

Western Letter.

According to my promise I will write a few lines for the NEWS which I get every Tuesday; glad to get it too. It was the best last week it has ever been. Well, praise the Lord we landed here safely on April 13 after being out four days.

We left Hickory, N. C., on No 11 which was four hours late, and reached Chattanooga at three the next morning, went to a hotel and got beds which we occupied till seven; then up and out and ready for the train for Memphis at 9:30, which is No. 36 that passes Hickory at 11 o'clock at night and is a limited train in N. C., but when it reaches Ala. and Miss. it becomes a local, stopping at all stations. The run to Memphis from Chattanooga is over three hundred miles through Ala. and a part of Miss. and it takes all day to make it. We reached Memphis at eight o'clock. The bay was beautiful and the trip was fine. The leaves were just about grown in Ala. They were planting corn and cotton, but cutting cedar poles seemed to be a leading occupation, for we saw thousands of them on the way. They cut them for fence posts and telegraph poles. We were shown the home in Stevenson, Ala., of Eld. John A. Cargile, who is quite well known in North Carolina. We didn't have long to wait Memphis till we boarded the Frisco for Kansas City, a distance of five hundred miles. All the cars on this road are first class with reclining chairs. We passed through Ark. in the night and when day dawned we were looking out on the broad fields of Kansas with not a mountain in sight, nothing but pastures and corn and wheat fields. Next we came to Missouri and were attracted by hundreds of acres in orchards. We reached Kansas City about ten o'clock Wednesday and were surprised to find it was not beautiful for situation. At 11:35 we started over the Burlington up the Missouri River for Omaha, a distance of more than two hundred miles which we reached about 6 o'clock, having passed the pretty cities of St. Joseph on the Missouri and Council Bluffs, Iowa and quite a number of other places of interest. The Corn Crib in Iowa especially attracted my attention. At the Burlington depot in Omaha we were transferred to the Union Pacific depot, which is a beautiful building indeed, when it was ascertained we were going out on a branch line of the M. and P. we were transferred to the Webster St. depot, then we were just twenty three miles from our destination, but no train out that way till four o'clock the next day, so we went a block to the Drexell hotel and put up and the next day we took in some of the city, or rather it took us in. It is beautifully situated and claims about two hundred thousand of a mixed population of Europeans, Asiatics and Americans. We made some purchases at the store of Hayden Bros., who employ six hundred clerks. Here we were enabled to see the difference between the Japanese and Chinese, although of the same race there is a marked difference between them, the Chinese bring with them their old manners and customs while the Japs meet the Yankee right on his own ground and do business right along by his side adopting his manners, dress, etc. After spending the day pleasantly in Omaha we started at four o'clock for Springfield, which we reached at five and found our people looking for us, and took us right to their homes for a day or two, when we moved into our parsonage which we now occupy, right by the side of our church which is situated on Main street. We are comfortably and pleasantly situated in a nice little new town of about six hundred, but it has made considerable progress, if it is small.

We have two good banks, opera house, four churches, water-works, graded school that furnishes all the books, tablets and pencils the children use, with twelve grades

that prepare the children for the State Normal and to teach anywhere in the state or out in the public schools, also the main streets are paved the others planked. There is a nice hospital here where people come for treatment. Two large elevators handle the corn. The Masons and K. of P. have halls. There is also a creamery in the town and an up to date lumber yard where you can buy anything in the way of building material from sand on up. And while there is a couple of saloons, here I am glad to say the sentiment is getting strong against it, the last election was a tie, had I been here ninety days earlier my vote would have changed it.

This is a cheap place to live, corn is only 35 cents per bushel and the best flour only five dollars per bbl, and Irish potatoes of the very finest just any way from a gift up to 30 cents per bushel and you can just get anything you want to eat here. The people dress plainly here. The ladies go shopping with bonnets on made of chambray and calico and do their own work such as scrubbing and cooking, washing and ironing although they may be worth fifty to seventy-five thousand dollars, they have no servants, but harness their horse and drive him themselves and don't hunt for a side-saddle if they want to ride horse back. The president of the Sarpy Co. Bank here appears quite often on the streets in blue overalls, he has his hand on about one hundred and fifty thousand and I am just as well respected here as he is so long as I behave myself. This is the rule here a laboring man is just as well respected by all classes as anyone if he behaves himself.

Well I must close my letter as perhaps it may be too lengthy already. In conclusion I will say that while I am very nicely situated with a clean and pure people, who take pains to make us comfortable and have never had any cause whatever to regret the change have not suffered a moment with home-sickness, yet I am a native born "Tar Heel" and expect some time for the way to open to me back there in the home land where I can lay me down and sleep with my fathers if I must yield to death before my Lord shall come in person to grant me a reprieve and give me eternal life.

Tell Mr. H. T. Newland not to get alarmed this is not a request for that money he was to send me to come back on.

My regards to all,
J. A. Downs,
Springfield, Neb., April 27.

