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THE PRETTIEST OF ALL COUNTRIES

So says Prof. A. N. Lowe in His Tour of Europe--He Has Some Fun With The German's.

BERNE, SWITZERLAND, Nov. 4, 1912. —I arrived here yesterday. Had a glorious trip up the Rhine. About 40 miles out from Cologne I saw the first ruins of an old feudal castle, and from that on we were hardly ever out of sight of one. Stopped over two days in Bingen, ("Fair Bingen on the Rhine," and surely it is a pretty place, nestled as it is among the foot-hills on the banks of the Rhine with the ruins of old feudal towers gazing down upon it from all sides, I climbed over three or four of them. The famous "Mouse Tower" is on a little island just below the city. Board in Bingen was \$1.25 per day (5 marks) and how neat and clean the rooms and beds are here in Germany. I find that what little German I know stands me in good hand. There are no high mountains around Bingen. My first glimpse of snow clad mountains was about 20 miles from here but they soon faded from view. After leaving Bingen my first stop was Mayence (pronounced "Minz" in German,) a noble city of 80,000, on both banks of the Rhine which is here somewhat wider than at Cologne, and spanned by several magnificent bridges. From there to Bazel we passed through some of the finest farms I ever saw. Talk about level land I never saw any thing in Dakota equal to it. Millions of acres as level as a floor and all in the very highest state of cultivation. No wonder Germany can support such a dense population. It is surely a pleasure to ride over these German roads. From Mayence to Bazel my sole companion was a youngish German, who knew about as much English as I did of his language and we surely had a strenuous time of it trying to be sociable, but by the time we got to Bazel we were like old acquaintances. This is another beautiful place of 100,000. The river here is surely a noble stream something over one half as wide as the Willamette at Portland and spanned as usual by several fine bridges. The decking and sidewalks are usually of solid concrete resting either on massive stone or graceful steel arches. From Bazel to Berne the country becomes more rolling. I always supposed that Berne was right in among the mountains and that one would have to look straight up to see out, but such is not the case at all. The town is on a fairly level plateau, with not a show capped peak in sight. It is surely a quaint and interesting town with street cars, electric lights and a beautiful stream flowing through it. Well, I'm surely in Switzerland and no mistake, everything I see around me emphasizes this conclusion. In fact I knew it almost the moment we crossed the line by the Swiss style of houses with their broad roofs coming almost to the ground. Those with whom I have talked, and who pretend to know, tell me I haven't seen any thing yet; they say, "just wait till you get among the Swiss lakes." Well, I followed the Rhine river from Cologne to Bazel, a distance of nearly 300 miles, and it was surely beautiful all the way. I never travel at night so I get a pretty good view of it the whole distance, but for lofty mountains, deep gorges and rugged scenery it is no comparison to the Columbia at all, and from what little I have seen I'm beginning to think that perhaps the Columbia is the most picturesque river on the globe. I get a very cozy room here, warmed and lighted by electricity, three cozy chairs, etc. for 2 f (4c) per day; but when it comes to living that's different; all meals here cost about half more than they do in Portland. The only place I have been yet where living was cheaper than in Portland, is London. I had quite a struggle ordering my "dinner" from the bill of fare this evening but I made it alright. The waiter was a German girl of course and she couldn't speak a word of English, so to have a little sport with her I pointed to the soup and said, "does that mean potatoes" and she said "yah" with a nod of the head; then I pointed to the potatoes and said, "does that mean soup" another "yah" and another nod. And in the same way, beans meant beef steak and vice versa. But we got things straightened out after a while, I finally pointed out what I wanted being careful of course, not to

LOCAL NOTES FROM GRESHAM

Brief Notes Of And About People In the Growing Town of East Multnomah County.

Mrs. Robt. Lansdown, of Cottrell, spent a few days this week visiting her mother, Mrs. S. R. Bradfield.

Mrs. Pearl Becker, of Portland, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Ross.

Ralph Shepherd, former agent for the P. R. L. & P. Co. here, is seriously ill with typhoid fever at the Good Samaritan Hospital. Mr. Shepherd was in charge of the station at Oregon City when he was taken ill.

Ernest Thompson is visiting at the home of his brother, Dr. Fred Thompson, at The Dalles.

W. W. Wood and family, of Sandy, visited his father, W. E. Wood, a few days last week.

Miss Winnifred Osborn has returned from The Dalles where she has been for several weeks assisting in the care of her sister who has been ill.

Miss Elizabeth Howitt came home from Corvallis to spend Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lawrence and daughter, Miss Grace, entertained the following guests at Thanksgiving dinner: Mr. and Mrs. McLain, Mr. and Mrs. P. Michel, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Aylsworth and little son, Lawrence Wray Aylsworth, Misses Maud, Marguerite, Gladys and Mabel Michel and E. C. Osborne.

