

INTERESTING

Points Visited By Senator Houck And Family

On The European Trip They Are Now Taking

The Most Beautiful Of All Is Switzerland

Played At Snowball In The Alps Mountains

And Dan Put One Over On The Old Man

Neuhausen, Switzerland, July 30. Editor Banner: I am writing this letter, using the Banner of July 16 as a pad, and every word has been devoured. Thanks to you for the news.

We are more than seven thousand miles from you—in beautiful Switzerland. We found "Sunny" Italy well named. Weather hot—the warmest in fifty years. Twelve days on the Atlantic and Mediterranean, fine weather and a happy voyage of five thousand miles, landed us at Naples, a city of half a million, on the Bay of Naples.

We saw great things here and found ancient Italy in the form and manner of their living. Cab drivers have more authority than policemen. Oxen and dogs for beasts of burden; a dirty unkempt, filthy city, representing the true life of the real Italian before he is Americanized.

We climbed Mount Vesuvius, five thousand feet, and looked down its crater and saw it belching forth fire and lava—a wonderful sight to behold. Eighty thousand people live in huts and little mountain houses on its steep sides. More than seventy eruptions have occurred, entailing vast losses of life and the total destruction of many cities and villages.

Pompeii was visited and I can not describe its wonders. In seventy-nine buried under twenty feet of ashes and lava from Vesuvius and three thousand lost their lives. It was a city of thirty thousand. Excavations were begun in 1748 and still continue. I saw many men working. The concrete lower stories remain. The shops, taverns, palaces and street notices are very interesting. We saw many of the bodies found in the ruins.

From Naples to Rome on her seven hills, "The Eternal City" on the Tiber. All roads lead to Rome, but it is enclosed with a wall fourteen miles around and fifty-five feet high, which was erected in 709, B. C. We passed down the Appian Way and through a gate erected in 8 B. C. St. Paul passed through this gate on his way to visit Rome.

In St. Peter's and the Vatican we saw the masterpieces of art and Roman architecture. Florence, founded by the Romans before Christ, stands on a narrow plain, surrounded by the Apennines and on the Arno river. Its art galleries and cathedrals are of vast interest; the home of Dante, born 1265.

Venice, the marvel of the world. No streets, but water; no horses but four of bronze on San Marco, the clock that runs eight years without rewinding; the pigeons that are always hungry; a city of 150,000 built on "piling" in Adriatic sea. Milan, "The Chicago of Europe"; a city of 150,000. The cathedral with its art treasures; also Leonardo da Vinci's famous fresco of the "Last Supper."

Thence through beautiful and picturesque Switzerland with her mountain homes and rushing water from the Alpine peaks.

In the valleys fine farms are cultivated and every evidence of prosperity and happiness. Landing at Lucerne we climbed Mt. Rigi, 5000 feet; thence to Interlaken where we saw beautiful snow 18 miles away on the Alps. We ascended 15,000 feet to Jungfrau, the highest peak of the Alps, where we made snowballs, and schoolboy like, Dan pelted me in the back with a hard one. At the foot of the mountains beautiful and fragrant flowers were blooming and all nature seemed to be bursting forth in beauty. We are sorry to leave Switzerland, the "garden spot" of all Europe. We are well and having a good time. Regards and best wishes to all.

Sincerely,
LEWIS B. HOUCK.

Mrs. Nylla Whitford and daughter of Mt. Vernon and Miss Sara Shannon of Columbus spent Friday with friends in Gambler.

FIRE

Consumed Fences And Part Of A Woods

In Monroe Township On Thursday Afternoon

A destructive fire occurred in Monroe township about noon Thursday, the origin being unknown. The fire started on the Molszar farm and spread rapidly to the farms of Thomas Weir and Thomas Brock. Over 100 rods of fence was destroyed. About twenty-five men assembled at the scene and ploughed up the ground to prevent the flames from spreading to the houses and surrounding buildings. In addition to the burning of the fences, a number of trees were burned on the Weir farm before the blaze was extinguished.

The origin of the fire is a mystery, but it is believed that it was started by persons picking black berries along the roadside in the morning.

DOG

Believed To Have Been Suffering From Rabies

Attacked And Bit A Young Girl

A call was received at police headquarters on Friday morning from Mr. William McNally, asking that an officer be sent up to shoot a dog which attacked and severely bit his small daughter on Wednesday afternoon. The animal was captured at the time and Mr. McNally, thinking that its actions were queer, sent for the officer on Friday morning. Chief of Police R. S. Clements examined the dog and sent for Health Officer H. W. Blair. It is not known whether or not the animal is infected with rabies, but every precaution against its escape will be made.

FAMILY

From Mt. Vernon Went To Sleep In Statehouse Yard

And Thereby Missed Their Train Home

(Columbus Journal.)

