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YELLOWSTONE PARK.

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

MISS DELLA K. BEEGLE, OF EVERETT.

After a journey of two miles further we arrive at Obsidian Cliff, composed of natural volcanic glass. It is a great black, shining mass reaching high above the road bed. Here again the road was built with a great deal of difficulty and expense, for the only way these great blocks of glass could be removed was to build a great fire around them which, when expanded, were suddenly cooled by dashing water upon them, resulting in shattering the high blocks into small fragments. This is possibly the only glass road in the country.

It is supposed that at one time these cliffs were a famous resort for all tribes of Indians, who came here in great numbers, to make arrow heads from the Obsidian which was more desirable than flint. The only proof we have of this is the specimens of partly finished arrow heads which are found throughout the Park.

It is not long until we reach the Norris Geyser Basin where we take lunch. O, for words to describe this place! As we near it we can smell the sulphur, hear the roaring of the geysers, and see the great columns of steam that gush from them. Surely it was this place that Mr. Hatfield referred to when he said:

"As the devil flew over Yellowstone National Park
On his way home one night after dark,
Says he I don't know in which quarter I roam,
But I think from the smell I'm not far from home."

Leaving Old Faithful Inn, the road ascends through a forest in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, and owing to the winding road the continental divide is crossed twice. The first time at "Two Ocean Pond," a pond of snow water and divided by the crossing of the road and so named because the waters from one pond reach the Atlantic by way of the Yellowstone, Missouri and Mississippi rivers, and the waters from the other flow into the Pacific by way of the Snake and Columbia rivers.

Keppler Cascades is also passed, a cascade tumbling over a black lava incline down into a solitary dell where the sun's rays linger but a few hours each day. As we continued our journey through the dense forest, now descending, now climbing upward and again swinging around a headland where a wide sweep of wilderness is revealed. Such a place is Shoshone Point. The road is so constructed that until the coach stops full upon the narrow platform excavated at the extreme promontory of the mountain, one can not grasp either visibly or mentally the entrancing panorama that so suddenly breaks upon him. Mountain, timber, ravine, meadow and lake in rare and beautiful arrangement make an inspiring landscape. Beyond, miles away, rise the eternally snow mountain peaks, the great land marks of the Rockies, the Three Tetons far off and Shoshone Lake near at hand. As I stood gazing at all this I wondered if any artist had ever tried to work it into immortal canvass.

Reaching Thumb Lunch Station an appetizing lunch was served German style. Everything was clean and fresh notwithstanding the fact that everything provided for us had been hauled by freight teams nearly seventy-five miles over mountains rising almost 9,000 feet above the sea.

In the vicinity of this lunch station are the beautiful little Paint Pots boiling like a pot of mush. They are highly colored and ever bubbling, differing in size, shape and character to the Mammoth Paint Pots at Fountain Inn. With all the beauties of the park these little paint pots rival anything as they boil up and the bubbles

break, forming shapes resembling roses and lilies. Here we also see the much talked of Fish Cone, where one can catch a trout while standing on the edge of the lake and by only turning around may boil it in the cone without removing it from the hook. Here, too, we get our first good view of the Yellowstone Lake.

Our trip across this lake was a happy, restful one. It is as beautiful a sheet of water as eye would wish to witness. Aside from the fact that its altitude is nearly 8,000 feet, and some places the bottom is not reached at 900 feet. It abounds in salmon trout that hide in the shade of the trees that line the shore on all sides.

In the mountain range on the east side of the lake lies the "Sleeping Giant." It is the image of an immense giant lying with his face turned upward that can be traced in profile on the Saddle Mountains. At the outlet of the lake stands the Lake Hotel, resembling the executive mansion at Washington, D. C. After dinner at this hotel we went out to see the bears. I think there were seven or eight appeared that evening, among them a mother bear with two cubs of the Cinnamon species. There were a few Silver-tips, they have a streak of gray on their backs. On our return from seeing the bears we saw in the distance a herd of fawn, possibly a dozen, scampering away from us as fast as they could.

