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## YELLOWSTONE PARK.

Interesting Description of this Beautiful Territory—Its Geysers, Springs, and Other Curiosities.

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Now for the climb to the Devil's Kitchen. Without a guide we had some trouble in finding it, although one of our number had been there before. We climbed over terrace after terrace until almost exhausted, discovering the Elephant, a terrace much resembling an elephant in a reclining position; the orange geyser, which has not been misnamed, neither for shape nor color; cupid's cave, and other interesting formations. At length we came to an opening in the earth about 18 inches wide and six inches in length with the top of a ladder extending above the surface, this was the opening into the cooking apartment. Not every person visiting the Park has the opportunity of going into the Devil's Kitchen, some are only permitted to look into it through the ever open door for to get into this cavern you must not be over three feet in circumference, then too you must be a good climber for the descent is fifty feet on a ladder.

If you can meet the requirements it is worth your while to take the trip, for the Devil's Kitchen is an inactive hot spring and within its crater is seen some beautiful formations made by deposits of mineral properties in the water.

It is now time to retrace our steps to the hotel for dinner. After dinner we made quite a number of acquaintances and had many pleasant visits, for here we are as one great family and feel as free as the birds. Indeed the crowd reminds me of a flock of birds, every one was full of life and if not perched on a comfortable rocker chirping the hours away or listening to the Yellowstone Park orchestra, they were fitting from place to place or possibly stepping to the music.

There is something about this hotel that makes it seem like home. It has been called the capital of the Park because here all business concerning the park tour and the park management is transacted. And it is unquestionably the Park home for it is from here we start on our tour and 'tis here we returned to rest and wait for the train after our 150 mile stage coach tour of the Yellowstone Park.

A new road is contemplated, however, so that tourists entering from the east may go out by the western exit and vice versa. In so doing tourists will not need to retrace their steps the last half day of the trip.

Pleasant as it is at Mammoth we must move on, so after a long night's sleep in an altitude over 6,000 feet above the level of the sea, at 8 o'clock a. m., the splendid Concord coaches with leather springs, giving the rocking chair effect, are driven up to the platform and names are announced for each load. As the coaches are filled they are sent out keeping their places in line the entire trip. Although the coaches move along very close together yet dust is almost unknown. The roads are sprinkled daily by government employes for almost the whole distance.

From Mammoth the drive is delightfully interesting, an ascent of 3,000 feet is made in less than three miles traveling, while one scarcely realizes an ascent is being made. As we drive along the road about four miles from the hotel we see the largest herd of buffalo peacefully grazing on the broad plains.

On the way the Hindoos are passed, a sight of these topsy turvy rocks will never be forgotten. They bring to mind pictures we have seen of the ruins of a walled city they stand inclined at an imaginable angle, while the road winds through the heart

## BEAUTY OF THE NEW DOME.

Twelve Hundred Lamps Will Illuminate Its Exquisite Colors.

Within a few weeks twelve hundred incandescent electric lights will be glimmering at night about the great dome of the new State House at Harrisburg. These hundreds of lights will be so set that they will illuminate the magnificent mural decorations to the best advantage. The eyes of the spectator will not be annoyed by any blinding glare, for the most part they will be entirely concealed.

It is beyond the power of the average pen to describe the beauty of the dome. Nothing in Pennsylvania can well be compared with it. It must be seen to be appreciated and after seeing it once the viewer must return again and again to fully appreciate its great splendor.

It is hard to analyze. At first glance it is one great mass of garnet and crimson and blue and green and cream—all charged with gold. Closer analysis shows spread eagles, gargoyles, heads of Ceres flanked by horns of plenty, fleur de lis and conventional designs—all set each in its proper place with such nice proportion that the size of the whole thing is lost to the observer. It is only when one begins to compare the work with his insignificant self that the true magnitude of the decorations is revealed.

Upon a huge frieze which runs around the dome on a level with the legislative chambers are two quotations from William Penn's many famous utterances: "There May Be Room There For Such A Holy Experiment" and "For The Nations Want A Precedent."

