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A LETTER FROM MISSISSIPPI.

A Citizen of China Grove Wanders Over the Country and Enjoys It.

BY THE UNDERSIGNED.

Mr. Editor, Dear Sir:

We have recently returned from a trip to Mississippi, where we spent about four weeks. Leaving Salisbury on the morning of the 13th of December, 1917, and we boarded the western train and we traveled along the way and over the rugged mountains of western North Carolina and then traveled a distance of about 400 miles, when we arrived at the great city of Memphis, Tenn., a distance of about 700 miles from Salisbury where we met close connection at about 5 p. m. and then on another road we traveled a distance of about 95 miles at our destination, viz, Tutwiler, Miss., at about 8:30 p. m., where we were met by our Mississippi boy, Lewis Graeber, and it being very cold he hurriedly taken us to his home where we were met by the balance of the family, viz: his wife Neva, and little 3-year-old boy Lewis, Jr., where we found a good comfortable room and warm fire, and after we got kinder thawed up we spent some time in talking and exchanging news and conversation with one another. We retired for the night where it is needless for me to tell you that we had a good night's rest after traveling the long distance of about 800 miles. We taken anywhere from 6 to 8 rows at a time and you know at that rate it did not take long for the darkness to pass away and for daylight to appear. We had the pleasure of spending about two weeks with our children in Mississippi, enjoying their presence, hospitality and good living, such as boiled ham, Xmas turkey and Xmas gifts and so forth and so on. During this time Lewis taken us around over that section of country called the delta part of Mississippi, which is certainly fine and rich, indeed. We visited the State farm and prison of Mississippi, a body of land which is about 19,000 acres, all in a body; this is where convicts are sent for punishment to pay the price for violating the laws of the land; these convicts labor on the farm where a fine and bountiful crop was raised last year, it being an exception as the boll weevil was not so bad as some other years.

Mississippi is certainly a fine farming country, the principal crop being the long staple cotton, the minimum yield is about a bale to the acre. After spending about two weeks at this place we went about a hundred miles further to visit our cousin, C. L. Graeber and family, Yazoo City, Miss., where we also had a very interesting and enjoyable time for about five days, partaking of their hospitality and bountiful Xmas living; this is also a fine section of country. During our short stay at this place we had the pleasure and privilege of visiting and enjoying the presence and conversation of Mr. and Mrs. John Eddleman, formerly citizens of our section of the country, where we again enjoyed a most magnificent dinner, and during our short stay here at this place, it afforded us a great deal of pleasure to visit an old school mate of about 50 years, viz: Mrs. Holt, who is now a widow and has been for years and has a family of 10 living children. She married in 1865, or at the close of the Civil War. Her maiden name was Miss Sallie Petra, 1/2 sister of Miss Mary Bingham of this town, and also a full sister

of the late Allen Petra of near China Grove. And at the expiration of our short stay with our relatives in Yazoo City, we returned to our son and family at Tutwiler, where we spent a few days more with our children, we then returned to our good old home in China Grove, where there is none so good. I suppose it is because it is home to us, if it is an ordinary home. And now, dear reader, you probably had a profitable and enjoyable trip and will be a time long remembered by us. And now my friends I have this to say about Mississippi. "It is certainly a fine and beautiful country, it is a land of plenty, a land where as it were that flows with milk and honey; a land where the black man does the work and the white man gets the money. It is a land where grasses grow and where waters flow; a place where a great many people like to go. It is a land where the birds fly high in the bright blue sky, and where some people seem to think they will never die. It is a land where the principal crop is the long-staple cotton, and the money that it brings is hardly ever forgotten. It is a land where nine tenths of the population is the colored man, and where the white people do the nigger for all they can. It is a place where the farming is done principally by the colored race, and where the white women never forget to powder their face. It is a land where the soil is tilled by the long eared mule, and where the black man strictly observes the white man's rule. I consider Mississippi as rich a country as ever was trod, and where the most people make their money their god. It is a land where the soil is as dark as your old black hat, and where occasionally you get to hear of a wild cat. It is a place where the people are very fond of silk neckties, but they never get to see any Mississippi pies. It is a land where turkeys gobble, and where chickens crow; a land where they very seldom have any snow. And now the holidays are over and according to the rules the children have again taken their places in the public schools."

