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SIDE TRIPS FROM BUFFALO.

Buffalo is fortunate in her immediate surroundings, and when the visitor to the Exposition shall have satisfied himself with sight-seeing within the grounds, he will find much to delight him in and near the city, or within a few hours' ride in any direction. The entire region about Buffalo is rich in its variety of natural scenery, and some of the most famous resorts in the world are near at hand. Popular summer places close by the city, to be reached by steamers upon Lake Erie and the Niagara River, are: Woodlawn Beach on the American shore south of the city; Crystal Beach on the Canadian shore, an hour's ride from Buffalo; and Grand Island, with its many groves and summer hotels on Niagara River, just below the city. The far famed falls of Niagara are only half an hour's ride from the Exposition grounds, and one may spend a week in the midst of this magnificent scenery, and find new pleasures each day. It is quite impossible to describe the grandeur of these majestic cataracts, whose ceaseless roar has been heard through countless ages, and which have for centuries excited the awe and wonderment of savage and civilized men. The Niagara River receives the waters of Lake Superior, Michigan, Huron, and Erie and discharges them into Lake Ontario. Millions of tons of water plunge unceasingly over these dizzy heights, and surge and seethe in the gorge below. The gorge itself with the Whirlpool Rapids, and the mighty Whirlpool below them, is scarcely less fascinating and interesting. The State of New York a few years ago bought the land immediately bordering on the Niagara River at the Falls, together with Goat Island, consisting of 75 acres lying between the two great cataracts and made the whole a public park. On the Canadian side, the Ontario Government, has also acquired several miles of land bordering the river and gorge, which is free to the public, and is known as Queen Victoria Park. From Prospect Park, the visitor has the first view of the wonderful scenery. Here he may almost dip his hand into the stream that instantly leaps far out into the deep gorge. It is not easy in a brief sketch like this to make you see the Falls as they are. Indeed, most places that you have heard much about are not, when you see them for the first time, in accord with the picture you have in your mind. Take any creek or river with which you are familiar. Imagine that it is a dry time and the water all out; that at a certain point it bends short, making an elbow; that at the elbow men lower the bed of the channel 400 feet, leaving perpendicular walls of rock on either side, and that they continue this excavation on down the stream until they have reached a point when the water will be carried off at the depth of the bed of the original channel. Now we will imagine that rains come and the upper stream is filled and the water proceeds as before; but when it comes to this elbow, it drops over to the bottom of this great ditch we have had dug—and you have some idea of Niagara Falls. Above the cataract you could walk into the water from the adjacent banks, as easily as any creek in Fulton county; below the Falls if you were to make one step off over the bank toward the river, you would fall two hundred feet before striking the river, and then you would find the water from 150 to 200 feet deep. A half mile above the cataract, the sharp point of an island splits the stream; that part passing down on the right side of the island leaps over the cataract and is known as the American Fall 107 feet; that passing down on the left of the island—Goat Island it is called—forms what is known as the Horseshoe Fall—155 feet.

