

OBSERVATIONS

By C. P. S.

TRAVELING

If you wish to travel from Los Angeles to Sacramento by the shortest and quickest rail route, you take the Southern Pacific train at 7:50 in the morning, ride all day and after changing cars at Lathrop, arrive in Sacramento at 9:20 in the evening.

It is an interesting trip, by way of Mojave and the Tehachapi mountains where we traverse about the most crooked railroad in the world for some fifty miles. There one can shake hands, almost, with the engineer going around some of the sharp curves, and in one place the track just loops around and goes under itself in the effort to get through the narrow, twisting canyon. Once out of the mountains the rest of the day is spent rolling along down the great San Joaquin Valley which is so wide that the mountains on the east and the west are seen but dimly in the far distance.

The climate is not much different from that of Las Vegas in temperatures either summer or winter although we do have in Las Vegas an occasional blast of cold wind from the vast expanse of snow covered mountains to the north which drives the mercury on an occasional winter night considerably below that of places like Bakersfield or Fresno. The summer temperatures are about the same in both regions although in the cities of lower altitude like Stockton and Sacramento there is more humidity and consequently less comfort on a hot day than in Las Vegas. And the San Joaquin Valley where it has not been cultivated is just as much of a desert in appearance as is the Las Vegas valley.

The San Joaquin Valley is one of the most fertile and productive regions in the world and is yet only partially developed. And in addition to producing vast quantities of cotton, grains and fruits of every kind, nature has dumped in a few great oil fields for good measure. Then along the foothill borders there are some of the greatest stock ranges in the world.

While one can see much from a train the most pleasant and intimate view of the country may be obtained from an automobile on the highway. In fact with its greater speed and smaller expense automobile travel is bringing most serious problems to the railroads which the latter are trying to solve by the use of light stream-lined trains, reduced fares and some new and pleasant comforts and services. For example the Southern Pacific on this "San Joaquin" the train on which I traveled, has provided a handsome club car with comfortable easy chairs, dust-proof and air cooled for the small additional expense of \$1.50 for the day's travel.

THE MCCARTHYS

I had two hours to wait in Sacramento one recent evening and of course my thoughts were of our old friends Major and Mrs. Charles E. McCarty and daughters. So, rather diffidently lest I disturb their peace and quiet on that Sabbath evening, I phoned. And in a few minutes in spite of my, rather weak I fear, protestations they were at the station and took me to their home. Needless to say we had a jolly party while it lasted and I regretted much the arrival of eleven o'clock when I had to go to my

train.

Major McCarthy has, since July first, 1933, been assigned to duty at The Presidio, San Francisco, a post much desired by army officers. But the establishment of CCC camps resulted in suspending his transfer to San Francisco. And just now I am told, there are sixteen additional camps to be established in Maj. McCarthy's district this fall and so the desired transfer to The Presidio is still further delayed.

OVER THE RANGE

I took the train at 11:15 that night for Reno. It was the night of the first big snow of the season and toward morning the world seemed a wilderness of snow trimmed Christmas trees. I watched the snow sheds whizzing by with intermittent flashes of brilliance where the moonlit snow appeared through the openings. Donner Lake was white and beautiful as it must have been that fatal winter when so many perished there of cold and starvation; quite in contrast to the green of the forest and the blue of the peaceful waters as I had seen it last.

NEVADA'S VICTORY

I was quite thrilled in Los Angeles the other day when the newsboys on every corner were shouting the triumph of Nevada's Wolf Pack over the highly touted Gaels of St. Mary's. And every newspaper had the victory headlined across the top of the front page.

The victory is the more credible when one considers the difference in the size of the schools and the number from which the teams may be chosen.

I have long believed that a young person can and generally does get far more benefits from attending the University of Nevada than if he were only a submerged particle among the thousands of students attending some of the California universities. In the U. of N. with its attendance of a little less than one thousand, students and take a personal interest in each of them, which, of course, is impossible in the large universities.

In Nevada, I have observed also that the faculty personnel is exceptionally fine as the result of years of trial and selection. And it is probably because they are not so completely buried under the impossible task of trying to direct the thoughts of hundreds of young people in each class, as are the instructors of the more populous schools. At any rate I have observed that pens, insofar as the state is concerned, a far greater proportion of the young men and women graduates of the University of Nevada achieve success and distinction than do those of the larger schools.

So when the Nevada Wolf Pack trounces some of the great Pacific Coast football teams chosen from many hundreds of eager candidates, it is an event worthy of the publicity which the coast newspapers gave it.

FRATERNITIES

I observe that the University of Nevada has all the adjuncts of Greek letter fraternities and equipment as the larger colleges, but nevertheless pleasant and comfortable quarters in each of which perhaps thirty of more of the young people can get their meals and en-

LAS VEGAS SOCIETY

Catholic Ladies Entertain With Card Party

A large number of guests enjoyed an evening at cards at the Kiva club in the Apache hotel Wednesday evening. The affair was given by the Ladies of the National Council of Catholic Women. Prizes for contract went to Mrs. M. B. Sewell and Mrs. F. R. McNamee, Leo A. McNamee and F. H. Cayot. For auction, Mrs. C. M. McGovern, Mrs. Van Santongue, A. V. Heinrickson and James Fleming. For Keno, Mrs. C. Maracci, Mrs. Cora Lee Honstedt and Archie Mellot. Mrs. Lynn received the door prize. An interesting diversion was the clever "sleight of hand" performance given by Edwin Jones, of Boulder City. Coffee, ice-cream and cookies were served by the ladies.

