

THE SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN TWO YEARS

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have the endorsement of the park officials in Washington, the Governor in Richmond, the Conservation and Development Commission and its attorneys before being presented."

Mr. Carson admitted that under the ordinary processes proposed for the purchase of the land, no person or commission could possibly acquire a sound title to the entire Park area in much less than ten years, and play fair with all interested parties, but he assured me that with the work that has been done already, two years would be ample time under the plan the commission will submit to the Legislature.

"How about the money that is to come from outside the State to assist in the purchase of the park?"

To this he replied: "If the solemn assurance of some of the best people in the United States can be relied on, and I feel sure they can, that part of the project is not in any real doubt."

"How about land profiteers and real estate brokers?"

His answer was - "We have worked out a plan to meet this kind of thing as I have already explained to you, and through the assistance of the newspapers and the citizens living in this locality we have, and we are driving it into the consciousness of the land owners that there can be no undue raising of prices."

"We are assuring the people within the area that we will see to it that they get full value for their lands, but that there can be no profit taking at the expense of the Park movement. We have publicly stated that we will deal only with the land owners, and that it will be useless for any real estate broker to list any property for sale within the area."

"Long range profits is what the people in this section must look forward to. The whole project would be destroyed if speculators were permitted to take undue profits on Park land."

"Let me give you an instance of the kind of thing that happened right here in Warren County. Back in 1916 the U. S. Government was establishing Concentration Camps, and the authorities believed they had found an ideal spot, and a permanent site in what is known as the Fork District in this County. The land within this district is located on the forks of the Shenandoah river between the North and South branches is high, well drained, has good roads, and is well served by the Southern and the Norfolk and Western railroads."

"All advice was given to the owners of land, and over night prices more than doubled and trebled, resulting in the Government's withdrawal from the project, and the locating of the camp going out of the state, where, at Camp Meade, more than ten million dollars have already been expended."

"Had the owners of the land sold at a reasonable price, they could have doubled and trebled their capital through the opportunities for business investments that would have come to them here in Warren County."

"As it is, they have not progressed materially during the ten years that have elapsed. They let the great opportunity pass them, and not only did they themselves suffer, but every person in this entire section."

"This is one of the most striking lessons to a section or community. I have it, on indisputable authority, that within ten years from the day we turn the Park over to the United States government, they will spend twenty million dollars in its development, and with the stream of tourists and visitors the money brought to the State will not run for short of a hundred million dollars a year, when it, the Park, has become a going proposition."

This ended the interview, but as I stood by the window in Mr. Carson's office and saw the plant that he had created and developed, I could not but believe that every statement he had made would come true, for the man who could take this hillside in Warren County, and out of it has created this great business enterprise, is not going to fail to put over the Shenandoah National Park, to which he is giving the very best that is in him."

I also realized, as I looked over the ramifications of the railroad sidings, the warehouses he crushing plants, the furnaces, and the other manufacturing appliances employed in his business, why it is that the Governor has such faith in the ability, the energy and the resourcefulness of the Chairman of the Conservation and Development Commission.

I am now finally convinced the State of Virginia will acquire and turn over to the U. S. Government the Shenandoah National Park within two years, and I would take a reasonable bet that it will be done in even less time, because I believe that Mr. Carson is giving himself some lee-way in his prediction."

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Des Moines Enforces Strict Building Code

All persons will have to apply for a permit before beginning construction in Des Moines now, following adoption by the city council of the new building code first proposed eight years ago.

Under the code all buildings will have to conform to rules and regulations enforced by the city building commissioner, and provide specifications for weight and quality of materials used in buildings within the city limits, as well as for quality of workmanship.

It was drawn up by a group of local architects, contractors, and real estate men, in conjunction with V. O. Marriott, city building commissioner.

Building activities in Des Moines have previously been loosely governed by the state housing law and a number of "ancient" city ordinances.

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"In England there is an association called Garden Cities and Town Planning, which has sponsored a number of splendid developments, of which the most noted are Letchworth and Welwyn, both of which are self-contained towns, just outside the city of London. Another, especially interesting, is Bourneville, near Birmingham, built through the philanthropy and foresight of Cadbury. Bourneville consists of about four hundred acres, laid out attractively with hundreds of houses built under the plans laid out by the founder. They are chiefly constructed of brick. The houses are set well back from the street and provide plenty of room for the always expected English flower garden."

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A Ghost at the Wedding

By H. IRVING KING

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MISS LIZZIE CAMDEN—old Miss Lizzie—the young people called her—though she was only fifty-four, sat moodily looking into the fire which burned crackling upon the hearth while outside the winds of winter blew about the old house, moaning at intervals as if for the death of a vanished summer time. There came a tap at her door and a girlish voice asked: "Auntie, may I come in?"

"Come in," said the old lady in a strained voice. Fresh and glowing, her eyes sparkling, her whole face and form the embodiment of youth and health, Lucy Camden came in.

"What do you think of him, auntie?" she asked with an air of confidence that no one could help but think well of "him." The strange, haggard look which Miss Lizzie turned upon her niece startled the girl. "Why, Aunt Lizzie," she cried, "what is the matter? Are you ill?"

