

HISTORIC BOSTON IS DESCRIBED

Local Woman Writes Graphically of Teeming Metropolis

Boston, Mass., May 1914.
To The Editor:

I am very glad to take advantage at last, of your kind invitation to write to my friends through the Observer, although there is so much to say that I hardly know where to begin. I shall not attempt to describe our trip across the continent with stops at St. Paul, Chicago, Detroit, Niagara Falls, and Buffalo, but will try to give some idea of what Boston is like.

We, Lucrece Wood and myself, live in the heart of the student quarters in the Back Bay section of the city. The housing problem here is quite a serious question as there are between fifty and one hundred thousand students, alone in "greater Boston." The New England Conservatory, with a registration of three thousand, eight hundred, is just a block from us and there are: Massachusetts Technology, Boston University, Simmons College, Posse Normal, The Emerson, Curry and Powers Schools of Expression, and various art schools not far away. Harvard and Radcliffe, of course, are across the river and Tufts, Wellesly and many others can be reached by short trolley rides.

It would be quite a liberal education just to live in Boston if one could find time to take advantage of the opportunities offered. Among the free attractions are: the sermons and lectures in the large churches, music and dramatic recitals, museums and art exhibitions, and lectures at Harvard, Boston Public Library, the Lowell Institute and in many other places. The best talent the country affords may of course, be enjoyed at the theaters, symphony, and grand opera.

In this, the newer part of the city, the streets are of fair width but very irregular. In the older sections, it is literally true that the streets grew up along the footpaths leading to the Common. If one wishes to loose all sense of direction, I know of no better place than some parts of Old Boston. The streets run at all angles to each other; some are very short and end in all sorts of unexpected places, or else change their names as they are crossed by another street. In the slum districts, they are often no wider than an ordinary alley.

The foreign population has largely overrun the older residence districts. The question of one race crowding out another is just a question of which is willing to live in the least space and the people are

certainly stowed away like rats in some parts of the city. It makes one heart-sick to go through the streets of the North End and see the hordes of dirty, miserable looking children, the squalid, stolid adults, the unsavory markets, and all the rest. Yet it is wonderful how rapidly these people are assimilated through the uplifting influence of public schools, night schools, settlement houses, clubs etc. The immigrants, for the most part, are very eager to learn and the interest which they take in politics and government, should be both an example and a warning to the too often indifferent native born Americans. I have been in an audience of a thousand or more foreigners in which two-thirds of them raised their hands in response to a call for professed socialists. Here is an indication of a mighty force of which we in the West have little conception.

One of the most interesting features of Boston of course, is its historic associations. People here cherish and preserve old landmarks in a way to make American history most vivid. I would not attempt to do more than enumerate a few of the places of interest as: Faneuil Hall, The Old State House, The Old North Church where the lanterns were hung for Paul Revere, Site of the Boston Massacre, The Old Corner Bookstore and many, many others. In Charlestown, one may visit Bunker Hill Monument and the United States Navy Yard with its enormous dry docks, battleships in the harbor, and most interesting of all, "Old Ironsides" which is preserved as an historic relic. In Cambridge, there are: the famous Harvard buildings and museums, the Elm under which Washington first took command of the American army, the homes of Longfellow and Lowell, the site of the "Village Blacksmith" shop and several famous churches. Salem is only a short distance away with its House of Seven Gables, its association of literary men, and of witches. A visit to Concord and Lexington is a popular trolley or motor trip.

One of the most striking features of Boston is its many old churches which have held their places crowded in among the modern buildings in the busiest parts of the city. It seems, sometimes, that they almost bid one stop amid all the hurry and bustle to consider, what things endure. In the churchyards adjoining, are to be found the graves of half the famous men in American history.

Boston has a wonderful system of

parks and playgrounds and there are many charming spots in the suburbs, lakes, and shore resorts to be reached by trolley or motor. Revere Beach is called "The Cony Island of Boston" and in season, is most gay and alluring.

I will not try to give any idea of Boston as a commercial city. Suffice it to say that it is the second port of the continent and that each of the two terminal railway stations has over seven hundred trains daily. The street car service: subway, surface and elevated is very satisfactory and transfers make possible a ride of twenty miles for five cents.

One would suspect from this enumeration of Boston's attractions, that I like the place. I do, and anyone who wishes to know about the Emerson College of Oratory will find that I cannot say enough for the school. After all, though, "old friends are best" and won't the Blue Mountains look good to me! Moreover, I could just revel in a place where you can have grass and trees in your own front yard.

Sincerely,
NAOMI WILLIAMSON,
103 Gainsborough St. S. 3. Boston, Mass.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED STREET IMPROVEMENT.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You are hereby notified that the Committee on estimates appointed by the Commission of the City of La Grande, Oregon, to make an examination of the property, upon which assessments are to be levied to pay the costs and expenses of the street improvement hereinafter described, as to the valuation and extent, if any of the benefits to be derived by said property by reason of said improvement, have made their report in writing to said council, which report has been received by said Commission and is on file in the office of the Recorder of said city, and is open for your inspection. That it is the intention of said Commission to levy a special assessment against all the property herein-after described for the purpose of paying the costs and expenses of improving South side of N Ave. from West curb line of Fourth Street to the East curb line of Oak Street by grading and placing thereon a standard 5 foot concrete sidewalk according to the plans and specifications therefore heretofore adopted by said Commission and on file in the office of the Recorder of said city.

That the real property included in and the boundaries of the district benefitted and affected by said proposed improvement are as follows: Beginning at a point on the intersection of the center line of Fourth Street with the center line of "N" Avenue the boundary line runs thence west along the center line of "N" Avenue to the center line of Oak Street, thence south along the center line of Oak Street 80 feet to a point opposite the south property line of Lot 12



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Dated at La Grand, Oregon this

23rd day of April, 1914.
CITY COMMISSION OF LA GRANDE, OREGON,
By LEE WARNICK,
Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

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