Holds First Meeting Of Season

The Mesquite club held the first meeting of the Club year today at the U. P. dining room. The table decorations were fall flowers. Mrs. O. W. Yates, retiring president acted as toastmistress and introduced the new officers. Mrs. Harley A. Harmon, the new president responded gracefully. Mrs. Hale B. Slavin, gave a report of the State Federation which met in Caliente in September and also presented a beautiful picture belonging to the Federation Art Loan Section and which the Mesquite Club will adorn the club house the coming year. Mrs. R. D. Balcom, the vice-president and chairman of Program spoke on the program for the coming year. A pleasant social hour followed.

To Celebrate 25th Anniversary Monday

The members of Southgate Chapter O. E. S. are to celebrate the twenty fifth birthday anniversary of their chapter next Monday evening. Five of the charter members still reside in Vegas, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Mundy, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Squires and Dr. W. S. Park. Worthy Matron, Bessie Buckhart and her committee have planned a delightful program and the members are anticipating a gala occasion.

Joint Hostesses To Bridge Luncheons

Mrs. F. F. Garside and Mrs. J. R. Hemphill were joint hostesses Thursday and Friday at bridge luncheons. The guests included the following Mesdames: J. T. Watters,

joy friendly associations with their fellows at a minimum of cost.

I was fortunate in being invited to lunch at the Lambda Chi Alpha house where Charles Dougherty is a plebe, and I enjoyed greatly meeting the young fellows. The house is a pleasant one with wide, sloping lawn and shrubbery, located on University Terrace about two blocks from the University. The food was good and the fellows all showed good breeding and were responsive to the control of their officers. I hope my presence did not embarrass any of the candidates who were in the initiatory stages. They wore fantastic costumes and were compelled to declaim some quaint little rhymes with appropriate gestures upon entering the presence of the members. However, I must confess to some little embarrassment myself. I want to thank the fraternity for a pleasant half hour and an enjoyable luncheon.

Charles Dimock, Will Beckley, Guy Baker, R. R. Russell, A. W. Ham, W. E. Ferron, O. C. Boggs, H. A. Harmon, R. D. Balcom, C. D. Breeze, John Cahlan, Wm. Scott, A. C. Grant, B. W. Jones, Robert Griffith, Leland Ronnow, Harry Anderson, Frank Gusewelle, Sam Lawson, Leo McNamee, F. R. McNamee, Sr., F. B. Morse, H. P. Marble, Mrs. Carol Miller, Roy Martin, W. E. Ferron, W. E. Orr, H. B. Slavin, Dave Farnsworth, J. R. Van Meter, Earl Davison, C. W. Woodbury, Elmer Mikenson, C. C. Boyer, Wm. Mundy, Frank DeVinney, Ryland Taylor, Wm. Cornell, Roscoe Thomas, James Cashman, Jake Beckley, O. W. Yates, A. E. Cahlan and E. W. Cragin.

Entertains With Buffet Supper Tuesday Evening

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ferron invited a few friends and neighbors to a buffet supper Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. F. R. McNamee. Cards were enjoyed later. The guests included: Mrs. F. R. McNamee, Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. McNamee, Mr. and Mrs. Sims Ely of Boulder City, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bracken, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Squires, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Boyer, Mrs. Sam Lawson, Mr. Will Beckley and Mrs. R. R. Russell.

Entertains With Contract Thursday Evening

Mrs. A. E. Cahlan entertained two tables of contract Thursday evening. Her guests were Mesdames: Marion Cahlan, W. S. Park, H. L. Blanding, Riggs, Luce, F. Gusewelle, C. P. Squires and Miss Angie Roosa.

Erecting New Home

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newlin are erecting a fine new home on the corner of Ninth and Carson streets. It is to be built of adobe and will have all the modern conveniences.

Legion Auxiliary Holds Meeting Monday

The Legion Auxiliary held a regular meeting Monday the 15th, at the Legion hall. The Auxiliary is putting on a drive for old clothes and any donations will be gladly received. Anyone having anything please call Mrs. A. C. Grant at 310 South 7th street and she will call for them. The ladies are also planning a bazaar for November 24. After the meeting Mrs. Al Cahlan and Mrs. Herbert Harshedeger were hostesses. Mrs. Frank DeVinney won 1st prizes and consolation went to Mrs. Brooks.

Rebekah Ladies Hold Regular Meeting

The Rebekah ladies held their regular business meeting Wednesday the 10th, at the Eagles hall.

Rebekah's To Entertain With Card Party

The ladies of the Rebekah organization will entertain with a card party October 24, at 8:00 p.m. at the Eagles hall. Refreshments will be served and lovely prizes given.

Juveniles of Woodcraft Installation Sunday

The Juveniles of the Woodcraft, which was organized last Sunday, will hold a meeting next Sunday for the installation of their officers.

LEAVES FOR LOS ANGELES

Mrs. Terman King left Monday to join her husband in Los Angeles where they will make their home.