

LEAVES FROM A COURIER REPRESENTATIVE'S NOTE BOOK.

NEW ORLEANS TO PANAMA.

Glimpse of New Orleans--Interesting Boat Ride Down the "Father of Waters"--Sugar and Rice Plantations--Orange Groves--Oyster Beds--The Levees and Jetties.

Last summer letters were written to the readers of The Courier from Alaska, telling of the wondrous beauty, the glaciers, snow-covered mountains, beautiful streams, and hospitable people of that far away northwest land.

Leaving home about February 1st, in the coldest weather of winter, and arriving in New Orleans in time for a cold spell for that section, presumably for Mardi Gras celebration, then within five days finding oneself in a temperature of 80 in the shade, is it any wonder that a person is affected by a change of climate?

After the meeting of the National Editorial Association, which celebrated its "silver anniversary," the persons who had planned to go to Panama left the Grunewald Hotel; bag and baggage, for the St. Joseph wharf, from which they were to sail for Panama.

On taking Samantha Allen's advice to "get on ahead of time," we arrived at the wharf first of all, so had time to see men unloading a boat of ore which had been shipped from Spain.

On Board the Steamship "Cartago."

When it was found that the editorial party was to go to Panama on a "Fruiter," many had misgivings, but as the different ones came aboard the first thing was the exclamation, "Oh, how nice!" The "Cartago" is owned by the United Fruit Company, built in Belfast, Ireland, in 1908, at a cost of \$500,000, about half of what it would have cost to have been built in the United States.

A Glimpse of New Orleans.

As we were passing out down the river, boats from different countries were coming in and going out, nearly all flying foreign flags. Wharves were packed with all kinds of merchandise--barrels of sugar and molasses, bags of rice, etc.

The Chalmette monument, marking the spot where the famous battle of New Orleans was fought loomed up as if in announcement of one of the bloodiest battles in history. It was here that "Old Hickory" Jackson defeated the British in the war of 1812.

Interesting Boat Ride Down the Mississippi River.

Absence of geographical knowledge caused many of us surprise at the distance from New Orleans to the Gulf of Mexico. Leaving New Orleans at 11 o'clock we spent the entire afternoon in going down the "Father of Waters," a distance of 110 miles, and each mile was full of varying interest.

Except in times of low water the river is many feet higher than the land, therefore the shores on either side are protected by levees. These are made of dirt, much of it taken from the bed of the river in low water.

Fort Jackson and St. Philip guard the river. The position from a strategical standpoint is considered one of the best. The famous Louisiana oyster comes from its growth in the salt water beds from the Gulf of Mexico and from being fed on the deposits from the Mississippi river.

R. Z. LINNEY DIES SUDDENLY.

Prominent Lawyer--Elected to Congress Three Times--A Fine Orator.

Hon. R. Z. Linney died suddenly on Friday afternoon, April 15th, at his office in Taylorville, N. C. He had just driven into town from his farm two miles away, and seemed in fine health and spirits, greeting his friends with pleasant words.

Mr. Linney was 68 years of age. He was educated at York Institute and at Taylorville under Mr. Mil-Jen. He studied law under Col. Arnfield at Wilkesboro, was licensed in 1867 or 1868, and began practicing law at Taylorville.

Mr. Linney was married in 1865 to Miss Dorcas Stevenson, and to them were born 6 children, all of whom survive their father. They are: Solicitor Frank Linney, of Boone; Dr. Rom Z. Linney Jr., of Hopedale, Oklahoma; Mrs. J. W. Hendren, of Stony Point; Mrs. W. D. Deal, of Taylorville; Miss Hester C. Linney, of Roanoke, Virginia; and Miss Blanche C. Linney, of New York.

Guilford College News.

The Guilford College Graded Schools will have their closing exercises in the Memorial Hall next Friday night and Saturday, April 22nd and 23rd.

The Y. W. C. A. gave a social on the lawn last Saturday night at which ice cream and various other refreshments were served. Besides the refreshments, two quartets and a lantern drill were interesting features.

The annual oratorical contest of the Websterian Literary Society will come off on April the 23rd at 8 o'clock in the Memorial Hall. Among the six speakers is a Randolph county boy.

Quite a little enthusiasm can be seen in the hill as a result of the two games with Carolina. In these games each college took one, but if it had not been for the fact that Shaw, Guilford's pitcher, hurt his hand, Guilford would have taken both games.

The Randolph boys here were glad to hear that Asheboro best High Point in the recent debate between the literary societies of the two places.