"No, child, I am not ill; I was only thinking," was the reply.

Lucy had recently returned from a stay at one of the beaches where she had been the guest of friends, and where she had met Albert Longley.

When Lucy had confided in her aunt that she had met a young man at the beach in whom she had become "deeply interested," Miss Lizzie saw how things were at once. At the mention of the name of the fortunate youth the old lady gave a little start. "Longley? Longley? Where is he from, Lucy?" Lucy named a distant city and Miss Lizzie mused awhile and sighed. The Longley she was thinking of was long since beneath the sod of a grave in the Philippines. "I am an old fool, Lucy," said Miss Lizzie at length. "Do you really love this young man?"

"Oh, yes—that is, I think so," replied Lucy looking down bashfully.

And then looking up quickly and smiling brightly, "Oh yes, auntie, I am sure I do." Her aunt embraced her, and kissed her, and blessed her; and prayed that her love would have a happier ending than her own.

But when Albert had called, when she had been brought face to face with him, she received a shock; he was so like that Herbert Longley of long ago who lay dead in the far Pacific Isles. She had gone to her room to sit before the fire alone with her bitter recollections. Now, when Lucy came in brimming over with her enthusiasm and love, Miss Lizzie looked at her out of a past which was filled with the tragedy of her lonely life. She had brought up the orphaned daughter of her only brother, had clung to her and loved her as those alone can cling and love who have only one person to love and cling to in all the world. "Lucy," she said at length, "what was the name of this young man's father—do you know?"

"Why no, auntie," replied Lucy. "Albert has told me but I don't remember now. Why do you ask?"

"Nothing, nothing," said Miss Lizzie. "Run along to bed now—I want to be alone."

Lucy, wondering at her aunt's strange mood, went to her bed to dream of youth and love; and the older woman turning, her gaze once more upon the fire, looked back into the past. She saw a youth, of whom Albert was the very image, a youth bearing the same family name, worshipped by her as Albert was now worshipped by Lucy. She recalled the progress of their love-making and the night of their engagement; and how happy they were. Then came the remorseful recollection of their quarrel and their parting in anger, and Herbert's departure with the flags flying and the drums beating for the campaign in Cuba.

She had never seen him since; hidden behind the curtain, she had seen his regiment march by as they departed for the war with Spain. After Santiago he had gone to the Philippines; he had taken his discharge there after the war, married and settled down as a planter, she had learned. And there he had died. After his embarkation for Cuba she had written him a letter full of contrition, asking him to come back to her; and he had sent it back with the words "Too late" written across it. And here was his son in love with Lucy and Lucy with him. All night Miss Lizzie lay awake, thinking the situation over.

Next morning she said to her niece: "Lucy, I suppose you and Albert will be getting married soon?"

"Yes, auntie," replied Lucy, "with your consent."

The next time Albert called, Miss Lizzie was more composed when she met him. "Did your father die in the Philippines?" she surprised the young man by asking suddenly in the midst of a conversation.

"Oh, no," replied Albert. "Father died in California. I had an uncle who died in the Philippines. Uncle Herbert. They say I look like him. Did you know Uncle Herbert?"

"Slightly," said Miss Lizzie.

"How small this world is," was Albert's far from original remark—and then they began talking of other things. Albert and Lucy were married three months later and Aunt Lizzie was at the wedding. And for her there was a ghost there, also; but still she was happy in the happiness of Lucy and Albert.

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Creations of Dickens

Real to the Author

Many of Charles Dickens' creations were worse than nightmares, as all strong characters in fiction must necessarily be. They were daymares. They were with him in his long meandering walks, governed by mile-stones and timed by a stop-watch. He was glad of a congenial companion to exercise these spirits. They came back to him in the evening and in the dead of night they often moved him to rise and walk that long tramp's tramp of 27 miles from Tavistock square to Gadshill through the mists of early morning.

In writing his strongest characters, Dickens always acted them. He could hardly do otherwise with his dramatic temperament and the dramatic nature of his works. Why more dramas have never been manufactured out of these works is found in the fact that they contained too much dramatic and "objective" material than too little.

Lives Sacrificed to

Superstition and Fear

In the early days of shipping there grew up on the west coast of Scotland a strange superstition that some grave misfortune would fall upon a man who took a drowning sailor from the sea. This was at a time when shore dwellers helped themselves to the cargoes of wrecked vessels. This superstition was very widely believed and resulted in some horrible brutalities before it was finally stamped out, writes J. D. Whiting in his book, "Storm Fighters." There is a legend of one wreck on the rocky shores of the lonely Zetland islands where six men tried to get ashore by means of a hawser fastened to a rock. The inhabitants who were gathered on the rocks must have been good enough to make the hawser fast (unless the shipwrecked sailors had a quite inconceivable skill in the art of lassoing.) However, superstition shared the minds of the coast dwellers with the fear that their winter stock of grain might not go around if they were saddled with six unexpected guests, so they cut the rope and the sailors were drowned.—Detroit News

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