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JOHN T. KERR ON THE WING.

A Nice Trip on the Pacific Coast.
We left Aurora, Illinois, January 3, 1903, on the Golden State Limited train for California, and traveled over prairie lands, deserts, sand hills, canons, and mountains until we crossed Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona. We did not see any very picturesque scenery, unless it was the snow on the mountains, until we arrived at Red Lands, California,—our first stop. There we saw the large orange, lemon and grape fruit groves, with acres after acres, rows after rows, of the bright yellow fruit, that looks like a bank of gold in the sunlight, and as sweet as honey from the comb, when taken from the trees with our own hands. The eastern oranges are not to be compared with them for juiciness and flavor; but they are just as high in price. We went through the packing houses and saw them sort and pack the oranges, lemons and grape fruit and fill car after car of them to ship east to Chicago, New York and St. Louis.

The streets, or avenues as they call them here, are lined up on both sides by eucalyptus, pepper, and olive trees; but the Mammoth palm, three feet in diameter at the ground, and twenty feet high with a top fifty to sixty in circumference, and leaves six to eight feet wide. The palm is placed about seventy-five feet apart, opposite each other, on roads or avenues; and calla lilies, roses, and heliotropes in profusion-rows after rows—and banks after banks. With the thermometer at eighty degrees January 7th, we took a carriage and went through the famous Smiley Height Park with over a thousand acres of every tropical fruit, plant and flower. We saw a Century plant twenty feet long that had just bloomed, and is now dying. The top of the height is 2700 feet above the level of the sea. We then went to Riverside and spent a day. It is about the same as Red Lands, but not so beautiful—but a great grape, orange and lemon district. The United States Indian school, is located on Magnolia avenue, on Arlington height. On January 8th, my birthday, we arrived at Los Angeles at noon and came out to Long Beach at 2 P. M. and saw the Pacific for the first time in my life. We gathered shells of many kinds until we had so many that we are tired of shells and want to fish, and take ocean launch rides and watch the waves beat against the shore. It is truly lovely to see the dashing of the waves.

Every day is like the month of June here, January 23rd we went on an excursion, sixteen miles out on the ocean to the new Government Breakwater at San Pedro Harbor. The Breakwater is three miles long and the water is 70 feet deep and they are filling it up with rock at the bottom. It will be thirty feet wide, and tapers to eight feet at the top, and the contract price is three million dollars. They put thousands of carloads of stone in and it seems like only a drop in the bucket. It seems to be an endless job.

We will take an ocean steamer next week for the Calatina islands, thirty miles out in the ocean, at which time we expect to be rocking on the billows, and feeding the fish by heaving up Jonah. We expect to stay over there two or three days. There are large fish over there—the Tuna. We will take a glass bottom boat so we can see what is in the bowels of the ocean. They say it is wonderful to behold; and when we return we are going to Mount Lowe the highest point of which is 5000 feet above the level of the sea. They go up 8000 feet by the great cable incline to Echo Mountain at an angle of about forty degrees. You must hang on or you will fall out of the electric cars.—The first of March we go to San Diego and Coronado Beach for a

Having a Good Time.

Below we reprint a writeup from a California paper of a social function at St. Charles Beach in which a former McConnellsburger participated.

DELIGHTFULLY SURPRISED.

A surprise party was given in honor of Mr. John Kerr at his beautiful home in Alamitos last night. A talyho was secured for the occasion, and a party of friends left at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Capt. J. M. Morris mid the shrill blast of the trumpet, and the hearty cheers of the participants. Upon arrival Mr. Carroll was brought to the door by the sweet melody of "Bonnie Bessie," which was performed upon the cornet. The affair was a great surprise to Mr. Carroll and his family. The guests were received royally. Music was the chief feature of the evening, after which refreshments were served. Mrs. Kerr of Aurora entertained with many beautiful songs, one of which proved a great favorite among the guests, "The Fortune Telling Man," Mme. Portale entertained with several piano selections, which were artistically performed and enjoyed by all, and Mr. John Kerr performed a "jig" dance, which would rival a professional.

Needmore

Mud, mud, everywhere!

If it were possible that those dignitaries at Harrisburg could just now be compelled to make a trip of twenty or twenty-five miles every day for a week over even the best of the roads in this section, they would conclude that it is time to do less tinkering with the school, scalp and game laws, and make an effort at least to amend the road laws of this Commonwealth that we might have some reason to hope that our children's children would perhaps have a few roads fairly passable in wet weather. The truth is we are wading the same old mud ditches our great-grandfathers did.

