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DOOLITTLE SAYS CALIFORNIA NEEDS NO OUTSIDERS TO EXPLOIT STATE'S ADVANTAGES

The following is the third of a series of letters from Will O. Doolittle, secretary of the American Institute of Park Executives and managing editor of Parks & Recreation, who is touring the west on an inspection of national, state, and municipal parks:

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Editor Ward County Independent:

Our last letter was written just as we had entered the state of California on the southern route. This letter will give a few impressions of the state of California gathered during our stay of a little over two weeks in that state.

Our trip across the Mojave desert to the San Bernardino mountains was uneventful and much less difficult than we had anticipated from the reports of hardships endured by others going over the route. It is true that the road in places is rough or sandy but it is in no way impassable and much of it is in fair condition. The desert is always interesting and the many strange growths of vegetation, birds and animals make it doubly so. In this region the yucca grows to immense size and there are various strange forms of cacti, including the barrel cactus which looks not unlike a huge watermelon and contains a high percentage of water, which is often sought by deer, antelope and other desert animals. Sagebush, mesquit and candle bush grow in profusion.

The highway from Victorville and across the San Bernardino mountains is an excellent one and the trip from San Bernardino to Pasadena took us through the best of the orange belt. Orange, lemon and olive groves were to be seen along the entire route and the towns were beautiful, though formal, in their dress of several varieties of palms, pepper trees, live oaks and other semi tropical trees. The eucalyptus was found throughout our entire travels over California. It is an Australian species but thrives in the Californian climate. To us it was of much interest because of its peculiar habits of growth and shedding of its bark. In spite of the fact that it is an exceedingly fast growing tree it produces a hard lumber of good quality. Other interesting trees in the district of southern California were the acacia, laurel, madrone, sycamore and the English walnut. We were quite surprised, however, to find that the variety of trees that are native to the state is much less than in many of our eastern states such as in Illinois or Ohio.

We spent several days at Pasadena and Los Angeles. The former is a city of beautiful homes and public grounds and is known chiefly as a residence city. Here we met Harry L. Remington, formerly of Granville and a graduate of Minot High School. He is now taking an electrical engineering course at the Pasadena School of Technology. The city of Los Angeles has surely made a wonderful growth and bids fair to be a western rival, in size at least, of Chicago. It seems to be making a tremendous appeal to people from every state in the Union, if one can judge from the daily procession of tourists going to the city.

Leaving Los Angeles we drove by the coast route through Hollywood and the attractive little cities of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles. At El Pismo Beach we went down for a short trip along the ocean beach and a clam dinner in the small town. At San Miguel, just north of Paso Robles, we turned east with the expectation of crossing the mountains and entering Sequoia National Park and then going to Yosemite National Park for an inspection of the park and also to attend the convention of the superintendents of the National Parks of the United States. We had not gone far, however, when we found that the recent snows had put the adobe roads into a wretched condition and after going about thirty miles and getting stalled on one of the high grades we reluctantly decided to abandon the trip and returned to San Miguel to proceed to San Francisco by the paved highway. We spent several days in the cities of San Francisco, Oakland and Richmond. Through the courtesy of John McLaren, the veteran superintendent of Golden Gate Park, we were taken for an auto tour of that splendid park. Later we visited Seal Rocks, Art Museum and the Academy of Sciences, the latter two being located in Golden Gate Park. At Oakland we had the pleasure of viewing the fine collection of African skins and trophies taken by the celebrated African hunter, W. A. Snow, these at present being displayed at his home.

In order that we might not be disappointed in our quest for the giant sequoias or redwoods we took a day to drive to the California State Redwood Park, which is a 10,000 acre tract located in the mountains between San Joe and Santa Cruz. Here the redwood is found at its best and we viewed many trees measuring from fifteen to twenty-two feet in diameter, some of them being estimated to be of the age of at least 4,000 years. The drive to the park from San Jose is a most picturesque one. In addition to the redwoods there were many Douglas firs of magnificent proportions.

