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A TRIP TO THE SOUTH LAND.

Third Article, in which the Climate, the House, and the People at Panama are Described.

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PART III. AT PANAMA.

The locks of the canal on the Pacific side are very similar to those at Gatun. They are not all together as they are at Gatun, one is at Peter Miguel, where the lock causes a change of level in the water line of 30 1-3 feet; the other two are at Miraflores, a mile and a half near the Pacific. At Miraflores the change of level is 54 2-3 feet, making a difference in level of 85 feet, same as on the Atlantic side. I heard from several sources while at Panama that the Pacific ocean was higher than the Atlantic. One man said it was seven feet higher. This idea, I think, finds belief among some because the tides are much higher on the Pacific side than on the Atlantic. When the tide is high and full at Panama it is 28 feet higher than when it is low tide. The ocean level is just the same but if we had a sea level canal without locks, the full tidal wave would, at high tide, rush thru the canal with great force, and be capable of doing much damage. The cause of the high tides at Panama is the fact that the Panama bay is very wide at its entrance and becomes narrow near the town of Panama. A wave of 2 1-2 feet at the entrance when crowded at the town into a much smaller width rises higher accordingly. At Miraflores the canal, after it leaves the locks, is really a part of the Pacific ocean. It is five hundred feet wide and forty-one feet deep and extends eight miles to the open ocean. Each lock is one thousand feet long, the six locks themselves being over six thousand feet, or more than a mile long. After reaching the city of Panama we went to a hotel that had been highly recommended to us where we engaged a room and found the accommodations, food and service of a low order. The only thing up to, or exceeding the expectations, was the bill. It was high enough for the best imaginable. After lunch and a short rest we went to the American City of Balboa where the United States has large numbers of laborers at work. Two huge steam shovels were filling cars with broken rocks, blasted from the hillside. What interested us most was a nozzle about six inches in diameter thru which water was forced with a high velocity. A number of laborers had this nozzle fastened upon a pivot on a rigid support under their control by means of long levers. They could move the nozzle up and down and from side to side. It was directed against a bank of earth and stone. The strong current of water tore the bank to pieces, earth and stone were washed with amazing rapidity into the ocean. We watched it with astonishment. It seemed to us to do the work of a hundred laborers. It rolled stones, as large as a half bushel measure, into the Pacific. We were informed that the excavations were to establish docks for the increased shipping expected because of the canal. Every where along the canal, they are preparing for big business, which I believe is sure to come to them. In the evening we strolled thru the town and seated ourselves on benches in a small park. Here we watched the natives come and go. They appear more energetic after night-fall. The young men and maidens are dressed in their best. They seem fond of bright colors and have a happy, careless air about them that is pleasing. They talk and laugh and smile like innocent children who are enjoying life without a care.

THE CLIMATE.

It was steaming hot while we were on the isthmus. We started early in April so that we would be there before the hot weather began. But in this we were mistaken. They told us that on the day we arrived the sun was exactly over head at noon and that everything else being equal, it was the warmest day of the year. The sun is now moving North. On the 21st day of June it will reach its furthest North which is 23 degrees 27 minutes north latitude, on the tropic of Cancer. On March 21st the sun crossed the equator and by April 22 was as far North as Panama, which is about 10 degrees North. After that the sun's rays are not quite so direct and the climate should be less torrid. But the difference is not great. They do not have summer and winter like we have but have what they call the wet and the dry seasons. The wet season had just begun. It rains nearly every day, and the moisture makes the heat seem so oppressive. They can plant sugar cane, bananas, corn, etc., at any time during the year. The banana streams run all the year. In general the houses are not screened and yet we saw but few flies and mosquitoes. We were told that the death rate was low, and that there was little sickness on the isthmus.

THE HOUSES.

As in Havana, so in Colon and in Panama (Continued on inside page.)

CUTTING TREES ON STATE LAND.

Forester Montgomery Makes Clear State's Purpose in Present System of Cutting.

Editor of Centre Reporter,
Centre Hall, Pa.

Dear sir:

I notice in your issue of April 29th, an article condemning the policy of the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry in cutting over some of the land which the State now owns.

Such a criticism may be caused by a misconception of the real purposes of forest management, or by a lack of knowledge of the actual conditions existing on those lands upon which cutting operations are now being carried on.

When the practice of forestry was first advocated in this country, it was generally thought that by forestry was meant the absolute locking up of the forest resources without using them—that is, that cutting had no place in forestry and that standing timber was to be left untouched for an indefinite period. To a certain extent, this erroneous idea still exists.

