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NOTES ON A VIRGINIA TRIP.

Nine hundred guests were enjoying the charms of the Hygeia at Old Point when I scrawled my signature on the register. This took nearly every room in the spacious hostelry, but the clerk was an old friend and stowed me away beautifully. The building is nearly entirely surrounded by water and the landlord claims that no land breezes come to worry his guests, but landlords are not all disciples of the Father of his Country in that he could not tell a lie, and the Hygeia man is not above suspicion since he charges \$4 a day for rooms fronting on the sea and \$3 for those landward. Perhaps the extra dollar is for the marine view, said to be the finest in the world. All kinds of craft are visible on the broad expanse of water that greets you, from the frowning man-of-war to the peaceful oyster boat. Sitting on the piazza, I counted 68 vessels of all kinds in front of me and I could no doubt have doubled the number by looking in every direction. The harbor is one of the finest on the Atlantic and many vessels make it a point to lay up in it for repairs before striking across the ocean. There is always one or more men-of-war in sight and a visit to them is one of the liberties enjoyed by the guests of Hygeia, who witness the novel sight of naval drills and the wondrous agility of the sailor boys, who run up a mast or rigging with the ease of a monkey.

The Hygeia has one big advantage over other resorts in that there is never a dearth of beaux. The garrison at Fortress Monroe has about 20 young officers to every private and they prove a never-failing spring of joy to the ladies, who have a weakness for epaulets, brass buttons and gold lace. If any mortals ever did live in clover up to their necks, these young fellows do. They fairly swim in a sea of loveliness, while playing soldier at the expense of Uncle Sam, and get the honors without suffering any of the hardships of army life. There is an artillery school here too and this furnishes an additional quota of beaux for the ladies to lavish their sweetness upon. If Rock Castle, Crab Orchard or Dripping Springs could furnish such attractions in the masculine line, they would have to tear down old buildings and replace them with ones doubly as commodious to take care of the crowd of fair creatures that would flock to them, for girls are not unlike the Mahomet. If the mountain would not come to him, he went to the mountain.

If prohibition prevails here it fails as usual to prohibit. Everybody drinks, including the ladies, who sip mint juleps with the ability of a veteran, as they sit on the beach playing cards with their masculine friends. Several young ladies, said to be first-class, pride themselves on the number of drinks they can put with-in their pretty corsages at one sitting and they run away up yonder, too. Shocking, isn't it? Can't some of our prohibitionists be induced to enter the missionary field and come here to save these lost and ruined souls? Truly the harvest is great and the laborers few here, while Lincoln has a superabundance of raw material, anxious, I suppose, to enter an evangel, which seeks the reformation of lovely women.

I had the pleasure of looking over Virginia's aggregation of distinguished men, gathered in convention to nominate a candidate for governor to succeed Gen. Lee, whose term expires next January. They were a fine body of men, much alike our Kentucky democrats, both in appearance and in their lively manner of doing things. They were exceedingly noisy at times, but always in good humor. The unanimity of their nominations show how thoroughly the party is united and how determined it is to prevent Mahone from again coming into power in the State, to which end that wily individual, backed by the National administration, is bending every nerve. The fight is going to be a terrific one, with victory finally perched on the democratic banner, but it will require eternal vigilance and unremitting effort to the end. Cleveland only carried the State by 1,500 and this has caused the republicans to place her in the doubtful column and lay the flattering unction to their souls that all that is needed to bring her over to their side is the fat fried out of Northern manufacturers, judiciously distributed to blocks of five, on the most approved Dudley patent. But they reckon without their host. Capt. P. W. McKinney will not ride in Lee's saddle to victory as his predecessor did, but he will get there all the same in great shape and in great honor. All glory to him and his noble backers, who have set their faces against the degradation of Mahone rule and consequent negro supremacy!

