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### NOTES BY THE WAY

Mrs. Kozer Writes of a Pleasant Day Spent on the Grounds of Harvard College.

(Continued from Last Week.) Cambridge is about 30 minutes ride by trolley from Boston, across the Charles river. Our primary object was Harvard College, where we spent several hours visiting the many halls of learning on the grounds of the college proper, which have an area of 23 acres, with 22 buildings. The gate cost \$10,000.

Harvard has 4000 students and \$12,500,000 worth of property. Among many of the buildings we can only recall a few: Harvard Hall, built in 1765; Massachusetts Hall, built in 1770, served as a barrack for American soldiers in the Revolution; Gray's Matthew's etc. Washworth House was used for 123 years as the home of the Presidents of Harvard, and at one time was Washington's headquarters. Gore Hall was the University Library of more than 250,000 volumes. Memorial Hall was built to commemorate the ninety-five Harvard men who fell in defense of the Union.

Near Memorial Hall is an ideal statue of John Harvard; the Peabody museum and other buildings. Cambridge Common has Soldiers' Monument, with several cannon captured from the British. Here also is Washington Elm, where on July 3, 1775, Washington took command of the army. A short distance from the elm stands the home once occupied by General and Lady Washington; the house of the late Henry W. Longfellow, and Lowell House, built in 1790. Visitors to these homes are all treated with courtesy. We had a pleasant visit at the "Deanery," Rev. George R. Hodges, dean of Cambridge, was formerly a Pittsburgger. Just across the street from the home of Reverend Hodges is Radcliffe College, where Helen Keller was a student and graduate.

From Cambridge we wended our way to Mt. Auburn cemetery. The large gateway is of Egyptian architecture, and the Sphinx is but a short distance from the entrance. This was the earliest garden cemetery in America. Here we found the monuments of many distinguished persons: Edward Everett, Charles Sumner, Phillips Brooks, Edwin Booth, Fanny Fern, Dorothy Dix, Professor Agassiz, and hosts of others.

From Mt. Auburn we went to Lexington, where the first blood of the Revolutionary War was shed: The house where the first hero fell is still here, and in good condition. From Lexington to Concord is but a short distance. Here we made the acquaintance of a guide, and under his guidance we could see and learn more about Concord in a few hours than we could find out for ourselves in many days.

We followed the trail of Paul Revere on that fateful night, noting here and there where the skirmishing took place, until we reached Concord bridge, where the first stand was made. Monuments and tablets mark all the points of interest.

The old Manse dates from 1763, and was the home of Hawthorne for four years, as was also the Wayside Inn from 1852 to 1864. The Alcotts lived in the house adjacent. Ralph Waldo Emerson's house, in which he dwelt from 1835 to his death in 1883, is at the junction of the old Boston and Lexington roads. A small house marks the site of the famous hut of Thoreau. Sleepy Hollow cemetery has the graves of Hawthorne, the Alcotts, and other well-known people of that city.

Much more might be said, but lest I weary you all I will say good-bye for this time.

MRS. H. E. KOZER.

### ONE SMALL GRAFT

Congressmen Will Still Be Supplied With Worthless Garden Seeds for Distribution.

Congress came very near abolishing the practice of giving away garden seeds at the last session, but finally continued this petty graft. There is no more propriety in giving away common garden seeds than in giving away hoes, rakes, mowing machines or Jersey cows. In addition to the impropriety of the thing is the fact that most of the seed given away have been of inferior varieties and not true to name. If a man gets a lot of these seeds it does not pay him to plant them. The Department of Agriculture tests their vitality, but it can not ascertain whether the seeds are of the varieties represented until the crop grown from them is harvested.

There are a few congressmen who think it gives them favor with their constituents to send them these packages of seeds, but many of the congressmen know better. It is hoped that the majority of the members of both houses of congress will soon see the propriety of doing away with the free distribution of common seeds. The funds appropriated for that purpose can be expended to good advantage in introducing and testing economic plants not yet known in this country and in improving the plants we now have.—Rural Northwest.

### PERFORM LAST RITES

Remains of Mrs. Beatrice Cowan Laid to Rest at Revelstoke, British Columbia.

A wide circle of friends will regret the announcement of the death of Mrs. Beatrice Cowan, which occurred at Golden on Friday, September 7. The deceased lady was well known here, and the announcement that she had passed away on Friday was received with keen sorrow by the many friends here.

