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JOHNSON'S LETTER NUMBER FIVE

Still in Mexico and Writes Interestingly of His Trip

My last letter was choked in its completion by the ruthful sense of worship there explained; but there are times when one must lay aside even religious reverence to give the public the cold facts, and before leaving the subject of Albuquerque, I will linger to tell just this much:

The town has a population of about 25,000, and maybe a few more. It is located on the Rio Grande river,but far above the reach of that river where it forms the dividing line between the United States and Mexico. It is the county ceat of Bernalillo county, and was founded in the year 1701 by an old Spaniard, a part of whose name was Don Pedro (and then some) thirty-fourth viceroy of New Spain, Duke of Albuquerque etc. The old Plaza is too far away from the railway station for us to see, but the people seem proud of it, and tell me it was erected in 1735, and contains remains of a very old and very sacred Catholic church known as San Felipe de Neri,—whatever that is.

Prior to the Mexican War this was the site of an important Mexican Fort, and still farther back, before Mexico became independent of Spain, an event that dates about the year 1820, this was an old Spanish Fort.

Albuquerque is headquarters for the sheep raising industry in New Mexico. The town handles ten million dollars worth of sheep and lambs annually, and wool to the amount of seven million pounds. I was forced to admit, though reluctantly, that in this respect they are ahead of Mossgeil.

The University of New Mexico is located at Albuquerque; its campus covers sixty acres, and the buildings are on the style of the Indian Pueblo. There is also a Presbyterian school here, that is said to be doing a great work among the conglomerate mass of humanity that form the population.

It is quite a long distance from Albuquerque to Gallup, but I do not have any notes of this stretch. I do remember, however, passing the town of Wingate, where is what is called the greatest natural monument in America, called Inscription Rock. On its walls are hundreds of inscriptions extending over three hundred years, the earliest of which, still deciperable, recites some deed of prowess of an old Spaniard in the year 1606.

Arriving at Gallup, we were informed that we had thirty minutes, and that all who wished to do so could go to Fred Harvey's fine eating house for lunch. And this was the first Increased Deliveries, High Adtime I put my foot on the ground after leaving Chicago. I had tired of the dining car meals, and was glad to become acquainted with Harvey's

great meals. Gallup is a town of about 5000 infrom Gallup annually.

ry their crude looms with them, with tions. which they weave very superior anything but attractive. They have monopoly. the appearance of being cowed, and Congressman J. J. McSwain declar-

like a farm mule. remains by the American Geographi- must have the endurance to fight for cal Society, are round about here; but the five years of the contract. On

(Continued next week)

THE PRINTER-PRESIDENT HAS PASSED AWAY

THE strife-torn world has learned that it has lost A sincere friend; the nation an honest and earnest public official; the printing craft its most illustrious

President Harding was typical of the best in the American nation. He would have been glad to call himself an average American. He rose to the highest position in the gift of the greatest nation on earth by hard work, conscientious and honest dealings with his fellowmen and a knack for making friends that has characterized all his public deeds.

Like Lincoln he was a "small town" man by birth and upbringing. And the rugged honesty and conservatism generally attributed to the "small town" population guided him all through life—as a farmer, as a newspaper man, as a politician and as the president of the nation.

May his memory long live among us!

THE LAST OF THE PEACHES

ed—Prices Take a Rapid Rise

The peach crop, which was expected to be over with, except for late Hales, is holding over into this week. Monday there were still quite a few Belles coming in, and the Hales are just beginning to come in full. There seems to be no orderly sequence in the ripening of the fruit this year. In some orchards Belle trees were stripped a week or ten days ago, but we know of one orchard near Aberdeen where the Belles are just coming into their prime. The Elbertas, which should have followed the Belles, ripened with the Belles in some orchards. In other orchards the Hales were extremely

There seems to be quite a lot of fruit still to be marketed and as there are no peaches to the north of us, an eager bid is being made for all of Prices bid fair to exceed any prices ever paid for our product. Monday's market quotation ranged around \$3.00 to \$3.50 per crate.

