

EX-MAYOR W. E. McKEOUGH TALKS ON TRIP TO FLORIDA

One of the Most Interesting Lectures Ever Delivered in the Maple City Given by this Experienced Tourist, to the Young Men's Club

A PLEASANT SOJOURN IN THE SUNNY SOUTH

Ex-Mayor W. E. McKeough, one of Chatham's most eloquent and interesting lecturers, has just recently returned from a very pleasant trip to Florida. Mr. McKeough is a very observant traveller and has the happy faculty of noticing the things that are the most interesting to the ordinary person. His lecture to the Young Men's Club last Tuesday evening was very much enjoyed by every young man who had the privilege of being present. Mr. McKeough gave a graphic description of his trip and his address was one of his most scholarly efforts.

The address in part (as follows):

Travel to the Sunny South has become so universal that special Florida trains leave Detroit each day of the week, except Sunday, between the hours of twelve and one o'clock, which will bring one to St. Augustine, Florida, the following night at ten o'clock.

We boarded the Florida special via M. C. R., Big Four, Queen and Crescent and Southern Railways on the 15th of last month, which was a cold February day, and before night we had passed Toledo, Springfield and Dayton, reaching Cincinnati about eight p. m. It was still cold, but when we arrived at Chattanooga the next morning, having passed through the States of Kentucky and Tennessee during the night, we found the water in the streams quite clear and apparently no signs of frost or snow. Atlanta, Georgia, was our first objective point and our fellow passengers all declared that it was the most progressive city in the South, and so we found it to be. Although it has a population of only 150,000 it has the appearance of a much larger place, and although its population is only one-half that of our neighboring city of Detroit, yet it possesses many stores of larger size than those of Chatham's big suburb, and has so many skyscrapers that it resembles the great metropolis New York.

The chief industry of the South has been for many years the growing of cotton, which product amounts to \$600,000,000 annually. Some of the cotton is manufactured in the South, but most of it is shipped North and to England, where the finer materials are made.

Atlanta is the capital of Georgia and consequently is the seat of government and the law courts. Its public buildings are imposing, its churches and schools numerous, its hotels are large and well equipped and its private residences handsome and palatial. It is also the centre of the insurance business of the South and is essentially an office city. There are numerous large industries, chief among which is a large steel plant of which our host is the energetic head, which competes successfully with the Great United States Steel Corporation on account of its being situated in the centre of the South, thus affording the consumers of their output in the South a great advantage in freight rates which renders them fearless of their great rival.

The Southerners are a delightful and hospitable people who entertain well and abundantly, their homes are cultured and brilliant, and their women beautiful, sparkling, vivacious in whose company wit and humor flow unconfined. They pronounce their A's very broadly and drop their R's, and the expression "bello" for "well" becomes quite familiar.

Among the elderly Southerners who were in affluent circumstances and who suffered great privation during and since the war, there still rankles hatred for the North. They claim that they were Sovereign States and had the legal right to secede from the Union whenever they saw fit, and they have been left to themselves. They would have gained their freedom without the disastrous effects of the most destructive war in history, where thousands of homes were destroyed and where brother fought against brother and where fathers and sons were in opposing armies.

The younger generation view the war differently and realize that the South was morally although not legally wrong in dissolving the Union which has become one of the greatest nations of the earth and which yields so beneficial an influence over the whole world. As the great Boer War bound the colonies more firmly to the Mother Country so the Spanish-American War has welded the North and South more closely together, for the South sent many brave soldiers to fight for the cause of the Star Spangled Banner and the North has generously recognized the valor and bravery of their heroes who took so prominent a part in that great expedition.

Northern capital also is assisting to soften the sentiment of resentment which has existed so long, as it is being used to great advantage in fostering new industries and developing the great resources of the South. Georgia is a very rich State. It has iron and coal and granite and marble in vast quantities, but the Georgia pine of which we see considerable in the North is diminishing.

The climate of Atlanta is delightful. The peach trees were in blossom and violets and jonquils were growing in great profusion. The Magnolia trees retain their rich green foliage all winter.

The colored people are in evi-

dence everywhere. Every household of any pretensions has several servants. They make excellent cooks and the old mammies are the most faithful of nurses. It is quite usual to find in many of the old families those who were formerly their slaves and the affection which exists between them and their former owners is constant, sincere, and at times pathetic.

We were loathe to leave our gracious entertainers. On our way to Florida in the southern part of Georgia we noticed the pine trees were slashed on two sides near the roots for the purpose of extracting the gum which makes resin and turpentine, and which is gathered every week. These trees continue to grow after having been slashed for five years, when they are handed over to the saw mills.