Even painted as they are in huge capital letters many inches in height, these sentences do not seem to be composed of extraordinarily large letters, so perfect is the proportion of every bit of the decorations. It is the same way with all of the many individual bits of decorative work which go to make up the mural beauty of the dome.

of the chaotic mass. The rocks are of a silver gray color which fact gives name to Silver Gate.—Well might it be called a gate for the silvery rocks extend high on both sides of the narrow passage.

The next beauty and wonder to meet our eye was the Golden Gate, a precipitous gorge between Sepulchre Mountain and Bunsen Peak. This gate is a short, striking rugged, yellowish canyon. If there is a place in the park that should be called inspiration point it is the road through the canyon.

The sides of the rocky walls rise 200 to 300 feet above the roadway and possibly 600 to 800 feet below while the width is not more than 100 feet.

My friend and I were sitting with the driver upon the boot that day and as we looked down over the precipice it made us hold our breath for the horses were trotting carelessly along and if they were to make a misstep or stumble, woe to the ones in the coach.

The government has spent many thousands of dollars to make this canyon passable. In so doing it was necessary to construct a viaduct of steel and concrete at one point at an expense of \$10,000. At the west end of this gate is the charming Rustic Falls which adds to the beauty of the spot. The fall is 60 feet over a series of shallow basins worn into the dark moss covered ledge, disappearing beneath the rock deposited in the canyon from the construction of the roadway. A few minutes later we emerge from the canyon and Swan Lake Basin is reached. Here Electric Peak and the Gallatin Range are presented to our view. Mt. Holmes, Quarrant, Bell and other snow covered peaks of the Gallatins make a beautiful sight as seen from the road.

Continuing our journey we reach Appolinaris Spring, here the coaches stop and tourists dismount to drink of the refreshing beverage so plentifully supplied here by nature.

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## 39TH ANNUAL SESSION

Teachers' County Institute in Full Blast at the Court House this Week. Large Attendance.

EVERY TEACHER IN THE COUNTY HERE.

But a few minutes elapsed on Monday afternoon after the ringing of the Court House bell until the large auditorium in the Court House was well filled with teachers and others bent on enjoying the benefits and privileges of the institute from its earliest start. At precisely half past one o'clock, Superintendent Barton tapped the bell for order, when Rev. Adams stepped to the front and announced that the audience would rise and join in singing our national hymn, which they did with a vim.

Rev. A. G. Wolf, pastor of the Lutheran church then read the 13th chapter of Romans, and offered an earnest prayer for the blessing of God to rest on the deliberations of the institute.

Superintendent Barton extended the usual formal greeting to the teachers, congratulating them on the splendid attendance record they had made at this, the opening session. "Three years ago," said Mr. Barton, "all the teachers in the county were present except two; two years ago, all but one, and one year ago, all but two, and they are on the way." "It is not necessary," Mr. Barton continued, "to speak of the object in bringing the teachers of the county together in this way. I feel that you are too broad, indeed, too fully alive to the responsibilities that you have assumed, to come here for any other purpose than to take advantage of every moment—of every opportunity to make yourselves more capable to discharge your duty to your pupils and patrons in your schools. You are not forgetful of the fact that the time spent here is not your own; that you are paid for every hour of this institute, and you cannot any more squander that time than a farm hand can waste the time of the employer who sends him out to the field to plow corn.

"I shall be influenced by your actions here when I come to mark up your certificate on practice." Mr. Barton then referred to the fact that nearly all of the instructors and lecturers this year were strangers, but they had been selected with great care, and he felt sure that there would be no disappointment on the score of efficiency.

The next thing on the program was the address of welcome, and Hon. Jno. P. Sipes was introduced. Mr. Sipes, like most of the professional men in this county had the advantage of the training that comes from teaching in the public schools. "I am not sure," said Mr. Sipes to the teachers, "whether you would take an address with my come off my hands with any very great degree of seriousness. It might occur to you that the fact of your being here was not in response to any invitation from McConnellsburg; that, inasmuch as McConnellsburg is not entertaining you, but that you are here on a business mission, just as a set of jurors attend court, and that you are paying your way, you are not indebted for any special courtesies." Mr. Sipes said that when he was a teacher (away back in the nineteenth century) it was common on occasions of this kind to hear State officials and others commiserate with the teachers on the meager salaries they received, and hold out a reward for them beyond the pale where buckwheat cakes and cotton jeans were a necessity. Just now conditions along that line had greatly improved, and the teacher's service was receiving a recognition more in keeping with its importance.

