



#### ACROSS THE DEEP.

An Interesting Letter from Our Germany Correspondent.

FRAN. GERMANY.

EDITOR PILOT—Traveling is one of the most egotistic as well as the most altruistic means of culture. Altruistic, in that it tends to sound the person by a liberal contact with a strange and ever changing world of social wonders and cautions him to forget the self amid the phenomena of a broader humanity. Traveling is likewise egotistic in that every man must be the "hero of his own story" and must record things, however careful, through the impulse of his own prejudices, and in his attempt to measure their value there is a constant struggle between the ways he has been accustomed to look at things and the way they should be looked at as the result of a certain environment and a long series of resultant changes. The ludicrous to the visitor of strange places arises from the fact that the things which he sees are so vastly different from his accustomed ways that they charm him in pleasing contemplation of the reason of their "wherefores," while on the other hand much that you meet is little different. I hope this may serve as a basis for a partial explanation of what I have to say in any of these lines may be a warning that I attach to them no finality.

I had thought, so long as it pleased the editors of the PILOT to give some record of the things which impressed me as being of interest to the readers of that paper. So I will follow my wanderings and musings as they came to me in order of my visits to the several places.

To one who has been confined for eight days within the narrow limits of a ship, however large it may be, floating on a weary expanse of ocean wave—the sight of land fills the mind with anticipation of delight and joy which the pen fails to record and the imagination fails to warm into tangible thoughts. As I have said before Ireland arose from the mists like the dream of the poet—like some phantom land fashioned by the artist's touch. Its green, rounded hills, crowned with spreading forests; its quiet, sleeping vales, where nestled in their bosom little villages; down the hillsides dropped silvery brooklets into the sea; on craggy, rocky steepes, bewildering flocks of birds and imagination would almost bring to view the egg gatherers hanging over the rocks on slender ropes—the recollection of early readings, the small, irregular "crazy quilt," farming with the varied, small patches of grain and potatoes, wound themselves into artistic disorder like unto a huge mosaic; now stole a narrow, white line in many waving curves up the gentle slopes of the hillside into the distance of vale and hill beyond; a pointed spire reminds one that the Irish are a worshiping people; the emblem of romance and chivalry is not yet—yea, the cry of a castle is heard and for the first time your eye rests on the venerable ruin of the past, with its walls protected and refreshed by the "ivy green." In vain you look for the magnificence and grandeur that once filled its halls and for the beauty and chivalry that once vied there in healthy emulation. But all this time the ship is rounding dangerous crags for which this coast is noted. Let me say once more that the first impression of Ireland is indeed pleasing and the contrast in landscape is very striking to one who has been accustomed to the environs of a new country. It is only to be hoped, if occasion ever presents itself, for a closer examination of the Emerald Isle, these pleasing recollections will be enhanced and verified. But in due respect to this pleasant remembrance of Ireland I would like to say that a great deal of such recollections are doubtless due to the fact that after one has been feasted on English breakfast tea and various concoctions which are not at all calculated to sustain a strong appetite, the seafarer is ready to enjoy almost anything in the way of land. But the first view of the land of Erin, of the Blarney Stone, of the land opposed to frogs and snakes—will have an abiding place in my memory as a refreshing dream to a weary wanderer.

At Londonderry we made a stop to discharge the Irish section which was no small part of the passengers and by this transfer we lost a number of pretty Irish maidens much to the regret of my traveling com-

panions. From here we passed in the waters which lead to the Clyde and as we sailed on with unrelaxed speed, passing and saluting vessels going to sea—now a large ocean steamer and now a sailer in full sail. Here one could not help but contrast the difference in speed and the great economic saving due to the improvement in rapid ocean traffic. This, however, would seem a rash statement in the face of the monstrous fact that an ocean steamer on the average burns about 300 tons of coal every 24 hours. The swiftest vessel afloat consumes 500 tons, and again in the expensive construction of the steamers in comparison to the sailing vessel—the expensive engine, etc., and all this because one of the problems of the age is rapid transit.

