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Writes Interestingly of His Trip to California and also of Long Beach—Where He Is Sojourning.

Although nearly a whole country lies between us, the aeroplane of thought spans the distance like a flash, and we live with you, our friends and neighbors, each day. We left the daily path of life in Bloomfield Hills on October 30 and reached Los Angeles on November 16, making the journey by daylight only (Sundays excepted), stopping at Chicago and Kansas City where our friends unfolded to us the beauties of the boulevards of these two cities, with the assistance of Michigan products, a Ford and a Hupmobile. State lines are obliterated in the onward march of these two irresistible cars.

We also added variety to the journey by side trips to Denver, Colo., and the Grand Canyon in Arizona. The wonders of the great canyon were created before the English language by a Master hand and no provision adequate has been made in the language for their description. There are just a few things in life which must be seen to be fully appreciated. Their majesty is only known and understood by that human soul thrill, which is not written down by feeble words.

Our lives had become so attuned to the restful quiet of Birmingham and vicinity that when we reached Los Angeles, its bustle and noise were so discordant that it caught no response in our natures, and we at once turned our steps towards the city of Long Beach, with its 48,000 inhabitants, where we found a cosy and comfortable abiding place. The beach towns about Los Angeles all have the spirit and enterprise, which is better understood when we consider that Long Beach has had its growth from 2,000 to its present extent in a little more than ten years. This is largely a tourist town, which alone gives it somewhat less an idea of permanency than towns of slower growth. However, every westerner is a "boomer" and the cities spring up as if by magic in this fair country. With such an alluring climate, however, you can hardly look upon this attitude as strange. Bright, warm days with just enough of tang in the morning and evening atmosphere to put zest into life. So many people are here simply to spend the time and be entertained that the wide awake residents have their cordiality and hospitality put to the test to meet the demands upon them.

In the City Library square is a portion of the territory set apart as a place for pitching horseshoes, where at most any hour of the day from four to ten men may be seen "ringing." Across the street from this space is a portion of a square on one of the main business streets laid out in well equipped croquet courts, while in the shade of the large hotel building alongside this square are arranged tables and chairs for those interested in whiling away the hours playing checkers.

The spacious beach, from which the city derives its name, extending along in front of it for nearly ten miles, attracts every afternoon hundreds of bathers and loungers on the nice warm, clean, white sandy beach. Here old and young congregate in a real spirit of democracy, and on whose countenances are written in an unspoken, but intelligent language, an appreciation of the great heart of the Pacific, in its kindliness to the rheumatic and all kindred sufferers of the family.

Real estate "boomers" are loud in their praises of beach property and a great many folks from the interior states consider their possessions incomplete until they own a beach lot and erect thereon a more or less pretentious "shack" for summer occupancy. So many visitors to Long Beach occupy an apartment, of greater or less dimensions, and such is the demand for them that it seems almost every structure is erected in contemplation that sooner or later it will be called upon to yield to the demand for "rooms or apartments," until it seems that the Scripture definition of man as being "fearfully and wonderfully made" should be modernized so as to apply to Long Beach architecture.

The schools are all admirably located with spacious grounds. In fact, it seems to be the aim of western cities to give its educational centers choice locations, so that education may be launched from lofty heights. A great many attendant upon the schools come from other states. In fact, it is related that in one school in Long Beach, with an enrollment of 500, a careful record disclosed but two who were born in Long Beach.

The churches are excellent structures and commodious, and the Methodist church of Long Beach has 1700 members with an attendance at the Sunday school of 1100, the adult class alone consisting of 240 members.

Fruits of all kinds are very abundant and like the commended Christian worker, are "instant in season and out of season." With due regard to Fred Mallender and others who display their strawberries in your windows at the season of the year to make us envious, let me say that the market here is full of luscious strawberries at this season of the year.

The flowers lend their fragrance and grace to the beauty and beneficence of the climate, and carnations, geraniums and fuchias grow to extravagant heights because they do not know when to stop growing and great hedges of blooming calla lilies are to be seen on all hands, and flowering shrubs lend their part in extravagance. Everywhere with lavish display, beauty is added as only can be shown by the great Creator.

Long Beach has no saloons and 46 churches. Its policemen are rare and have small employment; its police station has a deserted air, its county jail rusty bars, but its residence streets are decidedly "homey."

If wishes were flying machines, we would soon transport all Birmingham to this climate, one of perpetual spring.

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Long Beach, Calif.

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BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL NOTES.

The Junior class repeated their plays, the "Mouse Trap" and the "Dumb Water," at Franklin most successfully. One more play, an amusing comedy called "Christmas Chimes," was given in addition. The parts in this were taken by Martha Rosso, Bessie Levinson, Ray Winegar and Carl Ely. Musical selections were given by the orchestra and the High School quartette. The entertainment was well attended, both by the people of Franklin and a large delegation from the High School who accompanied the Juniors. Miss Stauch, Miss Geach and Miss Starr acted as chaperons.

The Sophomore class gave a party last Friday night at the Barnum school.