Supt. Barton paid our school a hasty visit one day last week—the first this term.

The institute held here last Friday evening was well attended.—The children of the school did their part well, and gave evidence of the careful training given them by their teacher. There were a number of teachers present, but with a few exceptions, they always wanted to be excused.

Misses May Mellott and Maud Rinedollar of Ayr were here to attend the institute. They spent Saturday with Mrs. W. F. Hart.

John D. Mellott is drilling a well for Thomas R. Palmer.

Emmanuel Sharp who has been somewhat indisposed for some time, has resumed his pipe.

Charley Gordon, our champion trapper, succeeded in capturing two otters last week. They are said to be very fine specimens.—The fur will bring him, probably, \$25. Who can beat it?

Miss Winifred Metzler of Harrisonville who has been visiting her cousin Miss Ola Metzler at Burnt Cabins and attending the "big meeting" at the M. E. church has returned home.

month, then to San Francisco, Vallejo; then Salt Lake City, then Grand Canon, Glenwood Springs, Garden of the Gods, Pikes Peak, then to Denver, and from Denver to Hastings and Inland, Nebraska, where live all of the Fixens, my sisters, brothers, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, where we expect to spend a couple of months. Then we will go to Clay Center, Nebraska, to visit my cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Erv Mc-Dowell and family, and then return home to Aurora, Ill.

I will write another letter when I return home and give you the rest of my trip.

My address for the present is, JOHN T. KERR, 245 Second St., Long Beach, Cal.

Knobsville.

Auctioneer Wible attended a sale at Clear Ridge on Saturday. Miss Erma Gress is spending sometime with her aunts Misses Mary and Libbie Hershey and attending school at Knobsville.

Quite a number of our young people received valentines on Saturday.

John A. Long has been quite poorly the past week, but is now improving.

Mrs. Grant Baker and Miss Katie Fore spent Friday in McConnellsburg.

A series of meetings are being held in the Brethren church by Rev. James Keene.

Mrs. William Snyder has been ill the past week.

James O. Sipes and Calvin Mumma visited the school here on Thursday.

Miss Annie Bradnick has gone to Orbisonia, where she is employed in the home of Dr. Taylor.

Miss Iva Ledmaster spent an evening recently with Miss Myrtle Kelso.

Mrs. Jennie Bishop has been spending sometime with her mother Mrs. Scott Wagner.

Miss Lillian Fleming spent Saturday with friends at Ft. Littleton.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Myers who have been sick for sometime still continue some better.

Sipes Mill.

Obed T. Mellott is very poorly.

Charley Bard and W. R. Palmer are getting in a nice lot of summer wood.

George Bard expects to start West in a few days. George thinks the West is the place.

Miss Margarette Clevenger of near Fairview, has gone to spend some time with her brother at Pittsburg.

S. R. Fraker, of Ft. Littleton, who is attending a medical college at Baltimore, has been compelled the past two weeks to leave off his studies on account of illness.

Mr. David Knepper and son Charley of Taylor township called at the News office a few minutes Wednesday. Mr. Knepper says that out of about 240 voters in Taylor only 73 turned out to the election on Tuesday.

Owing to the bad condition of the roads we are not able to give the returns of all the districts as we had hoped, but will give them next week. The following persons were elected in the Borough:—Judge of election, John Patterson, r.; inspectors, Charles Steach, r., Ralph Reed, d; justice of the peace, L. H. Wible, r; school directors, John A. Irwin, r., and C. B. Stevens, d; Overseers of the poor, David Malloy, r., and M. W. Nace, r; auditor, J. K. Johnston, r; burgess, M. Ray Shaffner, r; town council, David T. Fields, r; high constable, Geo. W. Cooper, d.

BERNHARD-ANDREWS.

Mr. John C. Bernhard, of Needmore, and Miss Catharine Andrews, of Warfordsburg, were married in the M. E. church at the latter place last Wednesday evening by Rev. Anthony, of Hancock. The bride was dressed in a gown of cream crepe de chine. She wore a white tulle veil and carried Marechal Neil roses. The maid of honor was attired in a dress of French blue crepe cloth, trimmed in grope lace and cream lousine silk. She also carried roses. Mr. James E. Palmer was best-man.