Our first stop in Florida was at St. Augustine, which is said to be the oldest city in America, founded by the Spaniards in 1565. It is a quaint, interesting city, containing some of the finest hotels in America. We stayed at the celebrated Hotel Ponce de Leon, named after that noted Spanish adventurer, which is one of the numerous hotels built by the Standard Oil king, H. M. Flagler, all along the east coast of Florida. After luncheon I accosted a driver of a smart surrey and asked him what he would charge to take us for a drive. He said, "4.50 to West Beach."

"But how much by the hour," I asked.

"Don't drive by the hour here, Boss; just by the job," he replied.

"I will drive you about the city for \$3.00, Boss," he continued.

"Well, we wish to visit the old cathedral, the old slave market, the narrow streets, the old gate and Fort Marion; will the drive include these?"

"Yes, and much more, Boss; and when I get through you will want no other than Willie Sam to drive you again."

The drive was very pleasant. The old cathedral contains the original bells bearing the inscription, "Sanctus Joseph, a. m. d. c. xvi. 1682." The old narrow streets, with overhanging balconies, are picturesque, and the old gate and Fort Marion, built of a concrete composed of cement and sea-shells, called coquina, are exceedingly interesting. Here the windows and doors were wide open and we discarded our heavy coats. Large palm trees and orange trees are a feature of St. Augustine.

The next day we journeyed south by the Florida East Coast Railway. Our train, composed of all parlor cars, left St. Augustine about 9.30 a. m. and reached Palm Beach at 5.00 p. m., passing through Ormond, Rockledge and other resorts.

At Rockledge we were in the midst of the orange groves of Florida, and a little farther south we passed through acres and acres of pine-apples. The growth of tropical trees and plants is prodigious, the railway in many places running through large swamps overgrown with huge palm-trees, live oaks hung with mosses and other tropical vegetation.

Florida differs considerably from Southern California. Florida is low and swampy, while Southern California is high and dry. The palms are indigenous to Florida and grow there in their wild state—every clearing is overrun with them.

Southern California was a mountainous desert before the era of irrigation. When water was found and brought down to the hills, the palms, oranges and flowers were planted and flourished with the greatest profusion, and the desert was made to blossom like a rose. The climate, consequently, of Southern California is more agreeable than that of Florida, which is somewhat enervating on account of the swampy character of the country, which is all very flat except along the coast, which is slightly higher.

Palm Beach is certainly the Paradise of America, and probably of the world. The hotels Royal Poinciana, situated on Lake Worth and about half a mile from the sea, and "The Breakers," on the ocean's shore, were built by Mr. Flagler and are the largest on earth. The grounds about the hotels are enriched with rare and costly plants, trees and shrubs, which have been brought from every quarter of the globe. We saw for the first time coconuts growing on the trees. All kinds of palms are here and the sapodillo, poinciana and rubber trees, and pine-apples and bananas are in abundance. What attracted me most was the luxuriant growth of the Hydrangea, a large shrub of dark green foliage, covered with brilliant scarlet blossoms six inches in diameter. The Salvia, which beautifies many of Chatham's lawns in August, and many other beautiful flowers were in full bloom, and the delicate and graceful climbing orange-colored honeysuckle covered many houses. We were delighted with the wonderful floral display.

Each day we enjoyed the luxury of a swim in the ocean. Asked at the office as to the temperature of the water and was smilingly told that the sea here was warm enough to bathe in every day of the year.

One of the amusements here is to be pushed in a biplane chair through the jungles to the alligator farm, where about thirty big, ugly alligators are engaged. The men play golf and lawn tennis, and a few of the women bathe, but the chief occupation of the majority of the fair sex is to display their modish creations to the milliners' art. It is the greatest show on earth. All the

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largest cities of the States are represented by some of its wealthiest inhabitants. The men come here to get toned up, and the women to show off their jewels and dresses, and I must say, that there was an aggregation of beautiful women beautifully gowned the corridors of the Hotel Royal Poinciana, Palm Beach, after dinner each night during the season are unsurpassed by any other place in this wide world.

We were fortunate in being here on Washington's birthday, which was fittingly celebrated by various games during the afternoon and a special dinner and grand ball at night. Mr. and Mrs. Flagler graced the ball with their presence, and I remarked to a friend that there was as much commotion and excitement created over them as they entered as is made over Royalty with us; to which he replied that Flagler was King of South-east Florida.