One of the most entertaining programs for the chapel exercises at the Barnum school was given last week by the seventh grade. It consisted of a series of five tableaux, representing the principal scenes from well known stories. Before each one an explanation was read by one of the following members of the class: Thelma Marrow, Elsie Cobb, Evelyn Campbell Rachel Elwood and Esther Reynolds. The first tableaux presented Beulah Kinz, as "Pandora" in the act of opening her famous box; the second, John Harris and Hazen Stevens as William Tell and his son. The third showed the "Pied Piper of Hamlin," Eugene Eckfield, followed by a troop of children and Donald Plumstead as the little lame boy. Then came Florence Dunham as "Cinderella" sitting before the fireplace, and Margaret Young as the fairy godmother. Last but not least was Harriet Field as Betsy Ross making the first American flag. Thelma Marrow also had a recitation.

Quarter holidays are to be given to all the pupils of the Barnum school who are neither absent nor tardy during each month. Last month there were 82 from the whole school.

Miss Lonsberry's room, the first grade, is planning a Christmas entertainment for next Tuesday afternoon, to which the mothers of the children are invited. There will be songs, recitations and an interesting little play, "The Brownies and the Christmas Toys," in which over twenty children will take part. One of the most interesting features will be a bouncing ball exercise by Virginia Taylor and Phyllis Edwards to illustrate musical rhythm.

Jeanette Brown and Nina Graves, of the second grade, "spelled down" the entire class in a contest on the second and third multiplication tables.

The children of the kindergarten are making individual Christmas trees. They draw the trees themselves and Miss Carpenter "hangs" on each one the pictures of the things they want Santa Claus to bring. The kindergarten expects to have a real Christmas tree also.

The third grade are writing the "Christmas Story," for language, and are learning Alice E. Allen's, "At Christmas."

Miss Hanna is arranging a short Christmas program and is planning to have a Christmas tree for the children. They have been making Christmas blotters and Santa Claus booklets.

Miss Staley's room will also have a Christmas tree.

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Mrs. Jennie Young called on her many friends Sunday last.

RETROSPECTION!!

These News Items Were Published in THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC Just One Generation Ago.

Public Lyceum.

Get ready to butcher the old gray goose.

Dode Hubbard has a new horse that he desires to sell cheap.

To Mrs. Elmore S. Brown, of Pontiac, last week there arrived a daughter.

Miss Susie Holton, of Detroit, is spending the winter with her brother-in-law, Mr. Joseph Ennis.

Wood on subscription rolls beautifully along. That's right, send her in; we've got some stove that can stand it.

Mrs. George Blackwell is visiting relatives in Rochester, N. Y., this week.

Edwin Miller, town treasurer, will be at A. D. Rust's store in Franklin the last two Tuesdays of this month to receive all taxes.

The place to get the best turkeys, pumpkin pies, fried cakes, etc., etc., is at Mrs. Charles Miller's in Troy. A subscriber of ours has been there and is sure of it.

Our sanctum was enlivened last week by Messrs little Billy Brown and Wm. McRoberts, of Troy. Call again, gentlemen, you will always find us at home.

Col. Ira Toms is on the sick list, with a severe cold, and is under Dr. Post's care. The colonel is over 80 years and is scarcely able to stand any prostration.

John Donaldson, Sr., is very sick with some kind of a swelling in the mouth. We are sorry to hear of Mr. Donaldson's misfortune, and heartily wish him a speedy recovery.

By accident the names of the orators were omitted last week. C. B. Sayles on the "Utility of Learning" and H. M. R. Gibbs on "Nastra Patria," will speak at the Lyceum exhibition this Friday evening.

Wanted by School Board, at once, 25 cords four foot hard wood and 80 cords two foot hard wood to be delivered next fall. The two foot wood to be cut this winter. Apply to School Board.

Christmas is coming.

A strong band has been formed by F. W. Sherman as follows: Adolph Wilde, 1st violin; George H. Mitchell, 2nd violin; John Wilde, double bass. The boys begin practice immediately and hope to succeed.

Edson James, the baker, has an organette, with which he regales the critical ears of his boy customers. They do say that Edson manipulates the crank in a most wonderfully artistic manner for one so inexperienced in operatic music.

Chaplin Wattles, aged 72, brother of Silas Wattles, of Troy, died at Battle Creek last week Wednesday. His remains were brought here for burial in the Troy cemetery. A large number of relatives and friends accompanied the remains to his last resting place.

Green Peck was in town Monday last and made arrangements for boarding Patrick McKale, his father-in-law, at the National Home for the winter. The residence of Mr. McKale is now offered for sale or to rent, as the old man will go to Ireland in the spring.

A good joke is related by E. C. Popleton, who says while going to Detroit recently and seated with J. W. S. Opayke, on passing under the Jefferson avenue bridge, where as we all know it is quite dark, he made a grab for Stewart's watch, and as there was a tough looking stranger sitting near Stewart, he thought it a case of robbery sure. On coming into daylight J. W. S. O. was found in a fainting condition and Ed. nearly dead with laughter over the result of his practical joke. Now it is Stewart's turn.

