

THE HICKORY DEMOCRAT

Established 1899

HICKORY, N. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1913

Democrat and Press, Consolidated 1903

BRAZIL

(By J. W. CLAY.)

Joiz de Fora, Minas, Brazil, S. A., October 11, 1913. — Before we left the States I promised to write something about our trip and the country of Brazil. But we have seen so much and had so many varied experiences that I cannot undertake to go into details in this letter.

We had a very pleasant sea voyage, and were on the water 19 days. We left New York while it was sweltering in mid-summer with people dying every day from heat, and sailing directly under the sun and across the equator, we landed in Brazil in midwinter. Winter here is very mild. In fact, we would not call it winter at all, as the flowers are in full bloom, and the growth of vegetation does not seem to be checked in the least. We were expecting to have some extremely hot weather as we went through the tropics, but after we got out of New York we were not bothered with the heat at all. We had a large party of missionaries on board the "Van Dyke" counting children and all there were about thirty. Most of them had been to Brazil before and were returning after a year's furlough at home, so we had very congenial traveling companions. The ship made but one stop during the trip, and that was at the island of Barbados for supplies. We were there one night and a part of one day and enjoyed getting out on land. There we saw the famous Barbados divers. Soon after our vessel weighed anchor in the harbor scores of little boats filled with negroes crowded around the vessel and for hours the passengers tossed coins into the briny deep in order to see the negroes dive after them. Most of the divers were boys from about sixteen years of age, and the larger ones had on short pants while the smaller ones were clothed in nothing more than dripping sea-water. When a coin was pitched into the water from the deck of the "Van Dyke" which was about forty feet above the water from one to half a dozen divers would go in after it and nine times out of ten the coin would be brought back. And mind you they didn't let it go to the bottom and then crawl around and find it. They caught it before it got to the bottom or they didn't get it at all. For twenty-five cents they would dive from the upper deck of the ship. For fifty cents they would dive under the ship and come up on the other side.

We arrived at Rio de Janeiro, the capital of Brazil in the early morning, before day, and stood out in the middle of the harbor until nearly noon. Thus we saw the city grow up before our eyes, as it were, while the sun arose, and it was revealed to us in all of its beauty. And beautiful it is. We had read many descriptions of the city of Rio and its wonderful harbor, and our expectations were high, but we were not half prepared for so grand a sight. Washington is beautiful, New York is wonderful, but they are not to be compared with Rio. Those cities are man-made. You can admire them, for they truly deserve the admiration of the world, but when you look upon this wonderful city in the south you do it with something more than mere admiration. Your heart swells, a lump comes up in your throat and the tears come to your eyes. You see here the works of man but above it all you see the workings of a divine hand. Nature, the great builder, was kind to Rio. She tarried here a little longer than at other places and she laid out a site for a city that is simply marvelous. Here is the most magnificent harbor in the world, from three to five miles wide and sixteen miles long. It is large enough for the combined fleets of the world to find shelter from the storms. Then there is the city, with a million inhabitants, built upon its side. The city is perfectly level and is ten miles wide and twelve miles long, and is wonderful in the fact that it is a city by the sea as well as a city in the mountains. In whatever direction you look in Rio you see a beautiful mountain peak, and it is not far off, but it is close at hand. And such beautiful and odd shaped peaks they are. Here you will see a solid granite shaft lifting itself sheer out of the water to dizzy heights, with not a blade of grass or a particle of vegetation upon it. Then perhaps close to it you see a peak that is covered with verdant growth. And as beautiful mountain peaks are always at hand so also are lovely water fronts. The bay creeps in and about the city until beautiful sheets of water are to be seen in every direction and in almost every section of the great city. The beautiful mountain peaks and the lovely little lakes of the world seem to be wedded and they are spending their honey moon in Rio, for wherever you look here you find the waters embracing the mountains or the mountains smiling upon the waters.