"Whichall," near the hotel, is a palace worthy of a prince, costing \$1,000,000 to build and another million to furnish. It is said that he intends to construct a continuation of the Florida East Coast Railway from Miami to Key West, over the islands of the Keys, a great portion of which will be built on steel piles, which will enable the traveller to cross over to Havana, Cuba, in a single night.

TERRIBLE ECZEMA ON LITTLE BOY

Mouth and Eyes Covered With Crusts—Face Itched Most Fearfully—Hands Pinned Down to Prevent Scratching.

MIRACULOUS CURE BY CUTICURA REMEDIES

"When my little boy was six months old, he had eczema. The sores extended so quickly over the whole body that we at once called in the doctor. We then went to another doctor, but he could not help him, and in our despair we went to a third one. Matters became so bad that he had regular holes in his cheeks, large enough to put a finger into. The food had to be given with a spoon, for his mouth was covered with crusts as thick as a finger, and whenever he opened the mouth they began to bleed and suppurate, as did also his eyes. Hands, arms, chest, and back, in short the whole body, was covered over and over. We had no rest by day or night. Whenever he was laid in his bed, we had to pin his hands down; otherwise he would scratch his face, and make an open sore. I think his face must have shed most fearfully."

"We finally thought nothing could help, and I had made up my mind to send my wife with the child to Europe, hoping that the sea air might cure him, otherwise he was to be put under good medical care here. But, Lord be blessed, matters came differently, and we soon saw a miracle. A friend of ours wrote about Cuticura. We made a trial with Cuticura Soap, Ointment, and Resolvent, and within ten days or two weeks we noticed a decided improvement. Just as quickly as the sickness had appeared it also began to disappear, and within ten weeks the child was absolutely well, and his face as smooth as white as ever before." F. Hohrath, President of the C. L. Hohrath Company, Manufacturers of Silk Ribbons, 4 to 20 Rank Alley, June 5, 1905. South Bethlehem, Pa.

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DISTRICT THAMESVILLE

March 9.—The firemen were called out at eight this morning, there being a slight fire at Carson Shaw's. The always faithful firemen were quickly on the scene.

The Misses Dillon will spend the week end at their home in Kent Bridge.

Tom Clark is spending Sunday at his home in Bothwell.

Miss B. Elliott has returned to Oxley after visiting at the parsonage.

Mr. Campbell, from Courtright, is in town.

Mrs. Swartz, Mrs. Paine's mother, is seriously ill with pneumonia. Lawrence Stansell, of Windsor, is spending a few days in town.

The Misses Hall hold their last weekly dance to-night and their farewell on Sunday.

Mr. James Ferguson has been removed to the hospital in Chatham. He was accompanied by Miss Sara Ferguson, who will remain with her father.

The executive of the Women's Art Club meets Monday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. J. Duncan.

Milton Kryderman is completing arrangements to take some fine pictures this season, and has already finished some that are greatly admired.

TILBURY

March 9.—Mrs. Crawford returned last evening from a visit with her parents in St. Mary's.

Reuben Palmer and family, of Harwich, have moved into the Gardner house on Canal street.

A. B. Nicol and daughter Marjory, of New York, are visiting the former's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart.

Mrs. Daigneau, Sr., of Tilbury North, returned home last week, after spending the winter with relatives in Quebec.

Mrs. McDowell, of Delmar, and Mrs. Hatch, of St. Thomas, are visiting the former's daughter here, Mrs. J. E. Scriven.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marion, of Walkerville, who are on their wedding tour, are visiting the former's brother, Hildaie Marion, of Rosedale, and Miss Dupuis, on Middle Road.

John MacGregor, of Calgary, is renewing acquaintances here this week.

Mrs. (Dr.) Brush and daughter, Aileen Sherk, of Crosswell, Mich., are visiting Mrs. Scriven.

Mr. H. Beckett is getting out plans for a new brick two story building on Queen street, south of his present premises.

The family of Antoine Daigneau had a very narrow escape from a catastrophe, due to a defective coal stove, on Wednesday night.

John Whittall, of Romney, has purchased the house and lot of Fred. Poulton for \$650, and will move to Tilbury.

TURNERVILLE.

Robert Tong, of Zone Township, passed through our village on his way home from Dresden the other day.

Mr. Clapp had a bee last Tuesday drawing gravel for the foundation of a new house, which he will build in the spring.

We are sorry to hear that our school teacher, Miss Jessie Hall, is going to leave us at summer holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rieborough, of Kent Bridge, were the guests of Thomas Buckingham on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Peters, of Thamesville, spent Sunday with friends in this neighborhood.

