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## The McSwain Tour

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(Con'td from last week)

Such meals as they serve would cost at least \$1.00 in Chicago at the Hotel La Salle. The dining room seats four hundred and at the height of the meal there are always some waiting to get a seat, which shows the popularity of the dining service; the same applies to the rooms, as many are turned away every day. Another thing I might say here is that Los Angeles is entertaining more tourist than San Francisco, notwithstanding the Exposition is in progress at San Francisco, and Los Angeles has only her natural attractions. We were delighted with the city and its beautiful surrounds, and spent more time there than we did in San Francisco. Numerous side trips can be taken from here to good advantage and they are interesting and well worth while, as well as many things in the city of interest.

Los Angeles has a population of over 550,000 and is one of the fastest growing cities on the Pacific coast. It also has the best and the largest street car system in the world, have considerable over enough track to reach a million miles if it were all single track, with 1,800 men to run their cars in service. Of course all of this track is not in Los Angeles, but this is head quarters for the system, tracks reaching out in every direction connecting numerous smaller cities and rural districts.

Friday, June 25th. To day's sight seeing was done largely on the street cars, our first trip taking us to Huntington Park to call on Mrs. Gorey, a next door neighbor's sister—a call in his behalf on a party we had never met before. The visit was very much enjoyed. Returning we take car to Pasadena, a beautiful wealthy man's suburban residential district, a city of about forty thousand inhabitants. At this place is located the famous Bish Sunken Gardens which are indeed very beautiful. We also visited some of their parks and children playgrounds, which are well kept and very nice. Returning we visit the well known Cavston Ostrich Farm, which has over a thousand birds—the largest Ostrich farm in America, some of them being valued at as much as \$2,000,000 each. In addition to the Ostrich they have a number of other birds as well worth while and very much enjoyed. Perhaps a few facts about the Ostrich would be of interest. Their eggs weigh about three pounds and it requires forty two days to hatch them either in an incubator or by the birds themselves, both methods being used. Takes from four to five years for a bird to mature, at which time which selection means for life they select their own mate and are given a pen to themselves; when setting the male takes turn about with the female. Their plumage is gathered first at the age of six months and once every eight months thereafter, the feathers being clipped off instead of pulled out to keep from injuring the bird. They usually live to be rather old, the oldest pair on this farm being thirty nine and forty years old. The average weight of the Ostrich is about

300 pounds and they can pluck an orange at the height of ten feet. Some of them are run in races and are a fairly good match for the average race horse on short distance races.

Returning to Los Angeles we visit our first picture show since starting on our tour, but why shouldn't we visit a moving picture show while in the center of the show work. About seventy five to eighty percent of all the moving pictures made in the United States are made in Los Angeles and vicinity. The city supports one hundred and thirty moving picture theatres. In our tour tomorrow we pass Universal City, a city built for the movies, or to make movies, in, as well as some of the noted actors, of which we shall make mention later, as well as the witnessing of the making of a movie.

Saturday, June 26th. We were up early this morning feeling much more like sight seeing after having spent yesterday in a rather sight seeing manner, and are soon off for an auto sight seeing tour of the city. In our tour we visited the old Spanish Mission, now about 150 years old, and still answering the purpose of a place to hold services. The Noto Plaza Park at which women were whipped about 120 years ago, publicly, for any of fence considered deserving. We also view the new Times building erected on the spot where the old one was dynamited by the iron workers, and which case resulted in several penitentiary sentences, and is well remembered from news paper accounts.

The tallest building in Los Angeles is only fourteen stories high the allowed limit, though they have many splendid office and other buildings, modern in every respect. The longest straight and a very fine street The largest picture show house in the city, the Auditorium, which is used for a theatre through the week and preaching services on Sunday, although they have two hundred and twenty-six churches, as well as two hundred and eight saloons with two hundred and seventy-seven splendid schools which have an enrollment of eighty-eight thousand pupils.