Tired out by a long day of sight-seeing, F. L. Prague, a farmer from near Mt. Vernon, his wife, and 12-year old daughter, sought rest at 7 o'clock last evening on the state house lawn. The grass was clean and soft and they stretched out at full length to enjoy the luxury of a few minutes' relaxation before starting for their train, which left at 8:26. They didn't intend to sleep, not at all; but the turf was so alluring, and—well, Nellie, the daughter, dropped off first, then Mrs. Prague consented to catch a few winks, her husband promising to wake her when it was time to go.

Mr. Prague said later he did not think he closed his eyes, but the next thing he remembered he was sitting up with a start and looking at his watch. It was 9:15. All hope of making the train had vanished, and he realized that in some unaccountable manner he had lost two hours out of his life.

OPERATION

Performed To Remove Silver Of Steel

Mr. Stoneburner, employed on the Blackberry alley paving contract, just north of Vine street, underwent an operation on the middle finger of his right hand Thursday afternoon. He was working at his trade in March when a silver of steel became lodged in the member but did not give him much pain at the time. For the past several days the wound began to grow very painful and it was necessary to have the steel cut out. The operation was performed by Dr. C. K. Conard.

VITAL WASHINGTON NEWS

TAVENNER, "WRITER AND THINKER," GIVES US THE FACTS AS THEY REALLY EXIST.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Today, on the eve of the momentous occasion when President Taft must sign or veto tariff legislation of vast importance to the people, he is still surrounded "by men who know exactly what they want," just as he was when induced to sign the iniquitous Payne-Aldrich bill, indicates that the men "who Aldrich bill.

The semi-official statement given out by the White House publicity bureau (Secretary Hilles, manager) that the president intends to veto all tariff revision which congress may send to him, indicates that the men "who know exactly what they want," (an expression coined by the late Senator Dooliver) also know what they do not want.

The president's advisors are opposed, for instance, to legislation of any kind that would interfere with the Payne-Aldrich protection wall, which gives to the American tariff trusts immunity from competition by virtue of which they are free to charge consumers exorbitant prices without outside interference.

Why Taft Failed.

When the history of Mr. Taft's administration is written, his failure to win the sympathy of the people will no doubt be attributed to his selection of advisers of men who are not in sympathy with the needs of the people of the country.

Let us see who the men are surrounding President Taft, who know exactly what "they" want; and who, through having practically a monopoly of the president's ear, have been able to deceive him into the belief that he is acting the part of a real statesman if he vetoes legislation of the very character that he promised the people before election in order to secure their votes.

"Know What They Want."

In his cabinet Mr. Taft has Secretary of State Knox, former steel trust attorney, Attorney General Wickersham, former sugar trust attorney, and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagle, former attorney for the Waters-Pierce (Standard) Oil company.

Then in his immediate family circle the president has Brother Charles Taft, who is so constituted temperamentally and financially that he can view legislation only from the viewpoint that "Big Business" views it; and also Brother Henry W. Taft, a member of the New York law firm of Strong & Cadwallader, which represents the sugar trust, Wall Street and the great industrial corporations. For substantiation of any advice the president may receive from these sources, he has but to call in Senator Lippitt, Aldrich's successor from Rhode Island. Mr. Lippitt is one of the millionaire beneficiaries of the struggling cotton trust, and knows exactly what he wants. Others who know what they want and upon whom the president relies are Penrose, Smoot, Guggenheim, Du Pont and the balance of the ring of special privilege servers in the senate.

And here is a list of the men whose advice is not sought by Mr. Taft: La Follette, Clapp, Cummins, Bristow and all genuine progressive Republicans. These facts tell their own story. There's no chance for the president to do anything for the people as long as he has his present advisors around, and from present indications he has no intention of taking on a new set of advisers.

More About Controller Bay.

The attention of the Graham investigating committee which is probing the action of the president in secretly aiding the Ryan land grabbers to seize Controller Bay in Alaska, has been directed to a report of the geological survey which shows that the entire tract is underlaid with oil. The land which President Taft threw open for exploitation, it now develops, is of far greater value than was at first ever dreamed. In his recent attempted explanation of the Controller Bay jugglery the president attempted to make it appear that the tract is really of little value. He claimed that the grant did not give Speculator Ryan, supposed agent of the Morgan-Guggenheims, a transportation monopoly to the great Bering river coal fields. Both former President Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot declare that the president's statement is a misrepresentation, and that to all practical ends he has given away valuable public rights which it was his sworn duty to protect.

Wiley's Enemies Exposed.

"I want to say frankly to you that the referee board was organized and put into action for the very purpose of conserving the interests of the manufacturers, so you would have a safe hearing." Secretary of Agriculture Wilson some time ago made this statement to a committee of manufacturers, according to testimony just presented to the committee on expenditures.

It will be recalled that the organization to which Secretary Wilson was alluding—the Romson board—reversed the findings of Dr. Wiley when he ruled against the use of benzate of soda by embalmed beef manufacturers. The same board overruled Wiley many times, finding excuses for letting down the bars to the food dopers on the merest pretense of reasons.

The weird rulings of the Romson board caused friends of honest foods to suspect that it had been organized to thwart Dr. Wiley, and to "conserve" the interest of the manufacturers instead of to conserve the public health, and Secretary Wilson's frank statement to the manufacturers merely confirms the justice of that suspicion.

