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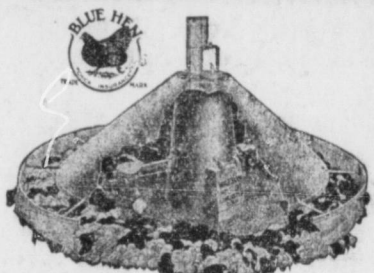
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DAYTON, OHIO

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Erie Railroad Company

Upon return of this property to its owners March 1st., a new organization was put into effect. Four regions are created and a Manager placed in charge of each Region. The Manager has a complete staff of officers covering all departments, making each Region complete in itself.

By decentralizing authority and placing it in the Manager the following benefits will result:

First—More intimate dealing with the public. Prompt settlement of questions arising between the public and the Railroad Company. Weeks formerly required settling many questions due to "red tape" will be reduced to days. The Manager on the ground will have authority to act.

Second—Closer relations between its employees and the Railroad Company resulting in more prompt handling of all questions arising between them, and closer contact with daily conditions of operation.

Third—Greater efficiency in operation and maintenance. The Regional organization will be responsible not only for securing business, but for its prompt and safe movement.

The Chicago Region extends between Marion, O., and Chicago, Ill., with headquarters at Chicago, traversing 269 miles of the best farming country in Ohio and Indiana, serving sixty-five cities and towns in these two states.

The local Divisional Representatives are:

E. I. BOWEN,
Superintendent,
Huntington.
M. P. O'BRIEN,
Milk and Live Stock Agent,
Chicago.

J. H. HACKETT,
Division Freight Agent,
Huntington.
L. B. SMITH,
Division Passenger Agent,
Huntington.

and all questions taken up with Division Officials requiring consideration or authority of the regional officers, will be promptly submitted to and acted upon at regional headquarters.

With its line, double tracked, between Chicago and New York, serving numerous important cities in six states, and through its connections, all sections of the country, the Erie Railroad is in position to render the best possible service to the shipping and traveling public.

A. E. WALLACE,
Manager,
Chicago.

W. V. KENNEDY,
General Freight and Passenger
Agent, Chicago.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

Robberies and Hold-ups are Numerous in California Towns—Chinatown

IS A LIVELY PLACE
Visalia Business Men are Good Advertisers, and the Rate is High, Too

Visalia, California,
Monday, February 16, 1920.

I am very well pleased with our home-life here. We were fortunate in getting two furnished housekeeping apartments at "The Ramona," a very clean, new apartment house, with gas hot and cold water in both rooms, electric lights and many other conveniences that make housework a pleasure.

I always had a horror of "light-housekeeping," but find it is a pleasure, after caring for a big house of cumbersome cares. Our little gas oven nicely heats our apartment, morning and evening, and other times yields us crisp, brown bread, delicious apple turnovers, biscuits, and other good things, as I do our own baking, and enjoy it. I must say, too, we had one good old Hoosier buckwheat cakes, though buckwheat season here is not very long, according to the heat. It was very difficult to get at the last. We have no yard, but a near-roof garden at the rear. I go out into the hall, then up a step, and then out under a very blue, clear sky—nearly always sunshiny, even if not always warm. At my right rise the snow-covered high Sierra Nevada mountains, apparently at the edge of town, but really 50 miles away. An interesting peak is Mt. Whitney, which supplies the electric power to the city. All around my roof-yard rise feathery palms and an Oriental air is given by the "Chinatown" on the next street, whose backyards join on the alley below. At the rear of the buildings are innumerable pigeon houses on high stilts. These are swarming with their feathered colonies, while ducks waddling about, occupy the ground floor. The Japanese population is also quite large

and every now and then a Jap or Chinese woman or maid in bright-colored picturesque satin "pajamas," sometimes puffing a cigarette, appears. From my kitchen window I can see across to their "hall" which is very brilliantly lighted on special occasions. On holidays or birthday of great men of their country, their national flag, surmounted by an American, is unfurled. I was much startled the other day to hear an unceasing artillery-fire. Hurrying out, I noticed the startled pigeons flying in confusion hither and thither. The artillery-fire continued at intervals—and I finally learned the Chinese are celebrating New Years this week. All their business houses are closed and will be until Saturday afternoon. Quaint ceremonies for their gods are held and candies and Chinese nuts distributed. One of the ducks I noted, was sacrificed, too, one Chinaman stripping its feathers ruthlessly across the alley from our roof-garden—for the New Year's feast, I suppose.

