

# My Impressions of the Fair

(This is the third article of the series of "Impressions of the Fair," by the popular school teacher of this state who won free trips to Portland in the recent contest conducted by The Star. This article is by Miss Lou A. Chase, teacher in the Walla Walla school.—Editor.)

It is well known that bridal couples and school teachers can be recognized as far as you can see them. Apropos of this fact the following story is told: A party of pedagogues left town one day for an outing, mutually agreeing not to disclose their occupation to the cold criticism of an unsympathetic public. A small boy, perched barefoot on the railway platform, shouted derisively, "First class in geography stand up!"

Some of the Star's party thought it would be a diversion to lay aside their professional airs and manners and for one brief week pose as well-to-do women of the world having carte blanche at the table d'hôte of the American Inn. On the first day out, however, they were accosted by two total strangers with "This is the way, fellow-teachers, to the Educational Exhibit." So they gave it up, took their little note books from their hiding-places and proceeded to "do" the Fair in true pedagogical fashion.

One bright morning our party, accompanied by Hon. Joseph Shippen of Seattle and the ever dependable Star man, trooped into the low "backlot" cottage of the Bard of Aye. We were welcomed by a gentle old Scotchman with the real Highland accent rich upon his tongue. The "but" (kitchen) with its homemade presses and curtains bed, the "ben" (inner room) with its old-fashioned spinning-wheel and reels and its cat cake baker before the fire, the "byre" with stalls for the "kye" and the barn beyond, formed the humble dwelling of the peasant-poet. Prevalled upon by Mr. Shippen, the old man gave us the opening stanzas of "Tam O'Shanter" in a way that stirred every drop of Scotch blood in our veins.

That I can sing, he protested to all our urging. Nothing daunted, we took up the plaintive strains of "Ye Banks and Braes of Bonnie Doon" and made the air ring with that sweetest of all the lays of Scotland, "Annie Laurie."

Almost all of the seriously instructive matter at the Fair is contained in the Federal Building, and it is well worth a large share of one's time. The miniature harbor with its ships and submarine mines, the floating dry-dock, the dies from the Philadelphia mint which will stamp 30 coins per minute, the Department of Engraving and Printing presided over by a genial old soul

who—when he is at home—makes two million dollars per day in treating notes on a hand press, the X-ray machine where we made the startling discovery that the bones in our forearms are less than an inch in diameter, the exhibit of the Indian schools where the arithmetic lesson of Emma Heaver Claws is mounted next to the neat spelling list of Helen Knocking Face or Besie Big Beaver, and where one who sees the beautiful handwork of these dusky artisans of a dying race may ponder upon how soon the civilized hand forgets its cunning, the State department where may be seen Washington's sword and pearl-handled eye-glasses and the gold-knobbed cane left by him in Franklin's will, the Alaskan exhibit with its mammoth tusk, its \$3,276 gold nugget, its glossy pelts and gleaming minerals.—and what is most interesting, because most unfamiliar, the section devoted to the Philippine Islands. Not a nook nor corner of the great building but is worthy one's attention. In the Philippine annex is a collection of weapons of warfare from the different tribes.

Primitive architecture is shown by the hut of a Negro chieftain, of woven bamboo strips with thickly thatched roof. Most interesting to me were the primitive tools, the bamboo plow, whose only metal is a piece of iron at the point, the bamboo harrow with branches cut off and sharpened below in lieu of teeth, hard wood pitchforks, and rice-mills with pedals of stone. We saw a Filipino family cigar some eight inches in length, which is lighted and suspended from the ceiling for the use of old and young of both sexes. The beautiful woven Hurl palm-leaf mats, the fan-shaped brooms of lassa grass, the hats woven of fine, smooth strips of bamboo, the hand-carved furniture and skillful silversmithing all testify to the remarkable manual dexterity of our island brethren.

