

# Rocky Mountain Letter.

Little did I think when studying geography down in the little old log school house in "Old Randolph" that I should ever see the boundary river that runs between the great "Uncle Sam's" Domain and the land of "The Montezumas" viz. the Great Rio Grande, the river that contributes to the greatness of the "Saul-Luis valley."

This stream has its rise in the Great Continental Divide, among whose peaks are "Old Baldy," Pintada Pyramid, and Bristle Head, all sending down their winter snow falls during the summer in little creeks and springs to give this wonderful stream a mighty impetus for the blessing of a part of our great country. Among some of the streams that help to swell its great torrent are the Saguache in the extreme north that gets its source up in the Cochetope hills. Sand Creek and the San Luis rivers on the east whose rise is in the Sangre de Cristo range and on the west is the Alamosa a large stream rising in the south. San Juan range, also the Conejos and La Jara all rising in the San Juan country.

There are numerous other small streams on either side of the Rio Grande that contribute to the growth of this the great "Euphrates" of the Southern Rocky Mountain country.

There are several reservoirs being

built on some of these streams among which is "Terrace Reservoir" on the Alamosa river which will be the largest fill in the world. The dam will be 210 feet high and 1500 feet thick at the base and is built in a box canon where the river seems to have a cut through the east spur of the San Juan Nests. Above this canon is a large basin—once a lake which will be the reservoir which will hold water enough to cover 30000 acres one foot deep below the dam—Another dam is being built on the Conejos that will hold about one half as much. There are two others in contemplation on South Fork and Beaver Creek.

Several years ago our great Parental head "Uncle Sam" seeing the great possibilities of this valley, gave the Traveller's Insurance Company every alternate section of land not then appropriated if they would ditch the country for irrigating the valley, and gave them all waters of the upper Rio Grande not appropriated at that time to have, and to use, and to sell, for all time to come.

The company put in two great canals, one starting from the river above Del Norte and running north to the Saguache country, and the other leaving the river below Del Norte and running south through the valley.

From each of these the company cut laterals running east so head

ditches could be cut between every quarter section thus giving water to every part of the valley. More anon.  
H. M. BOBOWNS.

### Conrad Gold Mine.

Squire J. F. McKee, manager and one of the owners of the Conrad Hill gold mine, which is being opened in Davidson county says they have the water under control and are down to the 175 foot level, cleaning out the shaft, removing rocks, rotten timber, etc., that choked the way. The shaft is 240 feet deep. From 12 to 20 men are worked as needed, and the entire effort is directed toward putting the mine in shape for real work. This will go on for months yet before real mining begins. The Conrad Hill mine in the past has yielded abundant gold and there is little doubt that the precious metal is still there in paying quantities.

### In Memoriam.

Donald Wadsworth, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Parks, of Parks X Road, died April 30, after an illness of one week, aged nine months.

He was so bright and loving, and so dear to their name, all that knew him knew nothing but to love him. He had a sweet laugh for all he saw, although young it is so hard to give him up. But God knows best. His body was laid in the grave at Parks X Roads cemetery he is living with Jesus, looking this way with

beckoning hands calling the dear ones to heavenly lands. No more on earth will we hear his little loving voice but we look forward with an ever strengthening faith to the time when we shall see the dear one shining with celestial brightness around the throne of God, where thousands of angels stand.

When we see a precious blossom that we tendered with such care rudely taken from our bosom, how one's aching heart despairs round its little grave we lingered until the time for us to go. Feeling all our hopes were perished with the flower we cherished so. In the bright eternal city death can never come. In his own good time he'll call us from our home to heavens sweet home. We shall sleep but not forever, on the lone and silent grave. Blessed be the Lord that taketh. Blessed be the Lord that gave.  
A Cousin,  
NINA PARK.

### Mr. Lake to Leave The Southern.

Mr. C. S. Lake has resigned his position as superintendent of the Danville division of the Southern Railway to go with the New York, New Haven & Hartford. His resignation will take effect as soon as he can be relieved of his duties with the Southern. He is a successful railroad man and has gone up the ladder rapidly. Mr. G. V. Peyton, now superintendent of the Washington division, will probably succeed him.

### A Toast to "The Ladies"

Since Adam first the apple took,  
And for a woman's word and look  
Forgot the call of duty,  
Innumerable proofs abound  
That sons of men, the world around,  
Their chief reward have ever found  
In the approving glance of beauty.

Through history's entire page,  
In every clime, in every age,  
Still runs the selfsame story:  
Since Helen kindled Ilium's pile,  
And Rome went courting up the Nile,  
And chivalry in woman's smile  
Found its rich need of glory.