CAROLINA CO-OPS MAKE BIG GAINS

vances and Record Meetings Mark Second Year

Enthusiasm for co-operative marketing reached a new high level habitants; is the county seat of Mc- among tobacco farmers throughout Kinley county, and is near the west South Carolina last week when delivedge of New Mexico. It is in th midst eries to the co-operative markets inof the greatest coal mining section in creased at almost every point and western New Mexico. They told me thousands of organized growers left nearly a million tons of coal is shipped their urgent harvesting to attend the great mass meetings and barbecues Large numbers of Navaho Indians, at which a United States Senator, still nomadic in their habits, roam the Congressman, a State Senator from country, and come into this town to North Carolina and a College presitrade. These Indians own great dent urged the members of the toflocks of sheep, which they drive with bacco and cotton co-operatives to conthem as they move from pasture land tinue steadfast in their successful to pasture land; and the women car- marketing through their own associa-

United States Senator, N. B. Dial, blankets. I was told that an Indian at the meetings of tobacco farmers woman could set up her loom in two from Florence, Darlington and Dillon minutes, and in another minute she counties counties urged his hearers to would be nonchalently weaving a see to it that the prices of their cotblanket. These Indian women are and tobacco are not fixed by a British

beaten into utter hopelessness, with ed, "This is a fight in peace time by all the sentiment of life gone, with the farmers for their liberty and the no thought but to bear the burden welfare of their children and grandchildren. Zeal akin to missionary The wonderful discoveries of Astec fervor stirs our farmers today but we this good fight can leave his children it will remain for a few days only.

the great legacy of economic free-

Senator J. A. Brown, of Columbus county, North Carolina in a bitter denunciation of those who fight the marketing association for selfish reathat he can drink all the cream and leave all the skim milk to his neighbor hasn't good sense and isn't a good citizen in any community." Reproaching his hearers for their short memories, Senator Brown asked the farmwhich have brought prosperity back to this section.

President H. N. Snyder, of Wofford College, South Carolina declared, the West, but when asked if his trip utation for himself in the teaching anything which woulld save me from sumptuous banquet spread before him Prof. Redfern introduced Prof. Kelthe humiliation of having somebody asked for bread and milk. else always tell me what I must do." South Carolina.

Every member of the Tobacco Grow- of the trip. er' Co-o erative Association from Pitt county, North Carolina, who has sought to avoid delivering his 1923 crop by suing his own association for anulment of his contract, now finds his crop tied up by injunction proceedings and facing the hearing se' by Judge Calvert of Wake Coun'y, for August Hopes Perhaps to Locate-Good 20th, in Raleigh.

S. D. FRISSELL.



Cup won by The Pilot for being the best printed paper in the State. The Cup is now on display in the window his deathbed the man who has fought of the Vass Mercantile Co., where

J. M°N. JOHNSON ARRIVES HOME

Crop Held Longer Than Expect- sons declared, "The man who thinks Glad to Be Back in the Sandhills —Says "Bread and Milk" For Him

> Col. J. McN. Johnson, who with Mrs. Johnson left Aberdeen about a month ago for a tour of the Western states, ers to compare the 11c tobacco of is back again none the worse for the 1921 with the 17c tobacco of 1922, and trip. He has already delighted the schools, spent Monday of this week in pointed to co-operative marketing as readers of The Pilot with accounts of Aberdeen, where he was induced to the reason for the increased prices the early steps off his tour, and will come by Prof. J. E. Redfern, who is

> "Under the old system the cards have had in any way lessened his first love of music and also as a band and orbeen stacked against the individual for the Sandhills, he replied that he chestra leader. We understand, too, grower. It seems to me I would join was much like the man who with a that he is an adept on the pipe organ.