The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon from the residence in the Cowan block to the Roman Catholic church, where a most impressive service was held. From the church to the cemetery the remains were followed by a large number of citizens, friends of the family, who were there to show their respect and esteem. Over and around the casket, which was simply yet handsomely adorned, were piled in great profusion the wreaths from many friends, a marked evidence of the high esteem for the deceased lady. The Rev. Father Pecouil preached the funeral service, both at the church and the grave.—Revelstoke, B. C., Mail-Herald.

### A Doubting Thomas.

The Optimist thus far this season has printed seven hundred and sixteen million two hundred and fifty-nine thousand four hundred and nineteen hop tickets. We know for we counted and numbered 'em all "by hand." And we understand Billy Clarke, of Gervais; Herb Gill, of Woodburn and Hayter, of Dallas, also printed some. At least they claim they did. But there are different kinds of "hops" just as there are different kinds of liars—and we admit we have lied two or three tickets.—The Dallas Optimist.

### Change of Date.

Dallas College will open its doors for the Fall term on Tuesday, September 25, instead of September 19 as first announced. Prospects of a large attendance of students is highly encouraging, and it is believed that the attendance will exceed that of any former year. Many improvements have been made about the college buildings and grounds, and everything will be in readiness for the opening one week from next Tuesday.

### Wedding is Announced.

The marriage of Mr. William A. Eigner and Miss Edith Houck is announced to take place at Grace Episcopal Church, in Astoria, next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Miss Houck has many acquaintances in Dallas, having taught several terms in the public school here a few years ago. She afterwards became a nurse in a Portland hospital. The young couple will commence house-keeping in Astoria.

The average woman thinks the sun and stars would cease to shine sooner than that she could neglect the regular routine of household duties. A Kansas woman was recently informed by her physician that she would have to have an operation. She said she didn't see how she could, as Monday was washing day, Tuesday ironing day, Wednesday the missionary society met, Thursday was the day to clean up, Friday to bake, Saturday to give the children their baths and mend. If he could get in Sunday after dinner and before evening services, perhaps she would try it.

Ladies, read this catalogue of charms. Bright eyes, glowing cheeks, red lips, a smooth skin without a blemish, in short, perfect health. For sale with every package Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents. Bell & Cherrington.

### COUNCIL REVERSES VOTE

Buries the VanOrsdel Shade Tree Ordinance, Then Digs It Up Again.

Councilman VanOrsdel is still after the shade trees. His ordinance making it the duty of property owners to trim their trees to a height of 25 feet, where the same interfere in any manner with electric wires, was defeated Monday night by a vote of four to one, but this defeat did not appear to discourage the member from the First Ward in the least, and before the final adjournment of the meeting he secured a reconsideration of the vote, with the result that the ordinance was resurrected from the dead and again introduced and read first time. The measure will come up for final consideration at the first council meeting in October.

A strong remonstrance from property owners, in the form of a protest against the passage of the ordinance, was presented at the meeting and the names of the signers were ordered read. Auditor Stouffer started in on the long list of signatures, but had not proceeded far until he was informed by Councilman Coad that a sufficient number of names had been read. Other members of the council also appeared to be satisfied with the number of names read, and the petition was ordered placed on file. The ordinance was then placed on its final passage and failed to pass, the council voting as follows: Aye, VanOrsdel; no, Cooper, Grant, Staffin, Coad, absent, Ayres and Sibley.

Later in the evening Councilman VanOrsdel made a plea for the reconsideration of the vote which had put his pet measure to sleep. He spoke with considerable warmth, bitterly attacking Dr. Mark Hayter for his action in leading the fight against the ordinance and circulating remonstrances against its passage. At the conclusion of his remarks, a reconsideration of the vote on the ordinance was ordered, and at this time the measure met a more hospitable reception, a majority of the council reversing their votes in its favor. The ordinance was then introduced and given its first reading.

It is rumored that in the event of the passage of the ordinance by the council, the aid of the referendum will be invoked by interested property owners to ascertain the desires of the taxpayers concerning the measure. That there is strong public sentiment against the proposed law is clearly shown by the large number of signatures on the remonstrance against its passage now on file in the office of the City Auditor.

