

## BUILDS MOTHER'S TOMB

R. L. DASHIELL TRAVELS TO KENTUCKY TO DO IT.

Through 70 Years The Memory of His Dead Parent Was Grave To Dallas Man.

R. L. Dashiell will return in a day or two from Louisville, Ky. He writes from Chicago that he will be back in time to vote.

That would be an item for The Observer's Terse Tales but it would cover up a good "story." The story, as it came over the wire from Kentucky follows:

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 30.

Returning to Louisville after seventy years to honor the memory of his mother, "The Beautiful Lady on the Hill," R. L. Dashiell, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, is on his way home, after attending the dedication of a monument to his mother on the old burying ground of the Dashiell family, just beyond the "Cabbage Patch," made famous by Alice Hoan Rice.

For two weeks Mr. Dashiell, old and grey-headed, superintended excavation on the site of the cemetery of seventy years ago, which later was the site of a fort built by General Don Carlos Buell at the approach of Bragg's troops from the south. The old man confided his secret to none of the residents of the vicinity, hence aroused much curiosity. At the end of that time there was excavated the remains believed to be those of his mother, Mrs. D. W. Dashiell.

The expense of the trip, location, excavation and monument was borne jointly by Mr. Dashiell and his brother, Ben F. Dashiell, of Spokane, Wash. Dashiell's father was Dr. D. W. Dashiell, a noted physician in the early days of Kentucky. When the Oregon man was only 6 years old, his mother, the central figure in the famous old play, "The Beautiful Lady on the Hill," and said to have been one of the most beautiful women in Kentucky, died. She was buried in the orchard near the old Dashiell place and a massive brick wall, forty feet square, was built around the burying ground. A year later, taking his two little boys, the physician went west. This was in 1843. The aged visitor to his birthplace recalls his pilgrimage to the west in an oxen train.

A few weeks ago, in pursuance to the plan long ago made, Mr. Dashiell came here and consulted an attorney about finding the burial plot on the old homestead. Holding a deed for the plot forty feet square, which had long since passed into other hands, Dashiell took possession of the ground. County Surveyor Russell Gaines was on hand to survey the site in preparation for litigation which may follow. The old homestead had changed hands a number of times and the site of the graveyard was dug and plowed over by Union soldiers when they erected entrenchments on the approach of the Confederates to Louisville during the Civil war. The old stone wall had been covered over.

Much history is connected with the Dashiell place. The house, built in 1835, still stands. In it were entertained at different times, Henry Clay, President Zachary Taylor, George D. Prentice and other Kentucky notables. The monument, dedicated by two Louisville pastors, has the following inscription:

"Erected to the Memory of My Mother, Mrs. D. W. Dashiell, 'The Beautiful Lady on the Hill.'"

### COMMUNICATIONS

El Paso, Texas, October 24, 1916  
Well, I'm still here, because I'm here, because I'm here. The sun still shines bright and warm throughout the day, although the nights are beginning to be a trifle chilly, and we had rain during the middle of the month. As I write this the windows are all open, and one goes without a coat or even a sweater during the day. Steam heat, or any sort of heat, is as yet unneeded. The dust blows, the soot settles, and the hills of Mexico stand out sharply against the blue of the sky, even as when I wrote last.

Army activities are quite as prominent, too, as they were a month ago. Motor trucks, cycle cars and mule wagons, etc., are constantly seen on the streets—all busy in their respective duties of maintaining the camps and carrying on the work of protecting the border. The Sixth Infantry, of which my brother is a member, is still camped at El Valle, Mexico, almost 200 miles south of the border. There seems to be no hope of their being relieved by other regular troops stationed here.

Quite a large exposition has been held here for the past couple of weeks. Exhibits from neighboring states and

as far away as Kansas have been shown, and caused the place to be unusually busy. I do not know if I mentioned before how very busy this town is. I have to look as carefully to cross a street here as I would in Portland, and the jitney service is tremendous. They use Fords mostly, and they dash around the corners like bees.

There is another type of person occasionally seen on the streets here who always claims my undivided attention when he passes me, and that is the cow-boy. He is the real thing, I tell you.

I wish to say that I am beginning to enjoy the Texas cooking now. I presume that homesick feeling had everything to do with my making the statement that they didn't know how to cook here. One would meet that condition anywhere they went, I presume. I have met a great many nice people here, and one of the girls, who is a Texan, is particularly interesting. She wished to see the big film production, "The Birth of Texas," recently, and asked me to go with her, and I went, thinking I might learn something of the history of Texas. The enthusiasm of the crowd was demonstrated by cheering throughout the picture, and I found myself clapping and exclaiming as busily as any native. The absence of Mexicans at the theater was noticeable.

Recently a very large dam was completed and dedicated at Elephant Butte, near here. It is said to be second largest in the world, being 35 miles long, and 7 years will be required to fill it. I presume that is because water is so scarce in this country. I cannot imagine any dam in Oregon filling that slowly. Can you?  
PEARL OWINGS.

To the Voters of Polk County:

My attention has been called to a number of rumors regarding the relations of our company with Mr. S. B. Taylor, who is a candidate for county surveyor.