Streets running in one direction are named while in the other they are numbered first, second, and so on, but no thirteenth—no unlucky streets in Los Angeles—the one that should be thirteenth is named Pico, a Spanish name for a once wealthy resident of the city. We passed through the finer residential sections of the city, and many of the fine mansions are well worth mention, but we shall only mention a few. The home of one of the oil kings, Doherty, has the finest home piano in the world, costing \$27,000.00. This man also has fine deer park adjoining his home which contains over five hundred deer. Most of my readers have no doubt seen post card views of Singleton's Pala Drive. We not only passed through this drive but stopped and took a walk around over his famous estate, which is now in litigation [to be continued next week]

## SINGING CONVENTION NOTES BY THE SECRETARY

In the report of the Singing Convention in last week's Herald we only gave a brief report of the proceedings and now will try and give a more detailed report of each choir. We had in this convention two new choirs and now we propose to give our impression of each choir and their singing. The first one we will notice is the

### East Kings Mtn. [Baptist] [Cora Mill]

All who have heard this choir singing in the past know they sing well. This choir was led by Mr. J. J. Alexander who has had charge of it for three or four years. The organist was Miss Rosa Benfield and she plays real well giving good expression and accent, which aids materially in choir singing.

### Grace Church [M. E.]

This was one of the new choirs present for the first time and they entered into the spirit of the Convention with the greatest enthusiasm. This was quite a large choir and was led also by Mr. Alexander of the Cora Mills. Miss Ethel Davidson was the organist and did her part well. We also noticed the Pastor, Rev. B. A. Culp, taking part and singing with all his might. Will say right here that if all pastors would take the interest in the music of their church that Mr. Culp does that the musical interest in all our churches would be better. In the beginning of the service the President extended the glad hand to the new choirs and we will expect them next time.

### Patterson's Grove. [Baptist]

One of the convention stand-bys, always on hand and doing the best of singing. While this choir is not large in numbers it is great in harmony and voice blending. It is always expected of this choir to do good singing and the people were not disappointed. The most faithful members of this choir are the Falls Sisters, the Ware's, the Ledford's and Mr. Beaty and wife. The writer was leader and organist.

### Mary's Grove. [M. E. South]

One of the new choirs and a very welcome addition to the Convention. They did some real fine singing and were listened to with rapt attention. We counted forty-one grown girls in this choir and about ten men and boys. They made a very favorable impression on the audience and too much cannot be said in their favor. Mr. Hudson Hamrick was leader and a good one while Miss Wright was organist.

### Oak Grove. [Baptist]

Only a portion of this good choir was present and they did not sing in the forenoon yet they came bravely forward in the afternoon and sang several selections very nicely. Several of their principal singers were absent but they did well and showed their wettle by singing at all. Mr. Hudson Hamrick was leader of this choir while Miss Essie Bell presided at the organ.

### Bessemer City. [Baptist]

This choir being at home was at their best and sang as they usually do, with the "spirit and toe understanding." This is one of the finest choirs we know, and for several weeks we have been teaching them and can say that they work always to each other's good and in perfect harmony and always enter heartily into the song service and they

are a fine lot of singers. Rev. Mr. Portch said it was as fine a lot of singing girls as he had ever heard, and that was saying a great deal as he has traveled quite extensively and taught in fifteen different states.

### Notes.

The hospitality of Bessemer City was unbounded and every kindness that could have been shown was given gladly. A few mistakes were made in the singing by several of the choirs and it was caused by people trying to sing with them without the practice that they evidently needed. Choir leaders should not allow people from every where to come in and try to help and probably ruin the practice of several weeks.

This convention also held its high record of attendance. People packed the aisles all day, seemingly content just to get in hearing distance.

The President was at his best and at each meeting we feel more like we did the right thing when he was chosen to steer the convention back on to greater things.

C. P. Gardner Secy.

C. E. Neisler went to Greenville, S. C. Friday to attend the Textile Exhibit.

## "THE AURORA-HIGHLANDER" APPEARED SATURDAY

"The Aurora Highlander", is the name of Shelby's new republican paper. It made its initial appearance last Saturday and a copy found its way to our exchange table. The new paper is issued by DePriest & Co. and edited by B. H. DePriest, editor of the "Highlander" which is advertised for sale under receivership. The initial issue is a six column eight page sheet gotten up in very neat style.

In his front page announcement Editor DePriest makes the following statement over his signature.

"The new republican paper is here at last.

"This is it.

"It is meant primarily for the dissemination of news, general intelligence, moral and civil righteousness, progress in education, agriculture and industry, an honest ballot: and in politics, it offers itself as a champion of the great principle of a PROTECTIVE TARIFF for the benefit of American labor.

"At the same time it opens its columns to men of all parties who believe in a square deal and who oppose underhanded methods of competition.