After the ceremony a reception was given to the immediate friends by the bride's father, Mr. Stephen Andrews. After a short honeymoon, they will be found at home at Needmore, Pa., where they will be pleased to receive their friends.

The portrait painter may not have much money with which to speculate, but he occasionally dabbles in oil.

DEATH RECORD.

Those Who Have Been Summoned to the Other World.

ARTHUR EUGENE HANN.

Arthur Eugene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hann of Licking Creek township, died on Sunday, Feb. 1, 1903, aged 1 year and 8 days. The immediate cause of his death was pneumonia.

MRS. OLLIE DAVIS.

Mrs. Ollie Davis, wife of Augustus Davis, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Job L. Garland in Bethel township on Monday February 9, 1903, aged 29 years, 7 months and 12 days. Funeral on Wednesday conducted by Rev. Logue, and her remains were interred at Cedar Grove followed thither by a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Ollie was married only a year ago last Christmas; but consumption had fastened itself on her none too strong constitution, and it carried her away from parents, husband and baby daughter, all of whom have the tenderest sympathy of their many friends.

Mrs. Davis was a consistent member of the Christian church.

Coon Hollow.

Our Broadtop boys are all home for a few days.

Dr. Hoop lost his dog, Carlo, Friday evening.

V. R. and Mack Sipes expect to complete their log job in a few days.

Mrs. G. W. Decker who has been in ill health during the winter, is improving.

Fernando Decker, administrator of his mother Mrs. Emily J. Decker's estate, sold the personal property at public sale last Thursday. The farm will be for rent.

The champion skunk hunters down along Pattersons Run don't hunt skunks all the time. They go on Saturday evening for "dear."

Last Thursday while Jno. Deshong and wife were crossing Licking Creek, the mule they were driving fell down in the middle of the creek. Mr. Deshong had to get out in the water to keep his mule from drowning.

David Hann expects to move into "Squire Daniels" house soon.

Mrs. Conrad Sipe is very sick. Mrs. Ellie Mellott, who has been caring for her mother during her last illness, will visit her many friends here a couple of weeks, after which she expects to join her husband in Johnstown where they will go to housekeeping again.

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Sipes were guests at David Strait's Sunday.

Frank Sipes expects to go to Wells Tannery for employment.

Martin Lake has a large job of sawing.

Clear Ridge.

Harris Wagner has sold his farm to Bruce Ramsey.

Harry Kesselring is going to farm for Henry Huston.

Joshua Heeter will farm for James Fields.

Mrs. Cronwell and Mrs. Sally Taylor visited the family of A. W. Brown recently.

John A. Henry has rented the Anderson farm.

Mrs. Mary A. Fields is visiting Mrs. Catherine McClain.

The "big meeting" is still going on.

A pleasant church social was held in the Presbyterian church at Shade Gap Saturday evening last, at which nearly every member of the church and congregation were present. After spending some time in social intercourse the assembly was called to order by Hon. John C. Taylor, who in a few brief words, on behalf of the congregation, presented the pastor Rev. W. G. Finney, with a solid gold watch. The reverend gentleman was taken completely by surprise, but was able in a few well chosen words to express his thanks to the donors.—Orbisonia Dispatch.

Keep A'go'in'.

Our hustlin co-temporary the Cumberland Alleganian, called the attention of its readers a few days ago to the fact that during the month of January, 27 new subscribers had been added to its list, and that, too, without any "special" effort. That's all right brother. The Alleganian is an all-right paper and deserves success. But there are others. The Fulton County News, since the beginning of the year, 1903, just 50 days—without any baits, premiums, canvassers, or other special inducement, has added fifty-three new subscribers.

We do not mention this in a boastful spirit, for the News is just what its friends have made it, and it is the friends of the News that are boosting it along. In the meantime we shall do our level best to make it worthy of the confidence and patronage of the public.

Following we give the names of those fifty-three new subscribers; and we might in justice to ourselves add, that our books will show that this is not above the average of all of last year.