The public improvements of the city are modern in every respect, more modern, in fact than is to be found in most of the cities of the States. In New York we saw horse drawn street cars in active service. Here there are streets so beautiful and lovely that rail cars of any kind are not allowed upon them. For these they have beautiful

auto cars. Most of the streets of the city are lighted at night with both gas and electricity, the most modern electric lights and mantle gas lights, being used, and with this combination a beautiful white light is furnished that puts the "great white way" of New York to shame.

The streets are kept very clean. They are swept every morning before day and many of them are scrubbed with water and mops. A sanitary force of a thousand men visit every home in the city once a week to see that the premises are kept in sanitary condition, and by this method the mosquito and the house fly have been banished from the city, and with them the dread yellow fever and a number of other diseases that have cursed the city since its beginning. Of all the cities worth a full achievement during the past 16 years, this is the one of which they are the most proud.

Six years ago the city of Rio had very few automobiles. Now they boast of more than any city in the world of equal population. Still there are lots of carriages in use yet, and they are all drawn by the cutest little mules you ever saw. Of course you laugh at this, but really they are not odd here. They are so neat and trim, with a layer mounded harness and jingling bells, and they go at such a swift little trot that they are real beautiful. They are owned by the rich and are preferred by many of them to the automobile. The mules are usually perfectly matched, a pair of iron greys, browns, fallows, and sometimes snow whites. They are not the big braying, long eared kind that we have in the States. These mules were never known to kick and a bray would scare them to death.

We stayed in Rio one month and then moved to this place which is about 200 miles inland, high up in the mountains. The summers are so much more desirable here than at Rio, and living expenses are considerable lower. The town has a population of about 20,000 but it is so cooped up that it does not appear to be as big as Hickory. In Brazil people like to be close together. In the country you will see half a dozen little shacks all in a bunch and often you see one long house with half a dozen families living in it, yet, if I remember correctly, there is an average of only one family to every square mile in Brazil.

Our church has two large schools here, Granbery College, for boys, with an enrollment of more than four hundred, and The Miners School for girls, so there is quite an American colony of the teachers of the two schools.

Thus we are not altogether "strangers in a strange land," and for this we are certainly thankful. To meet a person who can talk English in this jabbering country is like finding an oasis in the desert.

Messrs. Henry Elliott and Lloyd Poovey, spent the week end with home folks.

Mrs. Geo. Killian and children have returned from a visit to Rock Hill, S. C.

Mrs. A. A. Whitener and children and Mrs. M. D. Dill motored to Charlotte last week.

Mrs. Claudia Henderson is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Herman, who lives near Hickory.

Rev. J. G. Gath has returned from Colesburg, where he assisted the pastor in a ten days meeting.

Regular church service at St. Andrews Evangelical Lutheran church, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Service at Mt. Olive in the afternoon at 8 o'clock.

There was a family reunion at the home of Rev. C. A. Munroe last Saturday and Sunday. Those present were: Mrs. J. M. Douglas and Miss Celine Munroe of Davidson, College, Mrs. Clark and children of St. Johns, Wash.; Dr. Stokes Munroe and daughter, Margaret, of Columbus, Ga.; Dr. John Munroe, of Charlotte; Mr. Hudson, of S. C.; Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Munroe and daughter, Miss Mary.

Mrs. C. C. Williams, who has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. M. C. McNutt for some time, has accepted a position as principal at Barium Springs, Virginia. We regret to lose Mrs. Williams from our city, but Barium Springs is to be congratulated on securing her services, as it will be quite an acquisition to the noble band of workers who are giving their time and labor to the cause of "Our Fatherless Ones."

How to Bankrupt the Doctors.

A prominent New York physician says, "If it were not for the thin stockings and thin soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effective and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Grimes Drug Co. and Moser & Lutz.

We know there are heathen folks at home, and lots of them, too. But reader, when you go to bed tonight get down upon your knees and thank the good Lord because He allowed you to first see the light of day in your native land. It's not ideal, but you may well be proud of it. Here we find a splendid climate, luscious tropical fruits, minerals, forest of rosewood and mahogany, water-power in abundance and a soil that literally does its wealth up in packages and delivers it to your very doors, in the shape of the golden orange, the lemon, the coconut, the banana, and a thousand other varieties.

