

OKOLONA'S SOJOURNERS.

Mrs. Ada Gilliam, who with her two daughters is visiting in Asheville, North Carolina, writes to this office under date of September 8th, the following description of the kind of good time they are having:

"I cannot refrain from mentioning something about the glorious climate and grand scenery of Asheville. The temperature ranges from 51 to 69 degrees in the morning, and is so exhilarating in effect. It infuses new life and energy and causes one to want to exercise in the open air and breathe the pure oxygen. The scenery is as an inspiration, and arouses all one's poetic genius. Our Okolona party has been constantly on the go. We have visited the fine hotels, worshipped in the handsome churches, visited the parks on the summits of the mountains, and been to Baltimore, the home of George Vanderbilt.

No monarch ever lived in more splendor. His estate covers 120,000 acres. He has his own livery, ice-factory, electric plant, water works system and dairy. His stock and cattle are the finest I have ever seen, and his poultry is grand. His home is built of white sandstone and marble, with slate roof. The architecture is of the Gothic Renaissance style. He has built a village in the suburbs of Asheville, and rents the cottages to visitors. His church, where he worships, is called 'All Souls.' He pays the rector and choir, and collections are taken up only for charity.

Asheville is thronged with visitors. Some come for health, others for pleasure. President Roosevelt will be here tomorrow, and extensive preparations are being made to receive him. Country produce is cheaper here than in Okolona, and sweet cider is sold in abundance.

The sorghum lappers of Kansas are basking in their annual sweetness now.

The Ohio Democrats are scrambling to climb into the Tom Johnson automobile.

The supervisors of Jones county have only made a levy of 4 1-2 mills in taxes for county purposes this year.

Don't worry and fret. Resolve that you are going to have a good time, and the chances are you will have it.

Steps have been taken to set apart a portion of the old state house grounds at Jackson for a Confederate monument park.

Perhaps one of the reasons that people are living longer now than was the style a few centuries ago, is because they live so much faster.

People who insist on living upon the edge of a volcano, generally find their lives shortened by the aspiration, if put into action.

Lieutenant Governor James T. Harrison has been acting Governor for the past ten days, during the absence of the Governor from the State.

How much patience have you for the man who never has a good word for any one, but is always in his element roasting you or some one else?

Good, sharp teeth are not necessary to produce a cutting remark. Many a haggle-toothed old woman can make a man jump sideways.

The President is having a good many big days now on his jaunt, but by the time he is two years older, he will be having still more strenuous times.

So many people can't do the things they want to and don't want to do the things they can do, that the world is half the time pulling against itself.

The Memphis bribery cases which were set for trial the first of this month, have been postponed for two weeks, because of the illness of the prosecuting attorney.

A Union party meeting was held in Philadelphia the other day, and in less than an hour after the gavel fell, the union was dissolved, and half a dozen factions were out doing business for themselves.

It is the man who is willing to do things, accomplish something, which is a benefit to any community, provided those things are not in the line of tearing down or breaking up things which are for the general benefit of the entire community.

The angel business has always been more or less an uphill climb in our sister state of Arkansas. The other day a lot of whitecaps of that state whipped the hide off a man who had proclaimed himself an angel. And there is no place called Jerusalem in Arkansas, either, as shown by our map.



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By the time all the fellows connected with the matter get through making statements about the treasury scandal, the people will be at a loss to know whether any of the funds were ever actually loaned out or not.

The South Americans, who are engaged in a mild form of war, don't know what is in store for them. No sooner will their troubles of war end until an investigation will likely be launched charging some of the officers with unnecessary loops.

The United States government is still indebted to the state of Mississippi about \$12,000 for the recruiting of soldiers for the Spanish war, and from the manner in which the matter is dragging along, there is no telling when the account will be balanced.

Senator McLaurin is coming in for a goodly number of newspaper notices in the country press of Mississippi just now. Senator Money's certainty of re-election seems so much assured that even his most ardent admirers do not think it necessary to boom him.

If the world is really growing better all this time, and has been doing so for thousands of years, we must conclude that there was a pretty tough set running things away back yonder, or that the top of the pole of perfection is mighty high, if the doings of the present crowd in power in this most advanced country of the globe, are to be used as a comparison.

Okolona was visited Tuesday by a delegation of high officials of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad company, looking around the yards and shops here to see what improvements might be necessary in the near future. The personnel of the party embraced H. W. Clarke, superintendent of transportation, E. W. Moore, superintendent St. Louis Division, B. A. Orland, master mechanic, G. B. Murphy, trainmaster Montgomery division, A. J. Alexander, trainmaster Mobile division, H. L. Hungerford, trainmaster Jackson division, A. G. Abell, trainmaster St. Louis division, W. T. Tatum, roadmaster Mobile division, C. E. Boykin, chief dispatcher Mobile division. The local boys refer to the visitors as the "Moguls."



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To add to the sorrows of the temperance people of Jackson, a number of negroes have been detected selling whiskey from their hip pockets, and several arrests have been made for such work. It is strange that the people of Jackson who must have their liquor, don't discover that it can be delivered at their homes by the express companies in any amount they may want, and thus save them the trouble of running down a negro in an alley to get a drink out of a bottle. But Jackson is a slow old lot. It is intimated that the second edition of Thomas Dixon's book, "The Leopard's Spots," will be dedicated to Theodore Roosevelt and Booker T. Washington.

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