But ere this we have passed many crafts and are well on our way up the Clyde. At ten o'clock the boat comes to a final stop and all hands are busy in making arrangements for a final discharge of passengers. Deep down in the caverns of the ship are brought forth surprisingly large quantities of baggage. A tender, friskingly and puffing, is alongside the vessel for the reception of baggage and passengers, which are finally landed safely on dock. After landing I stepped for the first time upon the soil of a foreign land and one of the dreams of my boyhood passed into reality. We were ushered into a large room and awaited the pleasure of the custom officers. Like all foreigners I have found their pleasure was plenty of time. As a matter of fact policemen were in profusion and they were a noticeable help in protecting the travelers from any of the uncivil clamor that you see around an American station or dock. The custom officers we found civil, accommodating officials—so much so that I did not have to open my pack. The top of the trunk was only slightly disordered by him. The principal thing they are in search of is whiskey, cigars and the like and if I should have been around with such implements it is not at all likely that they would have seen shore on account of my numerous Irish and Scotch friends. In the meantime I was cautiously gazing around in search of new conquests and a way out. In spite of the imprecations of the policemen venturesome tattered boys would desire to carry your luggage to the station a short distance up an incline. It was with considerable difficulty that I understood a genuine Scotchman, and the first serious but amusing "break" that I made was to call for a ticket office. Utter bewilderment was pictured on the face of the policeman and he seemed in a dilemma as to whether my wants were serious or not. I asked about the ticket and he said the "booking" office was over the way. The train was in waiting and as we had some time it was in perfect order to see what kind of conveyances we had to accommodate ourselves to. The British have no cars, but their carriages, as they are called, resemble our stage coach in size and appearance more than our railway coaches. By law the passenger traffic is divided into three classes. The third is fully as good as any smoking car on an American line without the smoke. Each carriage is divided into compartments, providing seating capacity for ten persons in the third class, six in the second and four in the first. We will have occasion to describe more fully the system of railway traffic in England as well as Germany.

A few minutes ride through many delightful surprises of dale and vale, by quiet farm houses, country seats and villas, and we were landed in a magnificently proportioned depot in one of the best governed cities in the world. S. E. SPARLING.

#### Great Bargains.

Louis F. Hopkins offers for sale at surprisingly low figures a fine selection of household furniture. Note the prices:

1 Rosewood Bed Room Suit... cost \$200.00  
1000 Bed Room Suit... cost 230.00 10.  
1 Walnut Bed Room Suit... cost 180.00 10.  
1 Single Ash Bedstead... cost 4.00 2.  
1 Cooking Stove and complete set of cooking utensils... cost 20.00 10.  
1 Heating stove... cost 7.00 3.  
1 Fine upholstered Tete-a-tete... cost 12.00 5.

Long time and easy payments will be extended on all amounts over \$5. Goods can be examined at the corner store near the bridge. Alf W. Hopkins, agent, upstairs in Leopold's Block.

The Monon will sell tickets to the World's Fair on Sept. 26th and 27th, on account of Indiana day, at one fare for the round trip—\$2.20. Tickets good for ten days.

#### Commissioners' Court.

Work before this August body for the past week has been mostly taken up in hearing the Waukarusha ditch case, and at time of going to press we are unable to give their decision in the matter. There is an opinion that it may go before the supreme court, but as to the facts in the matter, we will be able to state later.

Bridge contracts for Kankakee, Carpenter and Jordan townships are continued.

Petition for the construction of a grade to the Kankakee river in Keener township is also continued.

Since our last report bills to the amount of \$1,100.60 have been allowed.

Bills to the amount of \$169.50 were allowed those in attendance to this term of the commissioners' court and also the special session in August.

Ben McCollum offered his resignation as superintendent of the work house, was accepted by the board and Philip Blue was appointed in his stead. Mr. Blue has filed his bond.

Advertising seemed to be a great feature with the circus here last week. Throughout the parade was advertisements of Soapine, chewing gum, cradles, and on the elephants' backs were large printed sheets telling the people of our own home merchants. When you went into the menagerie tent, you were confronted by advertisements of bicycles, soap and perfumes. and in the circus the old clown mentioned almost every business man in Rensselaer, and he got the cash for it too. We wonder how many of them patronize the local newspapers. We have to deal with them every day and we should be given the benefit of everything they have in that line. That's reciprocity. The balloon ascension in the evening was not to be forgotten by the enterprising Deering machine works who have a large painted advertisement of their machines on the side of the balloon, telling the good people of the merits of their goods.

#### Card From Hammond Bros.

Having sold out our implement business, we desire to thank our many patrons for favors shown us in the past. We would also respectfully request those owing us to call at the Citizens' State Bank, where we will be very glad to see you at your earliest possible convenience. Again thanking you, we remain,

Yours truly,  
HAMMOND BROS.

#### To The Public.

Those parties who have tickets on the Williams Studio can have them honored at Porter's Studio until September 20th.

Respectfully,  
PORTER'S STUDIO.

#### DO YOU KNOW

That no horse will ever die of Colic, Bots or Inflammation if Morris' English stable Powders are used two or three times a week. Each carriage is divided into compartments, providing seating capacity for ten persons in the third class, six in the second and four in the first. We will have occasion to describe more fully the system of railway traffic in England as well as Germany.