### Dallas College Winners.

Miss Mildred L. Clemens and Miss Lillian McVicker were both successful in winning scholarships in Dallas College, in the contest recently conducted by a Portland daily paper. In the beginning, but one scholarship was offered, but the number of subscriptions received by each young lady was so great that the managers of the paper secured an extra scholarship in Dallas College so that both might attend the school of their choice. Each young lady has been awarded a two years' scholarship and in addition Miss Clemens receives a purse of gold containing \$100. Miss McVicker receives the scholarship and a purse of gold containing \$75. Carl Shelton, a former Dallas boy, now residing at Mount Tabor, won a scholarship in a Portland business college.

Ask any "JAP" that you may see, "Why the Czar, with Bear behind," had to climb a tree.

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### ENJOYED THEIR MEETING

Miss Edna Hall Tells of Northwest Conference of Young Women's Christian Association.

The second Northwest conference of the Young Women's Christian Association, held at Gearhart Park with headquarters at Kruse's Beach Hotel, from August 31 to September 11 was among the best conferences held on the Pacific coast.

The conference began the evening of August 31 with an introductory meeting and ended September 11 with a farewell meeting led by Miss Helen E. Barnes, of New York.

The program of the conference was, Devotional Hour at 8:30, led by Miss Harriet Taylor, of New York; Bible Study at 9:00; Miss Adams, of Chicago, teaching the "Gospel of John;" and Rev. J. M. Dean, of Seattle, the "Character of the Old Testament;" at 10, the Student Conference was led by Mrs. Maugret Kyle Barber, of Chicago, and the city conference by Miss Helen E. Barnes; at 11, the Mission Study class was led by Miss Martha Fiske, of Boston.

The afternoons were given up to recreation, such as walks, tennis and sea bathing. At 6:30 P. M. the vespers were held on the beach or on the hotel lawn; at 7:30 P. M., a lecture was delivered by some invited speaker. Among these speakers were Dr. Penrose, President of Whitman College, Walla Walla; Rev. Ely, of Portland; Rev. H. C. Mason, of the Congregational Church of Seattle, and Rev. J. M. Dean, of the Baptist Church of Seattle.

Other prominent leaders were Miss Francis Gage, Secretary of Oregon and Washington; Miss Constance McCorkle, General Secretary of Portland; Miss Stafford, Secretary of the Southern States; Miss Sperry of Walla Walla; Mrs. Charles Black, of Seattle, who had charge of the music, and Miss Julia E. Burnard, of Chicago, who was Business manager of the conference.

On Tuesday, September 4, the afternoon was devoted to field sports, in which Washington State College came off with first prize and Willamette University with second prize. Jumping, running and hammer-throwing were among the chief events, but the interest centered around the tag-of-war between Washington and Oregon. Washington was the victor.

Saturday, September 8, was observed as Association Day, and here each college and city association did their stunt. After the stunts and much laughter were over, a picture was taken of the entire conference. The result of the conference was as follows: 23 college associations represented by 74 delegates, and four city associations represented by 46 delegates, with a total enrollment of 147.

EDNA N. HALL,  
Inter-Collegiate Secretary of Dallas College Y. W. C. A.

### Polk Is Angora Center.

Eight hundred pure bred Angora goats were sold by Polk County breeders last week, to be taken to the state of Washington. Polk County is the Angora goat center of the Pacific Coast.—Sciò News.

Printing, the kind that pays, at the Observer office.

Over 100 people are employed in the fruit packing industry in Milton, and the output will be about 60 carloads.

Miss Loretta Smith, of the Monmouth Normal School, left yesterday afternoon for home after spending the past few days here as one of the instructors in the county institute held for the benefit of Linn county teachers.—Albany Herald.

It arouses energy, develops and stimulates nervous life, arouses the courage of youth. It makes you young again. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. Belt & Cherrington.

An editor of a western exchange recently began worrying about how he would get his shirt on over his wings after reaching paradise. An obvious contemporary sarcastically observed that his difficulty would likely be in finding out how he could get his hat on over his horns.

S. A. D. Puter has announced his intention of writing in book form a history of his connection with land-grabbing from Uncle Sam. The book will not take. The American people will not place much confidence in the statements of a self-confessed thief, procurer and perjurer.—Salem Statesman.