Mr. Sipes said that he believed that the people did appreciate the work being done by the teacher, even if the teacher did not frequently hear such expressions from his patrons. It is an old saying that no news is good news,

and this may be applied to the experience of the average teacher, for if the teacher is not giving satisfaction to his patrons, he will not be long in finding that fact out.

The response to Mr. Sipes' address, was delivered by Prof. Gilbert C. Mellott, of Webster Mills. Mr. Mellott said that the teachers had no reason to feel that they were not a welcome body in Fulton's metropolis. The kindly greeting that they always received at the hands of our citizens; the attendance upon the exercises of every session of the institute; the enthusiasm shown in educational advancement—all went to prove that the teachers were truly welcome visitors to McConnellsburg. Mr. Mellott then referred to the responsibility resting upon the teacher; for, said he, more than one third of the entire population of Fulton county, is in the direct care of the teachers of the county. He urged with earnestness the importance of making the best possible use of this week's opportunities. Among the eighty-four teachers present, Mr. Mellott said that but six were in the county institute twelve years ago at the time he was attending his first, thus calling attention to the rapidity in which the whole corps of teachers may be expected to change.

After the institute had joined heartily in the singing of a piece of music, Prof. W. M. Rife, of the C. V. S. N. S., took up the subject "The Teacher." Prof. Rife needed no introduction to the teachers of this county, as he has been doing very acceptable work in the institutes here for several years. In answer to the question put by Prof. Rife, "The Teacher: Who is He?" Prof. Rife said the teacher is a scholar, the teacher is a student, and the teacher possesses culture. The teacher is a skilled laborer and is the main factor in the school—the main factor: 1. Because the teacher holds the pupil to industry and hard work. 2. The progress of the school depends upon the teacher. 3. Because of personal character.

"Love Your Work" was the basis of a talk by Dr. Byron W. King. As a lecturer and institute instructor, Dr. King is a past master. He has been in every county in the State, either in the capacity of lecturer, or institute instructor—or both, and would have been in this county at an earlier date, but men of the Doctor's caliber cost more money than the average county superintendent has been willing to risk.

His talk was, of course, entertaining, but bristling with points of the most practical and helpful nature.

Monday evening Dr. King lectured to a full house, and everyone that heard it, voted it first class.

## TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Mr. Smith, of the Reformed church, the first of the Teacher's Topics was taken up "Common Sense in Disciplining and Teaching." The subject was opened by Prof. Thomas. He spoke of patience, firmness, justice, self-control, judgment, consistency, constancy.

Miss Myrtle Stevens, of Dublin, then took up the subject. Miss Stevens suggested common sense in everything in connection with teaching. Miss Orpha Snyder, of Belfast, spoke of "Common Sense in School Management."

Mr. C. C. Rotz of Todd, took up the subject, and talked on "Common Sense in Classification, Study, Seating, Thinking, &c."

After an intermission of five minutes and a song, Prof. Rife occupied the next period. His subject was "Common Sense in Grammar." Prof. Rife said that Grammar is difficult to teach because of the multiplicity of terms for the same construction.

After the institute had joined heartily in singing for a few minutes, the next period was occu-

## WINTER WEDDING.

Miss Nellie M. Ott Becomes the Bride of Mr. George Knotts, a Prosperous Young Man of Altoona.

RECEPTION AT THE HOME OF THE BRIDE.

## KNOTT'S-OTT.

Married at the Lutheran parsonage, November 30, 1905, Mr. Geo. H. Knotts, of Altoona, Pa., and Miss Nellie M. Ott, of Todd township.

The first day of December was one long to be remembered by the family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Ott, Sr. It was a day of festivities relative to the happy wedding of one of Fulton county's noble daughters, Miss Nellie M. Ott. The groom, Mr. George H. Knotts, was a former citizen of our county, and first learned to know his bride in youthful days while attending the public schools. He is a young man of sturdy habits and good business principles.

