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Correspondence.

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LAYTON.

(Special Correspondence to the Press.) LAYTON, May 19.—A brand new blacksmith put in an appearance in the home of James Nyce last Wednesday. Mother and child are doing nicely. Butter quoted, best Elgins @ 16 cents; fresh laid, near by eggs @ 13 cents; prime cheese at 10 cents. The consumer should be happy if he can get the little cash needed to buy with. When he comes to buy steak though he pays the Jersey butcher 14 to 15 cents, and other meats in proportion. But we can't all be butchers and make a thousand dollars a year you know.

The two agents has passed through as usual, but they do not make many sales in this section. Some of our fruit growers are practical business men, and buy much nursery stock at wholesale rates. They keep in touch with the desirable novelties of the day, and in buying often include orders for their neighbors. The good work of filling our valley with productive and profitable orchards thus goes steadily on. The school at Layton, Miss Stella Herans teacher, will close for the school year on May 26th. On that day there will be elaborate exercises of a social nature, such as music, singing, dialogues, recitations, &c. The preparation for which will have extended over nearly four weeks, and should give a very entertaining program. Would it not be well to include a series of review exercises that would show the parents the advancement that has been made in school studies, and the proficiency of the pupils in at least the fundamental principles of what a common school is designed to teach. We are led to make these suggestions under the impression that while the public school is a strictly business institution, it appears that last day exercises are taking a frivolous form, containing little suggestion of what the nine months' work has been for or what it may have accomplished. The parents are certainly interested in this phase of last day exercises, and the pride of the teacher should be to merit their approbation of the real worth of his or her efforts during the year.

Another sluice bridge sold for the firm in Sandyston. Four dollars for building and four dollars for the freeholder's fees. What does the taxpayer who grumbles about the county tax rate being high think of such methods on the score of economy. Because our freeholder's office comes high is not a sufficient reason why the office should be relegated from a position of a public trust, and prostituted for private gain. The people should call a halt on such methods. A number of people are giving more attention to some means of providing a more abundant supply of water for various uses on account of the frequency of protracted droughts. Geo. C. Stoll has a large geared windmill that pumps an abundance of water, saws wood and grinds grain, J. N. Miller, M. D. has a neat and graceful pumping windmill on a steel tower, and gets plenty of water. Lester T. Smith has a pipe laid to spring water with good elevation, which furnishes him running water for lawn and garden. G. E. Hurst has ordered a pumping windmill and will connect his well to an improved creamery in the cellar. The overflow will go to the poultry yards.

MONTAGUE.

(Special Correspondence to the Press.) MONTAGUE, May 17.—Hot and dry. The hay crops will be shorter this than last season. Mr. and Mrs. John Wood, of Matamoras were down here visiting last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. T. Jewell of Brooklyn, N. Y., stopped at Maple Grove a few days. Mrs. Julia Kerr has several applications for rooms, for the summer. M. V. Westbrook bears the proud title of Grandpapa.

A number of German carp have been taken out of the Delaware near here the past week. Isaac Roosa has left the Etting house along the river and returned home in the Clove. The Brickhouse school will close with a grand entertainment next Friday evening May 22. All friends and patrons are invited.

Rev. Joseph Millett for a number of years pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of this town, Montague friends. He preached an excellent sermon to a large congregation this morning. Planting corn and thinking where the hay is to come from for next winter is bothering farmers brains at present.

Mrs. S. N. Reive formerly of Sandyston, but now of Port Jervis met with a painful accident last Monday morning. Mrs. Reive has been feeble for some time and in going from the dining room to the cellar from some reason unexplained she fell and broke her left leg near the pelvis. Every thing medical skill can do is done, but her condition is precarious for which her many friends down here are very sorry.

Whenever it will be dangerous to fish for shad on Saturday nights, if you don't believe it try it one.

There will be a Road frolic to draw gravel on the upper end of the River road on Friday May 22. Every owner of a team is invited to come.

GREELEY.

(Special Correspondence to the Press.) GREELEY, May 19.—House cleaning has just struck our little town. All the women are tearing up for the men to put back. Of course they don't say much but keep an awful thinking. C. M. Burcher is doing some carpenter work for Mrs. Hemmaway and Dan Kirby is doing the painting. Dan seems to have lots to do in the line of painting this spring.