White Sulphur Springs, the most noted, as it is one of the most delightful, resorts in the United States, is now at the height of its mid-summer glory, though it is by no means full. That would require nearly 3,000 persons and there are not much over a third of that number here. But the guests are as usual composed of the most distinguished families of the country, who yearly flock to this great Mecca, which has been substantially im-

proved since I saw it last. I was present at a German given to a popular young lady from South Carolina the other night and saw more finely dressed, or rather undressed women than I could take in at one sitting. Every one of the hundred or more were in décolleté costumes and as they glided through the intricate figures of the dance, a perfect sea of bare arms, bare shoulders and almost bare bosoms arose and fell in billowy luxuriance. In staid and modest Stanford this exhibition of womanly charms would have been positively outrageous. Here no one seemed to notice it, not even the beaux, who came in such intimate contact with the mass of tempting feminine flesh, natural enough to make the babies cry.

Taking the F. F. V. at 7 A. M. in company with a pleasant companion of the gentler sex, we were soon whirling down the Greenbrier, New and Kanawha rivers, which open at each curve a revelation of such rugged scenery. Knowing the road so well it was a pleasure to point out the most noted and attractive places to the young lady and to enjoy again the scenes so familiar to my younger days. At noon we ran across the Big Sandy and into old Kentucky, glad to get back into the confines of the State that has furnished me so pleasant a home for the last 15 years. For some 60 miles or more the country gives but little evidence of the brighter land beyond, but this is soon traversed and the beautiful blue-grass fields are reached, alternating with its corn, hemp and tobacco and each in luxuriant growth. It was like an entry into the promised land to enjoy this real cornucopia of beauty and abundance and to realize that plenty and prosperity promises to abide with Kentucky now and henceforth. My visit was scarcely marred by a single unpleasant circumstance and proved enjoyable from start to finish, but be it ever so humble, there is no place like my old Kentucky home to me, and I was glad to get back to it, which I did at 11 o'clock, only 16 hours out from the White Sulphur, after several hours' lay-over at Lexington and a carriage ride from Danville home.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

—Deputy Sheriff Bascom M. Moore, of Mercer, died of typhoid fever.

—Mrs. Lucinda VanArsdale and Wm. Barlow Braxdale, died recently in the West End.

—The Louisville Post says of Mrs. J. D. Forrester, whom death relieved of her sufferings: "She was a lovely woman of many excellent qualities of heart and mind. Her life had not been a long one—38 years—but it was filled with many noble and generous deeds, involving sacrifice and self-denial. Beloved by all who knew her, and with whom she generously shared the sunshine of her nature, her loss will be keenly and sorrowfully felt by hundreds of friends in this city."

—Mrs. John Blankenship died Tuesday morning of consumption, after an illness of more than a year. Mrs. Blankenship was Miss Mary George and was known for her sweetness of character and the devotion she had always shown her widowed mother. She was a devout christian and had been a member of the Baptist church since her early youth. At the time of her marriage to her husband, who now has the sympathy of all for his irreparable loss, she was an exceedingly pretty and winsome young lady and there was no evidence that that dread disease had already gotten its clutches upon her, but a year of happiness passed and then the disease began to rack her body, and since then she had been a patient sufferer, awaiting the summons to come to a better world, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. Her remains were laid away in Buffalo Spring Cemetery Wednesday morning, after funeral services by Rev. Geo. Hunt.

—John Manning, a notorious character of Whitley county, was arrested in Pulaski, charged with raping Miss Malvina Richardson. Manning and a companion were playing cards by the river when the young lady went down to cross and the brute accomplished his designs. He admitted being guilty of the charge and was taken to Williamsburg for trial. It is hoped that he will receive the usual summary punishment.

—A trustee has been appointed to manage the estate of Robert Couser, one of the wealthiest men in Fleming county. He has dissipated his cash account on a young woman with whom he has become infatuated, in blocks of \$5,000, and his natural heirs became frightened. He is over 80 years of age and ought to have had more sense.

—The last spike making the connection of the Louisville & Nashville road with the Knoxville, Cumberland Gap & Louisville road, at Cumberland Gap, was driven Sunday. The tunnel is 3,750 feet long, 14 feet wide and 23 feet from the top of the rails to the face of the arch.