Playing Favorites.

Allowing 37 out of 83 men under criminal indictment in connection with the wire trust to go free with the payment of petty fines upon their withdrawal of "not guilty" pleas, is an illustration of the Wickersham policy of trust breaking. This system would seem to make the violation of the anti-trust laws merely a business proposition. The men running the trusts may pile up millions by paying no attention to the anti-trust laws, and then escape punishment by paying a few thousands in fines.

Much Already Accomplished.

Considered together, the four bills already passed by the Democratic house—reciprocity, free list, wool and cotton—constitute a most comprehensive beginning at revision of the Payne-Aldrich law. The revision accomplished by the house means enormous relief to the public, partly through the elimination of jokers and special-privilege provisions.

FORSHEE

Causes Arrest Of A Greek At Mansfield

(Mansfield News.)

There was quite a large attendance of spectators at the mayor's court, Thursday morning. James Capon, a young Greek, was arrested on an affidavit of Dr. T. W. Forshee, charging him with the larceny of \$94 on Aug. 3, last. It seems that Dr. Forshee left his pocketbook containing the money in the wash room of the Bowers building and it turned up missing. When arraigned, the defendant stated he was born in Greece, is a restaurant man by occupation, single and 26 years of age. A. S. Beach appeared as attorney for the city, waived the reading of the affidavit and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. James P. Seward is counsel for the complaining witness. In the absence of city solicitor T. Y. McCray, who is on a vacation, L. D. Barr appeared as acting solicitor. The case was continued until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

FIRM

Of Collier & Whittington Dissolve Partnership

The firm of Collier & Whittington will no longer be known under that name as Mr. Collier has sold his interest to his partner, Mr. William Whittington, who will be sole owner of the establishment in the future. The business change took place several days ago, but was not made public until Friday morning.

Mr. Collier will move, with his family, to Detroit, Michigan, in a few days and will accept a position in that city.

ELKS

Give Minstrel Show At State Sanatorium

The Elks gave the first part of their recent minstrel show at the Ohio State Sanatorium on Thursday evening. A fine program of songs was given and the jokes were most on persons connected with the institution. At the conclusion of the performance dancing was enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served.

DIVORCE

Is Asked By Gertrude Kelley From Fred J. Kelley

In Which Allegation Of Extreme Cruelty Is Made

Alleges That The Defendant Knocked Her Down

And Ordered Her To Leave His House Forever

Three Boys Are Paroled From Industrial School

Gertrude Kelley has commenced a suit for divorce in the court of common pleas of Knox county against Fred J. Kelley on the grounds of extreme cruelty. Both parties are well known young people of Mt. Vernon.

The plaintiff states that she was married to the defendant on April 30, 1906, and that no children were born to them. She states that on May 10, 1911, the defendant abused her and knocked her down and twisted her arms. She further alleges that on July 1, 1911, the defendant again knocked her down and ordered her to leave the house. She states that upon her return home in the evening the defendant refused to allow her to retire and that he remained up all night, calling her vile and indecent names. She states that on July 2, the defendant renewed his attack and ordered her to leave the house and that she was compelled to seek shelter at the home of a girl friend. The plaintiff states that she again went back home after some clothes and that the defendant ordered her to take all her clothing and never again return to his house. She states that the defendant is a salesman and capable of earning \$15 per week, but the plaintiff states that all during her married life the defendant did not contribute money towards her support and that her parents kept her. She says that the defendant is the owner of household goods and asks that he may be enjoined from disposing of the same.

Upon final hearing the plaintiff asks for a divorce and alimony. William A. Hosack is the attorney for the plaintiff.

Boys Are Paroled—

Juvenile Officer Patrick Purcell was in Lancaster on Thursday and returned in the evening with Marcus Hanna Cann, Clyde McVicker and Ernest Shueroff, who have been granted parole. The two first named were sent to the industrial home from Knox Co. The latter was sent from Franklin county, but his parents are now living in Knox county and the boy was returned to them.

Guardianship Matter—

Probate Judge Berry was engaged on Friday in hearing the matter of the application of an appointment for a guardian for Mrs. Sarah H. Morgan, an alleged imbecile. The matter was heard in the common pleas court room and a large number of witnesses were examined by the court.

Fawcett Estate—

Walter and Burt Fawcett have been appointed executors of Ralph Fawcett giving bond in the sum of \$1,000, with W. H. Sellers and Thomas B. Sailor as sureties. The appraisers are J. T. Smith, T. B. Barber and J. M. Ulrey.

Marriage License—

Cecil E. Tewksbury, rubber worker, and Lena Davidson, both of Mt. Vernon. George S. Harter, justice of the peace.

Deed Filed—

Atta Cooper to John Jeppsen, parcel in Centerburg, \$1,000.
Oregon Fike to Clemma Stull, lot 16 in Millwood, \$1.
Clemma Stull to Oregon Fike, lot 9 in Millwood, \$1.

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