But the sad thing about it all is that while the blessings of nature abound the revenges of sin doth much more abound. Here we find ignorance and superstition on every hand. Four out of every five persons cannot read or write. And wherever you find ignorance and superstition you find disease and crime. Here we see every disease known to the human race, and you cannot walk the streets without seeing such deformity and disease until you are made heart sick, and nearly all the painful cases you see are the direct result of crime. It is pitiful to see so many children with the iniquity of their fathers resting upon them, and to know that they must go through life with diseased bodies and with blasted hopes, and all because their fathers and mothers were ignorant or criminal.

Every grocery store here is a bar room and such a thing as sentiment against the use of alcoholic liquors is not to be found in Brazil. Sunday is a holiday to those who can afford it, but to the laborer it is no more than any other day. Nearly every day gambles in the government lottery. It is one of the great national sins, but this sufficient to show you that Brazil needs aid from the outside world, and until she gets aid and mends her ways she can never become the great nation that the Lord evidently intended should occupy this wonderful and beautiful land. Natural resources, no matter how abundant and how valuable, cannot make a people great. If they possess nothing more than that then they are miserable indeed. Brazil has the natural resources, all right, but the blight of Catholicism is here and has been here for four hundred years, and it has kept her from becoming great. Pay for Brazil, that she may have an equal chance with her sister of the north. And pay for the missionaries who are humbly laboring in her midst.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. J. A. Lentz is having a handsome two story house erected on 14th St.

Messrs. Henry Elliott and Lloyd Poovey, spent the week end with home folks.

Mrs. Geo. Killian and children have returned from a visit to Rock Hill, S. C.

Mrs. A. A. Whitener and children and Mrs. M. D. Dill motored to Charlotte last week.

Mrs. Claudia Henderson is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Herman, who lives near Hickory.

Rev. J. G. Gath has returned from Colesburg, where he assisted the pastor in a ten days meeting.

Regular church service at St. Andrews Evangelical Lutheran church, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Service at Mt. Olive in the afternoon at 8 o'clock.

There was a family reunion at the home of Rev. C. A. Munroe last Saturday and Sunday. Those present were: Mrs. J. M. Douglas and Miss Celine Munroe of Davidson, College, Mrs. Clark and children of St. Johns, Wash.; Dr. Stokes Munroe and daughter, Margaret, of Columbus, Ga.; Dr. John Munroe, of Charlotte; Mr. Hudson, of S. C.; Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Munroe and daughter, Miss Mary.

Mrs. C. C. Williams, who has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. M. C. McNutt for some time, has accepted a position as principal at Barium Springs, Virginia. We regret to lose Mrs. Williams from our city, but Barium Springs is to be congratulated on securing her services, as it will be quite an acquisition to the noble band of workers who are giving their time and labor to the cause of "Our Fatherless Ones."

How to Bankrupt the Doctors.

A prominent New York physician says, "If it were not for the thin stockings and thin soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effective and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Grimes Drug Co. and Moser & Lutz.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS CITY OF HICKORY