We left Richmond on Sunday, Nov. 19, for our northward trip to Oregon, going by the way of the Sacramento valley and the Mt. Shasta region. Mt. Shasta, which has an elevation of over 14,000 feet, makes an impressive spectacle viewed from any angle. While it is no higher than many of the peaks in the Rocky Mountains its isolation from other high peaks and rising more abruptly from a lower elevation makes it appear to better advantage. It is now entirely covered with snow above the timber line. The highway passes through a beautiful mountainous country with the bull pine, Douglas fir and cedar often attaining the height of over one hundred feet with bole diameters of from three to six feet.

In general, our impression of California has been pleasant. The climate, for this time of the year, could not be more desirable, if one excepts the numerous fogs that float across the country in the San Francisco region. In fruit and nuts the state rates the highest. In lower California oranges, lemons, English walnuts, olives, grapefruits and grapes grow in profusion. As one travels northward he gradually reaches the land of the apricot and almond. From Santa Barbara to Paso Robles practically two-thirds of the cultivated land appears to be devoted to the culture of the almond. As we have said before, the lack of variety in native trees is disappointing, the only trees found in abundance in the valleys and foothills of southern California being the sycamore and the live oak. The mountains, however, are covered with a fine variety of evergreen trees all of which are commonly of large size.

In bird life the state is very fortunate having a great diversity and large quantity. Game birds are more than abundant especially the wild fowl. On the drive Sunday from Richmond to Orland, we passed at least several hundred autos decorated with large strings of wild ducks, brant and geese. The white and sandhill cranes are probably more abundant in California than elsewhere. There are a number of pheasants in the northern part of the state but we understand that their introduction has not been as successful as in Oregon. The valley quail are beautiful little birds and seem fairly numerous although probably doomed to extinction if the game laws are not made more stringent. This applies as well to the mountain quail, which is equally beautiful. To the shame of California it may be said that she allows an open season on doves and many of these harmless birds are shot by so-called sportsmen.

California is a state worth visiting and one could spend months viewing the many wonderful attractions within her boundaries but the state does not need an outsider to exploit her advantages for she is her own best publicity agent and knows the wiles and ways of attracting the tourist. It is a question if California has not overdone this and as a result many of the people, who go there with the intention of making it their home and are disappointed in not finding it the land of eternal sunshine and wonderful opportunities which have been claimed for it, leave without placing a true value on her worth.

We crossed the California-Oregon boundary line at noon today and will proceed up the Pacific highway to Portland to view the parks of that city and consult with officers of the American Institute of Park Executives there. We expect to arrive in Minot about December 1.

Appetites

Boy Scouts in Winter Quarters—Rabbit Hunting Enjoyed

Spoklie Hall, the country headquarters of Troop Three of the Boy Scouts, west of Minot, has been placed on a winter basis and the boys plan to enjoy the novelty of winter week end camps there during the season. Experimenting with clay mixed with grass, the outside cracks between the logs of the cabin were plastered against the cold winds. E. C. Brittin contributed a larg sack of fiber plaster which completed the inside cracks. To cap the climax, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Truax donated a fine large cooking range which easily warms the cabin and enables a number of the boys to cook at one time. Picked up coal and donations from the mines around Burlington supply the needed fuel.

A week ago thirteen boys and their scoutmaster slept comfortably in the cabin dormitory which has been fitted with springs and cots to accomodate a considerable number. More bedding is needed, however.

Rafts were constructed and used on the river previous to the freeze-up and next spring it is hoped a boat can be procured.

Rabbit hunting has been an autumn pursuit and dozens of bunnies have been shot by the Scouts who are developing marksmanship and also learning the art of making toothsome dishes from their game. Even the skins are utilized and the Scout law against unnecessary cruelty and waste upheld.

The cabin is the resort of many visitors both young and old during each week end and much interest is found there. When the camp is officially open the flag, donated by Mrs. E. Cotton, is displayed from a staff.

The ice on the river is now more than three inches thick, but thus far skating has not been favorable.

The Scouts are studying natural history at present and doing some original research work with new specimens, bones, etc.