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Subscriptions taken for any paper or magazine at this office.

# Kohler Brick and Tile Yard.

JOHN KOHLER, Prop.

New machinery of the most improved pattern has been added and we are prepared to take contracts for brick and tile in any quantity. We make tile in all sizes from 3 to 12 inch, and will compete in prices with any kiln in the country. Call for prices.

Yard located one mile west of Rensselaer. Free delivery any place in town.

JOHN KOHLER.

## Blacksmith And Wood Repair Shop.

M. L. HEMPHILL wants your trade. He is prepared to do all kinds of Blacksmithing and Wood Repairing in a Workman-like manner and at Reasonable prices. He keeps an expert horse shoer employed constantly and makes a specialty of this branch of business. All work guaranteed.

M. L. Hemphill,

Brick shop on Front st., next door to brick livery stable. 2-44-6mp.

## GROCERIES.

A Full  
and  
Complete  
Line.

We have opened out in our new building with a full line of groceries and provisions and solicit a share of your patronage. All goods fresh and neat. We will also carry a small line of hardware.

Store on Van Rensselaer street, south of McCoy's bank building.

WARNER & SHEAD.

## GREAT SPEAR HEAD CONTEST.

CHEW  
SPEAR HEAD  
AND  
SAVE THE TAGS.

One Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars,

**\$173,250.00**

In valuable presents to be given away in return for

## SPEAR HEAD TAGS.

1,155 STEM WINDING ELGIN GOLD WATCHES ..... \$61,630.00  
5,775 LARGE IMPORTED FRENCH OPERA GLASSES, MOROCCO BODY, BLACK ENAMEL TRIMMINGS, GUARANTEED ACHROMATIC ..... 23,875.00  
23,100 IMPORTED GERMAN BUCKHORN HANDLE FOUR BLADED POCKET KNIVES ..... 21,100.00  
115,500 ROLLED GOLD WATCH CHARM ROTARY TELESCOPE TOOTH PICKS ..... 5,759.00  
115,500 LARGE PICTURES (12x24 inches) IN ELEVEN COLORS, for framing, no advertising on them ..... 23,255.00  
231,030 PRIZES, AMOUNTING TO ..... \$173,250.00

The above articles will be distributed, by counties, among parties who chew SPEAR HEAD plus Tobacco, and return to us the TIN TAGS taken therefrom.

We will distribute 226 of these prizes in this county as follows:

To THE PARTY sending us the greatest number of SPEAR HEAD TAGS from this county we will give..... 1 GOLD WATCH.

To the FIVE PARTIES sending us the next greatest number of SPEAR HEAD TAGS, we will give to each 1 OPERA GLASS....5 OPERA GLASSES.

To the TWENTY PARTIES sending us the next greatest number of SPEAR HEAD TAGS, we will give to each 1 POCKET KNIFE.

To the ONE HUNDRED PARTIES sending us the next greatest number of SPEAR HEAD TAGS, we will give to each 1 ROLLED GOLD WATCH CHARM TOOTH PICK .....

To the ONE HUNDRED PARTIES sending us the next greatest number of SPEAR HEAD TAGS, we will give to each 1 LARGE PICTURE IN ELEVEN COLORS .....

Total Number of Prizes for this County, 226.

CAUTION—No tags will be received before January 1st, 1894, nor after February 1st.

Each package containing tags must be marked plainly with Name of Sender, Town, County, State, and Number of Tags in each package. All charges on packages must be paid.

LEAD—SPEAR HEAD possesses more qualities of intrinsic value than any other chewing tobacco produced. It is the sweetest, the toughest, the richest. SPEAR HEAD is absolutely, positively and distinctively different in flavor from any other chewing tobacco. A trial will convince the most skeptical of this fact. It is the largest seller of any similar shape and size on earth, which proves that it is cause for the popularity of the product.

Send it, and participate in the contest for prizes. Send at TIN TAG is on every cent piece of SPEAR HEAD you buy. Send in the tags, no matter how small the quantity.

Very sincerely,  
THE P. J. SORG COMPANY, MIDDLETOWN, OHIO.

A list of the people obtaining these prizes in this county will be published in this paper immediately after February 1st, 1894.

DON'T SEND ANY TAGS BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1894.

## New Meat Market

A. C. BUSHEY, Proprietor.

Shop located opposite the public square. Everything fresh and clean. Fresh and salt meats, game, poultry, etc. Please give us a call and we will guarantee to give you satisfaction.

De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve cures piles. De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve cures burns. De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve cures sores. De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve cures ulcers. A. F. LONG & CO.

## FARM LOANS

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