An interesting experiment was tried in a small town in the East. A dollar was tagged and on the tag was the request to note to whom it was paid and for what. In a few hours it had passed through the hands of a grocer, a butcher, a collector, a bookstore man, a hardware merchant and a preacher. In a few days it had paid over \$100 worth of debts. The idea was to show that a dollar spent at home does good to many each day and that its actual monetary value is not its full measure of good in a community. Spent with a catalogue house it leaves the home town and does no more good there.

### POPULAR COUPLE WED

Miss Minnie Robertson Becomes the Bride of Mr. Ross Ellis.

The marriage of Miss Minnie Belle Robertson to Mr. William Ross Ellis took place at 8 o'clock, Sunday evening, September 16, at the home of the groom in this city. Rev. James Moore pastor of the M. E. Church at Mount Tabor, officiating. Only the near relatives and a few intimate friends of the contracting parties were present to witness the interesting ceremony.

The wedding march from "Lohengrin" was played by William Caldwell as the bride and groom marched into the parlor and took their places under an arch of ferns and sweet peas, from which was suspended a lovers' knot of white ribbon. The bride was prettily gowned in white panama and carried a bouquet of carnations and asparagus ferns. Little Frankie Crider was the ring bearer. The parlor was handsomely decorated with ferns and flowers in Indian baskets. At the wedding, a reception was held and delicious refreshments were served. Many beautiful presents were received.

The bride is one of the charming daughters of Mr. James Robertson, and is popular in Dallas' social circles. The groom is a rising young business man of this city and a member of one of Polk county's prominent pioneer families. Both have a host of friends who will wish them happiness and prosperity. They will be at home to their friends at their home on Washington street after October 1.

The guests at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Fineth, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Muscott, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Blessing, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Skipton, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. William Tatom, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Crider, Mr. and Mrs. William Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stamp, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bird, Mrs. O. E. Dennis, Misses May Shelton, Bertha Ellis, Nora Robertson, Maud Robertson, Flora McCallon, Mima Hughes, Cecil Blessing, Frankie Crider, Messrs. Travis McDevitt, Chet Coad, William Caldwell, C. O. Tennis, R. E. Williams, Frank Robertson and Jimmy Robertson.

### WANTS TWO WEEKS' FAIR

President Downing Believes Better Opportunity Should Be Given to See Exhibits.

President Downing's proposition to hold the fair ten days or two weeks is all right. The fair is an educational organization for the whole people. It is a pity to put in a whole year's work and then have half the good effect spoiled by a few days' rain. The exhibits should be seen by a large number of people. The officers of the fair have a just pride in the exhibits. The fair is a grand one, and deserves the support of the state and the people. The cattle, machinery, the pavilion are all high-class, and as good as anything that was at the Lewis and Clark fair, as far as they go. The pity of the thing is that the hop picking season, or an accidental twist of Jupiter Pluvius makes the whole thing a financial and educational failure.

This should not occur again. The fair should last two weeks. The great events should be on movable days. About three days of horse racing would be enough. Let there be special days for the Grange, the public schools, the colleges and the Oregon manufacturer should have a day. We are a great state, and all interests should be recognized at a great state fair. We are not all sporting element.—Salem Journal.

### Tuning Their Fiddles.

The members of the Woodman orchestra held a meeting Sunday afternoon and effected organization for the winter's playing. U. S. Grant was re-elected leader, and Tom Stockwell was chosen for business manager. The orchestra enjoyed a highly successful season last year, and will spare no effort to furnish even better music this winter. The members are making arrangements to give a grand ball early in October, probably on Friday, October 5. The ball will be extensively advertised, and the boys hope to see at least 100 couples on the floor when the strains of the orchestra are first heard for the social season of 1906-07.

### Maggers-Farnell Wedding.

Mr. A. G. Maggers and Miss Fannie Augusta Farnell, both residents of Salem, were married in Portland, Monday. Mr. Maggers is manager of the Standard Liquor Company of Salem, and the bride is known as a pleasing and skillful impersonator.—Salem Statesman.

Miss McAlpin, a teacher from Independence, was in town Thursday. She was on her way to Tillamook City, where she is engaged to teach in the public schools of that city for the coming season.—McMinville Telephone-Register.

W. H. Easter, of Tillamook, was a business visitor in Dallas last Friday.

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