Another quaint feature is the Tomale parlor. There are at least two Tomale parlors, one being conducted by a real Mexican woman—Mrs. Estrada. Society events here, oft-times take the form of "Spanish suppers," served at these Tomale parlors. I have noted several. They are often given on the occasion of meeting of stockholders of organizations and of clubs etc. Mrs. Estrada's seems to be the most popular, probably being more realistic, with its yard swarming with dogs, bedraggled chickens and children. But I must say the other, with its modern bungalow, palms and prattling parrots, is the more artistic. The Chinese eating houses, with their chop-suey, chow-mains and "noodles" plentiful. Since I had a glimpse of their back-yard from my roof-garden, however, I have lost my desire to try them, and Chinese dishes are still a dream for me!

Whether newspaper reporters and police work together better here and yield up the news, playing it up more, I can't say, but there are a lot of robberies, hold-ups and murders reported in the papers here. Visalia is midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco and we get morning papers from both. Bold robberies occur in broad daylight in the hearts of the city. Around Visalia, too, there are many, and it frightened us out of our intention of getting an auto. Nothing of such a nature came within our experiences, but not long ago the night agent at the Southern Pacific depot, about a half block from the "Ramona," where we live, was held up by a masked bandit and "relieved" of \$30. About a week later, one Sunday morning at 2 o'clock I awakened unaccountably. I heard thereafter heard screams of women, and shooting and I thought I heard the cry "murder" and "string him up." I was horribly frightened, for I thought it was a murder. Tom had been lying awake for a half-hour, having heard many shots during that time. Presently a whistle began to blow and we got up and dressed and sallied forth. It proved to be a fire in Chinatown in the next street. The firemen had fired the shots to awaken the populace as the fire-alarm was out of commission. It was very exciting to us, because of the seeming mystery to one in a strange place, where ways and customs are new. But we were very glad it proved no worse.

Business men here are very wide-awake, progressive and believe in advertising. Ad. rates in the paper are very high, too, but evidently it pays the advertiser. I had my first experience with the "cash and carry" grocery and like it. Why don't someone at home try it. Goods are marked and placed within sight and reach; potatoes, onions, sugar, beans, etc., are weighed out in twenty-five and fifty cent bag lots, and one goes around and helps himself, self-service, making prices cheaper, as well as the cash and self-delivery. They do an enormous business. Fisher & Harris at home approach nearer than any other Decatur grocery! An amusing place to me, is the store of "Ninety-nine Cent Young." I couldn't think what it was, but the owner's name is Young and he sells nothing over 99 cents. He looks like thirty cents with his hair "bob-

bed long" and affecting a boycraft, he, like Bliss Carmen! But his wife is very nice. "Peter Perkin's Flower Shop" is another peculiar name. Very few specialize. Nearly all handle groceries, dry goods, hardware, etc. They can't be courteous enough to a customer.

