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Observations Of 'The Golden West'

By George Rodgers Averill.

The Many Canyons. As your train alternately slowly and rapidly winds its tortuous way from Colorado to the southwest of Denver, through and over the Rocky Mountains, on route to Salt Lake City, you are afforded a chance to view nature's efforts during untold centuries. You will marvel at the fastness of the canyons, and you will long to stand at the edge of some mountain stream and try your hand at fishing. For instance, the Royal Gorge of the Grand Canyon of the Arkansas, not far from Cañon City, Colorado, within some of the delicacies of this canyon you could easily place the majestic building of the great prehistoric world to distinguish its windows.

The Sands Of The Desert. We awoke the morning of June 24 to find nearly a square yard of Utah sand on our clothes. It was a heat that boils, but you accept your own theory—but you'll not deny that the heat is there. There are many kinds of geysers in the Park. Old Faithful, for instance, erupts every 65 minutes, some smaller ones play most of the time, while most of the larger ones are irregular. It is a very hot water, and it is very hot. It is a very hot water, and it is very hot. It is a very hot water, and it is very hot.

Salt Lake City. One thing, at least, can be said of the followers of Joseph Smith, at whose death Brigham Young assumed leadership of those religious pioneers, namely: they converted a desert valley into one of the prettiest cities in the United States, for Salt Lake City, architecturally speaking, a worthy pattern for the cities of its streets are broad and well paved, and its homes are substantial. Its streets reminded me of Birmingham.

40 Per Cent Are Mormons. Forty per cent of the people who live in Salt Lake City are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. To a good member of this church, must not use tea, coffee, tobacco or intoxicating drinks, and you must give one-tenth of your income to the church. They never pass a collection box in any of their 1,200 churches, neither do they accept of any other preachers, we were told. They are a very religious serious people, and undoubtedly one of the best of any other sect. They were back in 1882 the U. S. Government enacted a law which made polygamy illegal. The Mormon was compelled to remain with his first wife, while a home was built for the remaining wives. Brigham Young had 19 wives and 52 children; and that was long before Teddy Roosevelt publicly favored large families. Mr. Young was a big fortune out of his business. But who couldn't make a success of anything if he had 52 children to help him?

Economy In Government. Utah's State Capitol building is a wonderful edifice. The State officials were appropriated three millions of dollars to build it, and the remarkable part of it is that under former Governor Spry, \$300,000 of the appropriation was not used and was returned to the State Treasury. This is proof of competent public officials in Utah—will such a thing ever happen in Michigan? Utah's chief industry is mining.

Where You Can't Sink. Saultier is the name of a sort of resort at Great Salt Lake, 200 miles from Salt Lake City. It boasts a large dance hall, dining room, roller coaster, bathing pavilion, and many other enterprises that are used as accomplices of clashing cash registers. We took a swim in Great Salt Lake. It was strange to find that you could stay on top of the water without any visible effort. It is said that this is the water contains in solution about 22 per cent of salt, making it so heavy that a man's body easily floats in it. For real sport, though, we'd rather swim in fresh water—where the water is beneath the surface without smarting the eyes or thinking that you are taking a salt water gargle.

Entering Yellowstone Park. From Salt Lake City we boarded the Union Pacific train, and at 8:00 a. m. we arrived at West Yellowstone, the western entrance to the National Park. After a dandy breakfast in one of Fred Harvey's eating apartments, we boarded the special touring car of the bus variety, and thus began our trip toward Old Faithful Inn, which we reached at noon.

Requires 4 1/2 Days. The trip which we took and I took was the 4 1/2 day one, stopping at the hotels en route. You know you may stop at camp, if you wish, which we found out later, is the happiest method for the tour. When you enter the Park you are tagged and, though you stay overnight at four different hotels, you need not worry about your belongings, for they are taken care of from one hotel to another with excellent dispatch.

