

LOCALS

William Warner motored to Portland last Monday.

Pete Knowles of Mist was a Vernonia visitor last Thursday.

George Corey motored to Newport and along the coast last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Amoto of Camp McGregor spent Sunday in this city.

M. Flynn of Birkenfeld was in this city last Friday on business.

Betty Ann and Bill Culver left Wednesday on a motor trip to Coquille to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lappe visited friends in Portland over the week end.

Mrs. D. Lee of Bisbee, Ariz., was a visitor at the home of Mrs. Grace Thompson last week.

Rev. J. P. Clancy of St. Helens was a Vernonia visitor last Tuesday.

A. Corey motored to Portland Sunday, returning to this city Monday evening.

Mrs. Emma O'Donnell and two children visited relatives in Portland over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Charlesworth and family motored to Salem Sunday to attend a family re-union at the capital city.

Miss Pauline Selfridge of Hillsboro is spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Briot.

Miss Leah and Winona Turner of Hillsboro are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartwick.

Mrs. L. W. Baker who recently underwent a major operation at the Portland Sanitarium, is reported as progressing.

C. Clark of Tacoma and M. Becker of Seattle representing wholesale houses, spent Thursday in this city, attending the Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Mrs. R. McGregor's mother, Mrs. R. Brooks and sister-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Brooks from Lake Charles, La., are visiting her for the summer.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kellar, Wednesday, July 24, a baby girl weighing 8 1/2 pounds. The young lady has been named Beverly Eugene.

P. Knapp and D. Davis of Portland are engaged on construction of the new Early garage, both intend to move their families to this city soon.

Mrs. M. R. Eby and daughter Lois and Mrs. L. Schwab and sons, Bobby and Melvin spent Friday afternoon at Birkenfeld and Mist.

Geo. W. Nelson, roadmaster on the United Railways with headquarters at Portland spent Wednesday in this city inspecting track conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. John Humfeld Jr. and son Delmar of Tigard, spent the week end visiting at the home of Mr. Humfeld's sister, Mrs. Mark E. Moe.

F. D. McPherson received word on Tuesday of the death of his mother in Los Angeles. He left Portland at 9:30 a.m. by airplane and arrived at Los Angeles at 3 p.m.

Dr. W. H. Hurley and Mrs. Hurley spent the week end in Portland visiting relations and friends. Mrs. Hurley remained in the city where she will stay for a few weeks.

J. O. Burt, Verna Burt and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Burt of Elk City, Okla., are visiting at the home of C. F. Burt who has secured a position with the Oregon American Lumber company, will locate with his family in this city.

Chas. Schmidlin of Brauns, was a business caller in this city last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Moe and daughter, Joy were St. Helens visitors last Saturday.

Hiking Trip In Panama Presents Many Difficulties

Quarry Heights, C. Z., July 12, (To the Editor)—I have only been here 5 months and though I have not seen the complete canal I will try to give you some idea of its great importance to us and its vital necessity to our defense. I also hope to give you some of this country's customs and things that you will find comical and interesting. In other words I aim to please.

First let us study the country's history, Panama was settled before any other place on the continent. Columbus reached her coast on his last voyage. Balboa discovered the (Pacific) South Sea from one of her hills. Spain settled on her coasts and stole the gold from her natives. Inter married and cultivated the land, never stooping to do it, but imported thousands of slaves from Africa. Morgan captured Panama City and after taking her riches came back, and burned the city. People shudder when one speaks of him, and it still is a social error to mention him. Drake also helped cultivate a hatred for the English when he captured the Spanish galleons on Panama coast before the eyes of Panama City. The canal is not a new thing in this country.

A Spanish engineer presented his belief of a canal to Ferdinand, King of Spain, in the early seventeenth century, but true to Spanish traits it was continually put off and never came pass for Spain to build the gateway of the world. The French started it but it took the Americans to finish it with the help of the Irish and the Chinks. The Irish stayed and the Chinamen did the work. Now that the Marines are in Nicaragua helping cultivate a friendly spirit by killing a few cousins and uncles also getting killed, the people feel quite friendly to old Uncle Sam, they don't dare feel any other way. So much for history.