A lantern, oil lamps, cooking utensils and rugs are among the articles most needed for the cabin. Thru the generosity of the public the total cash outlay necessary thus far in fitting up and maintaining the Hall, outside the boys' personal expenses, has been $5.75.

Vice President Kenny of G. N. Visits Minot

A distinguished party of Great Northern officials including Vice President W. P. Kenny, spent half an hour in Minot Monday, passing thru in their private car attached to No. 3. They were enroute to Seattle. A number of Minot friends called on the party and enjoyed the hospitality of the Vice President. They were shown thru his private car, which by the way was brand new, and something out of the ordinary. The car is a veritable palace on wheels and is divided into cozy compartments and offices. Instead of the usual berths, there are bed rooms with real beds. The bathroom is equipped with shower baths. A capable looking darkey was at work in the white enameled kitchen and Vice President Kenny probably has a failing for apple pie, for two steaming luscious pies had just been taken from the oven. In the drawing room, a large bouquet of flowers appeared on the table.

Mr. Kenny, speaking of the appointment of Pierce Butler, St. Paul attorney to the supreme bench of the United States, says that in his opinion the appointment is a good one. Mr. Kenny refers to Mr. Butler as a most delightful gentleman.

"Many a time Mr. Butler has accompanied me on some long journey and it appears that he never wants to go to bed. Frequently we have sat in our compartment all night long, conversing and one never grows tired of listening to him."

Accompanying Mr. Kenny was the western traffic manager, Mr. Costello, of Seattle.

Threshed 32,000 Bromus Seed from 100 Acres

John J. Winderl, one of the Glenburn pioneers, threshed 32,000 pounds of bromus seed from 100 acres on his farm this year, and then sold the hay for $100.00. Mr. Winderl has had the seed certified but has not disposed of it yet. He expects to realize a very good price from it, netting him far more than grain.

PARENTS OF DELINQUENT CHILDREN WOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE; SUBJECT TO PUNISHMENT

CONCILIATION LAW HELD CONSTITUTIONAL

Bismarck, Nov. 25.—North Dakota's law establishing county boards of conciliation and requiring that certain civil disputes must be placed before a conciliator before a lawsuit can be commenced, was held constitutional by the supreme court here today. The conciliator was to endeavor to obtain voluntary adjustment before further proceedings were attempted.

Under the law of 1921, it was provided that "no process shall be issued in commencement of a civil suit by any justice of the peace or by any other trial court unless the moving party shall file in court a certificate of a conciliator, showing that an attempt has been made to effect a settlement of the claims and that such attempt has failed," but that the foregoing shall not apply to actions known as provisional or remedial; actions involving title to or possession of real estate, and suits involving more than $200.

The case came before the court on a suit by E. B. Klein of Bismarck to collect from W. H. Hutton judgment on a promissory note for $60 due on demand. The case was regarded as a test case.

The defense set up by Hutton was that the plaintiff had not shown any attempt was made to settle the matter before a conciliator.

The court held that the constitutional provision for right of trial by jury was not abridged. It also held that the constitutional provision relating to the process in original prosecutions had no application in the matter and that in this respect it did not violate either the state or federal constitutions.

In denying further contention of defense that attorneys for the state have valid and existing contracts with the state to represent litigants in all courts, the supreme court held that the attorneys held no contract with the state but merely a privilege or license.

Sustaining Fund Will Be Raised

The campaign for the sustaining fund for the Association of Commerce is progressing in a very satisfactory manner and will continue until all of the committees have completed their assignments, Secretary Milloy and Pres. Danielson declare.

Today, the fund amounts to about $7,000 and of this about $3,000 has been contributed by new members. The committees will have little difficulty in raising the entire quota of $12,500.00.

Hot Ashes Start Fire

The fire department was called to the home of Mrs. Castor, 304 Seventh St. N. E. at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning by a fire which started from a pan of hot ashes sitting under the kitchen stove. The fire was put out after the floor was torn up.