PROPOSITION TO CLUB RAISERS

The valuable prizes which we are offering to club raisers are proving most satisfactory to those who have sent in clubs and selected any of these prizes. The silver ware is especially attractive. Any person, whether they are a contestant or not, may get up clubs for these premiums.

LIST OF CONTESTANTS.

Table listing names and amounts of contestants for the Club Raisers proposition.

Abner News.

Cleveland Hurley and Miss Queenie Lucas, both of Abner, were married last Sunday, David Cagle officiating. The groom is a son of W. P. Hurley, the bride a daughter of Isaiah Lucas.

Misses Ina and Lisa Newsome, of Franklinville, visited relatives here last week and attended commencement at Ophir.

Miss Vina Howell has returned home from an extended visit to relatives at different places.

Mrs. Lena Latham is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams visited at Mr. Frank Howell's last Sunday. We are having a good Sunday School at Macedonia.

B. W. Hulin will conduct prayer meeting for us Sunday at 11 o'clock, and Sunday at 10.

Two Mormon Elders were in this community recently.

The Jetties.

Instead of the Mississippi having a mouth, as is usually supposed, it has five. The best description is the arm (if it were crooked) representing the river and the fingers the five mouths. The middle finger represents the South Pass through which we passed, and by the way, before entering the pass our boat slowed up and stopped at the pilot station, where the river pilot left us and the bar pilot came aboard.

The estimate of the Mississippi Commission is that there is a yearly discharge of mud and silt in the water that would make a mass of earth one mile square and 200 feet thick. There is another channel now being constructed, the Southwest Pass; when completed it will be considerably wider and deeper than the present one, and larger vessels may enter.

About sunset we reached the Gulf of Mexico; on entering the line of demarcation was as plain as if it had been drawn by a pencil on canvas. The water in the river dark and muddy, that of the Gulf clear and blue, forming a ridge which looked about a foot high as they came together. I was reminded of Tennyson's poem, "Crossing The Bar."

"Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me, And may there be no moaning bar, When I put out to sea."

"But moving tide asleep, Too full for sound and foam, When that which drew from out the deep Turns to its earliest home."

"Twilight and evening bell, And after that the dark! And may there be no sad farewell, When I at last embark!"

"For tho' from time and place, The Road may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot's face, When I have crossed the bar."

Mrs. J. W. Steed Writes on Chrysanthemum Culture.

Dear Readers: I have been requested to give the Courier my method of growing chrysanthemums. I have no doubt, numbers of others could give better methods than mine, but I have grown fine ones this way.

For Growing in Open Ground or Bed.

Have the soil thoroughly loose, and enriched with a good amount of well rotted cow manure. Plants can be set out any time after the ground has become warm, until the middle of June, and make large blooming plants by fall. The chrysanthemum delights in a rich soil, with plenty of sunshine and moisture.

Pot Culture of Chrysanthemums.

Best soil for potting young plants, 3 parts good garden soil 1 part well rotted cow manure. Add one pint each of bone meal and wood ashes to each bushel of compost, mix well. Have good drainage in bottom of pots, set young plants out in May trim to single stem if you wish extra large flowers, carefully pinching out all side shoots or suckers as they appear, pinch out all the buds, save the strongest one and water with liquid cow manure once a week, until the buds begin to show color, then water only with clear water, being careful to keep water off the flowers.

When the main stem has attained a growth of about six inches, pinch the top out of it, leaving four or five eyes, which will start out side branches, when these side branches have attained a growth of about four inches, pinch them, same as the main stem. When the buds appear you can dis-bud each branch, leaving only the strongest bud. Mulch the pots with well rotted cow manure. Repot in August.

Hoping that this letter may be helpful to chrysanthemum growers and that more women may grow them for the show in the fall, I am

Most truly, Mrs. J. W. STEED. April 15th 1910, N. C.

Mr. Israel Lowdermilk Dead.

Mr. Israel Lowdermilk, a well known and highly esteemed citizen, of the southern part of Randolph county, died Monday, April 18, after suffering for months from paralysis. The funeral services were held at Pleasant Hill M. P. Church Tuesday.

Mr. Lowdermilk was eighty-one years of age last November. He is survived by four brothers, two sisters, four sons and four daughters, besides grandchildren and great grandchildren. The sorrowing sons and daughters are: Mrs. J. P. Phillips, of Noise, N. C.; Mrs. S. E. Lowdermilk, of Asheboro; Mrs. S. L. Hayworth, of Asheboro; Mr. K. F. Lowdermilk, of Richmond county; Mr. L. A. Lowdermilk, of Oklahoma; Mrs. S. B. Leach, of Erect, N. C.; Mrs. Rolando Trogdon, of Oklahoma; and Mr. L. T. Lowdermilk, of Kansas.