For the Month of November, 1913

RECEIPTS		\$1208.15
Cash on hand, November 1, 1913		
City property taxes	\$1053.98	
Street Taxes	243.00	
Dog tax	67.25	
Special License taxes	43.13	
Fines Municipal Court	64.50	
Costs Municipal Court	97.00	
Fees in Municipal Court	49.80	
Water rents and taps	322.49	
Street Assessment	291.26	
Good Roads fund	134.75	
Certificate of Deposit	5000.00	
Interest on Certificate of Deposit	27.77	
Sale of manure	6.75	
Hauling	1.15	
Sale of scrap	25	
Telephone messages	35	
Witness fees	50	
Board and Railroad fare prisoner	4.75	
Total	7407.68	
	\$ 8615.83	
DISBURSEMENTS		
WATER WORKS		
Jno. W. Ballew, October	60.00	
T. S. Price, October	60.00	
Buffalo Meter Co., meters	75.00	
Hickory Electric Company, long distance	40	
J. E. Barb, engineer	5.00	
Darley & Co., detector phone	2.50	
Hutton and Bourbonnais, fuel	199.20	
Hickory Manufacturing Co., lumber	3.55	
G. W. Stiles Construction Co., refund on tap	25.07	
Piedmont Foundry and Machine Co., repairs	67.25	
Latta-Martin Pump Co., repairs	150.00	
J. F. Martin refund water rent	2.00	
Geo. Bolick, refund water rent	1.00	
C. W. Mayberry, freight	.40	
Southern Express Co., 21st	1.00	
R. D. Abernathy, hauling	4.00	
Pay roll week ending Oct. 31, 1913	2.75	
" " " " Nov. 7, 1913	5.87	
" " " " " 14, 1913	8.87	
" " " " " 21, 1913	10.25	
" " " " " 28, 1913	5.37	
Total	689.20	
9TH AVENUE EXTENSION		
Joe Hill, stone work	82.86	
J. E. Barb, engineer	1.00	
W. L. Boatright, stone	4.35	
Kerr Bros., team	5.63	
Joe Hill, concrete work	4.50	
Pay roll week ending Nov. 14th	15.81	
" " " " " 21st	15.81	
" " " " " 28th	26.17	
Total	147.00	
10TH AVENUE IMPROVEMENT		
J. E. Barb, engineer	1.00	
Kerr Bros., team	2.50	
11TH AVENUE IMPROVEMENT		
Kerr Bros., grading	46.64	
Huggins & Fry, sidewalk	284.87	
Huggins & Fry, Entrance way	6.00	
J. E. Barb, engineer	4.50	
Hickory Democrat, advertisement	1.00	
Pay roll week ending Oct. 31st	24.18	
" " " " " 7th	1.50	
Total	368.49	
11TH STREET IMPROVEMENT		
Kerr Bros., grading	46.64	
J. E. Abernathy, stone	4.12	
Pay roll week ending Oct. 31st	5.16	
" " " " " 7th	1.25	
" " " " " 14th	19.48	
Total	77.05	
GENERAL STREET IMPROVEMENT		
Kerr Bros., team	2.65	
J. F. Joy, repairs	2.65	
Gus Harper, pay roll	23.50	
J. C. Williams, team	2.70	
W. L. Seabock, labor	.75	
Pink Reinhardt, labor	.25	
W. W. Warwick, notary fees	.25	
Z. Wilcox, labor	1.00	
Joseph Coulter, labor	.50	
Pay roll week ending Oct. 31st	7.75	
" " " " " 7th	13.70	
" " " " " 14th	12.58	
" " " " " 21st	13.88	
" " " " " 28th	12.47	
Total	94.08	
PERMANENT STREET IMPROVEMENT		
J. E. Barb, engineer	5.00	
Henry Reinhardt, hauling	1.75	
Pay roll week ending Nov. 7th	17.30	
Total	24.05	
PUBLIC WORKS		
Hickory Free Library, Oct. appropriation	12.50	
J. A. Bowles, supplies	2.27	
GENERAL EXPENSES		
Joseph L. Seawell, C. S. C. Printing	135.15	
Joseph L. Seawell, C. S. C. printing briefs	5.95	
A. A. Whitener, expense to Raleigh	25.00	
Mrs. W. A. Harrison, claims	140.00	
A. C. Link, P. M. postage	5.00	
Dr. H. C. Menzies, services	2.00	
Total	313.10	
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
H. L. Lohr, Oct.	40.00	
H. E. Whitener, C. F. D., fire attendance	8.00	
J. F. Joy, repairs	2.40	
Hickory Steam Laundry	1.89	
L. S. Sherrill, oil	1.40	
Southern Union Telephone Company, telegrams	2.50	
Hutton & Bourbonnais, dust	2.50	
J. J. Cilley, notary fee	.25	
Chas. Whisnant, labor	2.50	
Total	59.44	
STREET LIGHTING		
Southern Public Utilities Company, Sept.	275.91	
TAX DEPARTMENT		
School Fund, one-fourth City taxes	173.67	
Advanced School Fund	500.00	
Total	673.67	
ADMINISTRATION		
C. M. Sherrill, Oct.	150.00	
E. W. Lentz, Oct.	50.00	
W. S. Newton, Oct.	60.00	
B. B. Blackwelder, Oct.	25.00	
C. W. Brody, teams	25.00	
City Council	23.00	
Council & Yount	25.00	
C. L. Gilbert, D. S. fees	1.50	
Chief of Police, Lincolnton, N. C., fees	1.25	
A. F. Setzer, extra police	1.50	
H. E. Whitener, extra police	1.50	
Q. E. Sigmon, extra police	4.00	
Western Union Telephone Company, telegrams	.75	
F. S. Keever, extra police	1.50	
Hickory Democrat, printing	6.28	
Hickory Electric Company, long distance	1.55	
J. A. Thomas, chief of police, fees	2.00	
Southern Public Utilities Company, lights	1.00	
W. S. Newton, chief of police, expense	5.20	
W. X. Reid, Agt. rent Oct.	12.50	
E. W. Lentz, R. R. fare prisoner	1.00	
Total	399.53	
GOOD ROADS FUND		
Hickory Garage Co.,	5.00	
J. W. Burns, team	3.00	
E. W. Lentz, sundry expense	.95	
Distributing Circulars	2.10	
Scott Bros., teams	16.45	
W. H. Edmiston, team	3.00	
Whitener & Martin, supplies	1.45	
Busy Bee Cafe, lunches	15.00	
J. C. Williams, team	3.00	
St. G. Bull, team	6.00	
J. O. Turner, team	6.00	
A. L. Abernathy, team	6.00	
A. S. Miller, supt.	3.00	
Miles Teague, team	6.00	
A. L. Miller, supt.	3.00	
Shuford Hdw. Co., cups	1.60	
L. L. Fry, teams	6.00	
S. S. Stafford, team	3.00	
W. X. Chester, team	3.00	
D. A. Yount, team	3.00	
Hickory Tannery, team	3.00	
D. S. Fry, team	3.00	
John S. Little, teams	6.00	
Total	108.55	
BILLS PAYABLE		
First National Bank, note	4000.00	
Disbursements for the month of November	7248.34	
Cash on hand December 1st, 1913	1367.49	
Total	8615.83	