If you should ask the Star Man what weighed upon him most, he would probably reply with a good-natured grimace, "Well, it's getting 'em started before ten o'clock in the morning the worst thing was to keep from losing 'em after you got there." But once we turned the tables on him. After repeated trials all of us except the Star Man were assembled at the entrance of the Federal Building ready for our walk home across the Bridge of Nations. A searching party was organized. Failing to find him perusing the love letters in the Dead Letter exhibit we turned our steps toward the Smithsonian Institute collection, where we finally discovered him in rapt contemplation of the Triceratops prorus

and the Dinosaurus Stegosaurus Ungulatus-Jurassic. We had always supposed that newspaper men were concerned with live issues only. The Trail at night! Weird and uncanny with its flaring lights, its incessant din, its grotesque figures and glimpses of painted faces,—it seems a world in miniature. As one enters his cars are bombarded by the harsh tones of the street fakir, the snarl of wild animals, snatches of discordant song and monotonous clang—"and over all the deafening music" of the Oriental tom-tom.

"Pick out which show you'll go to," said the Star Man,—they won't any of 'em hurt me"—and under his trusty guardianship we ventured forth. Attracted by the brilliant tones and fierce and bristling mountaineer of the Turke at the entrance, we strayed into the Streets of Cairo. In a row, patient and smiling, knelt Alice, Holy Moses, and the New Jerusalem. The moslems seized upon the smallest and most inoffensive member of the party and tossed her upon the front edge of the gayly-colored saddle which adorned the hump of Holy Moses. The Star Man, who tips the beam at 197, clambered to a seat aft, holding firmly by the stern sheets. The only thing that the aforesaid Meek Member can recall of the next half minute is the appalling sensation of being pitched violently forward as Holy Moses, with creaking joints and disapproving groans, slowly lifted the Star Man skyward. Of the wild ride, pursued by shrieking Arabs, the Meek Member has little recollection, but her first act upon regaining consciousness was to take out her little note-book and carefully record this item for the future instruction of her science class: "The camel (Camelus Arabicus) gets up with its hind feet first."

We should like to see Homer Davenport, cartoonist and animal fancier, entrusted with the task of making the lion and the lamb lie down together. We believe he could do it if any one could. From the bright topaz kittens that purr who ever knew a schoolmarm who didn't have a deep seated fondness for cats? the African jungle-bird which reaches up an inquisitive head in greeting, the tall cranes, the ring-doves—real dove color, these, the young ducks, yellow balls of down underfoot, to the splendid Arabian steeds with their arched necks and glossy coats, golden in the sunlight, there's not one inhabitant of the Davenport farm that isn't a living example of peace on earth, good-will to men. And when Davenport himself, tall, grave, deliberate and kindly, greets you like a friend instead of a stranger and offers his beautiful Arab led out for your admiration, you will agree, as did we, that there is no corner of the Exposition grounds so alluring. And if you love horses, Davenport will love you, and give you a season's card of admission to the grounds, as he did our party.

On the last evening of our stay we were informed by 'phone from the observatory that the sky was clear, and decided to repeat our visit to Portland Heights. The tower, 105 feet high, stands on ground 1000 feet above the city, and the view is magnificent. In the foreground are the city squares, thickly dotted with the trees for whose beauty Portland is famed; beyond, the Willamette, spanned by bridges and bordered with green, and to the north the mighty Columbia. Far up stream we could plainly see the mountain gorge which has broken through the Cascades to reach the sea. North of the Columbia lies stately St. Helens, with a gleam of white over her shoulder which the Portland people say is Rainier—do you believe it?—and a little east is Mount Adams, a glittering cone of snow. East of the city lies Mount Hood, and south east a glimpse of another snow-capped Mount Jefferson. As we stood gazing upon this superb panorama of mountain, hill and river, the rays of the setting sun began to touch the gleaming slopes of Mount Hood with rose-pink, heliotrope, and gold. As the sun sank lower the more brilliant hues gave way to the deep transparent purple of twilight, and as our car wound slowly down to the city's level we could still catch glimpses of the cold bluish-white color no artist could ever truly portray. The splendor of that sunset we shall never forget.

What impressed me most? Oh yes, Mr. Editor, I had almost forgotten to tell. What is most likely to have made the most definite and lasting impression is not the inaudible form of mountain or river, statue or dome, but the human element—the quaint humor of "Exact-ly" Sackett, the simple Scottish dialect on the tongue of the old man at the Burns cottage, the "Saxons" of the little black-haired lassie in the Japanese tea garden.—It is these things which will live in our memories, for they have reached our hearts.

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