In the morning after breakfast my friend and I went down to the lake. The sun was shedding his radiance on the snow covered mountains which stood like sentinels on every side, and at the same time sending beams into the sheet of water which lay before us. Colonel Waters' boat, the Zillah, the only one plowing the waters of the lake, lay resting in the harbor which was to our left. While all about us were fine large trees. We sat for a while on the water washed roots of a large pine and looked and listened, we could see numerous islands out in the lake. Among them Dott Island, where we had stopped the day before on our way across the lake to see the buffalo and elk that are coralled there.

While before our eyes we counted over 200 pelicans and numberless swans. The screams of those pelicans sound in my ears yet. We saw more birds around this hotel than at any other place in the park. Among them were magpies, grouse, crows, larks, blackbirds, robins and camp-robbers.

I was disappointed in not seeing more wild animals, but was told that early in the season is the time to see them, as later they become frightened away from the road by the passing teams.

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Birthday Party.

The home of Mr. Geo. Unger was enlivened December 8th by the presence of many friends who entered it to wish his companion, Mrs. Unger, many happy returns of her birthday. The occasion was expected to be a surprise to the Mrs. U., but long before the hour of arrival approached she surmised the designs of her family, and in their absence, hastily made many of the needed preparations for the happy event thus surprising her family and guests quite as much as they surprised her.

The following persons participated in the festivities: Mr. and Mrs. Archy Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. David Kendall, Mrs. David Rindollar, Mrs. John Stenger, Mrs. David Nelson and daughter Louisa, Mr. William Patterson, Mrs. George Mock, daughter and son; Mr. Elmer Seiders, wife and daughter; Mrs. Geo. Snider, Mrs. Ephraim Houck, Mrs. Wm. Hull, Miss Nellie Knauff, Mrs. William Unger, Mr. John Siders, Mrs. C. Nesbit, Rev. A. G. Wolf, wife and son.

Mrs. Unger was the recipient of many useful gifts.

A GUEST.

HAROLD HAYES M'KIBBIN.

Followed the Flag—Now Fills a Grave in the Philippine Islands.

SON OF DR. AND MRS. W. L. M'KIBBIN.

Sergeant H. J. McKibbin, second son of Dr. W. L. and Mrs. Eleanor McKibbin, was one of those who went to the Philippine Islands in 1899 as a volunteer officer, after having served for five years in the regular army, engaging in the campaign against the Indians in the far West.

At the close of the Spanish-American War, he, with several others of his regiment, remained on the Islands to enter into business, and Mr. McKibbin chose merchandizing, in which he had been engaged up to the time of his death last May.

It had not been his habit to write home regularly, and for some time his silence caused no anxiety on the part of his parents; but as months rolled away and they heard nothing of him, they grew fearful that all was not well with him. Their worst fears were confirmed when, on last Thursday, they received an express package containing little keepsakes, family photographs, his watch, some coins, badges, medals, etc.—appropriate relics of a traveler and soldier. The day following came a letter to his mother from Lieut. E. C. Bolton, governor of the District of Davao, from which we clip the following extract, giving particulars of his death, and explaining any seeming delay in report of it.

"Your son had left Cottabato enroute for Davao in a Moro sail boat, accompanied by a crew of four Moros. Finding the sea too rough off the peninsula lying between Sarangani and Davao Bays, he ran his boat into the former, landing at Glan. From here he sent his boat and crew back to Cottabato, and determined to await a favorable season in which to round Sarangani Point and continue his journey to Davao. While at Glan, he was entertained by a Chinese merchant named Chia, at whose house he stayed. About the fifth of April he started with Chia to sail out into Sarangani Channel in order to see whether the monsoon had changed or not. While he was on this trip, he was taken sick with a violent fever and had to be taken by Mr. Chia back to the latter's house in Glan. Here, despite the best efforts of the household, he gradually grew worse, until the 14th of May, the end came. His last hours were quiet and peaceful and seemed to be free from pain.

"While sick he had someone in constant attendance upon him, and was given his medicine regularly. He never seemed to realize that this was a sickness of a serious nature. Toward the end, he was at times slightly delirious. His body was placed in a wooden coffin and buried on high and well-drained ground overlooking the beautiful harbor of Glan. I have had a sealed bottle containing his name, etc., placed in his grave, and will have a head stone with his name, age, place of nativity, and the cause of his death, erected by October first; so that, in case you desire his body removed to the States at any time, there will be no difficulty in locating it."