Reunion of The Houck Family.

A reunion of the Houck family was held last Saturday at the residence of Mr. Julius Poovey near this city.

Leander Houck, the father of the Houcks, was born June 18 1815, married Annie Katherine Link in 1842 and died April 3 1879. His wife was born July 6 1825 and is still living. To this union were born twelve children, and the remarkable part of it is they are all living. The father and two sons were in the Civil War.

The children and their families are as follows:

Martha E. was born August 19, 1843 and married Julius Poovey. They have eight living children and twenty-eight grandchildren.

Jno. M. was born April 13, 1845 and married Caroline Paett. They have four living children, fifteen grandchildren and one great grand child.

Robert C. was born February 5, 1847 and married Belle Hood. They have eight living children and thirty grandchildren.

Henry Lafayette was born January 19, 1849 and married Caroline Bowman. They have two living children and five grandchildren.

Frank C. was born January 28, 1851 and married Martha Hoyle. They have two living children.

W. Kelly was born September 10, 1855 and married Minnie Nelson. They have eight living children and four grandchildren.

Mary S. was born July 18, 1859 and married George Powell. They have twelve living children and nine grandchildren.

Laura J. was born July 13, 1861 and married Eli Kerlee. They have five living children.

Walter E. was born November 3, 1863 and married in California. They have five living children.

Annie D. was born October 23, 1866 and married Augustus Lefevers. They have four living children and one grandchild.

