

We have a hazy recollection of having said, two weeks ago, that we intended spending our vacation in towns that we have never seen before. We did it. We oozed the Chev. over eleven hundred and nine miles of unfamiliar roads and got into so many towns we had never seen before that the old bean gets all in a whirl when we try to conjure up some particular incident, face or place in any of them that might differentiate it from the others.

We're too old to step so fast. We found that out after we had reached St. Albans, Vt., in time for dinner in the evening of the second day. The spirit was willing enough but the flesh couldn't get out of bed the next morning and a physician had to be called to the Tavern. We thought, possibly, it was auto-intoxication, but as put the sphygmometer on our arm, the stethoscope on the heart, amp'd our tongue, rolled the eyelids back and looked wise. We were not much perturbed until he got foolin' round with our eyelids. Then we had visions of his gently closing them, laying on the coppers and posing at our bedside as the doctors do in such scenes in the movies—you know how we mean. All at once it struck us how inconvenient it would be to be lead in St. Albans. And dead of mere auto-intoxication when there was another kind possible just forty miles away, in Canada.

We had heard so much of the Green Mountains of Vermont that we decided to get an allopathic dose of them and get through with it, so we started in at Pownal, on the Massachusetts border, and hit right north through Bennington, Manchester, Rutland, Middlebury and Burlington to St. Albans. Generally speaking most of the route was over historic and hallowed ground. For the most part the roads were good, gravel reated with nitrate of potash to keep the dust down, the houses were all painted white with green shutters and the landscape just about what we would see driving along the foothills of the Alleghenies from Yarnell to Romola. There was so little to write home about that we never even thought of buying a post-card until we got to Bennington and there we did sit in front of the house that once, David Robinson built, in 1796, and qualified as a real tourist. Who en. Dave was and what he did we don't recall that Barne's U. S. history ever told us, but he must have been a gallant fellow for Bennington looks with much reverence on that use.

They don't seem to have the hot dog fever up there because we ran miles and miles without seeing a stand at which they are dispensed. The fact it was discomfiting because there were so few places to enquire to whether we were on the right road. Of course there was only one road through that valley but you know how uneasy one gets when he knows he's on the right road and can't find anyone to reassure him.

Near Rutland we saw farm houses resting on marble foundations and in Manchester, where many Republican millionaires and Mr. Orvis reside, they actually have marble sidewalks. Marble in Manchester however means just about as much as nestone in Bellefonte, for it is only out thirty-five miles from Rutland here our marker would probably have come from had we not fooled em in St. Albans.

So far as we could see the principal crop was hay. There was no wheat and only here and there little patches of corn and oats. Evidently this is a dairying country and while we saw plenty of milk receiving stations we actually saw fewer cows all the way through Vermont than we later saw on four New York State farms, between Cooperstown and Mt. Union.

When we started on this vacation we had no idea where we were going. It was probably something subconscious that landed us in Quebec. However that may have been, did us no good for the St. Albans experience was still a hang-over when we were seated in the dining room of the Chateau Frontenac and heard everyone else demanding the menu list first. That's what they probably went to Quebec for. We're not separating the sheep from the goats, but we do want to say that we're more concerned about who our companion might take on after she shed her weeds than as to whether it would be a martini or a Manhattan.

All in all the jaunt was delightful, so because we had only one eye, saw much country we had never seen in before and met no one who wasn't just as courteous as the most of us could hope for. Aside from the transcendent glory of the outlook from the embattlement in front of the Chateau Frontenac we saw nothing by way of grandeur that could give the view of Penns Valley in the top of Nittany mountain, north and just south of Towan-on the Lakes to the Sea highway, more far reaching views, but they don't so perfectly comprehend the fertile valleys nestling between towering mountains.

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Grundy Invited to Move.

Even the hard-boiled tariff-mongers in Congress have found it necessary to put a restraint on the activities of Joe Grundy, president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' association, in connection with tariff legislation. Since some time before the opening of the special session Mr. Grundy has been maintaining an extensive lobby in Washington for the purpose of influencing action on the pending tariff bill. The House of Representatives submitted to his importunities quietly and in most instances complied with his demands. But when he shifted his base of operations to the Senate he encountered a different atmosphere. His meddling provoked resentment.