Parents or guardians of children in North Dakota are to be held very strictly accountable for the conduct of their offspring or wards if the bill to be submitted to the coming legislature by the North Dakota Children's Code commission is enacted into law. The bill states: "The fact that a child has been judged more than twice to be delinquent on account of conduct occurring while in the custody of his parent or the same guardian, shall be presumptive evidence that such parents or guardians are responsible for his last adjudged delinquency". The bill further provides that such parents or guardians shall be punished for a misdemeanor if not a felony.

The commission has prepared a new and exhaustive juvenile court bill—of which the foregoing provision is one of many—that the legislature will be asked to substitute for the present statute. The survey conducted by the commission thruout the state, its report says, shows that the present juvenile court system does not adequately cover the state and some counties are entirely without juvenile commissioners or courts. Even some of the courts frown on the present system, it is declared. There is a lack of investigation of cases before action that is greatly deplored. In most cases juveniles taken by the law are held in jails, etc., with criminals and such. The probation system is declared very inadequate. There is no general provision for physical or mental examinations of children brot before the courts. The records kept are very incomplete.

The bill prepared by the commission makes detailed provisions to cover the defects alleged, the most important perhaps being the naming of the county judge in each county as juvenile commissioner for that county. Where the judge refuses to serve the district court shall appoint a juvenile commissioner to act for that county. It is further provided that probation officers be named and paid the same fees as constables and such other compensation as the court may prescribe. A parole system for delinquent children is recommended. The bill also guards against undue publicity of children's cases.

No Community Chest in Minot for 1923

There will be no community chest for the city of Minot for the year 1923. This was decided at a meeting of the financial appeals committee of the Association of Commerce Tuesday.

The committee believes that the Community chest is a good thing, but understands that a large number of the contributors to the fund would much rather subscribe directly to the various funds, including the Salvation Army, the United Charities, and the Y. W. C. A.

The Salvation Army has already planned on opening its drive in the city and county at an early date.

SECRET MARRIAGES MAY BE FORBIDDEN IN NORTH DAKOTA

Secret marriages in North Dakota are in a fair way to become a thing of the past in the near future. That will be the result if the bill prepared by the North Dakota Children's Code commission to submit to the legislature in January becomes a law. The bill provides severe penalties for violation of the proposed measure and is worded as follows:

Section 1.—The county judge, before issuing a marriage license, shall require the applicants therefor to file in his office, upon blanks to be provided by the county for that purpose, an affidavit of posting or of publication, as the case may be, showing that the applicants, at least ten days prior to their application for license, gave public notice of their intention to marry, either by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the office of the county judge of the county in which application for license is made, or by publishing such notice for ten days in a daily newspaper of general circulation, published within such county, or for two successive issues of a weekly paper published in such county if no daily is published therein. Such affidavit shall be subscribed and sworn to before any person authorized to administer oaths.

Section 2.—Penalty. Any person violating the provision of this act, or knowingly swearing falsely to any statement contained in any affidavit mentioned therein, shall be punished by a fine of not more than $100 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

The Code commission, in its report, states that, so far as it is advised, every state that has enacted a child welfare program has made provision that notice of intention to marry must be given before the marriage. This provision is designed to prevent haste and marriage without the consent of parents, the report adds. The commission further suggests that the present North Dakota law requiring physical examinations before marriages ought to be amended to make provision for compensation sufficient to insure more thoro examinations than are said to be the present rule.

Extension Specialist to Help Sell Potatoes

George P. Wolf, Richland county farmer, has been employed by the North Dakota extension division and experiment station to make a trip thru Oklahoma and Texas for the purpose of opening a market for North Dakota seed potatoes, and left last Saturday for the South.

Mr. Wolf took with him samples of Bliss Triumph potatoes raised in this state, as the market is now opening in the South for that particular variety, which is used for early planting in March. He will visit county agents, farm bureau officials and dealers in the South and show them the North Dakota product, advising them to place orders thru the commodity marketing organization of the North Dakota Farm Bureau Federation.

Depending upon the success of the initial venture, Mr. Wolf may later introduce Early Ohios and other varieties in the southern states, the market demand for these varieties coming a little later for the Triumphs. Mr. Wolf has raised potatoes for a number of years on his farm in Richland county. He has also been engaged in extension work, having held the position of assistant county agent leader here until several months ago, when he resigned to devote more time to his farming interests.