Miss Mary Powell, of Portland, visited her aunt, Mrs. Clabahan, last Sunday.

Miss Gail Cook, of Portland, visited her cousin, Miss Joyce Kidder, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Burch visited the former's father W. C. Burch and family last Sunday.

Miss Grace Lawrence is taking a well earned rest and Miss Mabel Pullen is taking her place as book-keeper for the telephone company.

Miss Ava Thompson spent Thanksgiving with her parents returning last Sunday to Corvallis.

Miss Ellen DeHaven, of Pleasant Home, is staying at Mrs. E. W. Aylsworth's and attending high school.

"The Village Postmaster" will be played by the Junior class of the Gresham high school Dec. 20.

Mrs. S. R. Bradfield and daughters, Mrs. Edd Rusher and Mrs. Robert Lansdown, visited at the home of Mrs. Clarence Cathey in Pleasant Valley last Sunday afternoon.

Roy White and family, of Lents, spent Thanksgiving with his parents in Gresham.

Result of the city election held last Tuesday is as follows: Mayor, Lewis Shattuck, re-elected 204; Recorder, D. M. Roberts, 302; Councilmen, L. L. Kidder, 247; E. G. Kardell, 208; M. D. Kern, 204; City Marshal, Henry Gullickson, 193; Treasurer, J. H. Metzger, 294. All officials were re-elected with the exception of L. L. Kidder who is the new councilman.

Miss McNeill has resigned her position as librarian at Lents.

C. S. Smith returned last Sunday from Minneapolis, Minn., where he has been attending the land show.

A large number of Gresham people went to Portland Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mr. Pugh.

Miss Pearl Jones entertained in honor of Miss Olive McCarter with a kitchen shower Tuesday evening. The house was artistically decorated with roses and Oregon grape. A delicious lunch was served. Those present were Mrs. E. W. Aylsworth, Misses Winifred Osborn, Grace Lawrence, Inez Lusted, Minnie Shriner, Olive McCarter, Arlie Gibbs and Pearl Jones.

Peterson & Son have sold their lumber business to M. D. Kern and the latter is invoicing the stock preparatory to moving it to his yard on Powell street and Maple avenue.

T. R. Howitt made a trip to Eastern Oregon the first of the week.

Queen Esther Circle will meet at the M. E. church Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

Bert Hess went to Bull Run Tuesday for a short time.

H. A. Samuel has purchased a hardware and furniture store at Washougal and will move his family there in a short time.

Sig Knighton has decided to stay in Gresham and will continue to run his barber shop here.

IN THE WORLD'S POULTRY YARD.



—Fitz in Chicago News.

CUPID HAS BEEN BUSY IN THE PAST WEEK

The wedding bells rang merrily on Saturday, November 30th, at 4 o'clock P. M., when, at the home of Mrs. C. M. Harvey, mother of the bride, Mr. Wallace Martin Blything and Miss Maude Elsie Harvey were united in marriage.

Rev. W. Boyd Moore, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, performed the ceremony, using the impressive ring service, in the presence of about thirty relatives and friends.

The bride and groom were attended by Miss Mary Harvey as maid of honor and Mr. Herbert Blything as best man. The bride was attired in white, carrying a shower bouquet of white carnations. The maid of honor was dressed in pink and carried pink carnations. The bride's bouquet was caught by Miss Edna Blything. The parlor was decorated with ferns and chrysanthemums, and the bridal party stood under a canopy from which was suspended the wedding bell.

The wedding lunch was served at 5 o'clock, after which the bride and groom took their departure, leaving the city for a brief honeymoon. Mr. and Mrs. Blything are the recipients of many beautiful and useful wedding presents, and best wishes of a host of friends.

The bride is one of our most popular young ladies representing the highest type of Christian womanhood and an aggressive factor in local church activities and public interests.

The groom is a worthy young man, of whom the community is justly proud. He is a favorite in musical circles, and a member of the M. E. church choir. He holds a position in the Portland postoffice. We bespeak for these young people much happiness and success.

KELLAND-BULLARD NUPTIALS

On the morning of the 29th inst. Mr. Thomas Kelland was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Ballard, Rev. J. M. Nelson, pastor of the Lents Baptist Church officiating. The wedding took place in the presence of the family of Dr. C. E. Moreland, with whom the bride spent the past summer. Mrs. Kelland is a cousin of Mrs. Moreland. Mr. Kelland is a prosperous farmer, who has a ranch near Oregon City, on which the young couple will make their home.

FISHER—COVLRT.

Miss Helen F. Covert and Gus P. Fisher, both of Lents, were married at the home of E. C. Brown, 10th Ave., South, by W. Boyd Moore, pastor of the M. E. church. For the present, they will make their home in Lents, after a short visit with friends in Oregon City.