Further on in his letter, the Governor speaks of him as a young man of sterling integrity, and many qualities of character.

While we deeply sympathize with the bereaved parents, brothers, and sisters of this brave young officer in their great loss, we are yet conscious of a high degree of pride in his career. As a soldier, policeman and energetic business man, his was the life and death of a typical American, in the struggle for the liberation of the spirit of progress. A soldier—the son of a soldier—a scion of a family of good fighters—there seems to be something most ap-

Resolutions of Respect.

At a regular meeting of King Post, No. 365, G. A. R., of McConnellsburg, Pa., the following resolutions were adopted on the death of Brother Alexander R. Hammil:

WHEREAS, It hath seemed good in the sight of Almighty God, in his allwise Providence to remove from among us, by the hand of death, one of our most faithful brother, Alexander R. Hammil, who was a veteran of the late war, a private of Co. K, 22d Pa. Cavalry.

WHEREAS, It seemed right and proper for us to place upon record a tribute of respect to the memory of our beloved and highly respected and influential brother; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in the death of Brother Hammil King Post, No. 365, G. A. R., has lost one of its most active and faithful members.

RESOLVED, That while we deeply deplore his departure from us, we bow in humble submission to the Divine will of God, believing his gain is our loss.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased; that they be published in the county papers, and entered upon the minutes of King Post, G. A. R., and that the charter be draped in mourning for 30 days.

H. S. WISHART,
DAVID MALLOY,
ELLIOTT RUMMEL,
Committee.

For Sweet Charity.

The object of the Needlework Guild of America is to donate, collect and distribute new, plain, suitable garments to meet the great need of hospitals, homes, and other charitable institutions, and to extend its usefulness by the organization of branches. It may not be generally known that a branch of this Guild has been organized in McConnellsburg, and for the past three years has done much to supply good, warm, suitable articles of clothing to those in need of them.

The annual contribution of two or more such articles of wearing apparel, or a donation of money, constitutes membership in any branches. Men, women and children can become members.

During the year 1903, the McConnellsburg branch contributed to Philadelphia homes or hospitals 128 garments; in 1904, 129 garments were distributed to private cases in Fulton county.

Last week, on the occasion of the ingathering for the present year, 112 good, substantial articles, in the main, suitable for children, were donated. It has been decided to distribute these to the needy of our own county.

The officers elected for the coming year are: President, Mrs. G. W. Reiser; vice-president, Mrs. Thos. F. Sloan; treasurer, Miss Bess Trout; secretary, Miss Bess Patterson. In addition to these, a board of five directors to assist in the collecting of donations.

Rev. W. M. Hann spent last Friday afternoon in town. He recently removed his family to Orbisonia, and likes his new home very much. A big turkey graced the table of the Reverend and his family on Thanksgiving Day, and was all the more enjoyed because it was a gift from Judge Rodgers, an influential citizen of Orbisonia. Mr. Hann is now conducting a successful revival at Mt. Zion church, Huntingdon county.

properly in the manner of his death, and his distant grave in our new possessions.

At his country's call he followed the flag to victory, and when the war was over, and his comrades were leaving for home, it required a high quality of bravery and patriotism to remain in a country so inhospitable and uncongenial and face the struggle for life and success single handed and alone, that he might aid in more rapidly bringing those dusky people into a degree of civilization commensurate with that of the great nation of whom they had so recently become a part.

COUNTY INSTITUTE.

Proceedings of Last Week's Institute Beginning With Wednesday Morning Interest

AT FEVER HEAT UNTIL LAST MINUTE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

After a song and devotional exercises by Rev. Mr. Houston, the second of "The Teacher's Topics" was taken up—"The Spirit of the Recitation." The subject was opened by Prof. Don Morton. Mr. Morton's points were—Introduction, Presentation of New Lessons, Comparison of Ideas, Separation of the Abstract from the Concrete, and Practical Application of Knowledge.

Miss Hattie Kendall suggests the following points as important—Attention, Interest, and Skillful Questioning.