Y. M. C. A. Campaign in Greensboro.

Committee of citizens and business men of Greensboro under the direction of Mr. M. C. Williams, are making a vigorous effort to raise \$65,000 by April 27th for a proposed Y. M. C. A. in Greensboro. Mr. Williams, who has conducted similar campaigns in other states is confident that the amount will be raised by the specified time. Forty-five per cent of the amount was pledged on the second day of the campaign.

For the first time in twenty years, the Democrats of the thirty-second district, New York, have recently elected a congressman.

CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW.

Premium List Arranged For Floral Exhibit To Be Held Here Next Fall.

The members of the Asheboro Betterment Association have arranged the following premiums for the annual Chrysanthemum show next fall. In addition to Chrysanthemums, ferns and begonias will be admitted. Every woman in Asheboro and Randolph county should enter the race for one at least of the magnificent prizes.

Chrysanthemums. Finest plant, three blooms, any variety; \$5.00 in gold from Bank of Randolph.

Finest plant, ostrich plume, 12 or more blooms, any color; \$5.00 in gold, First National Bank.

Best general collection cut flowers, in one vase; Rexall fountain pen, J. T. Underwood.

Finest plant, 6 blooms, white; one 48 pound bag flour, Asheboro Roller Mill.

Finest plant, 6 blooms, yellow, Reg. Morris-Seabrook-Moffitt-Co.

Finest plant, 6 blooms, black hawk; can of coffee, W. D. Stedman & Son.

Finest plant, 6 blooms, pink; 1 case of tomatoes, Asheboro Grocery Co.

Finest plant, 6 blooms, mixed variety; box one stationary Randolph Bulletin.

Finest plant, 6 blooms bronze; jar of Heinz apple butter, A. O. Ferree.

One vase of 20 largest blooms, cream; one 48 pound bag flour, Crown Milling Co.

One vase of 20 largest blooms, yellow; 1 case of peaches, Lexington Grocery Co.

One vase of 15 largest blooms, pink; 1 piece of china McCrary-Redding Hardware Co.

One vase of 15 largest blooms, white; 12 pairs stockings, Acme Hosiery Mills.

One vase of 15 blooms, Lillian Bird; 1 pair silver cuff pins, N. P. Cox.

One vase of 15 largest blooms, Black Hawk; hair brush, Spoon & Redding.

One vase best general collection old fashioned varieties; 1 pair shoes, J. L. Norman.

Best general collection cut flowers, from "Rural District"; \$5.00 in gold Womens' Betterment Association of Asheboro.

Ferns.

Finest plant, Ostrich Plume; umbrella, Wood & Moring.

Finest plant, Boston Sword; table, Home Building and Material Co.

Finest plant, Set of Silver; teaspoons Lewis-Winslow Hardware Co.

Finest plant, Asparagus Sprengerii; picture, O. R. Fox.

Finest plant, Asparagus Plumosus; step ladder, Asheboro Wheel-borrow Co.

Finest plant, Shaking 12 roses Courier.

Best collection Potted Cut plants, hand embroidered center piece; Mrs. W. D. Stedman.

Finest Japanese fern, hand painted North Carolina toast; Mrs. W. C. Hammer.

Begonias.

Finest plant, Rex; 1 bottle Toilet Water, Standard Drug Co.

Finest plant, Flowering; 1 rocking chair, Asheboro Chair Co.

Finest plant, Tuberous rooted; 12 fine chrysanthemums plants; Asheboro Electric Co.

Governor Kitchen Appoints George P. Pell Judge.

Governor Kitchen has appointed George P. Pell, of Winston-Salem, who has not been a candidate, to fill out the unexpired term of Judge E. B. Jones, resigned, although J. C. Buxton, C. O. McMichael and others have striven for the appointment. Mr. Pell will not be a candidate for the Judgeship before the next regular convention.

It will be remembered here that Governor Fowle in 1890, pursued a similar course, when he appointed Judge McCorkle to succeed Judge Shipp, deceased, with the understanding that he was to give away to Judge Hoke, Justice, and Vann before the regular convention. Mr. Pell will become judge of the eleventh district May 7. He is an able lawyer, having recently issued, "Pell's Annotated Code of North Carolina."

On Thursday morning, April 14, Mrs. Sallie Jones, wife of Mr. Coley Jones, of Mt. Airy, committed suicide while on a visit to her father, Elder Gabriel Deany, of Pilot Mountain. Mrs. Jones was mentally deranged by ill health.