NIAGARA FALLS EXCURSIONS.

Low-Rate Vacation Trips via Pennsylvania Railroad.

September 7 and 21 and October 5 and 19 are the dates of the remaining Pennsylvania Railroad popular ten day excursions to Niagara Falls from Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and intermediate points.

Excursion tickets, good for return passage on any regular train, exclusive of limited express trains, within ten days, will be sold at $10.00 from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and all points on the Delaware Division and at proportionate rates from other points. A stop-over will be allowed at Buffalo, Rochester, Canandaigua and Watkins within the limit returning.

A special train of Pullman parlor cars and day coaches will be run with each excursion. An extra charge will be made for parlor car seats.

An experienced tourist agent and chaperon will accompany each excursion.

Tickets for a side trip to the Thousand Islands (Alexandria Bay) will be sold from Rochester in connection with excursions of September 7 and 21, good to return to Rochester or to Canandaigua via Syracuse within five days, at rate of $5.50.

Tickets for a side trip to Toronto will be sold at Niagara Falls for $1.00 on September 23. In connection with excursion of September 7, tickets will be sold to Toronto and return at reduced rates, account Toronto Fair.

For pamphlets giving full information and hotels and for time of connecting trains apply to nearest ticket agent, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia. t9-30

NATIONAL EXPORT EXPOSITION, PHILADELPHIA.

Reduced Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The National Export Exposition, which opens at Philadelphia on September 14 and continues until Noyember 30, will be the most interesting and important event occurring in Philadelphia since the Centennial Exhibition of 1876. In addition to its valuable commercial exhibits it will present many features of popular interest and amusement. The United States Marine Band, Sousa's Band, the Banda Rossa, Innes' Band, Damrosch's Orchestra and other celebrated bands will furnish music alternately, and a Midway Plaisance, equal if not superior to the famous World's Fair Midway at Chicago, and comprising a Chinese Village, a Chinese Theatre, acrobats and customs; an Oriental Village, London Ghost Show, Hagenbeck's Wild Animal Show, Blarney Castle and many other unique presentations will furnish abundant and diversified amusement. Arrangements have also been made for Mandolin, Guitar and Banjo Concerts, and for a grand chorus from the German Singing Societies.

For this occasion the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all points on its line to Philadelphia and return at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip plus price of admission. These tickets will be sold during the continuance of the Exposition and will be good for return passage until November 30.

For specific rates and additional information apply to nearest Ticket Agent. t9-9

Single Fare to Baltimore and Return via Pennsylvania Railroad. Account Presentation of Sword to Captain Dyer of the U. S. S. "Baltimore."

For the occasion of the presentation on September 12, 1899, of a sword of honor to Captain Dyer of the United States cruiser "Baltimore" for his heroic action in the Battle of Manila, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell special excursion tickets from stations on its line in the States of Maryland, Delaware, the District of Columbia, and the State of Pennsylvania as far north as York, to Baltimore, at the rate of single fare for the round trip (minimum rate, fifty cents). Tickets will be sold September 11 and 12, and will be good to return untill September 13, inclusive.

Commissioners' Notice.

The undersigned, commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court for Talbot county to value and divide the real estate of Solomon Brinsfield, deceased, late of Talbot county, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, do hereby give notice to all persons concerned that we shall meet at "White Hall" farm, the residence of Mrs. Margaret A. Brinsfield and one of the said deceased, on Wednesday, September 27, 1899, at 10 o'clock A. M., to proceed in the business for which we are appointed.

PERRY T. LEONARD,
JAMES A. OXENHAM,
SAMUEL H. BENSON,
FRANK D. HARRISON,
THOMAS T. DIDIER,
Commissioners.

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The Sapphire Country.