The other day, according to a reporter of one of the news services, Mr. Grundy "received pointed intimations that his presence in Washington is embarrassing rather than helping the administration in its efforts to write a new tariff bill." From other sources it is learned that his methods are crude and his manners arrogant and offensive to the Senators. Even Senator Reed, of Pennsylvania, has become disgusted and "feels that the cause of the administration tariff bill would be served best by Grundy if the latter were to absent himself from Washington forthwith." Senator Smoot, chairman of the Senate Finance committee, is said to concur in this view. They say "he has overplayed his hand."

This turn of affairs comes as a surprise to the friends of the Pennsylvania slush fund grubber. They had come to the opinion that Mr. Grundy had earned the right to do and say whatever came into his mind in relation to tariff legislation, and a considerable leeway in framing the policies of the party both in and out of Congress. In the recent Presidential campaign he raised the largest fund of any individual and his demands for excessive tariff schedules on manufactured products is for the purpose of providing means to reimburse those who helped him to earn the only distinction he ever acquired. This is a cruel world, and Republicans as well as Republics are ungrateful.

Owing to continued ill health J. C. Hosterman, owner and editor of the Millheim Journal for thirty years, has disposed of his interests to Charles E. Musser, who has been associate editor the past six years. With Mr. Musser in complete charge the Journal will continue in its high standard of excellence.

Uncle Andy Again Rebuked.

Some days ago Secretary of the Treasury Mellon specifically stated that the administration had no purpose of tax reduction in mind in the near future. He was somewhat boastfully reviewing the operations of the department during the fiscal year ended June 30, and announced that the approximately \$200,000,000 surplus in the treasury would be used reducing the public debt. The surplus was an unexpected development of the stock market speculation and the canny mind of the Secretary could conceive no better purpose in which to employ it. If the speculative frenzy continues, he intimates, there may be another surplus next year, but "sufficient unto the day is the disposal of it."

A day later President Hoover, according to press dispatches, announced that "we are giving careful study to the possibility of tax reduction" during the life of the present Congress and treasury experts have already been instructed to determine what taxes could be best reduced. Of course the measurements will be made by political yardsticks in the hands of skillful party engineers and due consideration given to the interests which promise generous contributions to the slush fund. Secretary Mellon, being more a banker than politician, probably failed to discern the possibilities of such a policy and issued his statement without consulting the "board of strategy."

To further confound the confusion caused by these diverse statements a day later an announcement was issued from the White House to the effect that there is no difference between the President and the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject. The unidentified voice declared that "the President's statement of yesterday had been approved by Mellon before it was issued." Possibly that is true, but it fails to reconcile the language of Hoover with that of Mellon. What it does imply is that the Secretary of the Treasury was officially notified that he is not the framemaker of the policies of the administration. But as we have said before, Uncle Andy likes his job too well to resent a rebuke.

"Barkus" Davis is Willing.

Mr. James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor in Washington, has made up his mind to "crash the gate" of the Mellon machine. In a statement recently issued he modestly announced that he "will run for Governor of Pennsylvania if the people want him and if he is assured of an honest count." As an evidence of his sincerity in this statement he promptly enlisted the services of the chairman of the legislative board of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen to urge members of that Brotherhood to ask Mr. Davis to become a candidate. Sixty thousand letters have been written in pursuance of this plan of campaign and a postcard enclosed in each with a request that it be mailed to Mr. Davis.

If a considerable number of the 60,000 trainmen take the trouble to sign the postcards and deposit them in the mail receptacles the result will be interpreted as proof that the people of the State want Mr. Davis to run for Governor. It doesn't require a great force to persuade a man to follow his own ardent inclinations. But the second "if" presents a more uncertain proposition. Assurance of an "honest count" of votes cast at a Republican primary election in Pennsylvania is practically impossible, and the recollection of the last contest for Governor probably inspired the proposition. Things happened on that occasion, according to popular belief, that cast doubts on an "honest count."

Mr. Davis wisely sets forth, moreover, that he is not willing to enter upon a contest "on a commercial basis." It is generally understood that he is financially "well fixed," even as fortunes are now rated, but "others have thousands where I have pennies," he added, thus depreciating the futility rather than the immorality of an auction sale of the favor in this case. But he implies a willingness to spend money in the event the other conditions are met. He offers to finance an organization in the 8000 election precincts in the State, and organizations are expensive. For example, 60,000 letters with enclosures already sent out by the Brotherhood official must have cost a good deal.

The air-rail service between New York and Los Angeles was successfully inaugurated, on Sunday, and those who can afford it may now cover the distance from the Atlantic to the Pacific in forty-eight hours.

Movement Inaugurated for County Home for Poor.

