

NIAGARA'S WONDERS.

POWER FROM THE GREAT FALLS FOR THE BUFFALO EXPOSITION.

Niagara Falls Citizens Preparing to Entertain a Few Extra Millions of People in 1901—Many Costly Improvements by the State.

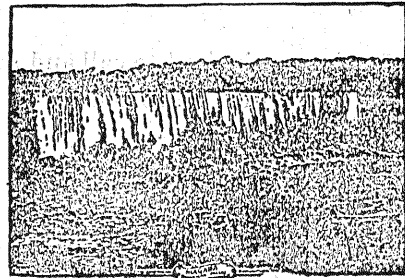
Within 30 minutes' ride of the Pan-American Exposition are the falls of Niagara, the most magnificent and inspiring spectacle ever wrought by nature for the sight of man. Here, also, are to be seen the greatest electric power development in the world and bridges which are marvels of engineering. To see these natural and engineering wonders over a million people visit Niagara annually. These objects may be said to form a part of the Pan-American Exposition, situated as they are within such a short distance of it, and visitors will find it convenient as well as pleasant to include them in their Exposition itinerary.

The trains of eight trunk lines of railroad and the cars of a double track electric railway will run between the Exposition grounds and Niagara Falls. Visitors at the Exposition who may be pressed for time, but would not miss having a general view of the wonders of Niagara, may board an electric car at the station on the grounds, which will take them along the frontier, through the power district, the city of Niagara Falls and the reservation, across the new steel arch bridge spanning the gorge, past the falls, along the top of the cliff to Queenstown on the Canada side, across the suspension bridge to Lewiston on the American side, along the edge of the water and past the whirlpool in the great gorge to the reservation and back to Buffalo, the entire trip taking up less than three hours' time.

The people of Niagara Falls are making preparations to accommodate such crowds as have never yet been seen at that famous resort. There are 150 hotels and hundreds of commodious restaurants, boarding and lodging houses in the city. Many of them are being enlarged for the anticipated Pan-American business. The city is adding to its many miles of asphalt pavement and park roads, and before the opening of the Exposition all of its principal thoroughfares will be in the finest imaginable condition for driving. A police patrol signal system is being installed, and the efficient police department will be recruited sufficiently to afford the most ample protection to visitors. Ordinances have been established governing the acts of all persons catering to visitors and fixing the fees for services rendered. In fact, the authorities and citizens generally of Niagara Falls, wide awake to the importance of the Exposition, are doing everything in their power to add to its success and glory.

The railroad companies are planning increased facilities for handling the enormous traffic expected. Their stations will be enlarged and trackage increased. The International Traction company is erecting a large and handsome terminal station directly opposite the Niagara reservation and within a stone's throw of the falls. The different lines of the electric railway system on the frontier—the finest in the world—are being equipped with new cars, possessing all modern improvements and conveniences, some of them 50 feet in length, and equaling in elegance the drawing room cars of the steam railroads.

In the state's Niagara reservation new beauties and conveniences are be-



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ing provided for the Pan-American visitors. A new steel and concrete bridge to span the rapids from the American mainland to Goat island, for the building of which the New York state legislature appropriated \$120,000, is in course of construction. A new administration and shelter building is being erected at a cost of \$25,000. The old stone inclined railway building at Prospect Point will be razed to afford an unobstructed view of the falls from the park. A broad stone staircase connecting Goat and Luna islands, where the rainbows play and delight the visitor with their prismatic colors, has been built and new balconies for sight-seers have been constructed. New beauty spots have been created by grading and seeding wherever the possibility was offered. A flock of sheep will wander at will on Goat island and add life to the beautiful scene. An automobile service in the reservation will be inaugurated. In the Canadian park many improvements are being made. Niagara Falls will be dressed in her finest for the Pan-American Exposition in 1901. Niagara is an ideal breathing spot. The parks are extensive, liberally shaded and constantly visited by cooling breezes. No Exposition ever yet held has offered to the public an attraction equal to Niagara.

WEST VIRGINIA ALERT.

Governor Will Urge Appropriation to Have State Represented.