The occasion was especially interesting, and fraught with happy memories for Mr. and Mrs. Ott because of the fact that twenty-eight years ago in their present home, they formed the bonds which made them life companions.

The following named guests were present: Mrs. Mary Ott and son Daniel, Daniel Mock and wife, David Rotz and wife, John Shaffer, wife and grandson; John P. Conrad and wife, Clyde Ott, wife and little daughter, and Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Wolf and son.

Mr. Knotts expects to take his bride to Altoona where they will make their future home. The best wishes of their many friends follow them. We bespeak for them a happy, and trust a prosperous life.

## A GUEST.

## Found Dead.

On Sabbath morning last the news that Mrs. Isaac Bumgardner had been found dead in her home on Main street was quite a shock to the community. Mrs. Bumgardner had not been well for some time, and recently was quite indisposed. On Saturday evening she appeared considerably worse, and her son William remained with her until 2 o'clock on Sabbath morning, when she insisted on his going home, saying that she felt much better and wanted to sleep. Mr. Lewis Clevenger and family live in the same house, and in the morning, not hearing any noise in Mrs. B's part called her, and receiving no response opened the door of her room and found her lying on the floor dead.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. A. G. Wolf, assisted by Dr. West. Interment in the Lutheran graveyard. Her age was about 87 years.

## THANKSGIVING SPORT.

Hunting Party Get a Four-Pronged Buck on Sideling Hill Mountain.

Last Thursday a party composed of Levi, Hunter, and Henry Truax, and N. S. Edwards—all of Evid; Reese Greenland, of Mitchell; Chester and Bert McClellan, of Rainsburg; Harry Truax, of Juniata; Charles McClellan, of Bedford, and Thomas Sipe, of Saxton, while taking a Thanksgiving day hunt on Sideling Hill Mountain in Wells Valley, succeeded in bringing down a fine four pronged buck. The animal weighed 154 lbs., and was the finest specimen killed in that vicinity this fall.

pied by Prof. H. M. Griffith, of Wells Tannery, basing his talk on the topic, "A Teacher at Work." From his long experience in every phase of the common school work, Prof. Griffith is especially well qualified for giving helpful advice to the younger teachers, and his talk was well received, and full of practical thought.

The last period in the morning was occupied by Dr. King, and his address was a fitting climax to the splendid work of the forenoon.

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## FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Extracts From Discussions. Sessions Interesting and Profitable.

The educational session of the Institute was opened Tuesday evening with a song by a class of young ladies under the charge of Mrs. G. W. Reiser. This was well rendered.

Robert Alexander then gave a pertinent recitation.

Prof. B. C. Lamberson followed with a well prepared talk on "Essential Qualifications of Successful Teaching." It is gratifying to note that the speaker laid so much stress on character and character building. Among the principles mentioned to be inculcated were honesty, truthfulness, patience, industry, tact, and enthusiasm. After some discussion another song was given by the young ladies, and Norman Miller gave an interesting discourse on San Jose scale and other pests of the orchard and their great destruction to the orchards of the State. Mr. Miller recommended the lime, sulphur and salt formula for spraying the trees. This formula can be secured by applying to the State Department of Zoology for bulletin; sent free upon application to the editor, Prof. H. A. Surface, Economic Zoologist, Harrisburg, Pa.

This subject deserves the most earnest attention of the orchardist. One prediction of Mr. Miller was, that unless the farmers give their orchards early and thorough attention, in two years, three-fourths of the fruit trees in the State will be destroyed by San Jose scale.

The audience was then favored with an address by R. P. Kester on "Rural Schools." Among other appropriate suggestions, Mr. Kester spoke of the need of inculcating in the minds of the pupils the principles of "Virtue, Liberty and Independence," and presented the thought that too little attention is paid to the fundamental branches, as well as to the proper respect of the pupils for age or authority.