The eulogies of the mountain country of western North Carolina, poetically known as the "Land of the Sky," are never burdened with over praise for those who know the region. They are ever ready to declare that nowhere else are to be found such wide sweeping and beautiful mountain scenery, so many clear and picturesque streams, waterfalls and lakes with air so pure and light that breathing seems a new found joy: and over all a canopy of stabain blue. The sunny southern slopes and table lands of this region planned by nature for man's health and joy roll three thousand feet above the sea, overshadowed by the loftiest peak east of the Rockies. But while Ashville and other widely known resorts of "The Land of the Sky" attract multitudes of visitors, other haunts as entrancing for sky and air and scenery have been accessible only to the pilgrim who sought them out in a fleeting visit. One of the most charming of these regions which awaited the coming of Hotel accommodations and other creature comforts of a tarrying place is the Fairfield and Sapphire Lake Country, twin jewels in an emerald setting, unique for beauty even in this favored southland. Set in the midst of the Blue Ridge Mountains, towering cliffs rise a thousand feet from the lakes and cascades shimmer like bridal veils from the table lands. The rare charm of it all has attracted investment, and now entertainment is offered by the Sapphire Inn on the lake; Mountain Lodge on the Summit of Mount Toxaway; and a superb new hotel, Fairfield Inn on Lake Fairfield. The variety of surroundings and entertainment is very notable. Sapphire Inn on the lake, with spacious grounds, offers unsurpassed fishing, boating and driving. Then high on the mountain summit rests the Lodge, reached over a fine road winding upwards for nearly four miles. From this isolated peak the view is the most extensive and magnificent in the entire Alleghany chain and the grandeur of living here in the sky cannot be described. Fairfield Inn nestles on the shore of its matchless lake and is the largest of these resorts. The Hotel is like a great Manor House on an estate of twenty-six thousand acres, which contain 75 miles of river and brook fishing, carefully stocked and preserved. Large farms in the highest cultivation and numerous apple and peach orchards supply the house, and on the spreading pasture lands graze flocks of sheep and herds of choicely bred dairy cattle. Through this great estate, many miles of road have been built and graded and continued around the lakes through scenery of wonderful beauty, by half a hundred waterfalls of from fifty to three hundred and fifty feet in height. The Inn itself is rich in the modern comforts and luxuries which contribute to the sum total of living, with a fine water supply, electric lights, spacious porches and rooms, boating, bathing, and the drives and shady walks about the shining lake. The management of this group of hotels is notably satisfactory in every way, and the overworked word "ideal" seems to imply man's work in this cloudland. A catalogue of the attractions of this mountain paradise would be a record of charms which speak far more alluringly for themselves. The solemn forest primeval is bright with wonders for the forester and botanist, and in this natural sanitarium the rest and health and pleasure seeker thanks Heaven for the joy of living and is content. The hay fever victim finds the ozone laden and dry air a balm and a cure, and the average temperature at Sapphire for the summers of the last four years has been only sixty-nine degrees. The water is as pure as the air. Visitors from the North and East reach Sapphire coming from Ashville and Hendersonville, N. C., to Brevard. From the South and Southwest, the route is via Spartanburg, S. C., and Hendersonville to Brevard. The drive from Brevard or Walshalla over splendid roads is an enjoyable curtain raiser to the beauties of the Sapphire country. More detailed information will be furnished by addressing "Manager of Hotels," Sapphire, N. C. This resort region is one of the jeweled links in the chain connected with the North and South by the Southern Railway, the route to "The Land of the Sky." The Sapphire country, with its manifold and long hidden charms, is reached with the limit of comfort and speed over this great system.

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The tour will leave Philadelphia 12.20 P. M. Saturday, September 16, in charge of one of the company's tourist agents, and will cover a period of five days. An experienced chaperon, whose especial charge will be unescorted ladies, will accompany the trip throughout. Round-trip tickets, covering transportation, carriage rides and hotel accommodations, will be sold at the *extremely low rate* of $22 from Philadelphia and proportionate rates from other points.

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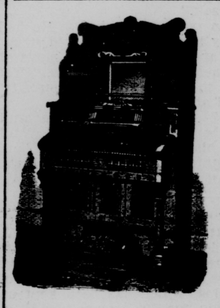
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