My long trip here of more than 2,200 miles was uneventful, not as interesting as I expected but I must say, not the least tiresome. I had no trouble in getting a berth in a tourist sleeper, and I dare say traveled far more comfortably than in a standard Pullman, which is \$7.50 more, but with everything jam-full. Everybody—whether little Johnny at home or not, and the little he is the bigger he wants to appear—thinks he must travel standard Pullman sleeper. In consequence, Pullman sleepers were all booked ahead for weeks and weeks. I asked for tourist and got it off the reel. It was holiday week—December 22—and nobody was traveling tourist then—consequently our car—the Oakland Pier one—had only a half dozen or so berths reserved, so you can see we were far more exclusive after all, for the Pullmans were crowded. We had not only a berth but a whole section, both upper and lower alone, for each one. Some of the others had tried to get standard Pullman sleepers, but everything was full. I like exclusiveness, so was pleased for once. Our porter, a negro, said all the big fellows travel tourist, but I was half-inclined to think he was trying to console himself and uphold his dignity for his small passenger line and consequent falling off in tips. I got a berth on No. 1, The Scout, and immediately wired Tom, who had been in the West for several weeks and had been expecting me to come for weeks, one delay after the other occurring. I was due to arrive at Visalia five days later—Friday night, December 26. Tom says he got a time-table and followed me every minute, knowing just exactly where I was. When I reached Barstow, Friday morning I sent him another wire. I was not expecting him to meet me anywhere, but he did. I had one change of cars to make and that was at Corcoran, where I arrived at 2:15. About seven o'clock, while sitting in the depot—who should come in but Tom—and I was the happiest person in the world, for I had been like a stranger in a far land before, the place being small and lonely, too, when he finished work, he found trains ran conveniently to running over, so he did, though he planned on getting an auto. If they didn't. To go back when I got on the car Monday night at Chicago, our berths were all made and everybody had to go right to bed. When we awoke next morning we were well through Missouri, reaching Kansas City by 9:25, having traveled 454 miles.

I forgot to say that I went over the Santa Fe railroad, so named because it covered the Old Santa Fe Trail, the most notable highway across the prairies. Over this trail, before the railroads came, all commerce between the Missouri river and the Rocky mountains was carried on by caravans of pack mules and wagon teams. I had a Santa Fe booklet, entitled "Along the Way." It gave historical descriptions of the country and cities through which we passed and I found it very interesting and helpful, relieving the monotony of the journey.

(To be continued).

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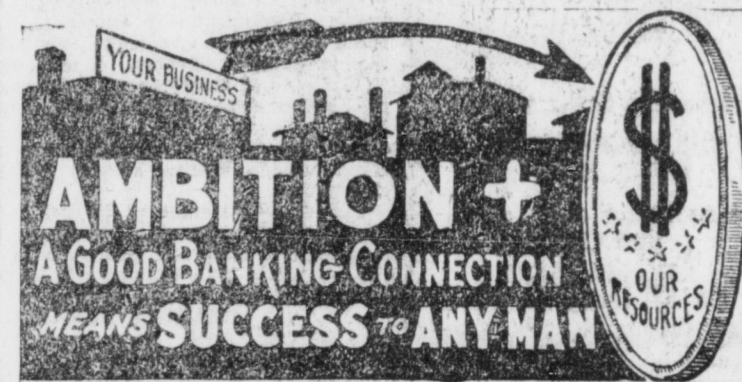
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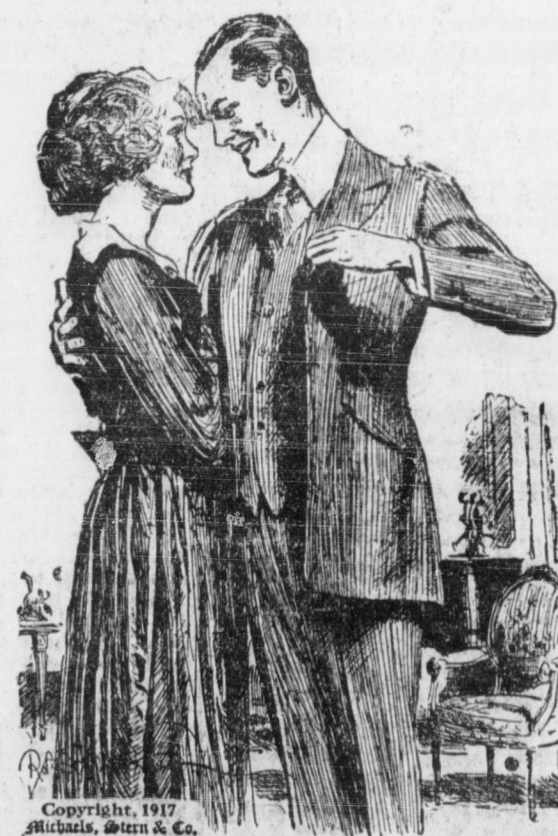
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