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## Society

This is Hallowe'en Time.

Hallowe'en parties are in full swing and bid fair to continue to the end of the week. This merry celebration is not without its pleasures for the grown-up folks too, for it lends inspiration for many parties for them as well as the younger belles and beaux. Nearly every party this week will have its suggestive decorations and Dallas maids and matrons and men may prepare themselves to just love those "spooky" pumpkins and black cats, or else be awfully "skeered."

Young Women Entertain.

The young woman's section of the Woman's club entertained a number of their friends at an enjoyable Hallowe'en party in the S. B. Taylor residence last night. The young women of the club are: Misses Cora Rossiter, Pearl Dennett, Hallie Smith, Pearl Smith, Georgia Shaw, Hattie Teats, Dilla Viers, Katherine Van Voorhees, Gertrude Wilson, Caroline Burch, Helen Casey, Gladys Cartwright, Ednelle Collins, Edith Catherwood, Nola Coad, Ava Coad, Georgia Fiske, Muriel Grant, Alice Grant, Marie Griffin, Bessie Gooch, Winnie Hargrove, Jennie Muscott, Julia Nunn, Bess C. Owens and Mrs. Pauline Anlen. The guests of the club were: Misses Fern Parr, Vera Grant, Hallie Hart, Helen Gale, Grace McMinn, Ester Dewey, Sarah Peachy, Hazel Dugman, Klein Oxford, Maud Barnes and Mrs. Ida May Foster and Messrs. Herman Hawkins, Cleve Burch, Ray Boydston, Robert Van Orsdel, Carl B. Fenton, August Riser, R. S. Krason, Laird Woods, Dr. R. C. Virgil, Walter Muir, Harry Gaynor, Joe Helgeson, Ernest Hoisington of Monmouth, Fred Gooch, Toby Nachtigal, Ray Scott, Ned Shaw, Willis McDaniel, Frank McCann, Forrest Martin, George Cooper, Fred Stinnett, Max Flannery of Perrydale, Will Caldwell, Roy Miller, Harris Ellsworth, Wayne Barham, Webster Beebe, Elwin Evans, Glenn Brock, Merrill Barber, Jud Foster and Lawrence Dinneen.

Gives Birthday Dinner.

A birthday dinner party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. P. Dornis and Mrs. James Boydston, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dornis, Sunday. At one o'clock a delightful two-course dinner was served. The table was charmingly decorated with ferns and sweet peas. Those who enjoyed the dinner party were: Mr. and Mrs.

Walter Griffin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins, Mr. and Mrs. James Boydston, Mr. James Collins, Mrs. Jane Brown, Mrs. Bill Shaw, Mrs. Nettie Hutton and children, Miss Ednelle Collins and Mr. and Mrs. P. Dornis.

Children Have Party.

A children's party was given Saturday afternoon for little Almeda Boughton at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Austin. Appropriate to the Hallowe'en, games were played. A delightful luncheon was enjoyed by the little folks late in the afternoon. The little guests were: Lila and Vira Smith, Lillian and Lucille Tankersley, Helen Soehren, Ethel and Lillie Robb, Dorothy Erskine, Ernestine Davis, Cleo Guy, Genevieve and Audrey Tribble, Grace Stockwell, Virginia and Margaret Ellis, Dorothy and Almeda Boughton.

Militia Dance Enjoyed.

The militia dance Saturday evening in the armory was a very enjoyable party. Dancing started at nine. Boy scouts were in charge of the men's cloak rooms and served punch. Rice and Williams orchestra played. The pretty fall and winter gowns of the women of the city and outside guests and the uniformed men made a pretty picture.

Literary Section to Meet.

The literary section of the Woman's club will meet tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. Casey

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Methodist.

Rally day services were held Sunday at the Methodist church. A total of 165 pupils and teachers were present. After the Sunday school service, a short program was given as follows: instrumental solo, Benjamin Rickli; reading, Gertrude Ellis; song by the junior boys and girls classes; vocal solo, Juanita Morrison; reading, Mrs. Lloyd Soehren. After the program an address was given by Rev. J. M. Brown.

Presbyterian.

Rev. MacKenzie spoke Sunday morning on "The Attitude of Devotion Towards Christ." At the evening service the subject was "Why I am a Presbyterian Christian."

The young people of the Presbyterian church will give a Hallowe'en social in the parlors of the church tonight.

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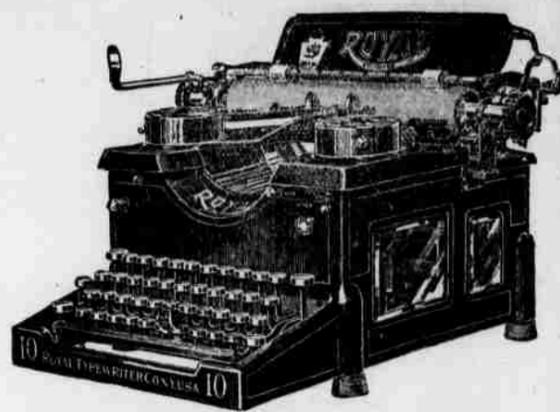
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