This fall may have been straight at one time, but the center of it seems to have been crumbling out until now it forms a curve like a horseshoe. The contour line of the American Fall is 1,000 feet; that of the Horseshoe Fall about three times as great. The great bulk of the water passes over the Horseshoe. A few hundred yards below the Falls, the gorge (for that is what the ditch is called) is spanned by a steel arch bridge, built three years ago; this is 1,240 feet in length, height of floor above water, 102 feet; width of floor-way, 46 feet. The arch span—840 feet—is the longest in the world. But one who visits Niagara Falls and does not take a trolley ride around the gorge, comes away without seeing the half of what a trip to Niagara has in store. Take a trolley car at Niagara, this will take you across the big bridge just below the Falls, giving you a most excellent opportunity to view them. When you reach the Canada side your car takes you up to the Horseshoe Falls. Here you alight and walk up to the railing at the brink, and you are impressed with the mighty volume of water plunging over before you. Now, back into the car, and you go down along the gorge close enough to look from the car down upon the river below, and follow this down seven miles, crossing on a suspension bridge, and returning to the American side. On this side you return, the railroad track following close to the water's edge at the foot of the mighty wall of rocks. The leaping, plunging, foaming waters as they seem to struggle for an outlet from that crowded channel, leaves an impression upon one's mind never to be effaced. When almost back to Niagara, the track is cut up along the side of the great wall and you gradually find yourself getting back on the level with the City and to the point from which you started. The cost of a trolley ride from Buffalo to Niagara and return is 50 cents. From Buffalo to Lewiston (end of Gorge route) 85 cents one way or \$1.25 round trip. A dollar added to this expense will give you a nice trip across Lake Ontario, and allow you to see the city of Toronto. Wells Tannery. Mr. W. H. Sweet and son Cloyd, of Saxton, spent Sunday with their friends in the Valley. Mrs. Nannie Love and daughter Edna, of Cripple Creek, Colo., are visiting Mrs. W. H. Baumgardner for an indefinite time. Miss Alice Wishart returned home Thursday, after a very pleasant time with friends in Huntingdon. Miss Martha Sipe left for Huntingdon, where she expects to spend some time. The "Variety Social," which was to have been held at Pine Grove M. E. church Saturday evening last, was postponed on account of inclement weather until June 29. All are cordially invited to attend. Mrs. W. E. Hoke and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spangler, of Wells Tannery over Sunday. Master Howard and Miss Katharine will remain with their grandparents for a week. Our people who attended convention at McConnellsburg report a very nice time. Whips Cove. Children's day service at Jerusalem Sunday was well attended. D. S. Garland has just received a new buggy. John Martin is building a barn. Mr. Jesse Smith, accompanied by his sister Nora from Everett, attended children's service Sunday. Grant Mellott and James Andrews were in the Cove delivering pictures last week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Address of Welcome. "Through the kindness of the local committee, it is my pleasure on behalf of the people of McConnellsburg to extend to you, our visiting friends, a cordial welcome. We are extremely happy to have you with us on this occasion, and we trust that we may be able to make your stay pleasant and entertaining. "Another year of Sabbath school work has been recorded in the annals of the past. Swiftly the weeks have flitted by, and again we have met as a body of Sunday school workers. This afternoon with the golden cord of good will clasping our words, we cheerfully greet you, to this the Twenty-first Annual Sunday School Convention of Fulton County. "We have met with mutual interest, mutual hope, and we trust with one accord. With this common sympathy, let us endeavor to make this convention one that shall prove to us in future years that our meeting has not been in vain. "Surely we have the right to hope on such a day and in such a house. "Hope is the wing by which the soul ascends. Make use of hope thy laboring soul to cheer. Faith shall be given if thou wilt persevere. But what of hope? or where or how begin? It comes from God, as light comes from the sun. "With hearts full of hope, looking up to something better, catching glimpses of distant perfection, prophesying to ourselves improvements proportioned to our conscientious labors, gives energy of purpose, gives wings to the soul, and with such a hope we will continue to grow. "As superintendents, teachers, and pupils, may we aim to be helpful one to another. Those of you who have been appointed from your respective schools, come, we know, with that due responsibility to carry home with you something that may improve your school. This we will not be able to do if we simply sit and wait for some one to tell us how we may increase our attendance, how we may interest those families who seemingly are indifferent to all church work, or how we may improve our primary work. If we are to gain anything from these meetings, the work must be practical. The stream cannot rise higher than its source, and just so much life and vim as we put into this convention, just so much will our schools be helped by it. "It is a pleasure to note the cordial, earnest, and sincere spirit growing up among Sunday school workers. It is by no means a little work in which we are engaged. Let us, then, after meeting here in friendly intercourse, not go home discussing whether it would not be easy to work in some other field; but as true workers representing the best qualities of manhood and womanhood, let us be joined in true fellowship and loyalty forever. "We are especially anxious that this convention be not only pleasant but profitable, and that our visiting friends may feel that it were good for them to have been here. Again, I say, welcome." The above address of welcome was given by Miss Bertie Hoke to the visiting delegates of the S. S. Convention which met in McConnellsburg, on last Thursday and Friday. The sessions, five in number, were held in the Methodist, Reformed, Lutheran, and Presbyterian churches. Although the number of delegates was not so large as in former years, all will admit that at no previous convention has more important work been done, and in no locality has there been more attention paid to the comfort and pleasure of visitors. The absence of many workers can be explained by the season being a busy one in farming communities, and the question might arise, "Is June the best month for this meeting? Could it not be held