Messrs. Frank Blakeslee and Frank Randall travel together in the interests of their respective firms and on approaching Chesaning the other evening, Randall, becoming tired of riding, got out of the buggy to walk behind a little ways when "Tubbs" whipped up and made Frank walk a mile or so, and after a brief but spicy dialogue Randall got in and Blakeslee, alias "Tubbs," took his turn at walking for a few minutes, when Frank bade farewell to every fear, wiped his weeping eyes, put the lash to the team and ran five miles to Chesaning. "Tubbs" was left friendless and alone in a strange country. When Randall had arrived at Chesaning, had supper and was smoking by the stove side, his partner walked in, and using language more forcible than elegant demanded the reason for such vile conduct and actions, he answered: "Great guns, Tubbs, have you just got in? Bust it! I didn't think you was hanging on behind all the time. I never was so surprised in all my life."

Over in West Bloomfield Mr. C. Durkee had a nugget of gold presented to him by his wife—it weighed 11 pounds.

Y. M. C. A. BOYS

Had Charge of Union Meeting at M. E. Church Sunday Evening—Spoke on the State Convention.

The twenty young men who attended the state Y. M. C. A. convention at Ann Arbor November 27-30, returned to Birmingham imbued with renewed ambitions to work for a better type of young manhood and to be of real service to their community.

Sunday night the boys had entire charge of the union meeting at the M. E. church, and spoke to an audience that completely filled the large church. Though few of those who spoke had had any considerable experience in public speaking, it was universally conceded that all acquitted themselves in a very commendable manner.

Mr. Martin Verburg, the County Y. M. C. A. secretary, acted as chairman and introduced the speakers. Dr. Cotter, of Rochester, president of the County "Y," spoke briefly of the purpose and ideals of the county group, and told something of the splendid work that is being carried on.

Glen Vorheiss spoke of the trip from Birmingham to Ann Arbor, the registration of delegates and preliminary meeting in the high school auditorium. George Johnson discussed the Friday evening session, where H. B. Hutchins, president of the University, Governor Ferris and Senator Burrows spoke. Robert Peck told of the taking of the conference picture of 2,200 delegates, and of the county Y. M. C. A. meeting. D. A. Green described the great parade, nearly 6 blocks long, through the streets of Ann Arbor and the banquet following, where Ann Arbor hospitality was splendidly shown.

Allen Brown spoke of the afternoon sight seeing, of the athletics and trips through the University buildings. All of these were open to the visitors for inspection.

Charles W. Beals spoke on the Saturday evening session, where James Schermerhorn, editor of the Detroit Times, and William Jennings Bryan spoke. Bryan's theme was, "The Making of a Man," and was an inspiration to every one of the five thousand who were able to crowd themselves into Hill Auditorium.

Clyde Reid described the church service that he attended with his host and discussed the sermon.

Raymond Peck discussed the Sunday afternoon meeting where Fred B. Smith, of New York, formerly International Y. M. C. A. secretary, spoke. Mr. Smith's subject was "A Strong Man," and was a fitting sequel to Bryan's speech. Over 1,000 boys announced their intentions of being Christians and almost as many promised to take forward steps.

Mark Hanna showed the spirit of the conference—the continual evidence of good fellowship and service.

Mr. Erickson, of Pontiac, president of last year's county convention, spoke on the Sunday evening farewell session where Dinny Upton, the popular Grand Rapids coach, talked.

Secretary Davis, of the Pontiac "Y," discussed the theme of the conference, "Leadership." He showed how a leader exerted a tremendous influence for good or evil in a community, and urged that all should cast their power in the right way and be guided by the inspiration of the Bible. He invited every boy to make the Pontiac "Y" his headquarters when in the city.

Mr. Verburg deserves great credit for the work he has done and should have every possible help and co operation of every man in Birmingham to make possible the type of leadership discussed in the greatest Y. M. C. A. convention ever held.

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The undersigned will receive taxes for the Township of Bloomfield as follows: At Bell & La Joie's meat market, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 22 and 29, 1914, and Jan. 5, 1915; First State Bank, Birmingham, Friday, Dec. 11 and 18, 1914, and Jan. 8 1915; at the County Treasurer's office, Pontiac, Saturday, Dec. 12, 19 and 26, 1914, and Jan. 2 and 9, 1915.

11dec DAVID A. BELL, Treas.

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IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. MARTHA RANDALL

Resolutions adopted by Birmingham Chapter 220, Order Eastern Star.

Whereas, It has pleased Divine Providence to sever the golden chain and take for his own our beloved sister, Mrs. Martha Randall.

Whereas, In the death of our sister we recognize the hand of the all-wise Father in taking to himself one of our number whose mission in life is finished.

Resolved, That the Chapter has sustained a loss in the death of our sister, who has many ties in our chapter.

Resolved, That we extend the family our heartfelt sympathy in their affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the record of our Chapter, given to the press and presented to the family of our deceased sister as expression of our sincere sympathy.

CLARA BAKER,
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18 dec ARTHUR HALSEY.

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