P. S.—The policeman here is from Alexander County, N. C. We have become friends at once, he gives me the Statesville landmark, so I have plenty of news from home.

It Is Dangerous to Neglect a Cold.
How often do we hear it remarked: "It's only a cold," and a few days later learn that the man is on his back with pneumonia. This is of such common occurrence that a cold, however slight, should not be disregarded. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia, and has gained its popularity and extensive sale by its prompt cures of this most common ailment. It always cures and is pleasant to take. For sale by J. E. Shell, Dr. Kent's Drug Store and Granite Falls' Drug Co.

The editor of an Arkansas paper recently apologized to his readers for lack of news somewhat in this fashion: "We expected to have both a death and a wedding to announce this week, but a violent storm prevented the wedding and the doctor himself having been taken ill, his patient recovered and we were accordingly cheated out of both."

Famous Strike Breakers
The most famous strike breakers in the land are Dr. King's New Life Pills. When the liver and bowels go on a strike, they quickly settle the trouble, and the purifying work goes right on. Best cure for constipation, headache and dizziness. Twenty-five cents at J. E. Shell druggist.

South's Representation.

Independent V. in Industrial News.
There has been much discussion by the Democratic press of late as to the advisability of nominating a southern man for president.

Judging from the experience of the past forty years it would seem to be a matter of but little importance where the Democratic candidate comes from or who he may be, as there will doubtless be little chance of electing him. Naturally it would be a course of gratification to the south to have a southern man in the presidency no matter what his politics might be and it is a consummation most devoutly to be wished, but the times are not yet a ripe for the accomplishment of such a purpose. The south will have to abandon a lot of decayed issues and cease following incompetent political leaders before it can take its proper place in the political questions every day, cease swallowing every nostrum that is labelled Democratic and advancement of the interests of the nation, they will see their statesmen again in the front ranks as in the days of Clay, of Calhoun, of Graham, and other sons of the past. What is needed in the south today and indeed in other parts of the union is a large independent vote, acknowledging allegiance to no political bosses, holding the balance of power between the two great parties and advocating measures that are just and good and voting for men who have the ability and the courage to stand for such ideas, let their politics be what they may.

The independent vote can save the south and the nation from humbuggery, demagoguery, dishonesty and folly and it is to be hoped that his tribe will increase and be in evidence in the coming elections and from thereon forever more.

For a painful burn there is nothing like Dewitt's Witch Hazel Salve. There is a host of imitations of Dewitt's Witch Hazel Salve on the market—see that you get the genuine. Ask for Dewitt's. Good, too, for sunburn, cuts, bruises, and especially recommended for piles. The name E. C. Dewitt & Co., Chicago, is on every box. Sold by J. E. Shell, Dr. Kent's Drug Store & Granite Falls' Drug Co.

Nashville, Tennessee, April 27.—It was announced here today that the isthmian canal commission has awarded to the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company a contract to haul in ninety days time 20,000 cars of cement from Louisville to New Orleans, whence the cement will be shipped to Panama.

The Louisville & Nashville figures on putting a train of cement into New Orleans every forty-five minutes until the contract is completed.

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"A dangerous surgical operation, involving the removal of a malignant ulcer, as large as my hand, from my daughter's hip, was prevented by the application of Bucklin's Arnica Salve," says A. C. Stiekel, of Miletus, W. Va. "Persistent use of the Salve completely cured it." Cures Cuts, Burns and Injuries. Twenty-five cents at J. E. Shell druggist.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

North Carolina, Caldwell County.
By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain chattel mortgage, executed to the undersigned on the 17th day of July, 1905, to secure the payment of certain bonds therein mentioned, in the sum of thirteen hundred and fifty dollars, the said mortgage being registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Caldwell County, in Book "T" of Mortgages, at page 523, and because of default made in the payment of the bonds therein mentioned according to the conditions of the said mortgage, I will on Saturday the 13th day of May, 1906, at the Court House door of Caldwell County, at 12 o'clock M., expose to sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the property described in the said chattel mortgage executed by Thos. N. Locke to the undersigned, which said property is described in the said mortgage as follows, viz: All the presses, machinery, type, newspaper and job stock, office supplies now belonging to and necessary to the successful operation of the Lenoir Topic, a newspaper published in the Town of Lenoir, in said County and State, together with the subscription list, subscription accounts, name of paper and good will of same, viz: The Lenoir Topic, together with all the office supplies of whatever nature or kind and all property whatsoever used in the printing of the said newspaper at the present time. The mortgage above referred was executed by Thos. N. Locke, as Trustee for C. C. Weaver, J. E. Mattocks and A. E. Woltz, doing business under the firm name and style of the Topic Publishing Company, and demand has been made upon the undersigned by two of the members of the said Company according to the conditions of the said mortgage. This 20th day of April, 1906. O. P. Lutz, Trustee for C. C. Weaver, A. E. Woltz and J. E. Mattocks.

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