For the Wednesday morning session the program was changed in the interest of the meeting, and Prof. Menges took up the topic of "Soil Moisture." Speaking of summer drouths, he claimed that the farmer, with proper management can be independent of the summer showers; in view of the fact that about one-half the rainfall runs off, carrying an immense amount of soil, the farmer will see the importance of preventing, as far as possible, this waste. As a means of averting this loss, it was advised to plow deeper, year by year, with the addition of organic matter or vegetable growth, proper tillage and the application of barnyard manure (as soon after it is made as possible).

Mr. Kester then introduced "The Profits in Poultry." With poultry paying 100 to 300 per cent. profit per year the speaker considers that in conjunction with other lines of agriculture, particularly dairying, there is nothing that pays better. For a money maker the White Leghorn is perhaps the best. For hens that have a free range corn is recommended as a cheap and fairly good egg ration. For little chicks raw oatmeal is preferable at first, later wheat screenings or cracked corn. For the cure of gaps change the range; put chicks on board floor or sprinkle air-slacked lime over the range.

Wednesday afternoon session. R. F. Swartz occupied first period with his interesting lecture "Reclaiming Wornout Soil without Manure, or Success with Crimson Clover." He told of his own experience with rye as a green manuring crop and how he tried to produce red clover; his method was to sow the crimson clover before the last cultivation of the corn and plow it under the following spring; the result was a surprising condition of the soil,

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings. Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful-Outing.

## NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Miss Myrtle Sipes is spending the winter in Denver, Colorado.

D. R. Mumma, of Hoston town, spent Saturday at the county seat on business.

Sheriff James G. Alexander was in Hancock, Md., Saturday on business.

Walter Fohner, who has been in Illinois for some time has come to Ohio, where he expects to spend the winter, at least.

Mrs. J. C. Mellott, of Belfast township, has been spending the past week in Chambersburg visiting in the family of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dixon. Mrs. Mellott and Mrs. Dixon are sisters.

Ernest Hixson and sister Grace of Crystal Springs, were guests in the home of J. V. Stoutenlog last Thursday and Friday. Ernest returned home Friday, but his sister remained to attend institute.

A clergyman who resigned his pastorate to take up the practice of law, assigned as one reason for his change "that the average man will pay more to keep out of jail for one day than he would pay to keep out of hell for an eternity."

Mrs. H. C. Matthias, of Fargo, N. Dak., daughter of Nicholas Metzler and wife, of Decatur, Huntingdon county, Pa., was called home by the illness of her father, Nicholas Metzler. Mr. Matthias will arrive here about the holidays to spend some time with his and her parents, and then return with his wife to their home in North Dakota.

which enabled it to help the moisture in a season of severe drouth. Red clover sowed in the spring on a field of rye made a splendid growth, and through the use of these methods his farm soon increased ten times in value.

The next speaker was Prof. Francis Menges, who presented "The Benefits of Corn Breeding." He stated the average yield of corn in the State of Pennsylvania to be thirty bushels per acre, and by count 8,000 stalks of corn grow on one acre, 200 average ears make one bushel of shelled corn, the eight thousand stalks should, if each produce one ear make 80 bushels per acre, or nearly three times as much as the present acreage. To attain this result, careful selection and breeding of the seed corn is necessary. Experiments should be made to prove the vitality and productiveness of different ears to be used for next year's seed. Prof. Menges explained the ratio of feeding value for stock in different varieties of corn.

Ladies' session.—Wednesday evening was opened with song by the High School class, followed by an exceedingly well rendered recitation by Miss Helen Kendall. Mrs. S. M. Cook then read an essay on "Heating, Lighting and Sanitary Arrangement of Country Homes." The attention and applause given were an indication that the paper was highly appreciated by the audience. Then after a beautiful song by the High School class, R. F. Schwartz gave an entertaining lecture on "Fruits and Vegetables for the Farmers' Table;" greatly appreciated especially by the many ladies present.

Prof. Menges nowably addressed the farmers on "The Rotation of Crops." The Professor, while recognizing the former value of the old five-year rotation, thinks an easier, quicker system may be worked out by the individual farmer. After a vote of thanks to the affable and efficient gentleman from the State Department, the musicians and all others who have aided in making the session a grand success, the institute adjourned.