Miss Olive Zimmerman said that we should be very careful in assigning the lessons. That we should encourage right methods of study. The teacher should be in front of the class while attempting to teach.

Mr. E. B. Cline gives these points—Kindness, Diligence, Inspiration, Interest on the part of the teacher.

Mr. Walters suggests Order of Study, a Connection of Lessons—Adopt the matter taught to suit the ability of the child.

Some general remarks were made by Prof. Rife upon the question, after which an intermission of ten minutes was given.

After the recess Prof. Rife occupied the next period on "The Elegy written in the Country Church Yard," using the teachers of the institute as a class, instructing by example.

After a song Dr. King occupied the next period on the subject of Expression.

After singing a song Dr. Boyer occupied the next period. His subject was "The Sphinx in Modern Education."

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing "Columbia," Prof. Griffith continued his work on "The Teacher as Self Reliant."

After a song Dr. Boyer of Kutztown, on the subject "The Serpent and the Door." After music, Prof. Gordinier of C. V. S. N. S., occupied the next period. Subject: "Education in the South." He gives a glowing description of Schools, Institutes, Teachers, People, &c., of East Tennessee, and Kentucky, and the Carolinas.

After another song Dr. King occupied the last period.

WHEREAS, By the kindly ruling of our Divine Father, we, the teachers of Fulton County, and friends of education have been permitted to assemble in our annual gathering, being the thirty-ninth annual session of our County Institute; and recognizing the many good things to which we have listened in the way of practical instruction, grand truths, uplifting sentiments, and pleasing as well as profitable entertainments, which cannot but lift us to a higher plain, giving us more beautiful ideals of the work in which we are engaged; we offer the following resolutions,

RESOLVED, First, That we express our hearty appreciation of the untiring efforts on the part of our worthy County Superintendent in securing a competent corps of instructors from whom we have received so much encouragement and inspiration; and for the able, kind, and impartial manner in which he has presided over our Institute, making this session of the Institute the best ever held in our county, and furthermore we most heartily commend our County Superintendent for so ably and efficiently leading and guiding our Public Schools up to the high plain of efficiency to which they have attained.

RESOLVED, Second, That we express our appreciation especially of the work done by Dr. King and our recognition of his instruction and entertaining lectures.

RESOLVED, Third, That we appreciate very highly the ministers who have conducted the devotional exercises and their earnest invocation of Divine blessings upon us.

RESOLVED, Fourth, That we feel grateful to the instructors, the home talent, the musical director, and all who have aided in making our Institute a success.

RESOLVED, Fifth, That we approve

of the reading course and feel that it is an essential factor in our profession and urge upon all teachers the necessity of its completion.

RESOLVED, Sixth, That we are pleased to announce that for the first time in the history of our County all the teachers of the County attended Institute.

RESOLVED, Seventh, That we express our admiration of the work done throughout the County in Local Institute work, and urge the teachers to put forth renewed efforts in promoting education through this important factor.

RESOLVED, Eighth, That we return to our respective schools with renewed energy, feeling that we have higher ideals of the grand work in which we are engaged, and that we go into our work with renewed zeal, and continue to use our best endeavors to elevate the standard of our profession.

GILBERT B. MELLOTT,
W. DON MORTON,
GEORGE LEHMAN,
BERTHA GOLDEN,
OLIVE GRUISINGER,
Committee.

THURSDAY MORNING.

After a song, devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. L. Grove, of the United Presbyterian church.

The teachers' topic—"Co-operation; How Secured and Held" was taken up. The subject was opened by B. C. Lamberson. Miss Lillian Hill said get the confidence and the co-operation will follow. Miss Zoe Mason said kindness is a great factor in securing co-operation. Lewis Harris said that the teacher should deserve co-operation.

After an intermission of five minutes and a song, Prof. Gordinier occupied the next period—"Put Yourself in His Place." The teacher should possess mental elasticity. He should be able to put himself in the place of the pupil. The teacher should sympathize with the child. The teacher should be a good logical questioner. Teach self-reliance.

After a song, Dr. Boyer gave his farewell address. Subject—"A Broken Life."