This, however, is far from the real meaning. Forestry has been defined by one authority as the rational treatment of the woodlands for their products. According to H. S. Graves, now chief of the U. S. Forest Service, the underlying idea of forestry is continuity of use. It is the aim of forestry to utilize the present product of the forest with the greatest possible economy and with profit to the owner, and at the same time, to provide for the production of timber in the future.

It is fully in accord with the principles of scientific forestry, that in some parts of the State, the Department of Forestry has begun cutting operations. For the most part the land thus far acquired by the State has been stripped by the lumberman and usually considerably damaged by fire. In some localities, however, for one reason or another, mature timber has been left standing. Such are the conditions in Treaster Kettle, near Colyer. There is no continuous forest of merchantable timber, but scattered on the mountain side, singly or in groups, are large overmature trees of various species. It is toward these trees that the cutting is principally directed.

One section of the contract governing this lumbering operation, reads as follows: "The timber to be removed shall include all the overmature, defective, dead and down coniferous and hardwood trees upon said tract. It is understood and agreed that the purpose of the Department in making this sale is that there may be removed from the State Forest, that material which at present is not increasing in value and which will soon decline or is now in a state of decay, is defective and unutilizable for a new and better forest and would at present be better off State land than upon it."

The contract also provides for the topping of the trees to decrease the danger from fire, and further that the greatest possible care must be exercised in order that no damage should be done to the young growth.

The majority of the tract being cut over, is covered by an excellent growth of young stuff, which when relieved of the competition of the larger trees, will develop rapidly, when young growth is absent, or is not of sufficient density and quality, seed trees are left to aid in the process of reforestation.

From an examination of conditions existing in the Kettle, it can be seen that when the present lumbering operations are at an end, the mountains will be far from the denuded and desolate desert, which your recent criticism would seem to prophesy. The ripe and unripe trees and those nearing maturity will be gone, but to take their place will be a fine, thrifty young stand, stimulated by increased light and soil nutrition, and—as a result—growing rapidly in volume and in value.

Thanking you in advance for the use of the columns of your valued paper, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,
W. E. MONTGOMERY, Forester.
Potter Mills, Pa., May 6, 1915.

Good Roads Day, May 26.

Officials of the State Highway Department are taking great interest in the "State-wide Good Roads Day," May 26. State Highway Commissioner Cunningham intends to send his chief workers through the State on that day to assist and advise the workers wherever possible. According to the tentative arrangements, Commissioner Cunningham will spend the day in the western counties. First Deputy State Highway Commissioner Hunter in the southeastern part of the State and Chief Engineer Usher in the eastern and central part of the State. Maintenance Engineer Biles will be assigned to a definite territory in the state and other officials of the Department will be on the job.

"STATES" COMMENCEMENT.

Exercises Will Begin June 4 and Continue Until June 9.—Chinese S. B. Team Will be Attraction During Week.

The annual commencement exercises at Penn State will begin June 4. The college has departed from its custom in securing a foreign diplomat as the commencement orator and the class this year will be addressed by Hon. E. Walton Mitchell, president of the board of trustees. The program:

Friday, June 4, 7:50 p. m., freshmen stunts, front campus; 8:00 p. m., Hand of the Prophet, benefit play for the hospital, Auditorium.

Saturday, June 5, 9:00 a. m. annual concert by the Cadet band, front campus; 10 p. m., review of College Cadets, Brigadier General Miller, U. S. Army, Washington, Beaver field; 1:30 p. m., lacrosse, Carlisle Indians vs. Penn State, Beaver field; 3:30 p. m., baseball, University of Pittsburgh vs. State, Beaver field; 8:00 p. m., concert by Musical clubs, Auditorium; 10:00 p. m., campus singing, senior class, old willow.

Sunday, June 6, 10:30 a. m., baccalaureate sermon by Rev. N. M. Walter, Tomkins Avenue Congregational church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Auditorium; 3:30 p. m., organ recital, Auditorium; 4:30 p. m., concert, Cadet band, front campus; 6:30 p. m., Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. meeting, front campus; 8:00 p. m., sacred concert, Auditorium.

Monday, June 7, 10:00 a. m., class day exercises of 1915, front campus; 2:00 p. m., track meet, University of Pittsburgh vs. State, Beaver field; 7:30 p. m., annual meeting of board of trustees; 8:00 p. m., juniors oratorical contest, Auditorium.