A Ford car stolen last week from Rev. Mr. Reishus of Velva, was found abandoned along the road several miles from that town.

SHARPERS BREAK UP BOY'S COLLEGE PLANS

Sioux City, Nov. 25.—Waldo E. Gayton, aged 21, of Selfridge, N. D., en route from his home to Kansas City to enter college, discontinued his journey here today and probably will return home to earn more money to pay for the proposed college course.

On the train he became acquainted with two affable strangers who after a time suggested matching pennies, the odd one of the three to take the pot. Gayton won for a time, then they matched quarters, and finally dollars.

The sharpers got all of his $90 in cash and in addition $300 in travelers' checks, after he had properly indorsed them.

FARGO WOMAN GIVEN BACK $5,000 NECKLACE

Fargo, Nov. 25.—A pearl necklace, valued at $5,000, which federal secret service men judged Mrs. Laura Kachlmacher of Fargo smuggled into the United States, was returned to her today on orders from the office of the United States treasury,, M. A. Hildreth, United States district attorney returned the necklace on receipt of a check for $750 as ordered.

WARD COUNTY TO BUILD NINE MILES FEDERAL-STATE HIGHWAY

Rotary Club Enjoys Extra Good Program

Guests at the Rotary luncheon Monday included Jerome Freeman of Fargo, Rotarian Jim Griffin of Grand Fork, Elling Kjontvedt of Carpio and John J. Lee. Mr. Lee explained that in the early days he had bought the lumber for his claim shack from Mr. Kjontvedt. S. J. Rasmussen was chairman. C. C. McLean, manager of the Russell-Miller Co., a new member was presented by Hal Davies and the address for the new member was delivered by L. A. White. Mr. McLean stated that he had been a member of three different Rotary clubs. Peter Fugelso gave a very interesting talk on business methods.

J. H. Colton gave a report of the annual session of the North Dakota Educational Association in Fargo last week which was attended by Rotarians John E. Howard, chairman of the music section, L. A. White, chairman of two important committees, and Dr. Geo. McFarland, president of the Minot Normal, also a Rotarian. Dr. McFarland presided at the opening session of the convention. He was secretary of the Territorial Board of Education before North Dakota was admitted to statehood.

The Scandinavian quartette, Lafe Flaten, Carl Danielson, S. J. Rasumssen and Otto Ellison sang two lively numbers. Altho every member could not understand the words, they all enjoyed the harmony. President Shirley spoke on "What a Rotary Club Is". It was announced that Mike Mulroy, a former Minot Rotarian, is now a member of the Rotary at Billings, Mont.

A Correction

One of the notes listed among the assets of the Sawyer State Bank in our last issue given by H. A. Abrahamson for $60.00, was listed as $601.00 thru error.

Ward county is preparing to build nine miles of federal-state highway straight north from Minot, beginning on the grading early in the spring. It is probable that the gravel will not be placed on the grade next year as it has been found advisable to let the grade settle for a year before completing the work.

Evan J. Thomas, county surveyor, has started setting the grade stakes and will be in charge of the building of this important project. The road will leave the city by way of the northeast hill which will be improved, several of the sharper curves being reduced. At the top of the hill, the road will go west to the John Renz farm, then straight north to what is known as the jog. This will leave six miles more of highway to the north in Ward county to be completed later.

This road has always been one of the poorest in this part of the state. A permanent road from the north is badly needed and will be appreciated by a large territory that trades in Minot . Ward county, which has taken the lead in the good roads building program, is building a few miles of permanent roads every year which is proving a good thing not only for the city of Minot but for those in the territory this city serves.

The federal-state grade from Minot to Kenmare will be completed next year. Many miles of the grade were built this year and the gravel will be placed on the highway next summer. The grade will be completed from the point where it now ends, as far north as Kenmare. Gravel will be placed on the Minot-Max grade next year. We now have a permanent road from Minot east to the McHenry county line, west to Burlington and Des Lacs and within a year or two will have completed such roads in every direction from Minot to the county lines.