

The Story of the Buckeye Corn Special Tour.

The tired feet and heavy eyelids of last week are being forgotten by that army of Ohio youth and admiring seniors who constituted the Buckeye Corn Special party. A realization of the true significance of the experience is beginning to dawn.

The 1914 Buckeye Corn Special Tour has contributed a red letter page to the civic and educational history of Ohio—a page which is destined to prove an inspiration to Ohio youth for years to come.

Judicious advertising pays. This tour advertised the fertility of Ohio soil and the ability of our boys and girls. The citizens of Washington, Philadelphia and New York were made to sit up and realize the truth of the party's slogan, "The Rainbow Comes Down in Ohio."

The 1914 Buckeye Corn Special Tour was a great undertaking splendidly executed. It involved the moving of an army of raw material, numbering over a thousand, a distance of 1735 miles by rail. That's a job worthy of a general of the first rank.

Besides, there were miles and miles of sight-seeing by automobiles, sub-way trains, elevated trains, boats and afoot. Busy thoroughfares were traversed. Yet no accident or unpleasant incident mars the record.

Only two cases of illness are reported and the doctor's diagnoses establishes the fact that both cases were in process before the subjects boarded the Buckeye Corn Special. Miss Hazel Hiestand of Nevada had been indisposed for several weeks before the start and upon the advice of party physician, did not proceed beyond Washington. Mrs. Josephine L. Nesbitt, the chief matron to the party, remained in Washington with Miss Hiestand. Word has been received that the patient has fully recovered. Mrs. Nesbitt will accompany Miss Hiestand to her home at Nevada.

The other case was more serious. In Philadelphia, Miss Ella Stephenson of Eaton was taken suddenly ill. The house physician of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel pronounced it appendicitis. Mr. Riddle, the director of the tour, called into consultation a Pennsylvania R. R. physician and he confirmed the diagnosis of the first physician. An immediate operation was recommended. The parents were telegraphed. No response was received. The doctor stated that a delay of a few hours might prove fatal. It was a trying situation for those in charge of the party. Finally, Mr. Riddle assumed responsibility and instructed that the patient be moved immediately to one of the best hospitals in Philadelphia. There an examination was made by a noted surgeon, who confirmed the views of the other physicians. The operation was immediately ordered and in two hours it was all over and Ella Stephenson's life had been saved. The official section of the Buckeye Corn Special was held up in Philadelphia four hours awaiting the officials of the party who were at the hospital awaiting the outcome. The operation was highly successful and a speedy recovery is predicted. Miss Stephenson, who was the winner in the domestic science contest in Preble county, had been suffering with pains in her side for two weeks before starting on the trip. The doctors and the nurses at the hospital stated that it was an advanced and dangerous case of appendicitis and that if the patient had not received prompt and efficient attention it would have proven fatal. Ella Stephenson comes from a small town and a humble home and the chances are ten to one that had she remained at home her life would have been forfeited. Mrs. T. P. Riddle, the wife of the director of the tour, remained in Philadelphia to care for the patient until she became able to return home.

The President of the United States threw open the doors of the White House to the party and greeted each member with a hearty handshake. The Boys' Band of Galion presented him with a pair of white doves—a token of the party's admiration of his peace policy.

Tuesday afternoon the party journeyed by boat down the Potomac to Mount Vernon, the home and tomb of Washington, the Father of our Country. There in shadows of that vine-covered, unassuming red brick tomb, where rest the mortal remains of our first president, U. S. Senator Atlee Pomerene of Ohio, by a memorable speech, aroused unbounded patriotic expression.

Hon. David Houston, Secretary U. S. Department of Agriculture, extended the representatives of Ohio's agricultural interests a cordial greeting by a speech of inspiring commendation and advice, delivered from the steps of the Agricultural administration building, Wednesday morning.

That evening, in Memorial Continental Hall, Secretary of State W. J. Bryan caught the spirit of the occasion and delivered one of his matchless addresses. When the Buckeye Corn Special party pulled out of Washington that night, every member carried away a higher and nobler regard for our great national government.

Philadelphia is the city of brotherly love. This was proved. Every one, from that grand old man, Mayor Blankenberg, down to the newsboy on the street, entered into the spirit of the occasion. The farm boys and girls of Ohio were treated as little brothers and sisters by the Philadelphia folks. Nothing was left undone to contribute to the comfort and pleasure of the Ohio party.

periences of the tour happened in Philadelphia. Seated at the banquet in the grand ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, the party listened to addresses by Mayor Blankenberg, Hon. James Cattell, Hon. James S. Keats, Prof. C. F. Preston and Dr. J. R. Smith. Hearty applause attested the appreciation. Then came a moment when applause failed. Charles S. Calwell, President of the Corn Exchange National Bank, arose and announced the awards in the corn exhibit promoted by his bank for the benefit of our Ohio boys. At the close, this big, busy, thoughtful man turned to the audience and said, "I am profoundly sorry to learn that one of your number is ill and that the doctors have advised a surgical operation as necessary for her recovery. Philadelphia will care for her. She will have the best care possible and when she has sufficiently recovered, we will send her back to Ohio to you." There was no applause. Tears were seen in many eyes. The spirit of brotherhood had been revealed. Philadelphia has become endeared for eternity to every member of that party.