T. Moore is all smiles these days. It's a daughter this time.

Mr. Russell Ripley has rented J. D. Moir's farm.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stocking returned home on Wednesday last, after a two weeks' visit with friends at Longwood and Melbourne.

Thomas Buckingham preached in the Lindsay Road church on Sunday morning, Rev. Mr. Taylor being ill.

D. McLean and family, Chas. Merritt and family, Ernest Shaw and Joseph Andrews leave about the 20th of March for Moosejaw, Assa.

Alvin Campbell joined the ranks of the benedictines on Wednesday last. The bride was Mattie, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gay Purdie, 8th Con., Chatham Tp. Miss Myrtle Campbell, sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Charles Purdie, brother of the bride, was best man. In the words of old song, we life and success to you."

T. J. Shaw has engaged Geo. Goodridge for the coming year.

Miss Hannah Stocking visited Miss Gertrude Barker, Thursday.

The League will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening. This society is on a fair way for doing much good.

Partly owing to the services held by Evangelist Bishop and Rev. Mr. Taylor, over 90 persons partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Feb. 21st.

CEDAR SPRINGS.

The Misses Benedicts, of Chatham, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Chas. Tyrrell.

Mr. Chas. McGuigan disposed of a fine team of horses this week at a good figure.

Allen Smith and his mother, Mrs. J. O. Smith, are confined to their beds through illness.

Benjamin Wood has taken a contract of cutting 100 cords of store wood for Sinclair Bros., of Guilda.

Rev. Mr. Mennedy made his trip to Fourth line church on Sunday through the snow storm on foot, owing to his horse becoming lame.

The O. F. E. intends holding their annual concert on March 8th.

Andrew Ransom has returned from Michigan, where he has been spend-

To-Night and Monday

AT

NORTHWAY'S

A Cashmere Hose Bargain—96 doz. Ladies' fine pure wool Cashmere hose, plain knit, full fashioned, seamless feet, spliced heels and toes, sizes 8½, 9, 9½, regular up to 40c a pair for 25c.

Wash Silk Embroidered Collars—a range richly embroidered styles in pure silk, assorted colors, regular up to 50c each for 25c.

New White Vestings—pure white rich silky finish in choice line of new designs, matchless values at a yard, 15c, 20c and 25c.

Ladies' \$1.00 Vests, 79c—Fine pure lamb's wool in white, scarlet, black and natural colors, warranted unshrinkable, drawers to match, the best dollar garments made, at each, 79c.

25c. Cashmere Gloves 18c. Pair—10 doz. Ladies' and Misses' fine Cashmere Ringwood and Wool Gloves, assorted colors, regular 20c. and 25c. Pair for 18c.

Children's Fleece Underwear Vests and Drawers, fine quality, assorted sizes, regular up 45c. each, clearing at 29c.

Ladies' Spring Coats, fitted and box back styles in fine Fawn, Covert Cloths perfect fitting garments, beautifully finished, at each \$8.50 and \$10.00.

25c Corset Covers at 19c—Fine Cambric, Marguerite style, trimmed with lace beading and ribbon on neck and sleeves, regular 25c for 19c.

40c Covers at 29c—Fine cambric Marguerite style with front of all over embroidery insertion, neck and sleeves trimmed with lace beading and silk ribbon. A 40c special for 29c.

Ladies' 50c Drawers at 39c—Fine Lonsdale, made umbrella style with deep lawn frill, trimmed with 2 rows torchon insertion and tucks, edged with torchon lace, regular 50c for 29c.

65c Flannelette Gowns 46c—Ladies' fine stripe Flannelette gowns, double yoke in back, flannelette ruffle edged with lace on neck, sleeves and front, 65c value for 46c.

New Taffeta Silk Waists \$3.19—Rich quality black French taffeta, made with surplice or shirred front, latest sleeves, finished with tucks and silk braiding trim, sizes 32 to 44, special each \$3.19.

10c Silk Ribbons 5c yard—50 pcs. pure silk ribbons, 2 inch wide, soft finish with cord edge, in every wanted color, worth 10c yard, to-night 5c.

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ing the last month with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Elliott, of Leamington, paid the town a flying visit last week.

Mr. John Payesley, our merchant, has gone to visit his parents at Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pardo celebrated their 58th anniversary on the 28th of February. May they have many happy returns of the day.

Mrs. Stimers, of Chatham, visited friends here last week.

Very important it is in this age of competition to have a clear cool head, a strong heart and steady nerves.

Too much rush and bustle, work and worry, fall to the lot of the average business man.