And now, by the way, the turkeys that have survived the war, are now rejoicing over the fact, and holding services over thanksgiving for the wonderful escape that they made during the war that existed between the turks and the white people of Mississippi during the Xmas holidays. They are now enjoying peace, harmony and prosperity and are feeling perfectly safe for another year, which is the average life of a turkey.

And now to make a long story short, I will close by thanking you all in advance, would thank the publisher for giving us room in his paper and would also thank the readers wherever he or she may be for the perusal of the same.

Very respectfully submitted,
Jan. 18, 1918. H. T. GRAEBER.

Woman's Missionary Society.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of St. Mark's church Sunday morning after Sunday school.

Arrangements will be made at this meeting for the observance of the week of prayer which will be the last week in February. A full attendance is desired.

Mrs. W. C. SIFFORD,
Rec. Sec.

LOCAL NEWS

of interest to
ALL OF OUR READERS.

Garden seed seem to be in view on all sides and the weather today was such as to cause those who wish to "get the mellow sod" to begin his plans, select his seed and actually itch to get busy. The ground hog has accomplished in a few short days more than a great army.

Lucky says it was a race between the ground hog and Jason Litaker. The ground hog beat Jason out, and since the two can't stay out at one and the same time, we see little of the latter on the street these days.

V B Miller, who was in Statesville last week for an operation and treatment for rupture, has returned home much improved.

The many friends of Hon. Theo F Klutz, who has been kept at home in Salisbury since October by illness will be glad to learn that he was able to be up and about the house today.

Mrs M J Graham is spending several days in Salisbury at Mrs Charles Klutz's.

K A Shinn is in Concord today for the purpose of appearing before the Cabarrus exemption.

Roke M Earnhardt, who has been kept at home since November with rheumatism, is able to be out but has not yet resumed his work as mail carrier.

The Edua Means Company another of the Redpath Lyceum courses to play here, is billed for the evening of Tuesday, February 12th.

A chicken stew took place some where in China Grove last evening, there being fourteen young people present who disposed of the said chickens. Other delicacies were served and all enjoyed the evening.

J A Blackwelder was a Salisbury visitor yesterday.

Curtis Poston, son of W F Poston, who joined the Coast Artillery service and is now in France, reports that he is getting along fine. Another son, Floyd R. is with the army in Texas, but he don't like the job.

Born to Mr and Mrs F L Campbell, a son, Wednesday night.

Miss Florence Eddleman left Thursday for Lexington to visit her sister, Mrs R L McCrary.

The many friends here of Mr and Mrs Charles J Kimball of Columbia are pained to learn that their son Chas. Jr., has spinal meningitis. Later a 'phone' message was received that he showed a little improvement.

Charles Cline of Columbia paid China Grove a flying visit yesterday.

L A Lentz of Salisbury was a China Grove visitor Wednesday.

FAITH.

February 2nd - Miss Norma Foll and L Sides were married, at the Lutheran parsonage here, February 1st 1918 Rev C P Fisher officiating. Mr Sides is in from the navy on a thirty days furlough. His parents live at Kannapolis and Miss Foll is the daughter of William Foll of Faith. Venus with their many friends wish them a long and happy life.

When we went out on the train to Granite Quarry we met Mr and Mrs John McCall and their little daughter Winnie going to visit her father, J R Lyerly and her sister Mrs Harvey Wyatt near Rockwell.

We counted 61 passengers on the Yacht train going towards Badin and Albemarle February 1st.

James Ritchie who has been so very low is able to be up and about his house.

Mrs E Peeler is confined to bed and is very low and has been for about a week. Dr Peeler is not at home so they got a doctor from Salisbury.

We notice that the Trading Ford correspondent had some mighty slick icy roads and he calls on Venus to beat it. Well I guess we equal it at least for we have had some very cold icy rainy weather and it is raining and hailing here all day and as today is ground hog day the sun has not made its appearance yet.

J J Wray is going to sell his corn mill complete outfit ready to grind corn when set up on a back frame.

China Grove cant for the young soldiers boys address and for got to put a six cent stamp. All of the others sent stamps and got the addresses.

Mr and Mrs William and Mrs J A Peeler have gone over to Murray Peeler's to attend the meeting of the Ladies Aid Society this evening and take supper with the members of which they belong to raise money for benefit of the society, or mission money.