to more advantage in October, when the crops are garnered and the farmer is willing and anxious to "take a day off." The subjects discussed covered an exceedingly wide range and the opinions expressed, proved the speakers to be earnest, progressive men and women. The entertainment provided by the Social and Entertainment committees was of such quality, that appealed with peculiar force to the visitors, and of a quantity that left little to be desired. The absence of such veteran workers as Mr. Samuel Wishart and family, Mr. Joseph Covatt and others, was felt by the Convention. Disappointment was expressed by many, too, at the absence of president B. W. Peck, who was unavoidably detained elsewhere. Rev. Shontz, of Chambersburg, was the only State worker present, but he is a host in himself and filled the place of others who were neither "present or accounted for." Reverends Chambers, West, Grove, Wolf, McCloskey, and Smith gave valuable aid, and were listened to with much interest and profit. The statistical reports presented by various district presidents show a marked decrease in the number of schools and scholars throughout the County. No where is this more evident than in Ayer, this district being one of the most populous and only reporting two small schools. The number of young delegates was noticeable in the Convention. Two pupils from the Oakley M. E. school, Messrs. Pittman and Powell, who traveled, at least, forty miles on their wheels over the worst of roads, to be present during Friday's sessions, deserve honorable mention. Not less was the effort made by Misses Bliz and Scriever, who were obliged to start from Buck Valley at 2 a. m., in order to be "in at the start." The last session was held in the Presbyterian church, and partook largely of the character of a love feast. The time had come for the separation of those who had been brought together in such close relation, by the great unifier of Sabbath School work, the convention. Many kind words of appreciation of the kindness received by them were spoken by the departing delegates, who went home full of faith in themselves, their work, and their fellow-workers. Burnt Cabins or Wells Valley will be the place of the next Convention. S. M. C. Death of a Student. J. Harry Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore M. Wood, East Market street, died at the home of his parents on Wednesday morning after an illness of two months. Harry Wood was born in Chambersburg, February 21, 1882, and was graduated at Mercersburg Academy two years ago. After leaving the Academy he entered Lehigh University for a course in mechanical engineering. On the 25th of January last he was compelled to relinquish his studies and come to his home because of illness. He recovered and returned to the university to resume his course only to be stricken a second time. During his long period of suffering he bore his affliction with patience and was at all times conscious and cheerful. On Tuesday morning he was seized with a sinking spell and it was thought by the faithful watchers at his bedside that the end had come, but he rallied and recognized those about him. Shortly after midnight he was seized with a second sinking spell and died without again regaining consciousness. The young man whose death notice we clip from the "Register," Chambersburg, was the son of Little Hoke Wood, and a grandson of the late David Hoke of Altoona. The "News" offers condolence to the family in their great affliction.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The following accounts were presented: The final account of Wesley Hill, committee of Morgan Burton, a lunatic, was presented for confirmation, which was done by the court. The account of Frank Mason, trustee to sell real estate of Isaac Bernhard, late of Bethel township, deceased, was confirmed, and George B. Daniels appointed auditor to make distribution of the funds. First and final account of Isaac N. Hixson, guardian of George McKibbin, a minor child of Alexander McKibbin, deceased, came up for confirmation, and there being objections, the allowance of accountant was reduced to \$50, and accountant surcharged with \$10. Confirmed as amended. The first and final account of L. L. Cunningham, administrator of the estate of D. K. McClain, deceased, was confirmed. The first and final account of J. Nelson Sipes, executor of the last will and testament of Adam Bows, late of Bethel township, deceased, was confirmed, and Geo. B. Daniels appointed auditor to make distribution. Estate of Morgan Burton, a lunatic, petition of Wesley Hill, a committee, for discharge. Discharged upon appointment of successor. ARGUMENT LIST. E. H. Ashman, administrator of estate of Richard Ashman vs. A. G. Anderson, rule on plaintiff to show cause why sheriff's deed should not be set aside and acknowledgment refused. Estate of Sarah L. McKibbin, late of Union township, deceased, auditor's report presented for confirmation. Exceptions to same were argued before the court. To be decided at chambers. Sarah J. Hall vs. Reuben Hall, proceedings in divorce. Decree of divorce granted. These parties reside in Thompson township. The auditor's report in the estate of Jacob F. Garland, deceased, was presented and confirmed unless exceptions be filed within ten days. The auditor's report in the estate of Jacob Hess, late of Brush Creek township, deceased, was confirmed unless exceptions be filed within ten days. Auditor's report in the estate of Barbara A. Denisar was confirmed unless exceptions be filed within ten days. Estate of Michael Helman, late of Tod township, deceased, widow's appraisement, list confirmed and ordered to be recorded unless exceptions be filed within twenty days. Estate of John Booth, deceased, widow's appraisement, list approved and ordered to be recorded unless exceptions be filed within twenty days. Estate of Jesse M. Cline, deceased, widow's appraisement, list approved and ordered to be recorded unless exceptions be filed within twenty days. Estate of Isaac Strait, deceased, widow's appraisement, list approved, and ordered to be recorded unless exceptions be filed within twenty days. Estate of John Daniels, deceased, widow's appraisement, list approved, etc. Estate of James M. Lafe, deceased, widow's appraisement, list approved, etc. Estate of Margaret R. Leize, deceased, return of sale of real estate. Sale confirmed. Estate of Geo. J. Edwards, deceased, return of sale of real estate, confirmed. Estate of Abner H. Hart, deceased, return of sale of real estate, confirmed. Commonwealth vs. Alfred T. Wink, charge, insertion. Permission granted to settle case.