"It gives a voice to everyone hereabout who is dissatisfied with Shelby ring methods and

who would like to see a change in our local, State and National governments

"This paper cannot flourish without support. It will live or die, unless you send the dollars.

"Some merchants do not care for Republican trade; hence do not patronize a republican paper; therefore, we are largely dependent upon YOU brother subscribers.

"Send us \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, whatever your purse will stand for. We contemplate buying the

Republican outfit at the regular sale, but if Democrats should buy some THIS PAPER we will run just the same, and your subscription will be extended in accordance with your payment.

"No man ever paid attention to subscription to either the Aurora, Shelby Review, Highlander, or the North Carolina Bulletin, ever lost a cent far as I know.

"So, let's put our shoulders to the wheel and make the Republican paper go whoop.

"Tell your neighbors. It's a good one."

"It doesn't owe anything to the world. It will be going into debt. It dreads the fire."

"The Aurora-Highlander here to stay."

## SHORT NEWS ITEMS LOCAL AND OTHERWISE Condensed for the Convenience of Busy Readers

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cole and E. W. Cole visited Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Cole here last week.

Dr. Scroggs, presiding elder of the Shelby District Western North Carolina Conference M. E. Church South, was here Friday night and held quarterly conference at the Methodist Church. Mr. Scroggs has been in failing health lately but we are glad to note that he is greatly improved.

Anton Brothers sale is a big success both for them and the public. Ever since the sale started last Thursday the store has been crowded with shoppers and busy clerks. Read the page ad in this issue of the Herald and see what they offer. In fact just read all the ads.

Miss Ollie May Witherspoon of Mooresville N. C. who entered the Womans College at Due West, S. C. this fall has been forced to return home on account of eye trouble. She visited her uncle, Rev. G. L. Kerr, here last week on her trip homeward.

The Dilling Cotton Mill resumed operation Friday morning under the permanent receivership of A. G. Myers and W. T. Lowe of Gastonia. It was a great relief to the operators who had been idle for two weeks to get their work back.

The new cotton mill built by Mr. C. E. Neisler, or the spinning annex to the Pauline, has been finished and is ready for the machinery. The machinery is arriving and Mr. Neisler thinks it will be ready for operation late in December.

Miss Mae Patterson went to Gastonia Saturday.

Mrs. James Goforth of Charlotte visited relatives here last week.

J. R. Federline attended the Southern Textile Association at Greenville S. C. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Heavner went to Forrest City Friday to visit his daughter.

Mrs. Jacob Heavner and Henry Jones will visit at Princeton N. C. the latter part of the week.

E. M. Lohr made a business trip to Spartanburg S. C. Friday.

Mrs. L. P. Baker returned Friday from a visit to Charlotte.

Mrs. D. M. Baker attended the Floral Fair at Gastonia last week and visited Mrs. Clifford.

We are glad to report that Aubrey Mauney, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mauney who was reported in last week's Herald as being seriously ill in the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte is improving very nicely.

The Piedmont Telephone and Telegraph Company is improving its lines here by erecting new poles in place of defective ones.

The Criminal docket in Cleveland Superior Court was disposed of in two days last week and court adjourned until Monday of this week when the civil docket was taken up.

The case of greatest interest to Herald readers is that of Southern Railway vs. Leo Woodall for \$1,500 of the railway. This case was continued. Mr. Woodall is out on certified bond.

At an election held in court house at Shelby the Monday a board of commissioners for the Buffalo Drainage District No. 1 was elected. All members of the old board were re-elected with the exception James Borders being elected in place of G. F. Hombright who was not a candidate.

The board is elected to serve two years and is as follows: A. E. Cline, J. B. Kline, James Borders, P. Q. Lavender and W. R. Newton.

The first regular meeting of the Cleveland County Bar Association Philathea Union will meet with the Second Baptist Church of Shelby on November 27th, being the third Sunday. It will be remembered that the Union was organized a few weeks ago with Dr. R. E. Ware of Shelby president. A big representation of all the classes of whatever denomination in the county is especially requested. The aim of the organization is to promote the Sunday School work of the county and we earnestly solicit the support of every person interested in our Sunday Schools.

The program will consist of addresses, reports from classes as to enrollment, attendance, collections, members of church in class who are christians, conversions during the year etc. and special music. It will be an all day session with dinner on the grounds.