Here is a letter from a little girl at Barber, N C, Route 2, well Venus I am a little girl 14 years old and I read the paper and love to read the Faith items. Faith must be a great place. My grandmother is 80 years old and she has a snuff box her son in law gave her eighteen years ago and it is good yet. Can you beat that for and old snuff box?

Catarrah Deafness Cannot be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrah deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrah Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed for ever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrah which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrah medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrah Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrah Medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists 75c.

F J Cheney & Co, Toledo, O.
Mrs W A Blackwelder of Salisbury spent several days here visiting her daughter, Mrs Robert Yost.

Change of Knitting Mill.

Paul Ricks, who has been on an extensive trip through the south has returned home and will take the position formerly held by Earl Fox as night foreman of the Lillian Knitting Mill. W G Goodnight who has been day foreman ever since it started has resigned and accepted the position as superintendent of the Carthage Hosiery Mill at Carthage. Mr Fox has accepted the position of day foreman vacated by Mr Goodnight.

Mr. Ritchie Buys Controlling Interest.

The China Grove Hardware Co, a joint stock company owned principally by Concord parties, has changed hands, M L Ritchie of this place, who has been secretary and treasurer ever since its organization, has secured the controlling interest and will continue the business at the same place and in the same name.

When You Have a Cold.

It is when you have a severe cold that you appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Frank Crocker Pana, Ill., writes: "Our five-year-old son Paul caught a severe cold last winter that settled on his lungs and he had terrible coughing spells. We were greatly worried about him as the medicine we gave him did not help him in the least. A neighbor spoke so highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy that I got a bottle of it. The first dose benefited him so much that I continued giving it to him until he was cured."

Prof. Grier Ill.

Prof. B M Grier, superintendent of the China Grove public schools, being ill went home Tuesday, and suffering an attack of appendicitis, he was taken to a hospital in Charlotte where he was operated upon yesterday. It is reported that he stood the operation well and has every prospect of an early recovery.

About Constipation.

Certain articles of diet tend to check the movement of the bowels. The most common of these are cheese, tea and "billed" milk. On the other hand, raw fruits, especially apples and bananas, also graham bread and whole wheat bread promote a movement of the bowels. When the bowels are badly constipated, however, the sure way is to take one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.

The Ladies' Aid Society.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of St. Mark's church will be held at the home of Mrs A W Winecoff on Tuesday afternoon of the 12th.

This will be a very important meeting. The old church carpet will be looked over, and will likely be put on sale after this meeting. It is requested that every member be present and also any member of the congregation who would like to see the carpet.

Mrs. W. C. SIFFORD,
Rec. Sec.

Misses Ruth and Evelyn Thom have returned today from Concord where they attended a Salem Alumnae meeting.

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Department of Agriculture at east Lenoire Cultures and Pulverized Limestone.

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W. A. GRAHAM,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

Several Hundred More German Prisoners on Their Way.

Atlantic Port Feb. 7.—Several hundred German prisoners from the Philippines have arrived here by sea, enroute to Hot Springs, North Carolina for safe keeping at detention camp where the population will be increased to about 2,000 by the addition of these men.

A Hint to the Aged.

If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly, especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This remedy is recommended by any of the more serious diseases.

Transport Sunk and Nearly 200 Drowned.

London, Feb. 8.—The correspondent of the Associated Press at an Irish port says survivors of the Tausania were greatly relieved to here of the safe arrival elsewhere of Major Wade, of Washington, commander of a contingent on the steamer, and hundreds of American troops.

The only two women on board, the correspondent says, were Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Parson, and these went down a rope to a life boat. The former said when the boat left the uscania many troops had been thrown out in lowering the next boat.

"We were immediately surrounded by men in the icy water wearing life belts. We had only two men in our boat who could manage the oars. They did their best and as we came across swimming and floating men we gathered them in our boat soon the boat was full and witnessed many distressing scenes," said Mrs. Collins. "ventually we got on board a destroyer," she said, "and I don't remember a harder bit of work."

A soldier who heard Mrs. Collins tell her story said: "Yes, and you did as much as the best man in the world could have done. I saw in your boat and saw you."

Complete returns will show the number of dead to be nearer 200 than 100.

Garden Seeds.—A full line of T. W. Wood's garden seeds at F. W. Bost's. Call early, make good selections.—F. W. Bost.