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#### Seen From The Highways By G. R. A. .

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CRYSTAL BALLS AND IRON RIVER are about 87 miles inorthwest of Ekzanaba. They are the traveller's first gilmper of Michigan's ridneral wealth. Started about 40 years ago, Crystaf Falls is now a city of about 5000 people. All of whom depend upon the iron ope taken from the pines for existence. This little city is a roll picture as your approach it, being built upon a steep rise in the land-liter we met the genial Tom Cadlin, editor and publisher of the Crystaf Falls Damond Drill. 2 weekly newspaper that reflects the time character of its owner. Tom guided us over a large portion of from County, winding up by taking us to from River which—by the way—in noted for two things, its large from mines and Pat, O'Brien, editor and publisher of the Iron River Reporter, a semi-weekly newspaper that cuts quite a capter in Upper Peninsula affairs. Pat is a very young chap of some weensy years ofd (he hawled us out note for referring newspaper that sula affairs. Pa ty years old (I to him as "the

speaking of conventions, those staged by Rotary International each year are among the largest held by any group. The 7000 Rotarians and their families are gathered from 44 different counties upon this planet; the total membership of Rotary International is approximately 136,500,in 1000 Clubs scattered about this earth, Birmingham 6 one of the 1000. The interest being manifest in Rotary is ably shown when men travel from such faroff countries as New Zealand, Australia, Japan, China, and well as nearly every European country.

WE (MEANING MRS. AVERILL, BILLY, aged eight, and apsyelf) left Birmingham at eight o'clock Wechnesday morning, June 13. We, reached Mackinaw Crty at five o'clock that afternoon, having put 193 miles of roads behind us. We imanaged to get the last State Ferry that evening and arrived in St. Ignace an hour after leving the Lower Peninsula, suppoing for the night at St. Ignace—St. Ignace, the word of the step of progress the next generation ought to re-making the strength of the step of progress the next generation ought to re-making the strength of th

THE OLD SUN HAD ALREADY started its path toward the zenith when we embarked again in the old bus for our next stops, Glastione, and Escanba, about 175 miles from St. Ignace. Before we reached the outskirts of St. Ignace's corporate limits we mingled with the wildness of the Upper Peninsh. The old bus lower more than the conditions of man's efforts that we could see were' the roads—and the blackened stimps—the former evidence of man's progress into atture's most intimate domain, the latter mute wildness at the former evidence of man's progress into atture's most intimate domain, the latter mute wildness wildness and the blackened stimps—the former evidence of man's progress into atture's most intimate domain, the latter mute wildness in the starter wildness are stimps—the former evidence of man's progress into atture's most intimate domain, the latter mute wildness are stimps—the former evidence of man's progress into atture's most intimate domain, the latter mute wildness are stimps—the former evidence of man's progress into atture's most intimate domain, the latter mute wildness are stimps—the former evidence of man's progress into a stimps—the former evidence of the underded-on-more-year-old pine the stimps—the stimps—the former evidence of the underded-on-more-year-old pine the stimps—the stimps—the former evidence of the underded-on-more-year-old pine the stimps—the stimps—the stimps—the stimps—t

ABOUT 30 MILES OUT OF St. Ighace we ran across some of the artistry of an ancient glaziil action, when we discovered, on a high ridge of land several hundred acres of boulders, omnof them as targe as a small dwelling; in content, the appear in the linestance. We stopped for a half hour and walk of among the biggest of these rocks, taking moving and "stille" of some of them are interesting one; later, at varying distance on, our journet we as many smaller areas of similar boulders. Millions or years must have been requised to paint upon these many smaller areas of similar boulders. Millions or years must have been requised to paint upon the stocks the colors and outlines they offer to human wision.

