

BOLIVIA IS DESCRIBED AS SCENIC WONDERLAND

Americans With Capital Have Opportunities

COUNTRY RICH IN MINERALS

Railroads Are Projected at Enormous Expense

Description of ruins of magnificent palaces, stately temples, mysterious tombs—evidences of the high degree of ancient Inca civilization—12,000 feet above the level of the Pacific Ocean, with snow-peaked ridges of the Andes rising still higher in the distance; where night and day differ in temperature as much as 60 degrees Fahrenheit; where pressure cookers must be used to boil food—such is the impression of Bolivia, South America, gained from an interview with Charles A. Irlie, who for the past eight years has been at the head of the American Institute, a school conducted by Foreign Missions of the Methodist-Episcopal church at La Paz, Bolivia. Irlie who is now taking a graduate course in architecture at the University, graduated from the University of Washington in 1911, and since then has been engaged almost continuously in South America, except for a brief trip to the States in 1917. He is a member of the South American Construction Bureau and is doing his present work in the school of architecture in preparation to take charge of the building of more extensive school plants in Bolivia by that body.

Elevation is Great

"Practically the entire country of Bolivia," said Irlie, "lies at an elevation of from 12,000 to 14,000 feet above sea level. It has been called by many 'The Switzerland of America,' since it has no seaport or seacoast, while the Andes mountains tower over the populated section of the country to a height of 22,000 feet. One usually enters the country through the seaport of Mollendo, Peru, which has a harbor that is so rough that often the passengers must be strapped in chairs and lowered into small boats by means of cranes from the ships, about a mile from shore and landed in the same manner. From Mollendo there is a railroad which passes Arequipa where the Harvard Astronomical Observatory is located and crosses a divide about fifteen thousand feet high to Lake Titicaca on the big Andean Plateau.

"Lake Titicaca, he continued, lies at an elevation of twelve thousand feet and is one hundred miles long. The trip across is made by steamboat and though it takes twelve hours, it is very pleasant. Among the many interesting sights are the numerous quaintly shaped boats that the Indians make out of bundles of totora reeds. These boats are usually twenty feet long and shaped like a canoe. They are either paddled or used with a sail. Along the shores of this lake are also found the ruins of many ancient cities and temples of the Inca Indians. The region is a popular one for the archeologists. La Paz, the capital and chief city of Bolivia is on the other side of Lake Titicaca."

Population Largely Indian

About one-half the population of La Paz, as well as the rest of Bolivia, is Indian, but they are a sturdy, thrifty, progressive, patriotic and liberty loving people, according to Irlie. The government is a republic and there is very little civil strife. Education is being pushed rapidly and progress is on the advance along modern lines. The country is rich in oil, rubber, tin, and copper and, according to Irlie, there has been a great rush of American oil companies into Bolivia during the past ten years. The chief drawback to the development of these resources he stated, is the lack of railroads into the interior where the deposits are found. However a number of very costly roads have been projected into this region by American corporations, and vast quantities of copper are being mined. About one-third of all the tin in the world is found in Bolivia. There is no coal for manufacturing but water power is abundant.

Valleys are Fertile

The mountain valleys are very rich, fertile, and quite productive below the elevation of 10,000 feet, he continued. Above this elevation the chief product is the wool of the alpaca sheep. Cattle are raised extensively in this region also. The climate though very cold at night and sometimes very hot during the day, is quite bearable.

Queried as to the chances for Americans in Bolivia, Irlie answered: "Chances are good if they have some capital. A man of capital finds many opportuni-

ties where Yankee genius can quickly turn over large sums. American labor, however, cannot compete with native labor, and it is difficult for the professional American to obtain permission to practice in the country on account of a stiff examination in Spanish.

"Large contracts for putting in modern sewers and water systems in most of the large cities have recently been let to Americans by the government," he added.

College Graduates Teach

Irlie spoke enthusiastically of the work being done by the American Institute. The school has a staff of 24 teachers, nearly all college graduates from the States.

"Most of the instruction is done in the English language, and Americans ideas, customs and ideals are learned by the students who came from the best families of the country. Practically every graduate expects to come to the United States to continue his education and at the present time there are from 40 to 50 students from Bolivia doing advance work in the leading universities of this country."

MUSIC SENT BY RADIO

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Paris and London have been heard telegraphing each other through the ether, and last night the calling of a ship out in the Pacific was plainly distinguishable. When the call book arrives it will be possible for the operators to identify any sender they may pick up, whoever he may be.

