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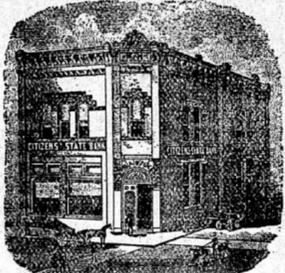
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THE SUNNY SOUTH.

An Interesting Letter from Florida by Mrs. L. H. Pratt.

The Southerners are Generous and Hospitable and Respect Men of Principle.

Some of the Southern Ladies have no Particular Affection for Yankees.

CROMANTON, July 28th, 1894.

Dear Old Princeton Union: Thinking perhaps something more from the "sunny south" would be acceptable, I will try to write you to-day although it seems to me as if I had about exhausted my limited store of knowledge on the subject. It is true, I have been a resident here now for nearly four years, but as has always been the case, I am very domestic and don't often get far from home. I have never said much on the political situation, and perhaps it is best not to say much. It seems that the leading men are all Democrats, but judging from the back-biting and mud-slinging that is going on by way of the newspapers, it is pretty hard to tell just who are the good Democrats. It is certain that the political pot is boiling, and boiling furiously, and it is truly to be hoped that the agitation may throw off all that is bad, and nothing remain but what is good, just and true.

We have all sorts of political faiths here, from radical Republicans to the unrepentant rebel, (the latter are usually females), all living together in one community and to all appearance the best of friends. There is, of course, occasionally a little good natured sparring indulged in "just for fun." I don't know how better to illustrate this than by relating a few little incidents that have come under my observation. We have in our midst a lady, highly educated, and especially in regard to the history of our own country. She is a Virginian by birth, her father having owned a large plantation and many slaves in that State. Still they were Unionists, and as we all know it took courage in those days to be a Unionist in the south. She has courage enough for a whole regiment, and is, I think, the most thoroughly radical Republican that I ever met, and ready to express her opinion at any time. Said lady was lecturing a certain man (on the results of the war) who was also a slaveholder and has a decided leaning the other way. She had him pretty well cornered, in fact it seemed as if there was not much left that he could say. He hesitated and finally expressed himself thusly: "Well, what we didn't kill of you, we crippled; you are all drawing pensions anyway!" As almost every northern man here who is old enough is an invalid ex-soldier, here for his health and living on his pension, there would seem to be some ground for the assertion.

At the St. Andrews 4th of July celebration, a year ago, an old gentleman was addressing the people for a few minutes, and he talked like this: "My friends," (we are nearly all Yankees here) "it is impossible for me to express the satisfaction I feel at the condition of things here to-day. Of course you all know about the dreadful war we had years ago. How the Union troops came down here and how property and lives were destroyed, and how hard it made it for us. I, with others, was a heavy loser. Well, it was hard for them, too, but as I said before, I am truly glad past differences are passing away so fast. I am glad to see so many northern people here to-day, I hope they will all improve their condition by coming here, and right here I want to say that I think I never saw a brighter, happier, or better looking lot of ladies in my life than I see here before me to-day, and if I was a young man I should surely come here and get me a wife, and (with a rising inflection to the end) I believe she would make me happy."

Said an Alabama lady to me, "Who is that old codger?" I replied, "he is an Alabama ex-confederate soldier." She replied very spitefully, "I don't want any thing to do with him. I have no use for these nicely reconstructed folks!"

I happened to call upon a lady friend one evening and found that she had a guest just from a northern city, to all appearances a very fine lady. My friend introduced me to her guest as "one who could tell her all about Florida," and then excused herself for a few minutes and left us alone. I soon found that I was taken for a "sure nuff" Floridian. No sooner was the door closed than Mrs. S. remarked: "I was told before I got here that if I didn't like my boarding place I could go to the hotel, and that I should be sure to like there because it was kept by northern people; but that is no recommendation for me as I was born in New Orleans and I don't consider myself a northerner by any means, and I have no love for the northern people whatever, and I do think that the Yankees are the most deceitful people on the face of this earth." I informed her that I was from the State of Minnesota, and that my husband was a Union soldier and that both he and I were Mainite Yankees by birth. After this when I called there, which I did several times during her stay, she was always invisible.

We have no reason to complain of the treatment we have received from the southern people. There is in some places a good deal of prejudice against northerners, and I am sorry to say that a good many northerners, instead of making things better have had an influence directly the other way. I have seen some here who were anything but an honor to the place they came from. We count among our best friends here natives of the State. They are very generous, hospitable and kind. We see no need of having trouble with any of them. Of course they are people and like to be treated as such, but they respect any one who will stand up for his principles. We see occasionally one who was a strong Republican at home, but after he gets here either from fear or to curry favor among the politicians becomes a strong Democrat. He soon finds his level and is despised by both parties. But my letter is getting too long. I must congratulate ye editor on his nomination and tell him that if we were only in Minnesota this fall he would probably get five votes out of our family. As it is we truly hope he will be elected without our help.