Petitions are now being circulated for signers in connection with a movement for the establishment of a county home for the poor and friendless. Such petitions, which must bear the signatures of not less than one thousand legal voters, will be presented to the county commissioners and the question of the establishment of such a home will then be put up to the people of the county to vote upon at the November election.

The movement has the wholehearted approval of Judge M. Ward Fleming, is favored by the county commissioners and warmly sponsored by the juvenile court officer, Rev. W. C. Thompson.

Just how it will stand with the average voter throughout the county is another matter. There are some townships in the county where the poor tax is unusually high, and in such places the voters are likely to favor a county home. But there are others where the tax is so small as to be almost negligible. These will probably be against it.

It is also quite possible that sentiment against it will develop in the fact that it will be taking from each borough and township a prerogative distinctly local and centralizing it under a county management. In other words, it will do away with all poor overseers, and make the county commissioners responsible for the management of the home, for which they would be paid an increased salary.

But a county home, properly operated, would provide for the deserving poor a place of comfort and a means of partial support. That is, providing the home should be established on a farm, where the inmates could work according to their physical ability. These are things that will probably be given due consideration when the question is presented on the ballot at the November election.

There are signs that "the worm may turn." Rumors are current in Washington that Uncle Andy may resign.

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Bellefonte Kiwanians at Unionville Grange.

A large delegation of the Bellefonte Kiwanis club were guests of the members of Union Grange, in their spacious hall at Unionville, on Tuesday evening, where they were entertained with a chicken and noodle dinner. The meeting was one of the best of the inter-fraternal gatherings held this year by the Kiwanis members and their farmer neighbors.

Among the visitors were Harry W. Butts, of the Lancaster Kiwanis club, ex-Lieutenant Governor of State clubs, who came here from Bradford in order to have credit for a perfect attendance at four sessions; C. A. Callahan, of Pittsburgh; E. F. Smith, of Indianapolis; Musser Gettiff and W. H. Geissinger, of Bellefonte, and Elliot Hollobaugh, of Franklin, N. J.

Kyle Alexander, on behalf of Union Grange, welcomed the Kiwanians in a brief but witty address, which was responded to by president W. Harrison Walker. The latter then turned the meeting over to Kiwanian Blaney, chairman of the Farmers-Kiwanis committee, who introduced Edward Hall, of Union Grange. That gentleman proceeded to give a brief historical sketch of that organization from the date of its institution on August 11th, 1874, by the late Hon. Leonard Rhone, at that time State deputy and later Master of the State Grange. The first meetings were held in the Plum Grove school house but as the Grange widened its influence and prospered a building was rented in Unionville which was later purchased and made over into the spacious hall of the present time. It now has a list of sixty-one active members. The late Dr. W. U. Irwin was an ex-master of the organization.

Fred Leininger, of the farm and research bureau, State College, was the principal speaker. He dwelt principally on farm management and discussed the relationship of the present farm bureau with the farmer, especially from the standpoint as to whether it will eventually solve the many problems which have made the farmer question one of national issue for some years past.

Considerable amusement was furnished in auctioning off a fine handmade quilt by auctioneer L. Frank Mayes, which was later presented to Miss Freda Edmondson for her hope chest. During the evening a group picture of the gathering was taken by Kiwanian Ralph Mallory.

Bellefonte Banks Have New Money.

Over fifteen thousand dollars of the new paper currency, bills of the smaller denominations, were received by the three Bellefonte banks, on Wednesday. The First National Bank and the Bellefonte Trust company each received \$6700, while the Farmers National bank got less than three thousand.

Inasmuch as the Treasury Department, at Washington, was unable to supply an amount sufficient to redeem all the old paper money in circulation at this time the supply of new bills was sent out pro rata among all the banks in the country, which accounts for the limited amount received by the Bellefonte banks. In the meantime the bureau of engraving, at Washington, is turning out the new bills as fast as possible and as old and worn out currency is sent in to Federal Reserve banks for redemption they will be replaced by the smaller bills. At that it might be a year before the old bills have passed away from general circulation.

New Highway Patrol Might be Stationed Here.

Announcement was made at Harrisburg, on Monday, of the promotion of Lieut. J. M. Bender, of Troop B, State highway patrol, to a captaincy and to be placed in charge of the new troop created by order of Governor Fisher and to be known as Troop C. The troop will consist of eighty-five men, and will have its headquarters in Bellefonte if a suitable building and location can be obtained as troop barracks.