Mrs. I. B. Rosenkrantz has been to the hospital at Port Jervis with a tumor on her front finger. She expected to have it cut out, it has been very painful for some time.

Mrs. Comstock and son, George, of Rowlands, called on friends here last week. The large dwelling house and barn on the place known as A. B. Wells' farm, one mile from here, was totally destroyed by fire between one and two o'clock last Thursday night. It was not known how they caught fire as there were no forest fires near there. Rumor says the Singing Society had quite a lively time on Sunday evening at their club house. Mr. Lon Greening came out in a bad condition as the singing proved too much for him. Cheer up Lon better times coming. The farmers around this place have got nearly done planting but if we don't get rain soon the gardens will soon be a failure as well as other crops. The first fire here burned nearly all

over around us. Some of the neighbors had to work night and day to save their property. Mr. W. V. Burcher made a trip to Honesdale last week. Fishing seems to be good in Burcher's pond as we see quite a number carried by nearly every day. Why is it that Harry don't go down the road any more? Oh, the reason is, Katie is working at our house.

Iron and Stone Arch Bridges. LAYTON, N. J., May 20. There are two well evident facts in regard to bridge building, and over which there should no longer be a difference of opinion among men of sense. First, that stone arch bridges, wherever they can be built are the most durable and economical bridge second, that we pay much too high a price for iron bridges. It has been the practice to advertise the sale of iron bridges. The companies send their agents and the bridge is sold for such sum as the agents may combine upon, which is almost invariably forty to one hundred per cent above what they should cost. It is a notorious fact that Sussex county, and perhaps Pike too, has paid out thousands of dollars for iron bridges that under good business methods should have been saved. An iron bridge is an expensive luxury, and entails an end of expense for painting and planking, while the stone arch stands indefinitely and if properly constructed calls for no further expense for generations. It does seem that it would be business like and feasible for the board of Freeholders to invest a fraction of a dollar in "Coopers" book of plans and specifications for iron bridges of various lengths and weights. The board could select the bridge that suited their purpose, and write several under such specifications. No need of meetings to sell, no chance for collusion, much expense eliminated, a thoroughly business transaction done in the simplest, most practical and business like manner. I know of a case that will illustrate what I mean. A company advertised for bids on a bridge across the Delaware. The iron bridge men sent representatives who apparently bid in competition and it was awarded to one of them at \$12000. To be a truss and girder bridge. A shrewd business man having the building of a similar bridge in view, practically of the same length and size, submitted plans and specifications to the same builders, and enjoining upon them the necessity of getting down to hard pan if they expected to get the award, he succeeded in getting an estimate of \$8000. Here was a saving of \$4000 by careful business methods. I mention this to show that a board may unconsciously fall into a rut, or as you may say in unbusiness like way of doing business that with a little push and originality may be changed into a method that would save thousands to the taxpayers. I surely misjudge our board of Freeholders if they are not the kind of men who wish to do that very thing. There may be and probably are a very few men on the board to whom the fees are a dominant factor, but such men should be weeded out as the opportunity comes, and their hand is shown. This would apply to but a very few we are thankful to say, as the greater part of the board are men of good business qualifications and integrity, fully alive to the importance of their office, and determined to faithfully care for the interest of the people whom they represent.

EPHRIAM KIMBLE'S TRAVELS

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(From the Independent.) (Continued From Last Week.) After a pleasant sojourn of a few days we returned to Los Angeles and from there we went to San Francisco and from there to Santa Clara. Here we found an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Turner, who were residents of Paupack, Pike Co., 27 years ago; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Glendening, constants; Mr. Haggerty, who lived near Tanners Falls, Wayne county; John Bassett, a son of Hornbeck Bassett, who lived in Honesdale. Early in the sixties Mr. Bassett married a Miss Haggerty, of Mr. Pleasant, and went to the gold fields of California, where he died a number of years ago. John Bassett's home is in Sierra City, Sierra Co., Cal. where he owns a gold mine which is named after Wayne's county seat, "Honesdale." On account of the severe snow storms Mr. Bassett spends his winters with his sister in Santa Clara. Extensive vineyards and the best prunes and apricots abound here.