Tuesday, June 8, 9:30 a. m., annual business meeting Phi Kappa Phi, foyer; 10:00 a. m., public welcome, class of '05, Auditorium; 10:15 a. m., annual business meeting, general Alumni association, Auditorium; 12:30 p. m., alumni luncheon, tent; 2:00 p. m., alumni stunts, front campus; 2:00 p. m., trustee elections; 3:00 p. m., alumni parade, front campus to Beaver field; 3:45 p. m., baseball, Chinese University of Hawaii vs. State, Beaver field; 8:00 p. m., Miss Adam of Eder, by the Theatians, Auditorium; 10:00 p. m., alumni reception, tent and armory.

Wednesday, June 9, 9:45 a. m., commencement procession, Library; 10:00 a. m., commencement exercises, Auditorium; address, E. Walton Mitchell, of Pittsburgh; 3:00 p. m., meeting of parents of graduates, Old Chapel; 3:30 p. m., dedicatory exercises, Liberal Arts building; 5:00 to 6:00 p. m., reception to commencement guests, lawn west campus; 8:00 p. m., junior farewell reception to seniors, Armory.

Baby Falls 14 Feet—Unhurt.

To fall from a second-story window to the ground, a distance of fourteen feet, without even emitting a cry, was the experience of little Adeline Dinger, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dinger. The accident occurred Thursday evening about seven o'clock while Mr. Dinger was dressing to attend Class Day exercises in Grange Hall. Owing to the low windows on the second floor it had been the custom in the home to keep the windows closed on this floor, but on this evening this rule was broken because Mrs. Dinger felt the necessity of fresh air in the study bedroom. The little girl was in the room with her mother and when the watchful eyes of the parent were taken off the child momentarily she found her way to the window. Mrs. Dinger turned in time to see the feet of the tot as it made its plunge to the ground. Fortunately the child alighted on the grass in such a position that its hands struck the ground first, thus breaking the force of the fall. Upon reaching the child the mother found her in no trouble apparently, but nevertheless immediately summoned Dr. H. E. Longwell who made a thorough examination of the child and declared that no bones were broken and not even a bruise was to be found. It was a miraculous escape and one which the mother does not care to witness again.

Memorial Day in Centre Hall.

Saturday, May 29th, will be observed as Memorial Day. The march to the cemetery will begin at 5:15 o'clock, starting from the Evangelical church and everybody is invited to take part in the procession. The several fraternal organizations have been asked to march in their respective bodies. After the graves have been strewn with flowers, Rev. D. S. Kurtz of the Lutheran church will deliver the Memorial Day address.

The Grove families will hold their sixth annual reunion on the fair grounds near Bellefonte, on Thursday, June 17th.

C. H. B. S. 1915.

Commencement Exercises Held Friday Evening—Class of Seven Receive Diplomas for Earnest Effort—Acquitted Themselves in Excellent Manner.

Four young ladies and three young men were given their diplomas at the close of the exercises incident to commencement on Friday evening in Grange Hall, in recognition of their faithful endeavors in completing the three-year course of study in the Centre Hall high school. For weeks preparation for the happiest occasion in their school lives was going on and no one can gainsay the fact that the time was profitably spent. Every auditor in the crowded hall, and especially the parents of the graduates, were justly proud of these seven young people who have taken the first step on the ladder of life, equipped with the material that will make the second step somewhat easier. Every oration and every essay delivered was a credit to the author, both from the standpoint of composition and that of delivery. In clear and full voice every word was carried to the extreme parts of the house and the audience listened eagerly to grasp the thoughts expressed, and at the close of each effort the graduate took his or her seat amid hearty applause.

The floral decorations were decidedly pretty. On a background of spruce and between two unfurled American flags stood out prominently the class numerals—15. To the front of the stage and extending its full length, potted plants threw out their fragrance. A large bouquet of white carnations was received by the class in the afternoon mail, and since they came anonymously, the graduates were the more appreciative of them. Class pennants and class colors—brown and white—were lavishly displayed throughout the hall.