Captain Bender has been here looking around for a place for headquarters for the new organization. Several places have been inspected but so far no decision has been reached. While the new troop will consist of eighty-five men, it does not follow that a house large enough to accommodate this number will be required, as most of the men will be stationed in details at other places throughout the central portion of the State.

Sheriff Dunlap has twenty-six regular boarders in the county jail at the present time, which is about up to the average since he took charge eighteen months ago.

Milesburg Highway Bids to be Opened Next Week.

According to advertisements published in Phillipsburg papers bids for the reconstruction of the State highway between Milesburg and Bellefonte will be opened at Harrisburg on Friday of next week. The advertisements call for bids on the reconstruction of 8908 linear feet of one course cement concrete roadway 20 feet in width.

From the number of bidders given it would appear that the Highway Department is not figuring on rebuilding the road into Bellefonte, as no definite arrangements have yet been made as to the route determined upon. The department favors an entirely new route over the course of the old Central Railroad of Pennsylvania from the sharp curve north of Bellefonte into the borough limits. Uptown business men opposed this plan because they believed it would result in diverting most of the traffic down town.

Borough council is not strongly in favor of it because of the expense it will entail. As viewed now, the damages entailed and the expense to the borough of building the extra width provided in the highway's survey will aggregate \$25,000, or more, and the financial condition of the borough, at this time, is not in shape to meet such an expense.

Uptown merchants contend that the most feasible route would be right out Allegheny street and down the road to Red Roost. This, of course, would be the shortest way, but highway officials contend that the expense of construction would be too great.

And so the matter stands at present. Whether council will take any action at its meeting next Monday evening remains to be seen.

Church Corner Stone Laid at Warriors Mark.

The corner stone for the new Methodist church, at Warriors Mark, was laid on Sunday afternoon, with appropriate services. Dr. J. McKendrie Reiley, district superintendent, was in charge, and the speaker was Dr. J. E. Skillington, of Altoona. The men's quartette from the State College, Methodist church, assisted with the music.

The stone, a nicely cut block of marble, was a free will gift of J. Will Mayes, of Howard. The new church will replace the one destroyed by fire last January, and will be the fourth edifice in the history of the congregation. The first was built in 1810. In 1840 the congregation had outgrown its church and a new edifice was built on a site more centrally located. In 1873 it was replaced by a two story church which stood for fifty-six years. The new church will be built of native stone and will be a modern structure in every respect, with provision for Sunday school, grades church school work, social hall, kitchen, etc. It is planned to have it completed by late fall or early winter. Rev. L. L. Owens is the pastor in charge.

Bellefonte Had Safe and Sane 4th.

With no disturbance during the day and no jollification at night Bellefonte had a reasonably safe and sane Fourth of July. This is accounted for by the fact that sixty per cent of the town's population went elsewhere to celebrate and when they returned home were sadly lacking in enthusiasm.

A good crowd was in attendance at the Logan fire company's picnic, at Hecla park, the American Legion drum corps and a good representation of members went to Clearfield for the Legion celebration, while members of Troop B attended the horse show of Troop K, at Lock Haven. Bellefonte's crack riders led in the various events of horsemanship, scoring a total of 18 points, against Troop K with 16 and Boal troop 11. Private Howard won the privates' jumping contest, Sergt. Garbrick the contest for non-commissioned officers, and Sergt. Fanning the Roman jumping contest.

The twentieth annual summer session which opened July 1 at the Pennsylvania State College with an enrollment of more than 3000 students, the largest for any summer session in the history of the college, has been ushered in with a full week's schedule of classes. On account of missing one full day for registration, all classes were held on July 4th. Nearly 100 teachers and administrators from all over the country are registered in the three-weeks institute of progressive education, and approximately 75 advanced students are enrolled in the French institute. Large enrollments also are reported for the English and music institutes.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Suit for \$500,000 was filed against the county of Mercer, on Tuesday, by William D. Reed, of Youngstown, O., who claims to have been injured while working on the Mercer county hospital building at Sharon in 1910.

Cliff Woodbury, veteran automobile race pilot, who was seriously injured at the time Ray Keech was killed at the Altoona track June 15, has made known that he has retired as a speedway driver. The announcement came as Woodbury was discharged from the Altoona hospital, where he had been a patient since the accident.

Seeking vengeance after they were refused a night's lodging, two tramps built a fire under a porch at the Maus farm, at Maudsley, Montour county, owned by the Geisinger Home for Women, and then fled. Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Gerring, tenants of the farm, discovered the blaze and called aid from the Geisinger hospital, before serious damage resulted.