New York is the metropolis of the Western Hemisphere. Its population exceeds the population of the entire state of Ohio. It is the world's greatest center of wealth and power. Yet, New York considered the Buckeye Corn Special party of sufficient importance to accord it a public reception. Its leading citizens participated. Nothing like this has happened before anywhere in the world. It is significant. It constituted a handshake between producer and consumer. It was an acknowledgement of the inter-dependence—the reciprocal relation—of farm and city. It bespeaks a closer relationship and a better understanding in the future.

Had the famous Waldorf-Astoria Hotel given our party nothing but the privilege of sitting at the tables in that grand ballroom and the souvenir booklet found at each plate, everyone would have gone away feeling that he had gotten his money's worth. But, a breakfast fit for a king followed.

The Ohio Society of New York had a committee on hand at the Waldorf-Astoria to pass a note of greeting to their fellow-citizens from the Buckeye state.

A seven-mile ride underground and three miles on the elevated tracks carried the party to the Bronx Zoo, where the largest collection of animals in the world was viewed. Another long elevated and sub-way ride carried the party down town to the City Hall. There the party was accorded official welcome to the city by Mayor John P. Mitchell.

That was a great sight. Ohio's army massed on the approaches. Upon the steps were our three bands—The Girls' Band of Rising Sun in the center, the Galion

Boys' Band on the right, the Oberlin Boys' Band on the left. Beyond the lines of our party a mass of humanity—fifty thousand people spread out in fan shape facing New York's historical City Hall. Finally, a slim, trim young man approached. Around him was a group of distinguished men—Hon. Seth Low, President New York Chamber of Commerce; Hon. R. A. C. Smith, Commissioner of Docks; Hon. Wm. A. Prendergast, Hon. George McAneny, Hon. Marcus M. Marks, Hon. Lewis H. Pounds, Hon. Douglas Mathewson, Hon. Maurice Connelly, Hon. Charles J. McCormack, and other officials. The young man, the central figure, was His Honor, John P. Mitchell, Mayor of the city of New York.

Mr. Riddle opened the ceremony by the brief statement, "Gentlemen, I have the pleasure of introducing the man who made the rainbow come down in Ohio for these boys and girls." Then Mr. Sandles, in a few well chosen words, introduced the Mayor of New York. The Mayor was followed in his address of welcome by an address by Hon. Seth Low. Following this ceremony, the party paraded down Broadway through the skyscraper district and solid lines of humanity to South Ferry. Then a boat trip with luncheon aboard, complimentary by the New York Chamber of Commerce, awaited the party.

A thirty-five mile boat tour of the harbor was enjoyed. Brooklyn Bridge, Statue of Liberty and Immigration Island were passed. "I have been on the Atlantic ocean" can be the truthful boast of every member of that party; for the trip was purposely planned to gratify that very desire.

The banquet at the Martiniere that evening was graced by the presence of some of New York's leading citizens. At one table with some of the officials of the Ohio party, eating the same things and talking the same things, sat seven millionaires—men who manifested a sincere interest in this great movement.

The show at the Hippodrome proved the grand climax. Men and women, as well as boys and girls, actually pinched themselves to make sure that they were really seeing and not dreaming. One preacher who refused to attend a theatre earlier in the tour, went to the Hippodrome just to see how demoralizing a theatre is, pronounced it "Beautiful, inspiring, heavenly."

The party in age ranged from a boy of nine to a man of ninety. Yes, G. G. Thomas of New Carlisle, Clarke county, Ohio, did not miss a foot of the tour and he will be ninety years old on the 29th day of next April. He says he feels better than when he started and that he intends to join next year's party.

Director Riddle and others in close touch with the movement ascribe its success largely to the patriotic, public-spirited men and

women who volunteered time and expense to assist in the handling of the party. The state was burdened with no expense. It was a labor of love and that made it succeed. Ohio owes a debt of gratitude to every public-spirited man and woman who contributed to the success of this great accomplishment.

Colds are Often Most Serious. Stop Possible Complications.

The disregard of a cold has often brought many a regret. The fact of sneezing, coughing, or a fever should be warning enough that your system needs immediate attention. Certainly loss of sleep is most serious. It is a warning given by nature. It is man's duty to himself to assist by doing his part. Dr. King's New Discovery is based on a scientific analysis of colds. 50c at your druggist. Buy a bottle today. —Adv

Palestine.

Mrs. Harrison Ross of Colorado is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ohler, and other relatives here.

Mrs. Ohler expects to remove to Union City, Ind., shortly.

Thurhill Stephens has been teaching the Intermediate room in place of Mrs. Simpson, who has been ill.

The Glee Club of the Palestine school attended the teachers' meeting at Greenville and furnished music for the occasion.