At eight o'clock the Bellefonte high school orchestra, under the direction of Prof. Eugene Weil, struck up an overture, the rendition of which was a compliment to the ability of the ten young men. Following this the principals of the occasion filed onto the stage platform and stood while another musical number was rendered. The order in which they faced the audience was this: Prof. H. A. Dodson, Carrie Sweetwood, William Bailey, Mae Royer, Carl Auman, Mary Dinger, James Keller, Grace Ishler, Prof. J. T. Marshman. Rev. W. E. Williams invoked the blessing at this juncture. Miss Sweetwood was assigned the honor of delivering the salutatory and in this she merited the applause that followed the close of the beautiful sentiments expressed. In a full tone of voice William Bailey delivered his oration, "Abraham Lincoln," closing with that immortal address of the martyred president—the Gettysburg address. "Value of Education" was the subject handled by Miss Mae Royer, and her paper showed careful preparation of a highly important subject. Following a musical number Prof. H. A. Dodson acted proxy for Carl Auman and read his paper on "Improvement of Rural Schools" which young Auman would have orated had the condition of his voice permitted it. Carl, handicapped by a siege of sickness toward the close of the school year, nevertheless kept pace with his class in study and passed a special examination which entitled him to graduate with his mates. The sickness, however, left a drag which affected his speech and the feeling that possessed the young man because of the physical impossibility to take his part with the rest spoke louder than words. He had the sympathy of the audience. Miss Mary Dinger extolled the virtues of Julius Caesar, the great Roman, in a well-written and well-prepared paper. Miss Grace Ishler, as president of her class, delivered the valedictory. In tender words, expressive of deep feeling, she in turn addressed the school board, her teacher and the class. The close of her remarks meant the abandonment of the class which for many years had faced the vicissitudes of school life from the lower grades up to the time that meant so much to them. The feeling of the thought was visible. Miss Ishler and Miss Royer are the only ones of the class who live outside of the borough lines. Interspersing the several orations and essays were musical numbers by the Bellefonte high school orchestra and these were ably rendered.

Prof. John T. Marshman of State College was the speaker who delivered the commencement address and his words contained thoughts and truths that should save those for whose special benefit his lecture was given from many of the pitfalls along life's pathway. He emphasized strongly the fact that men—clear, courageous and virtuous men—were needed to fight life's battles; that brain as well as brawn was an essential to success; that the man with a physical makeup

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A Pretty Home Wedding.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pierce Weaver, at Millheim, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Tuesday evening, May 11th, when their oldest daughter, Helen Catherine, was united in marriage to Floyd Martin Smith of Pleasantville, New Jersey.

The home was beautifully decorated throughout. In one corner of the parlor was a large bower of evergreens and apple blossoms.

At eight o'clock Miss Fish of Atlantic City, N. J., began playing Lohengrin's wedding march and the groom and best man, Howard Best, of Bellefonte, entered the room, followed by the bride's maid, Miss Stevenson, of Pleasantville, N. J., attired in a gown of light blue silk crepe meteor, carrying a large bunch of pink and white sweet peas. Then came the flower girl, little Louise Best, in white and pink, bearing a beautiful basket of apple blossoms. The bride appeared with her father who gave her away.

The officiating clergyman was the Rev. G. A. Stauffer of Rebersburg. The beautiful ring ceremony of the Reformed church was used. The bride looked charming in an elaborate gown of white silk crepe de chine, trimmed with deep Irish point lace. A bridal wreath of apple blossoms held the veil. She carried a mammoth bouquet of white roses. The groom wore a handsome full dress black broadcloth suit.

After the conclusion of the ceremony, congratulations having been extended, the wedding party proceeded to the dining room where a dainty three-course dinner was served.

Seated at the table were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith, Miss Stevenson, Howard Best, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Weaver, Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Stauffer. The groom is a young man of sterling character and holds a position in a Pleasantville bank. The happy couple will be at home at June fifteenth at 53 Chester Avenue, Pleasantville, N. J. Their many friends wish them bon voyage.

Brandt-Overdorf.

Ralph A. Brandt, employed at the railroad station at Coburn, and Miss Jennie L. Overdorf were married recently at the bride's home in Jersey shore. They will begin housekeeping at Coburn.

Will Repeat Play Saturday Night.

The home talent production, "The High School Freshman," will be repeated Saturday evening in Grange Hall. The play will be given under the auspices of Centre Hall Lodge, I. O. O. F. A laughable monologue has been added to the entertainment. Admission prices remain the same.

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that claims the admiration of his fellows was nil unless there was a pilot in the cranium to direct him in the true and right course.

In a few well chosen words Prof. H. A. Dodson presented the diplomas to the graduates. Prof. Dodson, by this act, closed his two years' service in the local school, and thanked those who in that time had given encouragement to his work. He now lays aside his school work and will devote his time to the interests of his drug store business in Centre Hall.

Rev. F. H. Foss pronounced the benediction and another high school commencement in Centre Hall was made history.

Several of the class have already signified their intention to enter higher schools of learning throughout the state.

CLASS DAY EXERCISES.