—The Governor has ordered the Kentucky Militia, composed of eight companies and numbering about 350 men, to assemble at Lexington Aug. 24, for an encampment of one week.

CRAB ORCHARD.

—After a week's vacation, attending the teachers' institute at Stanford, the teachers are at their posts again feeling better.

—The sick are improving. Mr. John Elmiston is sitting up; Simon Gornley growing stronger; Mr. J. A. Bailey feeling some better.

—Tramps are plentiful about Crab Orchard, living in clover on roasting ears and potatoes, of which there is a good crop—of potatoes, I mean. The tramp crop is never good.

—Mr. J. E. Carson has been testing the producing capacity of some of his fine Jersey cows. One produced 18 lbs. and 15½ ounces of butter in 7 days and a 2-year-old heifer produced 17 lbs. 6 ozs. in same time.

—Mr. McLaughlin and his two beautiful daughters left the Springs for New Orleans Wednesday. Mrs. Brent and family returned to Lexington Wednesday. Mr. Owsley Evans and family returned to Danville Monday. Although several departures from both Crab Orchard and Dripping Springs, as many or more have arrived, keeping the numbers up. The arrivals are mostly strangers from afar. Hon. J. A. Craft has gone to London for a day or two.

—The Lancaster & Crab Orchard turnpike company comes out in self-defense. They say the bridge over Logans Creek is perfectly safe for any load that may go over it. The span is only 32 feet and 6 new oak stringers 12x14 inches support this span. Each stringer will itself sustain a weight of 2,500 pounds, or 15,000 pounds on the bridge. The span of 32 feet allows the stringers to swag in the middle, as any piece of timber will do, resting on ends only, and the longer it lays the more it will swag.

MATRIMONIAL MATTERS.

—Granville Haley and Miss Minnie Routen were united in marriage at the bride's father's at Bowlington yesterday, by Elder J. G. Livingston.

—Judge C. W. Metcalf, of Barbourville, brother of our Tom, will show his usual good sense on the 4th inst. by leading to the altar Miss Nettie Lucile Gray, an accomplished lady of Augusta.

—A son of Governor Lowry, of Mississippi, eloped with a young lady from California who was visiting in that State. The governor was too busy with the sporting fraternity to keep his eye on the boy.

—Miss Nannie Pettit, a beautiful girl at Winchester, engaged herself to two men to get rid of their importunities and when the time came for the fulfillment of her promise there was a scene. They would take it time about visiting her and by tears and entreaty work on her feelings till each would leave feeling that he was sure of the prize. This was kept up for a few days, when Thos. Jackson secured a license and when she next promised to be his he had a preacher ready to tie the knot and it was done, leaving Mr. Goodman in the cold.

Humble.—Mr. W. Sutton, aged 74 years, died recently in Garrard. Greenberry Bright, Sr., is confined to his bed. Mrs. James Wilcott has been sick a few days. Misses Mary Hubble and Doretha Seivers have gone to Perryville. George Owsley, of color, left his wife and three little children and eloped with a bad woman Sunday night, besides all his creditors with the bag to hold. The meeting at Rush Branch was a success and it was no trouble to reward Brother Frank with \$50 for his services. A black man came through here a few days ago selling a book called the "Ready Reckoner" for \$1. After he was gone with about \$10 it was found out the book could be bought at all book stores for 25 cents. He told the boys how the white man was chiseling them and by the aid of the book it could be prevented, which shows they don't know who their friends are. G. A. Swinebroad and G. P. Bright have brought in another large drove of sheep from Tennessee, which are for sale. Brent Barnett bought about 120 at \$1.50 per head. G. A. Traylor and Hart Luce are attending the Columbia Fair this week. The colored fair will be held here September 5th and 6th. James Underwood's threshing is at work at Luther Underwood's. Logan Hubble paid his grandfather a visit this week. Mrs. Coppage and daughter, of Bradfordsville, are visiting at Joseph Swope's. Rev. Bruce will preach here Sunday. Corn in this locality is wanting rain. Fannie Gelvin is having her house re-roofed. Lee Stone has taken the contract to build Joseph Englemann's house for \$130, to do wood work after foundation is laid. What has become of the Rush Branch Turnpike Company? There are many large stones on the road that need covering up. Henry Cox has bought 40 acres of land of the Bowen boys for about \$1,000. Bud Cox and children paid Pulaski county a visit last week. Alex Carman reports his father very low with heart trouble.

