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Observations Of 'The Golden West'

By George Rodgers Averill

UP PRETTY HIGH. (Route to Salt Lake City, June 23, 1926). This communication is started at Leadville Junction, Colorado. The train passed for a few moments in its westward direction while a few of the passengers tried to get their eastern breath at an altitude of 14,429 feet.

A COSTLY TYPEWRITER. Parenthetically, I may herewith inform you that these lines are written upon one of the highest priced typewriters in the world; it belongs to the steward of the dining car on this train. The reason I say that it is an expensive machine is because the steward just used it to type the dinner menus with—and you who have purchased a new typewriter must admit that a steward's typewriter runs into large figures.

ON THE GO. Well, folks, Mrs. Averill and I have seen much since I wrote the last letter. Frankly, I have seen so many mountains (I mean the Rockies, the French) that the sight of Woodward and Maple avenues in Birmingham is going to do much to rest my eyes.

GRANITE ROCKS AND YOU. We made a two-day trip through Rocky Mountain National Park, in company with seven other motorists. It is beyond me to convey to you any very much in the way of sufficient language to describe the primitive beauty of this mountainous country.

LOTS OF GRIME. Pittsburgh, Pa., may be dirty but it has nothing on the Colorado and Utah landscapes. Every morning, I have to spend a half hour removing the stuff that has come in through the window. I suggest that all western trains install sprinkling devices on their engines to keep down the grime.

LIFTING TOO MUCH. Every advertisement in the last issue of this paper has been a lift. The advertiser says: 'Lift your car, lift your car, lift your car.' I suggest that all western trains install sprinkling devices on their engines to keep down the grime.

CONTINENTAL DIVIDE. A half hour ago this train was running along the banks of the Arkansas river, at large intervals the stream that ultimately runs in the Atlantic Ocean; the stream that we are now following is the Continental Divide at this particular section of the United States, where the topography of the country is highest, thereby separating the courses of running waters.

Mr. PIKE'S PEAK. Monday, after arriving at Colorado Springs, 75 miles south of Denver, the night before we went to Pike's Peak. The mountain is a large rocky mass. Aside from its height and grandeur, there was nothing very glorious about Mr. Pike's Peak. The mountains through Estes Park were much more beautiful. The altitude at the Peak, 14,100 feet, didn't bother me very much; the only discomfort was the extreme cold for summer months, the thermometer registering 23 degrees above zero at the summit. But oh, how the wind blows through you at the top!

LITTLE EMPLOYMENT. As far as I am able to determine, Colorado people are getting their work chiefly by providing lodging and food for the ever-increasing army of tourists that invade her mountains each year. Aside from its mining industry, there is little activity to provide employment for the laborer. People without funds are advised to stay where industries flourish.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today

43 Years Ago. Miss Hannah H. Sebraski of Royal Oak has recently taken the position of learning the military trade at the establishment of Mrs. J. K. Wells. She is an apt scholar and will doubtless succeed in her new departure.

Frank Blakeslee has been laid up at home for nearly two weeks by a severe attack of rheumatism.

On a wheel is the way Edson James now travels, having purchased a branford new bicycle—the first ever owned in Birmingham.

Mrs. Jerry Cole of East Saginaw and Mrs. Charles Hills were guests last week of Mrs. J. Baldwin and family.

Will and Fred Perrin of Rochester spent the fourth at A. Starr's.

John Baldwin slowly recovers from his bad attack of rheumatism.

Miss Eva Leonard of Fenton, an artist of some celebrity, has a class of painting oil painting with her flattering success. Her class consists of Mrs. James A. Post, Mrs. C. M. Raymond, George H. Mitchell, Mrs. A. Whitehead, Jr., Mamie E. Utter, and Zenia Post. Each pupil has completed an oil painting (landscape) that is a credit to themselves and teacher.

25 Years Ago. We are very proud of our new building. They are a credit to our village. One or two summers as busy as this and the road walks will be a thing of the past.

John Barker and Miss Mabel Henderson were married one day last week. Success to the young couple.

Mrs. Paul Park and daughter Bertha, have moved into Mrs. Wooster's house on East Maple avenue.

We are pained and "sun"prised to record the fact that F. G. Fearful rode right straight past our old Brownie on the highway the other day with his automobile. It's a hummer, we have tried a ride and in Frank's hands it is as obedient as a child and swifter than the wind.

One of the early days of this week Whitehead and Mitchell went out to Watkins Lake to buy a dock for their tenants. For dinner they regaled themselves on ginger cookies, canned dried beef and hot tonic. The result was Mitchell had an old fashioned sick headache and for a while Whitehead thought he was all over the little man. Touching old Brownie up just before an automobile speed trial, Mitchell and Whitehead Whiteley delivered Mitchell, breathing into his wife's arms. Hot flat irons hot water bottles, and 18 comfort-ables brought his life to the end of a who does not yet know whether the sick Veda Patterson of Caro is visiting Miss Ida Hanna and Miss Clara Parry this week.

Clark, Emmons, Bryant & Klein, 2303 First National Bank Building, Detroit, Michigan. MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage given by Ephraim E. Buckner and Edith E. Buckner, his wife, and Floyd E. Oliver and Jessie Oliver, his wife, all of Leinbach-Humphrey Company, a Michigan corporation, to the principal office in the City of Detroit, Michigan, dated the first day of November, A. D. 1924, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in the County of Oakland County, Michigan, on the 10th day of November, A. D. 1924.

There will be two fourth of July sermons, Sunday morning at 10:30 and in the evening at 7:30. The Future of America. Come and find out for yourself America's place on God's Time-Table.

Chapel of the Holy Name. Harmon at Woodland. Rev. William W. Ryan, Pastor. Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30.

First Church of Christ, Scientist Services at Church Building, Woodward avenue, south of the D. U. R. on Wednesday, July 1, 1926.

Free reading room open daily except Sunday and holidays from 4:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m. Wednesday evening 7:00 to 7:50. All are invited.

The First Baptist Church. Thomas J. Edwards, Minister. Morning worship at 10:00 o'clock. The Message and the Meaning of the Lord's Supper. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed. The Bible school will meet at 11:15 o'clock. Mr. David Anderson, Superintendent. Excellent classes for all.

In the evening at 7:30 o'clock, the union service in the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Logge will be the speaker.

Southfield United Presbyterian Church. Rev. W. T. Armstrong, minister. Preaching services at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30. Young people's meeting, 8 P. M.

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