PERSONAL.

Miss Lottie Little is spending a week in Chambersburg. Mr. Orvil Logue spent a few days with friends in Hancock recently. Miss Nellie Trout left Monday morning for a visit with friends in Lancaster. Miss Anna Spoor and mother, of Saluvia, spent Friday at the Washington House. Misses Mary Hoke and Estelle Logue, are spending the week with friends in Hancock. Mrs. Wm. Jordan of Philadelphia, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Curtis. Mrs. A. K. Patterson is in Western Pennsylvania attending a meeting of the Children's Aid Society. J. G. Ewing, of Licking Creek township, was a pleasant caller at the News office while in town Monday. Mrs. W. C. Mann, of Saluvia and her daughter, Mrs. J. V. Skipper, of Tyrone, spent Saturday in town. Misses Mary E. Lee and Lillie Lee, of Clearfield, Pa., are visiting the family of Rev. A. D. McCloskey in this place. Mrs. Dr. N. C. Trout, of Fairfield, Adams county, is visiting the family of Mrs. Matilda P. Trout in this place. Mr. Thomas Mosser, of Claysburg, Blair county, is the guest of his brother, Dr. J. W. Mosser, at the Washington House. Mrs. L. C. Reiser and little daughter Pauline, of Lancaster City, is visiting the family of J. G. Reiser, of this place. Mrs. T. F. Sloan and son Walter Reed, of this place, left on Monday for Buffalo, where they will spend a week with friends. James Tritle, wife and four children, of Fort Loudon, were on this side of the mountain visiting friends Saturday and Sunday. Mr. John McQuade and mother left on Monday morning for Altoona. The former returns much benefited by his stay in Fulton. Mrs. Will Hoke and three children spent from Saturday until Monday with Mrs. Hoke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spangler, in Wells Valley. Miss Laurietta Polk returned to her home at Knobsville on last Wednesday after spending six weeks with friends and relatives in De Bois, Clearfield county. Mrs. Dwight Thompson and her two children, Florence and Frank, are spending some time with relatives and friends in Mount Union, Tyrone, and Altoona. Mr. Isaac Hull and little grandson, Bernard Neuroth, of this place, spent Saturday and Sunday with the family of Andrew Neuroth, of the Blue Springs, Franklin county. Clear Ridge. Miss Rachel Baker, of Three Springs, is spending a few weeks at her home here. Mrs. May Bedford is on the sick list. Dr. Bert Stevens, of Shelby, Iowa, is shaking hands with his many friends in this place. Masters Clarence and Warren Deavor, of Woodvale, are spending some time with their grandmother, Mrs. H. J. Grove. Frank Korlin, who has been employed in Altoona, returned home. Mrs. Andrew Fraker and Mrs. J. W. Mowers have arrived home after a week's visit among friends in Franklin county. Joshua Heeter and Miss Anna Maye Everatts were the guests of Mrs. R. E. Brown on Saturday evening. Miss Lillian Fleming, who has been visiting her cousins in Huntingdon, returned home Friday. Miss Minnie Grove is employed at Woodvale. The festival last Saturday evening was postponed on account of rain. It will be held June 22.

Ball Game at Clear Ridge.

The New Grenada—Waterfall base ball club, that so mysteriously disappeared last fall after receiving its disastrous defeat from the Clear Ridge club, was not dead, but only sleeping. On Saturday 15th inst., it awoke from its slumbers and sallied forth to meet the old antagonist. The boys hesitated about starting for the enemies' country on account of the threatening clouds and an occasional shower; but, remembering that Wellington fought the invincible Napoleon on a wet day, all took courage and with vivid recollections of last season and a determination to do or die, marched upon the Clear Ridge ball field. The game opened at 3:30 p. m., with L. L. Detwiler as umpire. During the first two innings the game was hotly contested, ending with score standing 6 to 6. In the 3rd inning, the visiting team took the lead and held it to the end. Score—31 to 9 in favor of New Grenada—Waterfall team. Both clubs played a good game, although there is room for both to improve as the playing was not of the gilt edge order. Fannie Hockensmith. Miss Fannie Hockensmith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hockensmith, who has been sick the past year, died at her home near Laddig, last Sunday morning. She was interred Monday afternoon in the Greenhill Presbyterian cemetery. Dr. West, her pastor, conducted the funeral service.