

## THE EVENING BULLETIN EXCURSION

TO

# OLIGO-NUNK

(THE PLACE OF CAVES)

\$1.50

## Sunday, August 19.

\$1.50

ROUND TRIP.

Trains Leave the C. and O. depot via the scenic and grandly picturesque C. and O. Railway. Spend a day in the caves.

Grand scenery en route, and first-class Coaches to ride in. Don't forget the day and date. Tickets now on sale at Nelson's Hat Store.

Go prepared to have a jolly time. Enjoy the cool mountain air, and see the perfect Horseshoe Curve. Take a ride on a fast train.

VISIT THEM.

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The Wonderful Caves of Oligo-Nunk  
in Carter County.

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Spot Where the Weird and Wonderful  
Combine to Make One of Na-  
ture's Wonderlands.

Concerning the newly discovered caves of Oligo-Nunk, the Cincinnati Times Star of July 21st says:

"The newly discovered caves in Carter County, Kentucky, are being explored by a party of mountaineers every day and each day brings new wonders. Already eleven miles of caverns have been explored and dark crevasses lead to unknown depths below. The extent of the windings, therefore can not be guessed. The name Oligo-Nunk was given to them by Major J. C. Worthington, surgeon of the U. S. A. at Fort Thomas, who got it from a work on Indian literature. It means 'the place of caves.' The native guides have, however, begun to tell stories of an Indian chief called Oligo-Nunk, whom they claimed the place is named after. In 1853 the U. S. secret service officers tracked a gang of counterfeiters to Carter County, where they lost them in the hills. But they afterwards traced them to a small cave, and though they captured their tools and the forge, the counterfeiters themselves escaped in a mysterious way and were never heard of again.

"Nobody took any interest in the matter of the caves till C. B. Ryan of the C. and O. railroad began to want a cave for a summer resort. There was in Carter County a cavern known as the Fox Court House, where numerous foxes had their dens and where the country people for miles around gathered every Christmas to have a dance. The owner of the place, however, wanted a fabulous price for the caves, so Ryan, with D. A. Fletcher, Al. Onken and H. P. Hathaway, started out to find a new cave. Fletcher succeeded in getting into the counterfeiters' cave and perceiving that it extended into the hill, got his companions to join in an exploring expedition. They entered supplied with ropes and lights and red fire and found the caverns which are now surprising the world. At one place they found a hole through which they could only crawl, pushing their lantern before them. This foramen in the solid rock, which has been named 'the fishing worm's race track,' extended 300 yards, when it turned off at a right angle, and 300 yards further on suddenly opened into a great cavern where the stalactites and stalagmites hung in wild confusion like a mass of petrified honeycomb.

This cavern is a hundred feet high and is divided in three distinct stories which are now reached by ladders. It is called the 'Corkscrew,' from the peculiar twist of the stalactites and stalagmites which have here come together and formed pillars. Proceeding through this new cavern the party found a streak of daylight and, breaking through, came to the surface at the bottom of a brush pile. A third winding they traced to the surface, where is a mysterious current of air, cold as if it came from a pile of ice. Just within this is a spring of fresh water. The caves are a real wonder and may be equal to the Mammoth cave when fully explored."

The C. and O.'s next excursion to these wonderful caves will be run Sunday. Round trip only \$1.50. Tickets at Nelson's.