of the bullets entered the fleeing man's back, causing almost instant death.

News Items.

Newton is to have a new bank. It will be organized with a capital of about \$250,000.

A severe storm of wind and rain did considerable damage at Oak Ridge Saturday afternoon.

The President Saturday signed the Statehood bill, which admits Oklahoma and Ind. Territory as a State and provides that Arizona and N. Mex. shall vote on the proposition to enter the Union as one state.

Mr. Edison's report that he has found cobalt in abundance in Gaston, Lincoln and Cleveland counties, means that he proposes opening mining operations, and that means the opening of a new industry and a new source of wealth for the counties named.

The Post says that Mr. Thomas H. Vanderford, chairman of the Democratic congressional committee for this district, has appointed Mr. James H. Horah, of Salisbury, secretary of the committee. Headquarters will be opened in Salisbury and a warm campaign waged.

In Washington last week an exhibition was given of an airship that flew alright. The navigator circled over the Washington monument and the capitol, landed on the White House grounds, ascending and descending at will. He seemed to have his ship under perfect control.

The contest for the Democratic nomination in the tenth congressional district, which has been the warmest in the State, seems to have resulted in the favor of ex-Congressman W. T. Crawford, of Haywood. The other candidates were Congressman Gudger and Mr. Hewitt, of Ashville.

Ashville Citizen: A small landslide occurred on the Western railway Friday morning at a point one mile east of Morganton, and traffic on the line between Ashville and Salisbury was delayed for several hours. Extra forces of men were put to work, and had the track cleared within a short time.

The dead body of C. T. Watson, a prominent citizen of Craven county, was found in the woods two miles from Newberne Sunday morning. A negro man and woman, who it was thought were responsible for Watson's death, were arrested, but a coroner's jury found that death resulted from apoplexy. Watson was 55 years old and a wife and daughter survive.

A special of the 16th from Mt. Olive, Wayne county, to the Greensboro Industrial News, says that John Williams, negro, aged 7 years, came in contact with a live wire and was instantly killed, and Rastus Winn, also colored, aged 22 years, while attempting to release the other boy from the coils of the wire, lost his life. The tragedy resulted from a telephone wire coming in contact with the arc circuit of the electric light company, on which were 2,300 volts.

Col. R. E. Lester, of Savannah, member of Congress, fell 30 feet through the skylight of an apartment house in Washington Friday night and received injuries from which he died Saturday afternoon. He had gone on the roof after dark to look for his grandchildren and as his sight was bad it is supposed he accidentally fell through the skylight. Col. Lester was born in Georgia in 1837. He was a Confederate soldier, had served in the Georgia Legislature and was serving his 9th term in Congress.