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"SUNSHINE CITY" HANDY SOLD 25 YEARS AGO

Former Resident Tells of Beauties of St. Petersburg, Florida, in Which Bham is Well Represented.

Harvey C. Wilson, Head of Concern, Is President of Railway Gate Company, Here.

A resident of Birmingham and a reader of the Eccentric, and now a writer resident of St. Petersburg, has many interesting and good things to say about the city. Writing from his letter, he writes as follows: Three months ago, I left dear old Birmingham, with its cold and icy weather, now am basking in the sunshine on the shores of Tampa Bay. A beautiful spot, rightly named "Sunshine City."

The Pontiac Gray Iron Company began business in the foundry department of the Pontiac Foundry & Machinery Company, which has been purchased from James McGregor. The new company is headed by Harvey C. Wilson, president of the Wilson Railway Gate Company of Birmingham, a concern which has been manufacturing gates in this village, and which will probably be moved to Pontiac, and occupy the second floor of the new concern.

We made a leisurely trip, being a month on the way visiting cousins and friends, Day after night in Philadelphia, Washington, Richmond, Savannah, by easy stages along the seaboard thru the pine forests to Jacksonville, then on to St. Petersburg. No sight travel; we made a vow before leaving against sleepers. We wanted to see the country and in case of collision, to meet our fate with eyes open.

Mr. McGregor, in announcing the sale today, stated that the new company intends to make a considerable expansion of the working force of the plant, employing it is expected, 75 men, as soon as the operations are going in full swing, and turning out castings for local and out of town manufacturers. The equipment of the plant is sufficient to employ more than a hundred men, it is stated, and there is a large demand for the product of the foundry because of the fact that their grey iron supplies from elsewhere, due to uncontrolled business activity.

St. Petersburg is situated on the southern point of Pinellas peninsula, 20 miles from Jacksonville, and extending 40 miles between the Gulf of Mexico and Tampa Bay. The city is beautifully situated on a gentle slope facing 40 feet above the level of the bay and exceeded by the many winter visitors to rank foremost among southern cities as one of the most desirable and best kept cities of the South, also unsurpassed for its climate, making it all one could desire for both pleasure and health.

The machine department of the McGregor concern will be continued, however, Mr. McGregor stated. He has been employing about 15 men, and these will be repaired and employed in the machine and iron end of the business. The deal includes the two-story cement block building in which the foundry is located, while the Pontiac Foundry & Machinery Company retains the four-story building known as the Heiland building, 38 West Pike Street.

It is also a flourishing city with a commission form of government, a resident population of 1400, and more than that number of tourists from all states in the union. Among that number, more than 1,000 of them are from our old Michigan kind. Birmingham sent 32 of that number.

Mr. McGregor stated, immediately after the closing of the deal and before the papers had been signed, the new owner took charge of the plant, there was no lull in activity, a heat being ready to be drawn the following night.

Central Avenue, the principal business street is 100 feet wide, including a 20-foot sidewalk on each side with seats along the curb for the comfort, where any day, tourists for several blocks, enjoy the balmy, springlike days and evening, twice a week, all the seats are filled with people listening to the free band concerts given on the street. Nothing is left undone for the comfort of all or to add to the cordial hospitality extended to any of all during their stay here, making the stranger feel most welcome and at home, for which St. Petersburg is noted.

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Williams Park is one of the gathering places for the tourists. It occupies a block, only one street from Central Avenue, with a fish pond and fountain in the center, a covered band stand with 2,000 seats in front, of which are tables and chairs, chess and checker tables, all for tourists. Many a special hour is spent here, playing games. The beach and Spa furnish the finest of bathing resorts, where we may enjoy bathing all winter long.

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Boats run daily to Tampa, Passa y Grille, and other nearby cities, also to Cuba.

There will be the usual matinees on Wednesday and Saturday.

St. Petersburg has the only commercial airship line managed by a woman, Green and his flying machine, named Betty, which flies to Tampa Bay, 20 miles, twice daily. The Tampa trip has been made in eight minutes. A trip with Johnny, 200 feet above the bay, is greatly enjoyed by many who seek such exciting adventures. If you don't believe it, come and take a ride. George, it will cost you nothing. It will buy the tickets, which are only 310 each. "Too high," I think I hear you say.

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One of the many charms of this city is its wealth of bloom. Streets are 100 feet wide parked on either side with grass and tropical flowers. The city seems set in one vast conservatory. Think of bougainvilleas with their purple blossoms climbing the roof, hibiscus growing like trees, long rows of holly hedges, the splendid poinsettias, cleome trees, rubber and wax plants, roses bloom all the year, and in the spring the perfume of the orange blossoms is everywhere.

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On Pinellas Peninsula, vegetables of all kinds may be grown, and it is one of the finest citrus fruit sections of the state; its grapefruit especially, is of the finest quality and flavor.

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Items Published in the Eccentric a Quarter of a Century Ago This Week

Taken all in all, election day was a beauty.

Mr. Edward English has come back to Birmingham. She has moved into her home well satisfied to return and her brother will be a Birminghamer.

Council Proceedings

Regular meeting of the village council, March 27, 1916.

President, Philip Schlaack; Clerk, T. E. Harris.

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1 lb. Tuna Fish, 20c, worth 30c each
1 lb. Imported Sardines, 15c. 2 for 25c worth 20c each

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