Geo. B. Evans, Covalt; John W. Snyder, Knobsville; Mrs. W. B. Pollock, Canonsburg, Pa; C. S. Dougherty, Altoona, Pa.; Albert Sipes, Philadelphia; Mrs. B. E. Barton, Minneapolis; Harry H. Gaster, Waterfall; Rob't L. Harr, Hackett, Montana; D. E. Fore, Knobsville; H. S. Kelso, Leona, Kansas; Lizzie Cromwell, New York; J. M. Bowman, Burnt Cabins; Mrs. C. E. Benedict, Shelby, Iowa; Edward Reiser, Conewago, Pa.; B. P. Robinson, Mann, Pa.; Aaron Morgret, Big Cove Tannery; Joseph M. Everts, Fort Assiniboine, Mont.; May Mellott, Needmore; Charles S. Gress, McConnellsburg; John Ray, Piney Grove, Md.; C. J. Barton, Hustontown; W. H. Heefner, Gracey; Jeanette H. Ward, Knobley, W. Va.; Jonas Lake, Laidig; James H. Truax, Warfordsburg; Geo. W. Sipes, Needmore; E. A. Richter, Pittsburg; Russel T. Carbaugh, Cito; J. D. Lafferty, Monroeville, N. J.; D. W. Speck, Clearfield, Pa.; J. C. Brewer, Garnett, Kan.; Rev. Absalom Mellott, Gem; Jno. Sherman, Knobsville; Joab Sigel, Lashley; Geo. H. Hann, Curweensville, Pa.; Geo. Mock, Metal, Pa.; Ellwood Lanehart, Covalt; Laura McLaughlin, Broad Ford, Pa.; C. J. Carbaugh, Hagerstown, Md.; Martha Lamp, Lanark, Ill.; Ross-well Stains, New Grenada; Chas. Shacker, Johnstown; Mrs. Rhoda Litton, Altoona, Ill.; C. A. Demick, Elmwood, Ill.; Thornton Mellott, Pleasant Ridge; Mrs. F. Bellman, Van Wyck, Wash.; Mrs. Annie Hershey, Dublin Mills; John W. Laidig, Laidig; G. E. Clouser, Laidig; E. G. Stevens, Huntingdon, Pa.; G. L. Hanks, Emmaville; Rollin G. Pittman, Blair Station, Pa.; Jane Kerlin, Altoona.

Clear Ridge.

Charley Henry, who has had an attack of appendicitis, is worse at this writing.

Rufus Ramsey of Woodvale accompanied Brady Fleming to his home Saturday evening, and Sunday evening went to Ft. Littleton to spend sometime in the home of his uncle, Augustus Cornelius.

Master Mac Grove from Somerset who had spent the past few weeks in the home of his grandfather, Wm. Grove returned to his home on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mowers, accompanied by John Carnack was over in Franklin county a couple of days last week.

Mrs. William Henry is at a hospital in Ohio receiving treatment.

Miss Etta McClure of Hustontown has the past week been the guest of Miss Louie G. Kerlin and Maude Fields.

Miss Ray Baker who recently came home from Altoona spent Saturday with Miss Myrtle Anderson.

Richard Miller and little son of Duthie Mill; spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grove.

Rob Fryman Hurt.

Rob't N. Fryman of Ayr township, is suffering from an injury received last Friday afternoon.—He and John Wright were in the woods cutting logs. In felling a pine, a sapling caught and bent down, and in attempting to cut it off the sapling suddenly broke flying up and striking Mr. Fryman fair in the face, knocking him to the ground unconscious, and cutting his face badly. His condition is not considered a dangerous one. It was a narrow escape from being killed outright.

It is only a few weeks since Mr. Fryman stepped on a wire nail and had to lie off a good while with a very sore foot.

New Grenada.

Norris Hoover and Samuel Speck of Taylor, were visitors to our city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. E. Plummer and Mrs. J. F. McClain are visiting friends in McConnellsburg and vicinity.

Dr. R. B. Campbell's noble and princely driving horse "Frank" died last Saturday.

Levi Truax stepped on a rusty nail on Monday, which penetrated his felt boot, and went entirely through his foot, in consequence of which, he suffered much pain for a week, but is better at this writing.

G. Emery Elias met with a painful accident the other day.—He was assisting at a steam cross-cut mill sawing slabs, and in the act of reaching over the buzzing saw his hand came in contact with the saw almost severing one thumb and splitting it lengthwise. Dr. Campbell was called, and expects to save the injured member from being amputated.