WILEY—ZOLLER.

The many friends of Elmer Wiley were taken by surprise when they heard of his marriage to Miss Bethel Zoller, of Walla Walla, which took place at high noon at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wiley. The affair was a quiet one,

STOCKHOLDERS OF GRESHAM HAS NEW COUNTY FAIR MEET CARNIGIE LIBRARY

Elects New Board of Directors--Report of Secretary Referred to Finance Committee--Other Business. Will Be Ready for Occupancy by February 1.--City Hall Almost Completed.--Jail Already Occupied

Monday morning was the date for the annual meeting of the Gresham Fair--otherwise known as the Multnomah County Fair. The forenoon was used in hearing the reports of officers and listing stock represented at the meeting. The secretary's report was read and referred to the finance committee. The treasurer also presented his report and it was referred without reading, further than to show the agreement with the report of the secretary.

The afternoon session was consumed with the election of fifteen directors, as follows: Lewis Shattuck, R. W. Gill, A. F. Miller, Theodore Brugger, John Townsend, D. M. Roberts, E. L. Thorpe, Fred Crane and Mr. Mullenhoff.

This board will meet early in January and proceed to elect officers, President, Secretary and Treasurer and appoint standing committees. President Shattuck has declined another term. Several persons have been mentioned for the presidency, H. E. Lewis being prominently named. It is probable that secretary Kardell will be re-elected.

HOPEFUL TRACE A SINGULAR MISTAKE

The report that Gustaf Vail had been located in San Francisco through the agencies of a moving picture has been disproved. Persons qualified to judge went to San Francisco and investigated the source of the film, discovered the persons participating with the scene and learned without further investigation that the persons in question were well known in that city. A man by the name of Dillon made the investigation, and not till he had met the person displayed in the picture was he fully satisfied that he was tracing the wrong person. He discovered a remarkable likeness, but the individual was not the man he wanted, so he had to telegraph home that they had taken up the wrong trail again. This leaves the family without any trace or idea of what might be done to relocate the missing son.

Mr. John Hagens died Thursday morning at his home in Lents. The funeral was held at Pease's undertaking parlor at 1:30 Friday and the interment was made in the family lot in Lone Fir cemetery.

Schneiderman Bros. and families left last week for Culver, Ind., where they will spend several months visiting friends.

Mr. Maffit has moved his Potatoe Crisp Factory into a building which he has erected for that purpose on his property at 2nd avenue and Marie streets.

I. F. Fossler's meat market on Saginaw Heights was broken into a few nights ago and a half of a hog, one ham and a side of bacon was stolen.

Portland City Gas Works have their piping laid to Sixth Ave., Lents, now. Our housekeepers will soon have their choice of wood, coal, electricity or gas for fuel, or lighting.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Geisler and family of Hawthorne Ave with Fred Geisler and wife spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Geisler.

Mrs. H. Rostad, wife of Cashier Rostad of the Multnomah State Bank under went a serious operation Monday at St. Vincent's Hospital. At last reports she was resting easy.

The unusual array of Xmas goods displayed by the Mt. Scott Drug Co. is attracting a lot of attention already. "Something for everyone" might have been the purpose when this complete line of supplies was ordered.

A Mt. Scott car jumped the track crossways at Lents Junction switch, Tuesday night at seven o'clock and blocked both lines. It interfered with traffic on the Cazadero line for an hour.

FAMILY REUNION.

The home of Mr. Lewis Mason, of 209 3rd Ave., was made the meeting point for a large circle of friends and relatives one evening during this week. Among those present were Mr. Egbert Fox, of Campville, New York, Mr. Jay Olmstead, of Meur, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Olmstead and daughter, Hazel, of Salem, Oregon, Mrs. N. E. Brooks, Mrs. Espey, of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mason and daughter, Ester, and son, Arthur, of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Williams and daughter, Genevie, and son, Clyde, of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lillie and son, Frank, of Woodlawn, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mason and daughter, Hazel, of Lents.

DEATH OF C. E. PUGH.

The sad news of the death of C. E. Pugh was received here last Tuesday. Mr. Pugh was well known here and had a wide circle of friends in Gresham. He moved to Spokane a few months ago, where he has been engaged in business with his son, Earl Pugh. Mr. Pugh has been ill for some time, but his death was not expected and came as a shock to his friends here. He was 54 years old and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carrie A. Pugh, and three sons, Earl R., Russel, and Lonner.

The funeral was held from Holman's chapel in Portland, Wednesday afternoon and interment was made in River-view cemetery. The many friends and acquaintances of the family extend their sympathy.

Mrs. Geo. Shepard, formerly of Lents, now residing near Boring, visited Lents on business Thursday morning.