

NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA

Farmington, California
February 20, 1929.

Dear Editor:-

We have heard people talk and rave about California weather, but never could imagine anything so wonderful. The nights are cold, that is there is a frost but the mercury has been as low as 32 degrees only one morning, and this is winter. People say every where we go: "My, we are having cold weather!" We tell them "we think it strange to call this winter"; grass and many of the trees green, and roses, daisies, marigolds etc. in bloom.

They had a week of rain before we came which was one week ago. We can sit on the front porch without wraps, and seek the shady places at that, during the middle of the day.

The first special trip we took on our way out, which quite broke the sameness but very interesting scenes of the planes with the strange little Mexican houses and sage bush, cacti and tumble weeds, was a trip to Grand Canyon. This is beyond description, only eye witnesses can half comprehend the grandeur and beauty. The miles of various colored rocks, boulders, mountain peaks, natural rock castles, and cathedrals, as far as the eye can see, with the deep ravines bedded with the Colorado river, and little fertile oases down so far they seem like little specks, must be seen to be comprehended. The Bright Angel Trail, where the sure-footed ponies carry the more venturesome visitors down to the bottom of the Canyon, is surely a winding, hazardous pathway. To the naked eye travelers look like tiny ants (the little red kind) and one has to look some time to discern them at all. The Indians and their weaving are exceedingly interesting.

Los Angeles, with its surrounding mountains, Hollywood, Santa Monica, and others, formed a very large, beautiful city. The wonderful palms, pepper trees with their red berries, the many varieties of acacia trees with yellow blossoms, eucalyptus and magnolia trees, beside the much anticipated sight of seeing oranges and lemons growing, seemed to us wonderful.

The flowers were no less wonderful as geraniums, calla lillies, poinsettias, pansies, and many other kinds, bloomed every where.

The first sight of the ocean filled us with awe, as did also the mountains. We often thought of that familiar passage—"I will look unto the hills from whence cometh my strength." We visited Mt. Lowe and will never forget the trolley ride to the summit.

After spending a week in Los Angeles with friends, we traveled by boat on the great Pacific to San Francisco. Our old friend Mrs. B. E. Paddock, whom many Vermontville people will remember, met us at the dock. We found her to be the same sweet, wonderful hostess she was forty years ago when mistress of the Vermontville M. E. parsonage. Her son Bernard and wife, with their two beautiful little daughters, across the bay at Mill Valley, aided in helping us to enjoy places of interest in San Francisco, Oakland and Berkley. We were favored with a call from Mr. Dennis Gunthorp, a former V— boy, now one of the Superintendents of the General Motors Frigidaire Company of San Francisco.

Our trip to Stockton was very picturesque, passing through hills and mountains before reaching the level land of San Joaquin Valley, the great fruit belt of California. Vast hundreds of acres of grapes, almonds, English walnuts, olives and figs are grown around here.

Brother Frank and wife met us at Stockton with their "new Ford" and in a short time were at their home at Farmington, 18 miles southeast. Since coming here we have had several auto rides into the mountains.

Two California Boosters,
Ada Tyler Whipple
Myrta L. Tyler

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM MAY 30th., 1929

Opera House 2:00 p. m. Fast Time

- 1st.—Opening Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers". All Sing
- 2nd.—Gen. John A. Logan's Orders
H. H. Brown
- 3rd.—Invocation—Rev. Phillips
- 4th.—Lincoln's Gettysburg Address
Ernest Austin
- 5th.—Recitation—Robert Davis
- 6th.—Singing—V'tville Grange
- 7th.—Address—Ray Anderson
- 8th.—Song—Margaret and Virginia Powers
- 9th.—Recitation—Christine Powers
- 10th.—Singing—V'tville Grange
- 11th.—Address—Rev. Phillips
- 12th.—Song—Margaret and Virginia Powers
- 13th.—National Hymn America. All Sing
- 14th.—Taps

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