Ella F. was born October 23 1866 and married Wm. Lefevers. They have six living children and one grandchild.

Sidney C. was born April 27, 1871 and never married.

There were seventy-two children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren present at the reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Powell, of Longmont, Colorado, were here for the reunion. A number of visitors were also present. Mr. Hardin, our photographer, was present and took several photographs of the assembly. A bountiful dinner was served which was very much enjoyed by all.

A reunion of this family was held twenty-eight years ago, and sixty-one of the family were present at that time. Since then only four have died.

Dr. Murrill Goes to New York.

Dr. Paul I. Murrill, a son of Mrs. L. R. Whitener, of this city who has been chief consulting chemist for the Du Pont Powder Company at Wilmington, Del., for a number of years, has resigned and accepted the position of research chemist for the United States Rubber Co., with headquarters at New York, City.

Reduced Holiday Rates.

On account Christmas and New Year Holidays the Southern Railway will sell tickets at reduced rates. Tickets on sale December 17 to 25 and December 31 and January 1, with final limit to January 6. (adv't. 4t.)

Cured of Liver Complaint.

"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to everyone." For sale by Grimes Drug Co., and Moser & Lutz. adv.

LEADERS TO URGE ANTI-TRUST ACTS

Will Center With Wilson for his Views on Legislative Program. — Readjust Business.

Washington, Dec. 7. — President Wilson's views on trust legislation are to be sought this week by congressional leaders, upon whom will fall the task of mapping out the anti-trust program for legislative action. The last week has developed a pronounced view among Democratic members of the Senate that the anti-trust acts of the present session of Congress should be few and effect only the more obviously needed reforms in the field of combination and corporation activity.

While the President has announced his purpose soon to send a special trust message to Congress the scope of the communication has not yet been outlined. Chairman Clayton of the House Judiciary Committee, will meet the President tomorrow and Chairman Newlands of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, probably will have a conference with him later in the week.

The demands of Democratic leaders last week, for speedy action on the pending currency reform bill, have had a marked effect on the Senate. Confident predictions are made that the bill will pass that body before December 20 and that an adjustment of differences between Senate and House can be reached shortly after that time.

Republican members have made it clear that they do not want to be charged with delay of currency reform, and will not use obstructing tactics to effect the changes they want in the bill.

Postal Information.

Complete and legible addresses are essential to prompt delivery of mail matter. When addressed for delivery in a city the street number should be given, or the room number in case of an office building; if for delivery by rural carrier it should be addressed to the route and box number.

To insure against loss, all valuable mail other than that of the fourth class (parcel post) should be registered. The registry fee is 10 cents in addition to the regular postage.

Postal Money Orders should be used instead of cash for sending money by mail. Lost or destroyed orders will be replaced without cost.

The PARCEL POST SYSTEM affords the best facilities for the transportation of merchandise, or any matter of the fourth class.

All parcels should be securely wrapped, and must bear the name and address of the sender. Inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas," "please do not open until Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With best wishes," or the like, may be placed on matter of the fourth class or on a card inclosed therewith.

When any parcel offered for mailing is sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or contains or bears writing not permissible, it shall be charged with postage at the first-class rate and treated as first-class matter.

Parcels may be insured against loss on the payment of a 5 cent fee when the value does not exceed \$25.00; exceeding \$25.00 but not over \$50.00, 10 cents.

Parcels may be sent C. O. D. on payment of a fee of 10 cents in postage stamps affixed, provided the amount to be collected does not exceed \$100.00. Such a parcel will be insured against loss, without additional charge, in an amount equivalent to its actual value, but not to exceed \$50.00.

THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM provides facilities for depositing savings with interest, secured by the United States Government.

A. C. Link, P. M.
Hickory, N. C., Nov. 1913. (adv't) 2t.

Fit His Case Exactly.

"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." For sale by Grimes Drug Co., and Moser & Lutz. adv.

HICKORY GRADED SCHOOL		\$ 558.62
Cash on hand, Nov. 1st, 1913		
City taxes, October	173.67	
Advance of City		