> Stating that the farmers have become Johnson back and it knows that he a happy combination of the genius and the most dissatisfied class of people in has gained impressions on this trip, the practical man. America, president Snyder described which when applicable for adoption the contract of the tobacco and cot- and improvement locally, will have in steps be taken toward the organizaton associations as a new declaration him an able sponsor. This from the tion of a band in the Sandhills. Takof independence by the farmers of personal enjoyment and edification ing up that point with Prof. Kelly, he that he with Mrs. Johnson got out

FOR ABERDEEN

Prospects that it Will Materialize

Mr. W. M. Ketchum, of Kinston, N. C, spent several days in Aberdeen last week looking over the situation with a view of establishing a Canning plant there. Mr. Ketchum interviewed several Aberdeen business he left expressed himself well satisfied with the prospects in this section Tobacco Company at Raleigh. and with Aberdeen as the best locahis plant.

Charles Sumner Canning Plant at Bal- Aberdeen Graded School. timore, Md. This plant has a national reputation and we take it, therefore, week at Mrs. J. R. Page's home for that Mr. Ketchum is an A-1 canning her niece, Miss Etta Reid Wood, of plant man and fully able to discern Asheboro, broke up on Wednesday. the prospects for such a plant in this All the young ladies, Converse Colsection. While he was very reticent lege classmates of Miss Woods, left about his plans and seemingly not in- for their respective homes. On Monterested in local financial help or day the party enjoyed a basket picother assistance, we are expecting a nic and a days outing at Blue's Bridge. The above is a photograph of the return visit from Mr. Ketchum to ar- On Tuesday the party was entertainrange more definite preliminaries to- ed at Asheboro, returning at night ward the starting of this plant. But for a dinner party here. Mr. Ketchum has ample time to do this as he will not be ready for can- made to the Bureau of Vital Staning operations until the next season.

SOLID CAR U.S. **FANCY PEACHES**

Grown at McGraw's Orchard Near Aberdeen-Packed Under Supervision Gov't

A solid car of U. S. No. 1 Fancy Peaches of the Hale variety was packed at the McGraw Cherokee Orchards just out of Aberdeen last Thursday. To our knowledge this is the first solid car of Uncle Sam's highest standard that has ever left this section. Government inspectors stood over the packers and a most rigid inspection was observed. Every peach that was not 90 percent colored was culled, as were also all the peaches which were not properly shaped or had other blemishes.

Mr. McGraw sold this car where it stood when loaded at \$3.75 per bushel, a price considerably above the market that day. To show how closely the fruit was inspected, people from everywhere flocked out there as soon as some of the culls began to come into town. They eagerly paid \$3.00 per bushel for the fruit that had been rejected by the Government inspectors and there was a scrimmage for it at the wind up.

The McGraw Orchard has produced some exceptionally fine fruit this year. It has also produced an abundant crop, all of which has brought good prices. With the attainment of filling a solid car with U.S. Fancy No. 1 grade, it achieved outstanding distiction among the orchards in the entire section this season.

Prof. C. V. Kelly, last season musical instructor at Edinburg, Virginia, continue to do this in the succeeding hoping to secure him for the next season for the Aberdeen Consolidated Mr. Johnson is enthusiastic about Schools. Prof. Kelly has made a repley to a number of our citizens and The Pilot is glad to welcome Mr. the general impression is that he is

Sometime ago The Pilot urged that said that he had at other places and that he could at Aberdeen organize an orchestra unit so that he could at anytime pick out of it the band instruments and have a complete band. Very little additional practice would be necessary to keep the band proficient. Aberdeen has the talent and it remains for someone to organize it into one unit for our delectation and the good of the community.

The Rexall Sale put on by Carter's Drug Store last week is going at full gait. The ad appeared in last week's Pilot and is again repeated in the issue of this week.

Rodney Page who has been attending business college at Raleigh spent Sunday with his folks here. Rodney men and fruit growers, and before has completed his course and secured a position with the R. J. Reynolds

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Wilson, newly tion for central canning plant. He married, are temporarily at home at did not divulge any detailed plans, L. B. Townsend's residence. They arbut we understand that he has gone rived here Saturday morning after as far as to look into the possibilities having visited several points after of two or three sites in Aberdeen for their marriage at Ahoskie. Mrs. Wilson was formerly Miss Margaret Ses-Mr. Ketchum, we understand, was soms, well remembered here from at one time assistant manager of the former years when she taught at the

The house party in progress for a

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