And it is still as true to-day,  
Whatever some may think or say,  
Your rule is still as royal,  
For you we deck the banquet hall,  
We pray that on us you'll let fall  
Your gracious smiles, and from us all  
Accept a tribute loyal.

Believe me, many a gallant life  
Which like a ship, through calm and strife  
Sails on in safely splendor,  
Were wrecked and lost from human view  
But that, like compass needle true,  
Some woman's fond heart guides him  
Through,  
With love steadfast and tender

Nor let me for a moment seem  
To speak too lightly of my theme—  
My purpose is quite other.  
The sweetest words the tongue e'er frames,  
The dearest that our language claims,  
The tenderest of all earthly names,  
Are sister, wife and mother.

And so, in words sincere though gay,  
The tribute that we herewith pay  
To matron and to maid is,  
That in this presence, fond and fair  
Our fealty anew we swear:  
And here, as well as everywhere,  
We say: "God bless the ladies."  
A. M. C. BURGESS in the June DIXIEBELL.

### DO YOU GET UP WITH A LAME BACK?

Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

It is the great medical triumph of the nineteenth century; discovered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing lame back, uric acid, catarrh of the bladder and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble it will be found just the remedy you need. It has been tested in so many ways, in hospital work and in private practice, and has proved so successful in every case that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of this paper, who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling more about Swamp-Root, and how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles are sold by all good druggists. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.



# Contest Just Starting--Aspirants Should Begin Work Now.

There are great things in store for friends of THE COURIER in this and adjoining counties during the next twelve weeks. Every young lady wants a piano, or, if they do not care for that, they surely want to go to Jamestown. THE COURIER will send you.

## The Courier Will Distribute \$4,000 in Awards August 1, 1907.

### THE PRIZES.

The first prize, to the young lady receiving the highest number of votes during the contest, is a handsome No. 16 Kimball Piano, valued at \$400.00. The second prize is a certificate, valued at \$150.00 on the purchase price of a new Kimball Piano.

THE COURIER has also arranged for two scholarships in King's Business College at Raleigh, and two other scholarships in two of the best schools of the State, to be awarded to the four next highest. These scholarships will be worth hundreds of dollars to the winner who takes the course prescribed for them, and should be an inspiration to work harder for the Grand Prize. These scholarships will be given to the young ladies receiving the third, fourth, fifth and sixth highest number of votes during the contest.

To each of the four next highest we will give PIANO CERTIFICATES valued at \$100 each in payment for a piano bought at one of the stores of dealers in Kimball pianos. To the next two NEW HOME SEWING MACHINES, valued at \$35.00 each. To the two next highest Ladies' Gold Hunting Case Watches, warranted for 20 years and valued at \$25.00 each. To the next four we will give Piano Certificates, valued at \$75.00 each and to the next 45 Piano Certificates, valued at \$50.00 each at any of the Dealers' Stores. This is the greatest contest ever put on by a weekly newspaper in the South, and the awards are just as presented. We expect, between this and August 4th, to add several thousand names to our subscription list or we could not arrange this contest upon such a mammoth plan.



### TO JAMESTOWN

In order to equalize competition in the field THE COURIER has divided the districts proportionately so that each may be represented. The districts and the number from each district are given below.

Our plan is to take the young ladies receiving the largest vote in the districts arranged as given below as guests of THE COURIER.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—Asheboro and all of the territory in Randolph County west of the old plank road:—4 Trips.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—All of Randolph County east of the old plank road:—4 Trips.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—Moore and Montgomery counties:—1 Trip.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—Davidson and Guilford counties:—1 Trip.

Persons winning these trips are not eligible for any of the other prizes, and the young ladies winning the Piano, \$150 Piano certificate, or the scholarships are not eligible for one of the Jamestown trips.

The management has decided to increase the number of ministers to join the Jamestown party to six. We believe this to be more fair on account of the number of ministers in the territory. The districts are divided as follows:

DISTRICT NO. 1.—Randolph county, three.

NO. 2.—Montgomery and Moore counties, one.

NO. 3.—Davidson county, one.

NO. 4.—Anywhere except the territory embraced in the foregoing territory, one.

There is a great deal to be gained in a contest of this kind, both in pleasure and in experience, and those who enter now will stand a fine chance to win because of the early start. Get your friends interested in the contest, solicit their aid, and you will be surprised to see how rapidly the votes roll up. The first announcement of the names of the candidates and the number of votes each has appears in another column.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ADDRESS

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