Hotels Are Large. Old Faithful Inn, Cañon, and Mammoth Hot Springs hotels are tremendous results of the carpenter's and builder's arts. Each of them is quite different from the others. Old Faithful Inn is the oldest of the four hostels. It is a very interesting and twisting of virgin tree trunks and crooked branches into the construction of arches and arches for which eastern builders use straight timber. And let me say right here that you can get plenty of good food in these hotels. In fact, the food is so good and you so much of it that you are

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

Of Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric. Of The Birmingham, Of Today

43 YEARS AGO. Matthew Drwin, formerly of Southfield, but now of Traverse, made his old friends glad by a brief visit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baldwin are doing the city of Chicago and from there will travel by boat round the lakes making an extended visit among relatives at Chicago. The visit will be for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Kanas, before he returns we do hope he will "take home" the old friend "Fronzmat" before he returns.

William Allen has handed up some very fine samples of what heads of different varieties measuring from five to six inches in length.

Miss Ladd of Detroit has been the guest of Mrs. Lizzie Irving during the past week.

Miss Mattie Baldwin of this place and Miss Rhonett of Detroit, both teachers in the schools of the latter place, will vacate at Detroit and intermediate points this summer.

Mrs. A. H. Whitehead and children are the guests of Mrs. J. A. Bigelow and Mrs. A. Whitehead, Jr., this week.

Miss Zilpha Bayley, daughter of Adams Bayley of Troy, has been visiting her uncle Volney in Detroit for some time. During her absence she has visited Put-in-Bay Island and had a glorious time.

Old Stuff

By Almeron Whitehead

It was one of the hottest days of the year and the farmers were in the midst of the harvest time. Birmingham was sweltering. There were no trees and those who were awake by reason of their duties as clerks or proprietors were remarking upon the dullness of business in general. Mortimer Smith, a student at the normal school, was strolling along Mill street, (now called Maple avenue.) Jack Baldwin, who had just returned from a vacation recently purchased by Postmaster Bigelow, was strolling along the alley across the street from the post office and Jack tried a sneaking peek at the anatomy of the dog which promptly found its mark in the tenderest part of the dog's anatomy.

The dog just as promptly arose from his slumber and barked at Mortimer Smith by the leg, for Mort was the only living being in sight at the time and he was looking directly across the alley wherein the dog was taking his siesta and no doubt wondered to the verge of his intellect why this blanketed blank dog, "musta been mad, or something, for he often barks at things which are just being mad."

In the meantime Bigelow and Baldwin, seeing the ruckus they had innocently stirred up, had vanished through the back door of the post office and the street at once settled back into the slumberous summer afternoon of the good old summer time.

Uncle Edwin Fay, an old resident of the village, slay in his ninety years, had a way to go. He was blind, but then considered in an advanced stage of senility, asked for the "stenographer" and "the typewriter" for me. It was assured that the weren't and hadn't been for the last ten years. Sudden Uncle Ed, summoned the clerk from behind the post office and hurriedly asked him if something had happened to him. "Handred beautiful buggies driving so rapidly, that they would have been running over a feller," (and here he had the astonishing part of it, "there hain't no hosses a pullin' none of 'em.")

Looking from my office window at the traffic after the last week after four o'clock I counted the passing vehicles for five minutes at different intervals, and they would average at least 2,000 per hour. Then I wondered if Uncle Edwin Fay possibly might not appear in Birmingham as a future as Mr. Homer Shipton and Alfred Tenyson and other celebratory characters of the past. All these things in the "Old Stuff" column are true, but unfortunately are hard to get other than the assurance on my part that the large part can be classed as "All of which I saw and part of which I was."

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

(Little Editorial picked up from Birmingham.)

Wm. G. Olson, Fire Chief, "Birmingham is a fine city, and it is in order to give the citizens of the town the best service and protection. We will send paid firemen who will check and inspect all equipment, hydrants, and work accomplished. A well equipped fire hall with paid firemen would give Birmingham a higher standing with the insurance companies."

Richard Lawler, local police officer, "Many people, especially during the winter months, do not take care of their new bills and the like. When told that the city is having a contest to move to Elmer and Martin, they ask where that is. I would suggest that they take a map and study the streets of the town if they intend to live here and enjoy the pleasant life which we have here. We are a fine city, and it is in order to give the citizens of the town the best service and protection. We will send paid firemen who will check and inspect all equipment, hydrants, and work accomplished. A well equipped fire hall with paid firemen would give Birmingham a higher standing with the insurance companies."