—Robert Marvel, an octogenarian, living near Indianapolis, Ind., has gone without food 67 days. In all that time the only thing that has entered his stomach has been about three pints of water.

LANCASTER, GARRARD COUNTY.

—Judge Durham was in town this week and everybody was glad to meet him.

—As the election is over and no work to be done, Mr. Carlisle might return from his toasting in Mexico and ask some further favor of his party in Kentucky.

—Miss Sallie Elkin entertained a few of her friends at Maples Wednesday evening. It was a happy gathering and is said to have been one of the most enjoyable and delightful parties of the season.

—It is said that Will Collier, Wood Dunlap and Clod Johnston will be appointed to clerkships under Col. Collier. R. R. West, who has a position in one of the departments at Washington, is here on a visit. He is also a reverend and will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday.

—Mrs. Mary Brannan, associated with the Munnell Mission at Louisville, delivered a lecture in the Methodist church last Tuesday night. If she is as earnest as she seems to be she will do more good than a dozen preachers, though she is illiterate. Three of our churches refused her admittance. There were no ministers present, of course. If she had only intimated that she would touch 'em up lively on prohibition, she could have occupied any pulpit in town.

—Dan West, of color, who has heretofore been brainy enough to defeat all the grand juries and the State and United States courts, has finally caught it. A jury at the present term found him guilty of selling red liquor and charged him \$75 for the transaction. He is now in jail. Several other fines of from \$20 to \$50 against other parties for same offense have been returned. In the case of the Commonwealth against Sam Merritt, for hog stealing, the jury hung, being equally divided. The case against Charlie White for the killing of Jack Grimes is now being tried.

MT. VERNON, ROCKCASTLE COUNTY.

—John Proctor gave the \$1,250 bond Saturday and was released.

—Mr. C. W. Ping's youngest child died Thursday at 8 A. M. of meningitis.

—Baby Rice, infant son of Mrs. Georgia Rice, died Saturday morning of catarrhal croup and was buried Sunday.

—John B. Jones was run over and killed by a train at Gray's on the C. V. branch last Saturday while intoxicated.

—W. R. Cress, of the Signal, is negotiating with Brodhead and London parties for moving his paper to one of those places.

—Tucker Lunsford, of near Brodhead, had a leg broken Tuesday morning by a tree falling on it. It will have to be amputated.

—The Teachers' Institute was held here last week under the charge of Prof. W. E. Shaw. Much interest was manifested with good results.

—Parties backed by capital are buying lands in and around Pine Hill for the purpose of opening extensive mines. There is a prospect of a branch road being run from Pine Hill to the coal fields of Skages Creek where an abundance of splendid coal and timber can be found.

—It was at first thought that Tom Collins, who was found dead last Sunday near Line creek with a pistol ball through his head, a pistol in his hand and a bottle of whisky by him, had committed suicide, but a coroner's inquest found it to be murder. William McGraw has been arrested charged with committing the deed. Examining trial to take place to-day (Thursday) before Squire Renner.

—Every member of President Harrison's Cabinet is away from Washington but the government still lives.

—The Supreme Court of California has refused Sarah Althea Hill Terry's application for a rehearing in the Sharon divorce case, so it seems that the adventuress is playing in hard lines all around.

—The reduction to one cent a mile by the Monon to the G. A. R. encampment at Milwaukee, is the beginning of a general adoption of that rate by the railroads, which at first swore they would not do it.

—The contract to build the 35 miles of the Three Forks road from Richmond to Beattyville was awarded the well-known firm of D. Shanahan & Co. The cost will be \$355,000. They guarantee that the track will be ready to Irvine by April 1, and by Beattyville, the terminus of the road, in June, 1890.

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