MRS. L. H. PRATT.

A Test of Civilization.

One of the principal tests by which we may estimate the degree of civilization to which a nation has attained, is its treatment of women. When man was a savage, woman was no more than a companion animal. When he attained to the stage of a barbarian, and had enough intelligence to abandon caves and build for himself a dwelling, woman became the household drudge, doing the heavy labor of the field also, and being a chattel, disposable at the pleasure of her lord and master. Among the Greeks, the Romans and the Jews, her condition was somewhat improved, but polygamy was lawful. The Teutonic nations of the nineteenth century have placed her on a higher plane, and she is accorded a respect and deference that excites the astonishment of Orientals, among many of whom woman is treated as a being without a mind to be cultivated or a soul to be saved. It is, however, in our own country that woman has attained the position of the beloved and honored queen. In truth, it may be said that among the better classes, all things exist for woman. The railroads, especially, take every means to provide for her safety and her comfort, and if she is traveling alone, great pains are taken to insure her a pleasant journey. In this respect, "The Burlington" takes the lead, and the Burlington Route is widely known for the courtesy of officials and employes to lady patrons. Tickets via this line can be had from any agent of this or connecting railroads, or by addressing W. J. C. KENYON, Gen. Pass. Agent, St. Paul, Minn.

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Vale Summer School.

The third annual training school for teachers of the counties of Isanti, Kanabec, Sherburne and Mille Lacs closed a very successful term of four weeks on Friday last. Under the skillful supervision of Conductor Shoemaker, ably assisted by Miss Clute, as instructor, a great amount of earnest work has been accomplished. During the first week the large number enrolled made it necessary to call for more aid, and Mr. Shroyer came and assisted energetically during the last three weeks. It would be impossible now to estimate the amount of good that has been done by the school, this will show, later on, in the scores of school-rooms where the teachers will take up their work with renewed energy, improved methods and more earnest efforts than they have ever known before, as they recall the pleasant memories of the past four weeks which they have so faithfully spent in trying to prepare themselves for better service in their chosen work. Many regrets were expressed that the term could not have been longer. Work was continued up to the last. Prof. Shoemaker asking for only one moment in which to make his closing address. But what teacher present can ever forget his earnest, sincere talks to them in the class of pedagogy. Prof. Shoemaker believes with Shakespeare, "Thou must be true thyself if thou the truth wouldst teach." Thirty-four certificates of attendance signed by State Supt. Pendergast, Conductor Shoemaker and County Supt. Mrs. Barker were awarded to the faithful ones who had been neither absent nor tardy during the entire term. A good record. Yes, the school has been a marked success and one all hope to have the opportunity to renew the pleasant associations and continue their earnest work in the long vacation of 1895. So say we all of us.

NOTES.

Mrs. Crusoe, of Mora, an old teacher, was an interested visitor the last two days of school.

The thanks of the school are due Miss Sophia Ross who served so faithfully and willingly as organist.

Supt. Dahl, of Isanti county, was with us for a day during the last week. Wish his stay could have been longer.

The six young ladies of Kanabec county became so attached to Princeton they stayed over a day after school closed. Come back, young ladies, we are lonesome without you.

Visitors enrolled the past week: Mrs. McCuaig, Miss Sinclair, Miss Blanche Atkins, Miss Jesmer, Mrs. Soule, Mrs. Marvin, Mrs. Chadbourne, Mrs. Bloomingdale, Miss Irma Bloomingdale, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Cater, Mrs. Wheeler and others.

We are all planning what we will do with our wicked reporter another year. Look out for yourself, Mr. Ewing, you will think "life not worth the living" when all these indignant school-ma'ams have once decided upon a mode of punishment equal to your misdeeds.

Mrs. O. R. Barker, Mille Lacs county's efficient superintendent was present every hour that the school was in session, had charge of the singing, and gave a helping hand wherever needed. Prof. Shoemaker says, they could not have got along without her, that her services were indispensable. Mrs. Barker is certainly deserving of some substantial recognition. The other instructors received pay for their services. She has not received a cent.

Dr. Niven Aug. 25th, 26th and 27th.

Mr. Swanson's Reasonable Kick.

GREEN LAKE, Aug. 15th, 1894.

I noticed an item in the Princeton UNION of the 9th inst. in regard to my notices that I have posted forbidding hitching horses to the trees. I do not think that such trifles ought to disturb anyone as there are lots of posts put there for that purpose. Last year fourteen trees died by horses being hitched to them and eating the bark off. If I should let things go on in that way I would not have a tree left in a few years. About ground rent I never intend to over-charge as it is very seldom I get anything. People think that it is no trouble to live by the lake but it is. If you would take my place you would find out. I do not say that I lose any ground but I often lose control of my temper and a good night's rest. Yours Truly,
 C. G. SWANSON.

We wouldn't countenance lynching under any circumstances, but if some more repulsive means of administering death could be devised it could be put to a good use if the incendiaries which infect this town could be caught.—Anoka Herald.