Thursday evening was devoted to Class Day exercises. Grange Hall was taxed to its capacity. Festoons of white and brown ribbon hung from the ceiling and class pennants were everywhere visible in the room. The program was divided into two parts. The first part was occupied by a class song, followed by the class history by William Bailey. The class will be read by Miss Grace Ishler, who after bequeathing many relics of the high school to the undergraduates, presented several of them with the things for which they appeared to have had most use of during the school year. This feature was well performed and provoked much laughter. Miss Carrie Sweetwood read the class poem which elicited much applause.

Part two was taken up wholly by the presentation of the class play, entitled "Why Not Jim." With due credit to past graduating classes it must be said that the efforts of the 1915 class excelled those of former years. The play showed careful preparation; the plot was a good one, and the actors performed their parts in a creditable manner. Beside the graduating class Miss Ida Sweetwood, Marion Royer, and Thomas Foss, undergraduates, participated. A farewell song by the class closed the exercises.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

W. Frank Bradford purchased a Ford touring car on Saturday.

"The High School Freshman," in Grange Hall, Saturday evening.

Rev. R. B. Jones is attending the meetings of West Susquehanna Classis at State College, this week.

Mrs. C. H. Meyer of Reedsville attended the sale of the household goods of her father, Capt. G. M. Boal, on Saturday.

Miss Kathryn Weber of State College attended the commencement exercises and while here was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McClellan.

W. D. Zerby, Esq., J. F. Smith, and John Bower, of Bellefonte, distributed Old Home week posters and ULRGLADUKUM streamers throughout Penns Valley last week.

Maynard Meeker and Gardner Grove are two of Gregg township's progressive farmers who will spin to town in their own automobiles hereafter. They purchased Ford touring cars last week.

Tuesday of last week Harry Foreman and Thomas Shannon, two Philadelphia youths, plead guilty of robbing a store and were sentenced to the reform school at Glenn Mills, to which place they were taken on Wednesday by Sheriff Lee.

The local theatrical association played to a capacity house at Boalsburg, Saturday night, in presenting "The High School Freshman." The door receipts were twenty-seven dollars, half of which were received by the Boalsburg band.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, accompanied by their son and daughter, passed through Centre Hall, Monday morning, on their way from Reedsville to Williamsport, their home. Mr. Smith is the head of the Smith Printing Company, which is doing a good business.

George W. Smith spent a few days at the home of his mother, Mrs. Eliza Smith, at Centre Hill, returning to Morgantown on Tuesday. Mr. Smith is an instructor in the training school at the above named place, and has held a position there for the past ten years.

The Misses Agnes and Theresa Shields of Bellefonte left for California on Monday where they expect to attend the Panama exposition. They are intimate friends of Mrs. Charles F. Shaw, nee Miss Helen Hosterman, and will spend some time with her, at Berkeley, before returning home.

Mrs. Catharine M. Dinges of Bellefonte attended commencement exercises, being especially interested because of the fact that one of the graduates, Miss Mary Dinger, is a niece of Mrs. Dinges. While here she was entertained at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Dinges and Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Lieb.

Owing to the law which prohibits dogs from roaming through game country deer are again becoming numerous, according to the observations of lumbermen who work in the mountains in Millin county. Many fawns have been seen to come up to the camps and eat potato parings and other offal.

The Lewistown Sentinel, last week, included in its regular daily edition, a special edition devoted exclusively to the interests of the town of Millroy. All the business places, churches, schools, etc., figured in well-written "write-ups." The six-page paper was an excellent production and beyond a doubt is highly prized by Millroy residents.

Lloyd Kerlin of New Cumberland called at this office on Friday, being on his way to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jordan, at Colyer, where he spent a day. Mr. Kerlin is anxiously awaiting the opening of the deer season when he may again spend a week with the Colyer "boys" in pursuit of the fleet-footed bucks in the Seven Mountains.

Saturday morning Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Delaney and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Delaney started on an auto trip to Pittsburgh and expect to return today (Thursday). They will visit Mrs. James Clark at Greensburg, who is a sister of the gentlemen, and a brother, Daniel Delaney, at Pittsburgh. George H. Emerick is furnishing the transportation.

Thursday the committee on purchasing the pipe organ for the Reformed church made a trip to Muncy to investigate the merits of the Erie pipe organ, one of several which the committee has under consideration. The Lutheran church at that place has an Erie organ and the party was favorably impressed with its tone, appearance, etc. The trip was made in T. C. Bartges's car by the following: Rev. R. R. Jones, D. L. Bartges, Prof. F. H. Meyer, and D. A. Booser.