Every day some interesting place was visited, among which were Los Gatos, Congress Springs, Stanford University, Alviso, Evergreen, Alum Rock, Capitola, Santa Cruz and San Jose, where I met several cousins, namely: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cook, the former being clerk of the courts and assessor; Mrs. Eliza Collins, formerly of Paupack.

San Jose the "City of Sunshine, Fruit and Flowers," has more beautiful shaded streets than any other city in the United States excepting Philadelphia and Washington; has three daily newspapers, seven public institutions and 40 church organizations. San Jose was the first town established in the state and its centers of education are centers of art, refinement and progress. The average wages paid per month to male teachers in primary and grammar grades are \$87, in high schools \$108. Average wages paid per month to female teachers in primary and grammar grades, \$65; in high schools, \$110.

Glen Uva, the largest prune bearing orchard in the world, is situated between Saratoga and Los Gatos and may be called a model orchard. The entire tract covers an area of 680 acres, 250 acres of which are prunes, 150 trees to the acre. The income is from \$100 to \$125 per acre, though some of the trees are not yet in full bearing. The packing house is on a plateau, about 500 feet above San Jose, and at night the electric lights may be seen from an extended portion of the valley. A tract of 15 acres about 100 feet below the packing house is used as a drying ground and here are sometimes spread as many as 18,000 white wood trays, each 48 feet, where they are allowed to remain until the fruit has been thoroughly cured by the warm rays of the sun. At intervals about the grounds are lamps, upon electric light poles, to furnish light for the men engaged in attending to the drying fruit. As the place lies against the foot hills the view is grand, including as it does the entire width of the valley.

Have been told that it is difficult to realize that the land on which are now beautiful vineyards, thrifty orchards and cozy homes were but a few years ago covered with brush and undergrowth. The highest grade product of wine which is manufactured at San Jose is the Cabernet, for which is charged \$7 per gallon. The Chateau Beards brings \$5 per gallon. It costs 61 cents a gallon to age wine. The claret is sold on the market for 12 and 15 cents per gallon.

Among the immense and magnificent trees are the California laurels, redwood and live oak. We next visited Russell, near Oakland, on the San Francisco bay and after a short stay moved on to San Francisco. Golden Gate Park is between San Francisco and the ocean and in the park were Buffalo, elk and rainbow trout on exhibition, and also large pyramids of flowers.

Sutro Heights is near the ocean on the south side of the Golden Gate. Three railroads run to the Heights and it is much the same as Coney Island is to New York. Sutro Hotel is an immense five story building with a high dome, and has three wide verandas around the entire structure. The first, used for promenades, projects over the ocean, and a person can get an excellent view of San Francisco and the bay from seats which inhabit the rocks. The second is enclosed with windows, contains numerous chairs and is given to the public for pleasure purposes. The third is equipped with chairs and tables and is used by excursion parties. It is over the ocean and is 60 feet from the waves. A short distance north of the hotel are Sutro Bath, Aquarium, Swimming Pond and Seal Wall. A person enters the grand auditorium near the top perceives the museum, bands, etc., and follows the avenues around and down until the bathing apartments are reached.

After a sojourn at Chinatown, San Francisco and Oakland we left on February 15th for Sacramento, Cal., and from there to Portland, Ore., crossing the Sacramento river on the largest ferry boat in the world which carried our whole train, consisting of fifty-two passenger and freight cars and two locomotives. The next day we were riding among the mountains of California. At intervals the train stops to give the passengers an opportunity to get a drink of mineral water and view the splendid scenery. We saw snow along the route on the trees which were mostly of pitch pine and red wood. The locomotives were fired with wood and their large stacks made one think they were back in Pennsylvania thirty years ago. Four hundred miles north of San Francisco is Mt. Shasta. It is 15,000 feet in height and is covered with snow all the year. We had a beautiful view of the huge hills because there was not a cloud to be seen. Passing Mt. Shasta we descended the mountain until Ashland was reached. The scenery was grand and in one place the railroad track can be seen four different times as the train winds back and forth alongside of the mountain. The cars run very slowly on account of the steep grade. Ashland lies in a level valley

where vegetables are growing and the grass is green. We reached Portland on February 6. Here we met W. O. Barnes, a brother of W. J. Barnes, of Beech Lake and Edward Barnes, of Equinunk. Mr. Barnes left Wayne county seven years ago for the Pacific slope and we are pleased to note that he is holding a good position in the mail service. He promised to make his relatives and many friends in Wayne county a visit the coming fall. Portland is situated on the Columbia river, near the coast, where rain storms are very frequent. Mass groves on the shingles of the houses, and the ground is kept so moist that it is said some of the people have become web footed from paddling in the mud. At Portland we were in sight of Mt. Helena and Mt. Hood, thirty miles from the city. The latter is 11,000 feet altitude and is snow capped twelve months a year.