A new telephone company with James A. McDonough as president has been formed and a new line will be built from this place to Sixmile Run a distance of twelve miles. This is to be a mutual farmers' line. The stock which is divided into 20 shares is all taken and stakes were stuck over part of the line last Saturday. This line will be a great convenience for the farmers near it, but gives a black eye to the Extension Company who have a line from here to Sixmile Run. Also, a new line is being started from here by way of Waterfall to some point yet unknown to your scribe—to Gracy or to Satlilo, or to both places, perhaps. This will give the Peoples line a dark color above the eye. With so much competition, service ought to become cheap.

There is talk of asking the long distance people to run a line down to this place from Robertsdale.—When this is all accomplished, what a telephone central this will be!—almost to New York and Chicago. There are now so many wires at the parsonage central that it makes one dizzy to look at them.

Blowing again, with prospects (which will as in the past, soon fade away,) of a railroad from Mapleton to New Grenada or some farther point. Chimney corners surmise, that it is the P. R. R., behind the affair, while one of the seven engineers that were here last Thursday says the Horse Valley Company pays them for surveying. The survey runs via. Coles Summit and Rocky Ridge coal fields, from Mapleton, via. Cassville and stops short at the diamond, in New Grenada.—Many rumors are in circulation which, no doubt, are without foundation; for we all well know that it would be a great offense to run a railroad into Fulton county. We might persuade them to run to McConnellsburg and connect with the "Valmont Incline."

Nearly every person has expressed his ideas of the prospective road. A. N. Witter, of Waterfall proposes to build a trolley line from there to the depot at New Grenada.

H. Curtis McClain of Coles Valley will have a flag station at his place called "Damascus," with himself as agent. Many other positions have been spoken of too numerous to mention, which like the railroad, will never come. So take your rest. Don't lose any sleep over it.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Brief Mention of Persons and Places You Know.

Ellis Lynch of this place went to Philadelphia, Monday.

Harvey Snyder and sister Miss Tempie were in town on day last week.

After a week at home Mr. A. W. Tritle left Monday noon for Waynesboro.

Jonathan P. Peck, one of Bel-fast's school directors, spent a few hours in town last Thursday.

'Squire Jonas Lake of Laidig, was a business caller at the News office last Saturday.

Our friend D. R. Mumma accompanied by his daughter spent Friday at McConnellsburg.

Mr. T. Irvin Sipes of Licking Creek township, was in town a few hours last Thursday.

Ex-commissioner W. H. Charlton and son Lee of Bethel township, spent Saturday night at McConnellsburg.

Mr. Milton Decker, of Licking Creek township called at the News office a few minutes while in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. E. Plummer and Mrs. J. F. McClain of New Grenada, visited friends in this vicinity last week.

Miss Sallie Hoop and her cousin Miss Blanche Sipes were callers at the News office a few minutes one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Black of this place are happy over the arrival of a fine young daughter at their house last Saturday afternoon.

F. C. Bare gives a package of McCormicks horse, cattle, and poultry powder away with each cash purchase amounting to \$3. Produce taken in exchange. But-ter 24c.

Mr. W. D. Myers and daughter, Miss Bess, of Hancock, spent from Friday until Sunday with the family of Mr. Geo. W. Hays of this place, and attended the Odd Fellows' banquet Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wagner of Markes, Franklin county, attended the Comer-Trittle wedding last Wednesday evening and then went up and spent the night at the home of Charlie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abram Wagner near Knobsville.

F. C. Bare is closing out at cost his stock of Flannels, Blankets and Haps. Also a large selection remnants will be sold at once.—Do you remember how you were disappointed last year because you didn't get any of these bargains? Come soon if you want any.

Rev. C. C. Jones, A. B., of Harrisonburg, Va., will preach at the Baptist church, Needmore, Tuesday evening, February 24th; at Antioch, Wednesday evening, 25th; at Sideling Hill, Thursday evening, 26th; at Whips Cove, Friday evening, 27th; Gapsville, Saturday evening, 28th. Services to begin at 7 o'clock.

After much discussion the German Baptist Brethren (Dunkard) congregation of Altoona has decided to call a pastor and pay him a salary, a move that is a decided breaking away from one of the oldest traditions of the church, which since its formation, in the latter part of the seventeenth century, has proclaimed against "a hireling ministry."

Last Sunday was missionary day in the Methodist Episcopal church at Chambersburg. The weather, as you remember, was inclement, and it would have been an ideal day to plead the pneumonia racket and stay at home. But not so with the Chambersburg brethren. They turned out, and when they emptied the basket they found about a thousand dollars, which put with the fudge money the children had made, run up the total for the year to about the snug sum of \$1327.