Unconscious for thirteen hours, Benjamin Carrollo, of Shamokin, stung by a tropical insect, probably a tarantula, is in a serious condition in the Shamokin State hospital. Carrollo, with other employees of the Jalmisano Fruit company, was unloading a car of bananas when the insect bit him on the tip of a finger of the right hand. He staggered to the company's office and fell over.

Having lived for eight days with a bullet in his brain, Ernest Guerra, eight years old, of Charleroi, died on Monday. A post-mortem examination disclosed the bullet had lodged an inch and a half from the back of the boy's head. The lad was shot by a playmate, Frank Hildek, 2. Hildek fled but returned home three nights after the shooting. The police said he told them he was firing at a target and shot Guerra.

The A. W. Lee homestead, on South Second street, Clearfield, has been sold to the Bell Telephone company for \$26,000. The property includes a lot 80 feet by 200 and the buildings thereon. The sale did not include the old Huntington and Clearfield telephone building, which is owned by A. W. Lee, Jr. It is not known what the Bell company intends to use the property for but it is supposed that a modern exchange building will be erected on the site at some future time.

The coal tippie, bin, conveyor and electric equipment of the Deer Run Coal Mining company, at Mahaffey, was destroyed by fire, Thursday afternoon, July 4th, with a loss estimated at about \$30,000. The mine had not been operated for over a year and it is not known as yet how much of the inside property was stored in the tippie. The mine is owned by William Eck, of Carrolltown, and William Thompson and Andrew Rhody, of Faxon. The origin of the fire was not learned.

The home of Colonel James M. Guffey, in Pittsburgh, former Democratic National Committee man for Pennsylvania, was sold at sheriff's sale, last Friday, in foreclosure of a mortgage for \$248,568.70, including interest, held by the Pittsburgh Trust company. The bank bought the property for \$1,723.35. Furniture in the residence recently was sold at public sale. Several months ago Colonel Guffey was carried from his home when the place took fire. He is nearly 90 years old and in feeble health.

Prospecting for oil and gas is under way in the northern end of Columbia county. Local residents took a lease on several hundred acres of property there about five years ago, but nothing was done with it until this summer. The lease still has a year to run and before renewing it, decision was reached to have the prospecting done. Some years ago prospecting there revealed small quantities of copper. Other metals were sought, but the presence of gas indicated to the engineers that their efforts were in vain. They were not interested at that time in either oil or gas.

While walking on the mountains near his home at Mt. Carmel, in the western part of Adams county, in company with his father, Robert Shindler, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shindler, was bitten twice on the right leg by a copperhead snake. The father cut each hole made by the poisonous fangs of the serpent with his pocket knife and allowed the blood to wash away some of the poison. He then took the boy to a physician in Cashtown who stated the father's presence of mind in cutting the bites will save the boy much suffering. The father killed the snake.

In saving a little boy from serious injury and possibly death, Elwood Burnley, of Richmond, Va., with the carnival company showing at Clearfield, last week saw a little fellow about 5 years old carrying a nine inch dynamite bomb, Friday morning, and hunting a place to set it off. Fearing the lad could not fire it with safety he induced the youngster to let him fire it. After lighting the short fuse he was in the act of throwing it from him into the park grounds when it exploded, mangleing the hand horribly. It was necessary to amputate it at the wrist. V. F. Stone, another carnival man, was cut about the face by flying particles of the bomb.

The annual reunion of woodmen of this section will be held at Shoemaker park, at McElhattan, on July 20. It will be sponsored by Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, who has held these reunions for the lumbermen for several years. A unique feature of the program this year will be an accordian contest in which accordian players from among the ranks of the old lumber jacks will compete. These old lumbermen cleared the Black Forest for the sites of Clinton, Potter and Tioga counties. Nearly all of them are over eighty years of age and some are over ninety. Special prizes will be offered for the best accordian player and the oldest contestant.

Just as the Washington and Waynesburg narrow gauge railway train pulled around a curve and out of sight of the station at Waynesburg, on the last trip of its existence, on Tuesday, Leasure Shull, conductor, for 33 years in the employ of the road, dropped dead. On Tuesday the road, which had run eight trains daily since 1877, suspended operation and the 55-year old man who had been conductor for 25 years appeared to be grieving as he collected tickets over the 25 mile run on all but the last trip. He declined to make the final run and his stood on the station platform watching the little train out of sight. Just as the last car turned a curve he collapsed and died.