The funeral of Reuben Ohler, a pioneer resident of German township, took place at the Disciple church here last Thursday morning. Sermon by Rev. Buchanan and burial at Union City.

Mrs. Lena Burns of Indianapolis will give an entertainment at the Disciple church on next Saturday night, December 19.

Miss Helen Starbuck entertained a number of little folks at a rabbit feast last Sunday.

Dec. 14 FROM PALESTINE.

The Liver Regulates the Body. A Sluggish Liver Needs Care.

Someone has said that people with chronic liver complaint should be shut up away from humanity, for they are pessimists and see through a "glass darkly." Why? Because mental states depend upon physical states. Biliousness, headaches, dizziness and constipation disappear after using Dr. King's New Life Pills. 25c at your druggist. —Adv

Esperanto is taught in some of the state supported schools in England, France and Germany.

All over the world oil fuel is gradually taking the place of coal and other less easily handled fuels.

A steamship line has offered to carry free to England the first 2,000 tons of cotton grown in South Africa.

An electric alarm that gives warning when a mine roof begins to move has been invented by an Australian.

Brazil is to have the largest reservoir in the world after the dam at Itos, in the state of Ceara, is built.

A manufacturer of artistic furniture in Paris has just completed a chair the fore legs of which are of solid gold.

A Michigan knitting mill is making artificial silk from vegetable fiber and converting it into hosiery and underwear.

An electrical machine for cutting umbrella covers in a New York factory cuts 350 thicknesses of fabric at once.

Fashionable Fads.

New York is knitting mad this winter. Never were spare moments so filled with occupation for the butterfly contingent. One would think from the click of the ivory needles at Symphony Concerts, fashionable musicales, and at almost every other assemblage, that the Teutons had taken New York instead of Brussels. No doubt a lot of the mufflers will reach men in the trenches and miserable refugees without even a trench that they can call their own, and meanwhile idle fingers find occupation and big handsome knitting bags are in demand, so that part of the profit is reaching people here who need the money and can turn out artistic and practical receptacles for the bulky work. Brocades and other decorative stuffs are used for these and many of the flat, oblong shaped bags measure nearly a yard in length by half the width. Irregular, plaque shapes, with small frills at the edges, and decorations of ribbon



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embroidery are new and fetching, and are quite as useful for party bags as for knitting.

Cotton Fancies.

With the movement started by Gertrude Atherton—the distinguished novelist—and many other women as prominent, for the wearing of cotton fabrics, there has come a decided revival of cotton fashions. Cotton shirt waists with valenciennes trimmings and dainty touches of embroidery are back in favor for suit wear, and fancy silk and cotton mixtures and mercerized cottons are increasingly worn for dainty indoor use, even for informal dances and dinner gowns. As such garments are readily made at home at very small cost, the movement meets with favor not only from people who wish to aid the cotton growers, but from those who are always on the lookout to combine economy with smartness of attire. Pretty aprons of fancy printed cottons, with a wide up-turned hem divided into pockets that hold wool and knitting needles will prove most acceptable Christmas gifts.

The New Trains.

While very short evening dresses are the rule, trains are more

in evidence than for a long time back, but these are quite separate attachments, caught to the shoulders, and often not caught to the dress at any other point. Scarfs of net or tulle jetted, or beaded, or wrought with embroideries, are first favorites for use as trains. These are thrown over the arm in dancing, and rival the graceful effects produced by Romney scarfs of tulle, now so modish. These are held in place by the bracelets or rings that finish their ends. Crystal and jet and onyx ornaments are all first favorites at the jewelry counters.

VERONA CLARKE.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Ayer*

Gettysburg.

Mesdames D. Moul and Louisa Paulding of Pleasant Hill were visitors here the fore part of last week among relatives.

Well, here we are with a temperature below zero and enough snow to make sleighing good, but something, either too frigid weather or lack of sleighs, avoided engagement in the pleasure of sleighing. So far I have seen only two sleighs upon our streets.

Very many of us are wondering whether Santa will favor us with an appropriate gift. As to us, we esteem ourself young and handsome, and cannot persuade ourself that we will be neglected and passed by. No, Santa is too generous to withhold his gifts from a person as meritorious as ourself.

Our M. E. Sunday school is preparing for a Xmas program and treat on Christmas evening. Our Presbyterian Sunday school have a like venture in preparation for Xmas Eve. These will be attractive exercises, especially the confectionery part and everybody will want a share in that part of the exercises.

Rev. Warner preached in our M. E. church last night to an appreciative audience that well nigh filled the auditorium of the church.

The remains of Mrs. M. Lavy, who died at Bradford of a complication of diseases, were given interment yesterday in the Harris Creek cemetery, near Oakland church, where many of her relatives lie buried. Funeral at the Oakgrove church.

D. Moul of Pleasant Hill gave this place a business call last Friday.

Our Citizens National Bank people have improved their bank building with a tile floor in the part occupied by the public.

Our stores and bakery have put on Xmas dressing. Each tried to excel the other it would seem and so say the appearance is very attractive is putting it very mild. To be admired needs only to be seen.

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