His heart and nerve system will not stand it—he gives them too much work to do.

Women also are doing the same thing attending to their household duties and looking after their social obligations. The constant strain under which they have to continue day in and day out, the irregularities of habits and loss of rest will soon shatter the strongest system. Before long you become nervous, starting at the least sudden sound, the heart flutters and palpitate, speaks float before the eyes, the pulse becomes weak and irregular, you have faint and dizzy spells, lack of self-confidence, rush of blood to the head, irritability of temper, shortness of breath, starting in sleep, sensation of pins and needles, sleeplessness, restlessness and finally physical breakdown or nervous prostration.

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are the remedy you require to restore your strength and health. Their extraordinary curative power manifests itself immediately they are taken. Through the medium of the nervous system they impart a strengthening and restorative influence to every organ and tissue of the body. Many have been cured, among them being Mr. Ray V. Coomber, Wellington, P.E.I., Mrs. E. Kilmer, Humberstone, Ont., Mrs. C. McDaniel, Portage la Prairie, Man., Mr. Walter Cleveland, Baywater, N.S., Mr. Owen Martin, Alma, N.B. and thousands of others.

The price of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills is 50c. per box or 3 boxes for \$1.25. Can be procured at all drug and general stores, or will be sent on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

THE STAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the Grand—

The German Gipsy—March 10.

Her Only Sin—March 12.

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

AL. H. WILSON.

That popular young German dialect comedian and singer, Al. H. Wilson, (Metz), in a new rollicking comedy, entitled, "The German Gipsy," is to be the attraction at the Grand this (Saturday) evening.

The title role is a young German, (Metz), a poor rovers, whose poverty is no check to his effervescent spirit, nor his mishaps to his ambition. This enjoyable type of German is peculiarly adapted to Mr. Wilson's great talents, even more happily than all his former successes.

The stage pictures required are exceedingly elaborate and massive, which, together with the costumes, furniture, properties, electrical effects and color schemes, mark a memorable event in this modern day of realism.

Mr. Wilson's songs are entirely new and will be heard in the Maple City this evening for the first time.

They are, "No Love Like Thine," "Under the Harvest Moon," "Gretchen," "The Love Trust," "My German Rose," "The Girl for Me," "Katie Krause," and "The Rocky Road to Dublin," introducing also, in character selections, the Famous Zangara Gipsy Trio.

To-night at the Grand.

"HER ONLY SIN."

Miss Julia Gray, the handsome and talented young English actress, is entering on her third annual tour this season with this play, "Her Only Sin," as her vehicle, and Manager Prisco, of the Grand, announces that he has consummated arrangements with Mr. Carter, her manager, for the appearance of Miss Gray at the Grand on Monday night.

Some exceedingly clever character work are shown in the play. The character of Adolphus Bond, the eccentric little English barrister, is one of the most pleasant bits of comedy work that has appeared on the stage. Julia Gray, who plays the stellar role in which she is given a wide scope to show her dramatic abilities, plays the part to perfection and in a way that always elicits the applause and sympathy of an audience.

Very flattering press comments and enthusiastic receptions were given the production during its run in several of the larger cities, the company having played to splendid audiences everywhere.

Miss Julia Gray is an emotional actress of rare ability, and it is expected that the capacity of the Grand will be taxed on Monday night.

The days are getting longer, but the gas meter still does business at the same old stand.

GLENWOOD.

Mr. John Mabbett and Geo. Handy have returned from Detroit, after a two weeks' visit with friends there.

Mr. T. W. Chester and wife and Mrs. John Chester spent Sunday with relatives in Renwick.

Miss Clara Estabrook, of the C. B. C., Chatham, spent Sunday and Monday at her home here.

Mrs. A. W. Gilbert has sold her farm to Martin Johnson, of Victoria. Mrs. Gilbert and family and T. W. Chester and family leave within a month for Alberta, where Mr. Gilbert has been for the past year.

Rufus Newham and Fred Rollett, of Detroit, are visiting relatives here. Mr. Rollett, Sr., is a little better.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hetherington, of Leamington, spent Sunday with friends here.

BLOOD HUMORS

PIMPLES Many an otherwise beautiful and attractive face is sadly disfigured by unsightly blotches, eruptions, pimples, eruptions, flesh worms and humors, and various other blood diseases.

HER PRESENCE is a source of embarrassment to those afflicted, as well as pain and regret to their friends.

Many a cheek and brow—cast in the mould of grace and beauty—have been sadly defaced, their attractiveness lost, and their possessor rendered unhappy for years.