Dr. King occupied the last period. Committee on Stevens' Memorial Fund reported as follows:

1. That each teacher contribute at least, twenty-five cents.
2. That we make an effort to have our respective schools contribute as much as possible.
3. That we appoint Superintendent Barton, treasurer, to whom all funds shall be paid by March 1, 1906.

B. C. LAMBERSON,
BLANCHE O. PECK,
LEVI P. MORTON,
HARVEY SHARPE,
C. A. FOSTER,
Committee.

Committee on Reading Course reported a re-adoption of last year's Course, with an addition of a book on Child Nature.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

After a song Prof. Griffith occupied the first period. Subject: "The Real Story of a Teacher."

Prof. Gordinier occupied the next period. His subject—"Wanted: a Boy." He suggests five minutes each day for light gymnastics in the country schools. He explains the difference between exercise and work.

Ability, neatness, character, accuracy, courtesy, and quickness of both mind and body, are given as qualities.

After a song Dr. King occupied the next period.

FRIDAY MORNING.

After a song devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. West of the Presbyterian church.

Superintendent Barton then made some general remarks, stating that the Directors' Association will be called some time after the first of the year, at which time Dr. King will deliver the lecture of the evening.

The committee on resolutions report.

W. G. Wink moved and S. L. Wink seconded that the resolutions be adopted as read. Motion put and carried.

The last of the teachers' topics—"The True Purpose of the School," was opened by Levi P. Morton. Character, growth, and future welfare of the pupil, were points made. Miss Grisinger said—the teacher should have a good character. Teach the child

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 Anna Maud, of Saluvia, spent a few days last week in the home of Miss Mame Hoke.

Nellie Sheets, of Mercersburg, spent last week with relatives on this side of the mountain.

Among the visitors to McConnellsburg last week, was George F. Metzler of Harrisonville.

G. W. Sipe and wife, of Wells Valley, visited friends in Huntingdon from Saturday until Monday.

Mrs. Ferdinand Decker and son Russell, of Saluvia, were among the institute visitors last Wednesday.

Miss Annie Wink of this place, was the guest of Thompson township friends for a few days recently.

George W. Snider, of Tod township, was called to Waynesboro several days last week on business.

Miss Emma Sloan came home from the Shippensburg Normal, Monday, to remain until after the holiday vacation.

Mrs. Catharine Cowan, of Decorum, Pa., is spending this week with her brother, Abraham Wagner, at Knobsville.

Lorenzo L. Truax, formerly of this county, is now a senior student of the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons.

W. C. Davis, Esq., of Harrisonville, spent Thursday at the county seat on business, and enjoyed the lecture in the evening.

Earl Morton, who has been employed at Pittsburg, is visiting his parents, Hon. and Mrs. Peter Morton, of Tod township.

Harry Bergstresser, of Warfordsburg, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. E. A. Largent, from Wednesday until Friday last week.

Miss Nellie Palmer, of Sipes Mill, was the guest of Judge Morton's family last week, and enjoyed the sessions of the institute.

Miss Gertrude Laidig spent from Wednesday until Sunday in the home of her uncle, James Henry, near McConnellsburg, and attended institute.

Mr. Adam Gress and wife, of York, Pa., spent a few days last week with the former's father, Frederick Gress, and other friends of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Wagner, of Newville, and Charles H. Wagner, of Markes, Pa., spent Sunday with their father, Abraham Wagner, at Knobsville, who is ill with pneumonia.

to be aware of his own capabilities."

Mr. Hendershot said, "The real purpose of the school is the formation of habit. Inspire the pupils to do better." Miss Blanche Peck said, "Teach the child right habits of thinking and action.—Teach accuracy, neatness, obedience, thoroughness, and industry. The school should be a factor for the betterment of the community." G. B. Mellott said in connection with subject that the purpose of the school is to arouse an interest in the child which will take him through life. An enthusiasm that will last.

After an intermission of five minutes, and a song, good bye talks were given by the instructors of the week.

Prof. Griffith speaking first was heartily applauded by the institute thus showing its appreciation of the work done by him. Prof. Gordinier took the next period. He gave some of his own experience as beginning to teach. After a song Dr. King closed the institute.