Last night Garrett Lewis, one of the local radio enthusiasts was working the wire, with Donald Woodward and Paul Hoppe sitting in as relief. Woodward has been an operator since he was 13 years old and all have had years of experience. They admit that they are "radio bugs," as Woodward expresses it. "There is a fascination about this thing," said Hoppe, who had been up until 1 o'clock the night before. Lewis was not saying anything. He was busily turning around the wave-length disk on his receiving instrument trying to get Los Angeles again.

The boys are already beginning to plan a wireless dance in which the stepping will be done to music playing far from the hall. They are thoroughly "sold" on the future of the wireless phone. "That's the way everybody will hear concerts after a while," is Woodward's idea.

"Won't there be endless confusion when everybody has wireless telephones?" he was asked. "No, because the wave lengths have an infinite range, and the instruments must be thoroughly attuned to each other before the messages can be heard."

MASTER'S DEGREE SOUGHT

Examination Taken in Portland by Franklin Professor

A master's examination was given yesterday afternoon for Francis Curtis, professor of science in Franklin high school, Portland. All the work in preparation for this examination was done in the Portland Center which is under the direction of the extension division. Mr. Curtis' thesis, "A Manual of Experiments in Elementary Science" is now being used in the public schools.

Mr. Curtis was an education major at the University and received his B.A. degree in 1911.

DR. GILBERT RECOVERING

Dr. James Gilbert of the commerce department who has been confined to his home for the past week with an attack of the epidemic of grip that is widespread on the campus, is now recovering and will probably be able to attend classes again on next Monday. Although the sickness of Dr. Gilbert has not at any time been considered serious it has been unusually severe.

Dr. H. Y. Spence, 1790 Alder street, has been attending the case and says that he does not consider the trouble as serious. His sickness prevented a trip to Portland which he had planned for this week.

LOCAL CO-ED HONORED

Brilliant Reception Given in Honor of Talented Miss Ingram; Music and Dancing Features of the Evening.

A very brilliant and splendid reception was given in honor of Miss Ingram last evening by her many friends and acquaintances. The reception hall was very attractively decorated with potted ferns and palms. Indirect lighting was used creating a very pleasing effect.

The fore part of the evening was devoted to music and classics from Mendelssohn, Wagner, and Paderewski were greatly enjoyed by all. Miss Ingram herself played two numbers on the piano after which the lights were subdued and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

Much unfavorable comment was made concerning Miss Ingram's dancing and some were heard to remark that it was a shame that she neglected her dancing for otherwise she was so talented. If she had known that Mrs. Bayh conducts advanced classes every Tuesday at Rankin Hall on West Seventh right off Willamette she surely would have joined.

Punch and wafers were served which concluded the evening. All declared that it was one of the most charming receptions they had ever attended and wished Miss Ingram great success in New York musical circles where she goes to study under the accomplished and noted Paduski.—Adv.

WIDE RANGE OF DUTIES KEEPS HUT MOTHER BUSY

Mrs. Donnelly Performs Many Services for Boys

A day's work in the office of the "Y" hut is as interesting as the duties are varied, according to Mrs. Donnelly, official hut mother and friend to the many University men who come to her for help and encouragement.

"There are often more than 100 calls at the office in a single day, said Mrs. Donnelly, "and the fewest number of which I have any record was 52 for one day."

The boys come to the office at the "Y," in search of work, and through the efficient employment system have found jobs which have enabled them to remain in college. Many times they are seeking advice regarding their college course—even their schedules—and problems of every other sort, and to all Mrs. Donnelly takes a personal, motherly interest and has been able, in countless instances, to straighten out the difficulty.

It is surprising how many boys come to college with so little available money, Mrs. Donnelly pointed out. One boy who came to the University from California brought with him only \$11, while still another had only \$1.60 with which to begin college. Yet both have been able to remain, due largely to Mrs. Donnelly's tireless efforts in finding employment for them, together with rooms where they can live at little expense.

"We are doing everything we can to make the foreign student feel at home," Mrs. Donnelly remarked. "I feel that this is one of the best ways that the Y has in helping out, for if the men who have come to Oregon from distant lands don't get the right idea of the University, what will they think?"

Mrs. Donnelly has been hostess at a number of informal parties for the foreign students and is at the present time conducting a little class in English conversation in order that these students may more easily and quickly become familiar with American speech and ways.

BAND ELECTS OFFICERS

Major Baird Divulges Plans for Future; Short Program Given

At a special meeting of the band held Thursday night the following officers were elected: Lyle Palmer, president; L. Lee Williams, secretary and treasurer; Cecil Fargher, librarian.

Captain Lewis gave a short talk followed by a program. Major Baird outlined what he expected of the band, why the band is necessary, and divulged plans for the future.

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