"JUST BEFORE WE ARRIVED at Gladstone we came to a bend in the load at which point was tended as mall black bear, raive to Northern Michigan. Of course, Billy sinsisted that we stop. He did the two-year-old cub several cookies from his procdure seemed to agree with the primitive stancts of the little brate. Billy found out the when he delayed the transit of the cookies from his hand to the bear's mouth, that stild bear cred very similar to a little boy se girl who is very houngry; Bills mother and his deal also agreed with the sound at which host had the theories that had been food is kept to his preshing to a little boy we girl who is very longery; being the procedure seemed to agree with the primitive stancts of the little brate. Billy found out the when he delayed the transit of the cookies from his band to the bear's mouth, that still bear cred very similar to a little boy we girl who is very longery; being the procedure seemed to a seem

MUSTN'T FORGET TO TELL YOU that we the summer home of Big Bill Thompson, mayor of Chicago and chief anti-British citizen of America: It is situated on Sand Lake, in the eastern part of Wisconsin, adjacent to Iron County. Tom Conlin and his wants to is stigated on Sand Lake, in the eastern-part of Wis-counsin adjacent to Iron County. Torm Condin and his fine wide (P. S. Any Birmingham man who wants to ear some very excellent studing for chicken, write Mrs. Conlin for the recipe) drove their car ahead of us to the resort that Big. Bill and some of his Chicago cronies (including State's Attorney Crowe) had built on Sand Lake. It is a marvelous example of comfiger and convenience in the woods. The big clubious cost over a hundred thousand dollars. Members may stay at the clubhouse or build cottages on the grounds. We can't understand, after eating a meal in the clubhouse, why Big Bill gets so irritable at times. We suggest that he step out of politics en-tirely, and keep sweet.

EXPECT THAT OUR ABLE ASSISTANT, Ray-EXPECT THAT OUR ABLE ASSISTANT, Ray-mond Girardin, is wondering by this time where he will find space in The Eccentric for all this stuff, so we'll cut it short by stating that our trip through Wiscosian took us within fifty miles of Pesident Osolidge's summer camp on the Brule River. As we approached the intersection' of the road from Brule and our own, we slowed down to not over fifty and scanned the landscape for the Presidential party. Evidently they had decided to spend the day at camp and so, of course, did not see us as we swept by. The same thing lappened two years ago when we passed Coolidge. And we hope to have because the control with control large and the coolidate and the control with the control of the trains met passed, and so the Crown Prince, too, did not so. We hope this explanation will console President of the control of the con see us. We hope this explanation will console President Coolidge. And we hope to have better luck with President elect Hoover.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES J. SHAIN arrived at the hotel last might, about 30 hours after leaving Breuingham. They left Brriningham Saturday after-noon, drove to Grand House the Chilwankee early Sunday morning and made the 15th Milwankee early Sunday supering the 15th Milwankee early Sunday supering the 15th Milwankee early Sunday supering the 15th Milwankee early Sunday Sunda

we believe him, but as for ourself we must admir, that when you slow down no only sixty-five it is hard to see anything. But that is only the difference between a Packard and a Buick, I guess. (Yes, the Buick is mine.) Well, as Samuel Pepys, would write in his darget, "Worze a better back to the folks at home this morning: now to the business of the Convention, some sight-seeing for a while, and then home. Will write again."

#### Political Sportsmanship

As governmental units grow, and greater num-bers of people are spread over a most even iten of a district, there is bound to appear a desert over the entire territory for responsibility in carrying on gov-ernmental affairs; interpreted into practice, this means that candidates from various sections was governmental funit, aspire for office, to the end that their respective areas may have some voice in govern-ment.

In Oakland County, which, within the past ter years, has witnessed a great influx of populits southern areas, this situation is, indeed, v nounced. Wherein at one time Pontiae chief center of Oakland County's population nounced. Wherein at one time, senting the chief center of Oakland County's population, a condition now present itself in which the center of population has left the county seat and is rapidly extending southward. The great growth of Birming canner, and specially Royal Oak, Ferndale, Berkley and Pleasant Ridge, is the cause of the changing center of Oakland County's population.

That is why Royal Oak, of late years, has come to the fore in political matters, and has presented it the electors various candidates for county and district representation. And im this change Pontace, is well as other northern sections of the county, has been sportsmankle in their adjustment to the changing or condition.

ing conditions.

Especially true is this in the matter of circuit court commissioners for, as you may know, Reyal Oak for many years has had a commissioner, the control of the condition of the commissioner of the consistency of the control of the control of the condition of the conditio

Any two of the above three candidates may be nominated, even though both are from Pontage However, in the interest of territorial representation it is to be hoped that, when the votes are countee after the primary, a Royal Oak candidate a one of

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