Miss Collins, manager Birmingham Ice Co., "I would like to see you well I guess it has. We have been so busy selling ice that I almost forgot to take out time to eat. The business in Birmingham is of large volume and it is in order to give the citizens of the town the best service and protection. We will send paid firemen who will check and inspect all equipment, hydrants, and work accomplished. A well equipped fire hall with paid firemen would give Birmingham a higher standing with the insurance companies."

James Anderson, Chief of Police, "Let The Eccentric be 'Your Printer'."

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Erna Mathewson, M. D. of Cleburne, Texas, is visiting old friends in the vicinity. Erna is a great traveler, there being few cities in the U. S. that she has not visited. Her latest business venture was editor of the Herald published at Cleburne, Texas, where she issued a very creditable paper, indeed. Mr. Mathewson expects to accept a position in the employ of the U. S. government.

John Hanna, P. M., rejoices over a raise in his best effort of just an even \$100. It came through his own efforts, assisted by our congressmen, Samuel W. Smith, Ed. J. Jones, and J. W. Smith.

Mrs. Eudora Allen and two daughters of Detroit called on Birmingham friends "last Monday." Mrs. C. Schindler, Mrs. N. S. Sillar, and Mrs. Beth Randall being the favored ones.

Zeno C. Spencer, once our professor, was in town Tuesday looking over the book interests of Merrill Maynard & Co. of New York and Chicago.

Ira J. Chatfield has received some very pretty pictures sent him by his son, Fred from the Philippine Islands. The pictures are of a very interesting and depicting life in that far away island. Besides the pictures there is a copy of a letter received by Sgt. Chatfield from the Captain Harrison J. Kerick, Commander Co. F., with which company Fred served for some time. The pictures are priced very highly but the letter could not be purchased at any price.

'BIG PAL' TO FEATURE BALDWIN THEATER BILL

The recent Fourth of July celebration suggests to the possibility that in the future, municipal celebrations to be held at night, supplant the fireworks and the use of firecrackers made by children during the days prior to and including the 4th of July. Cleveland has established public celebrations in her various parks and prohibits the use or sale of fireworks.

Baldwin Theater Royal Oak's popular entertainment program for the splendid program of pictures for the coming week. Starting Sunday July 11th, and for one day only Josef von Sternberg's new film "The Exquisite Sinner," with Conrad Nagel and Rene Adoree in the leading roles, from Albin Brook's novel "Escape."

William Russell, former amateur heavyweight boxing champion of the world, but for several years better known as a star of the screen, has donned boxing gloves again in his latest picture "Big Pal," which opens a two day engagement at the Baldwin Theater starting Monday July 12th. Another notable of the film world appears in "Big Pal," in the person of a former champion, who will be remembered as the mother in "Over the Hill" as well as for other roles of a lasting dramatic character, in which she has been featured.

While on Wednesday and Thursday "The Morning Chance," produced by Lou Tellegen, Dorothy Phillips, George Fawcett and Theo Von Eltz, and on Friday and Saturday "The Exquisite Sinner," a fine selection of comedy pictures, news of current events and music information, all of which are features, thus completing the program for the coming week.

RESIDENTIAL PLAT WILL OFFER MANY UNIQUE FEATURES

An extensive residential building development of unique character has been started at Chesterfield Road and Oak Street by the Belmont Land Company. Eight houses are now under way which will be ready for occupancy next month, and more are being planned.

W. S. McAlpine, Secretary of the Belmont Land Co. and designer of the residences in this development, said: "I have tried to place a residence here which I think Birmingham needs, that is a group of attractive homes, desirable in every respect, and with a lot of room on fair terms. It has been my aim to incorporate in our home plan large and ample rooms with every convenience, and at the same time keep our costs as low as possible. The large and ample rooms with two large bed rooms downstairs, while arrangement can easily adapt to a second or third floor."

Every home is of distinct and individual design, complete in every detail and ready to defy destruction by fire. Set in a virgin forest of full grown trees, the shade, shelter and seclusion is in the city's threshold, are most unusual.

Each lot contains more than a quarter acre of ground. The houses are set well back and the walks and drives wind most effectively among the trees. The garage is an integral part of the house. This property is placed on the market at a price sufficient to defy destruction by fire. Set in a virgin forest of full grown trees, the shade, shelter and seclusion is in the city's threshold, are most unusual.

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