After that brief history the country comes next, and to keep you interested I am going to tell you the way we live and play here. First of all is play. The Spanish people of this hot climate like rough stuff so they get some poor worn-out "bull" and stage a bull fight, provided the bull has not died of old age in the mean time. Now we are going to a bull fight. It is not at all like the Joy theatre, the ring is a large circular building

blamed it on our pet.) The club would have to watch that they did not camp near an ants' nest or over a colony of scorpions and tarantulas. Well hikers who can be glad that our Oregon hills have only skunks to contend with.

The people live in huts made of bamboo and built on a high framework. It does not require any effort to live here for a native as he can marry a husky and dusky maid and then watch her grow banana plants for him while he goes fishing and attends to his duties as a head of the house. The seasons are divided into two groups, the wet season from April to November, in which it rains every day, not continuous but in showers that come exactly on the dot. The other is the dry season, in which there is no rain and lots of sun. This climate is a wonderful plant producer and everywhere is palm trees and large mango trees. I don't know which is the biggest output, bananas or panama hats, but I think bananas tips the scale. The native gets 10 cents a stock for his bananas so I would advise the thrifty house wife to inquire at her local grocer where all the money goes that bananas cost her there. The majority of the natives are Indian (Sanblans) and Negro. They speak a low Spanish jargon and they have the habits of laziness. They sleep all afternoon and most the night and morning. So the evening is the greatest time for work here.

Panama City is the capital of Panama. It has the population of Portland, and the size of the Oregon American mill site. The streets are narrow and dirty, the children play and run through the streets with a pack of dogs. Old women enjoying the evening sit on the curbing smoking a cherrot and shouting Spanish curses at passing caravanas and automobiles. The national band plays in the plaza twice a week. The buildings are

three and two stories high with a balcony over the street and sidewalk, quite handy to throw dish water and bricks at the rich and policemen. An entire family of 10 live in one room, and some times the grandma and grandpa is included. Panama has many sold churches and statues from the early times. The greatest is the Golden Altar which is a solid mass of gold. The first golden Altar was stolen by Morgan, but they have finally saved enough to build this one. The other is the Cherokee prison that was considered the worse torture chamber in the new world. It was built by the Spanish on the sea beach and the tortures that have been acted in this prison by the Catholic church is beyond comparison. For instance there is five cells that at low tide are dry but at high tide are flooded. The term gold coast came from the time that Spain loaded her galleons on galleys from Panama, I always like to tell of Morgan, that Old English sea pirate who sacked Panama and sunk so many galleys. There is still ruins of the fort that he built outside of Panama and one can see the bullet holes of the cannon balls that Morgan sent into Panama before he captured the city. Panama was the richest city on this continent until Morgan took all the wealth and then burned the city.

The people of the higher class

live outside of Panama City and they have beautiful clubs that they attend each evening. It is a pretty sight to walk along the seawall and hear the young men sing Spanish love sonnets and play on their instruments. You very seldom see a girl and boy together in the public. It isn't the custom. A girl may go out with a servant or her mother even a friend but she must not speak or look at the opposite sex. One sees many beautiful señoritas but always the girl's mother is walking a pace behind casting suspicious looks at the young men and giving advice to her daughter. If a young man wants to meet a girl he goes to church and sits down beside her. If the father likes the appearance of the boy he will invite him to his home. The boy goes but he doesn't see the girl until he starts home, then she wishes him good night. If the father is satisfied with the boy's speech and politics he is invited again, otherwise he never gets another chance. Marriages are a great thing here, everyone quits work and goes. Funerals are the same way. People are not buried in graves, but those of the richer class. The poor are placed in shelves of a large building and rented or sold the space that the body occupies.

CLARENCE J. WARDLE.
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