Governor Atkinson of West Virginia announces that he will embody in his next message to the legislature a recommendation for an appropriation to pay the expenses of the state commission having in charge the state exhibit for the Pan-American Exposition. West Virginia is one of the many states that are inviting capital and labor to come in and help develop their natural resources. With her 15,000 square miles of coal lands, her thousands of acres of hard wood forests, her wonderful stores of petroleum, her iron ore deposits and her great acreage of lands suitable for farming, stock raising and wool growing, she has much to offer in the way of exhibits and much to gain by bringing her resources properly before the world. It is expected that an exhibit will be made showing by maps and specimens, statistics and information of a general character what a newcomer to the state may be able to do in the way of advancing the fortunes of himself and those who depend upon him. The millions of visitors to Buffalo next year will be interested in knowing what the possibilities are in all parts of the western hemisphere. The West Virginia commission is composed of Stuart W. Walker of Martinsburg, president; J. C. Morrison of Charleston, secretary; R. B. Battelle of Wheeling, treasurer; James M. Porter, Jr., of New Cumberland and E. E. Smith of Parkersburg.

Alfalfa a Good Crop.

I am persuaded that alfalfa is a good crop for some small farmers to grow as a fertilizer, says an Ohio farmer. Judging from our last year's experience, it certainly pays; sowed in April with oats. The oats cut in the fore part of July was quite an item for feed when hay was \$16 per ton. By the 1st of September we cut the alfalfa for hay. When killing frost came, it had again made a heavy growth. Suppose we had not made any hay, but cut the alfalfa and let it lie on the ground. By so doing how much fertility we would have added! Some of the alfalfa that was sown last spring has roots over two feet long. Most assuredly it would pay to "quit farming" just for one year and grow alfalfa.

There's a Girl Worth Having.

He—I don't believe your father will give his consent. I haven't got much, you know.

She—That doesn't matter. The first month we can live on love, the second I'll begin to borrow things from mamma and about the third papa will get tired of it and come to the rescue.—Sissy Stories.

Holding His Job For Him.

"Of all the excuses I have ever heard from people for not paying their bills," said a collector for a prominent firm the other day, "I got the neatest today from a very wealthy man who always owes the house a bill. No matter whether the bill is for \$10 or \$100, he always pays \$5. I have gone back the next week and got \$5 more, and once I went back twice in one week, and he paid me \$5 each time and seemed glad to see me. I got to know him pretty well, and the other day I asked him why he did not pay it all, as I knew he had the money."

"Well," said the old fellow, "if I pay you everything I owe you at one time you will collect so fast that pretty soon you will be out of a job for the want of something to collect."

"I don't know whether that was his reason or not, but I let the subject drop and am just going around there now for another \$5."—Memphis Scimitar.

Gonod's Opinions.

Music is the most beautiful art, but it is the most detestable profession. But is not that right? That which belongs most to heaven should fare worst on earth.

The public moves much faster than the individual, and therefore the individual must place himself before his age if he desires not to be behind it. Wagner has some idea of this sort. It is a necessity which every true artist must realize. Great men may be said to be for every age save their own. Small men are for their own and none other.—"Reminiscences," in Macmillan's.

The baboons which frequent this rocky country are so destructive to the stock farms that organized raids have to be made upon them. It is useless trying to get a shot at the baboon during the day; he is a wily creature and knows the deadly effects of a rifle just as well as the hunter.

Early in the morning the party leave the farm and quietly surround the kranz, or rock, where the unsuspecting baboons are sleeping. At the first break of dawn the head baboon is on the move, to see that everything is right. He no sooner makes an appearance than he is greeted with a shower of lead. In an instant the whole troop is in an uproar. They rush hither and thither, howling with rage and pain, looking for a place of escape. But few of them succeed. Directly the hunters have retired, the blacks, who have been following up the party, make a rush for the tails of the baboons. Sometimes they are in so great a hurry to secure these that they fail to observe that the baboon is not dead and an ugly bite or tear is the result. The tails are taken to the magistrate's office, where a reward of 2s. 6d. each is paid for them by government.—London Chronicle.

Of Two Evils.

"Ruggles, I am sorry to hear you were burned out the other day. Did you lose all your household goods?"

"Yes, but we don't feel so awfully bad over it, Lumpkin. We expected to have to move next week anyway."—Chicago Tribune.

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