From Portland we took a trip up the mountains and across the Columbia river to Van Couven, where the United States troops are stationed, and returned the same day. Hidding farewell to Portland we again cross the Columbia river at Kallama on an immense ferry boat. Saw the salmon fisheries and the salmon wheel boat which is anchored, and as the fish come in contact with the wheel it picks them up in a net and they are carried into the boat through a chute.

We next stopped at Napavine, Wash. This place is noted for its abundance of pine and cedar trees and many of them give to the enormous height of 200 feet. To protect the railroads from accident the trees for a distance of 100 feet on each side of the track are chopped down and the ground is cleared. The land will turn out 5,000,000 feet of lumber to forty acres. A great many of the trees measure from six to eight feet in diameter, and are 200 feet in length. One tree alone will make from 5,000 to 15,000 feet of lumber. A wooden rail road is built into the forests and engines haul the monstrous logs on to the cars.

We next stopped at Tacoma on the Puget Sound, where a large smelter and saw mills are in operation. Taking a boat for Seattle, we had the pleasure of meeting William S. Grunbs and wife, formerly of Honesdale. From Seattle we went to Lake Washington and back to Tacoma. Saw extensive salmon and other fisheries and the snow white Mt. Tacoma. On Feb. 18 we left for Medical Lake, Wash. On the mountain which we crossed the snow was 12 feet on the level. A rotary snow plow, making one and two trips of 40 miles is run each day. At Medical Lake we spent two weeks with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carver, who left Paupack about 35 years ago. From the top of Big Hole Mountain, three miles distant we could see the mountains in British Columbia, 150 miles away. There was no snow on the south side of the mountain but on the north side huge drifts were numerous. Near here is the wonderful Medical Lake where thousands of invalids from all parts of the country go yearly to bathe in its waters. Not a living object can be seen in this lake. Soap is not required because the water is so strong of soda that it will remove all dirt. The fluid is boiled down to a thick substance resembling maple sugar. It is they made ready for the market by being ground into a powder and is advertised to help all diseases that the human system is heir to. The powder is also an excellent article to use for bathing purposes.

In the eastern part of Washington young and well broken horses could be purchased for \$15 and \$20 each. Spokane, Wash., is on the Spokane river and has the greatest water power west of the Mississippi. Leaving Washington we journeyed through Idaho and Montana, following the Yellowstone river. We also traveled over 300 miles through North Dakota and Minnesota.

On the homestead wheat fields of North Dakota could be seen from fifteen miles side by side harvesting a prairie for miles and miles or as far as the naked eye could reach.

The Indians throughout Montana are gathering up Buffalo horns which they polish and make into hall racks, hat racks and chairs for which they receive a good recompense.

At Clear Lake, Ia., the residents burned corn for fuel. They could not afford to buy coal because the corn would not demand fair prices. It would make just as hot a fire as coal but would not last as long.

From St. Paul, Minn., we railed to Mason City and Clear Lake, Ia., to White Water, Wis., to Lima, Milton Junction, Janesville and Edgerton, back to White Water. Here we visited the following relatives and friends: Z. F. Kimble and family, who were residents of Kimble, Pike county, 30 years ago; Newcombe Kimble, an uncle, formerly of Paupack, and brother of Warren Kimble, of Matamoras; Mrs. Kate Kimble, formerly of Kimbles; Mrs. Ada Kellum, sister of Philip and Arthur Kimble, of Hawley, and A. J. Kimble, of Paupack. We also met Edgett, Wis., Rufus Bingham and family, former Pike country; Mrs. Randall Williams, cousin of Miss Hattie Sober, of Honesdale.

From White Water we went to Milwaukee, to Chicago, to Birmingham and reached home on March 29, 1896.

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