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LETTER FROM JACKSON.

EDITOR FELICIANA SENTINEL:

Mr. James King, died in Jackson, La., July 27th 1879. aged 86 years. and was burried at 'Sligo,' the family cemetery, 4 miles above Laurel Hill and just over the La., and Miss., line, where the remains of his late deceased wife, found a resting place. The many fine marble sentinels within the iron enclosure, tell of the silent sleepers over whom they keep their solemn vigils.

One speaks of Col. J. S. Scott, born in Jackson, La., Sept, 29th 1836. and died in New Orleans La., April 16th 1872. (Col. Scott, was a son of the late Mrs. King, Another says: Mrs. Margaret Hamilton, relic of Maj. John Hamilton, of S. C., died July 57th 1840, aged about 85 years.

Another, Capt. John Sims, born Sept, 19 1773, and died Oct. 31st, 1854. Another said: died Aug. 1st 1822.

The surroundings show signs of former wealth, as also do other cemeteries in that neighborhood. One monument, not far off, and said to have cost thirty thousand dollars.

The beautiful little cemetery, at St. Johns church, (Episcopal) near Laurel Hill, La., looks fresh and indicates a liberal congregation. The President of the West Feliciana R. R. Co., Mr. J. Burruss McGehee, officiates sometimes at St. Johns church, as lay reader. Mrs, Argue, near by, seems to be a fair representative of an enlightened and generous people, who will support churches and schools, and maintain refined life and good society, although the blighting effects of a cruel war may be seen on every side.

The old millionaires are gone. Their pallacial residences, in some cases, are marked by naked chimneys and crumbling walls, left by the invader or the incendiary, and the newly enfranchised is allowed to take the best cabin or quarter as his domicil. 'The bottom rail is on top,' and *Cudjo* out votes his former master, and is often the dupe of designing office hunters, who use him to get place or positions of profit without regard to the interests of the tax payers. But 'the eternal fitness of things,' will regulate all this, and time and perseverance will crown the efforts of the really good and true, and prosperity will again bless this, together with East Feliciana, much abused portion of the Sunny South.

The large number of newspapers and magazines taken, proves the literary tastes of the citizens; but the *local* paper is especially sought after and carefully read, as they say: 'it gives the Parish news.' This is one of the secrets of success for a local paper.

May the editor of the *Sentinel* faithfully guard the best interests of his many inteligent readers and fill his pockets with well earned dollars and find a genial partner among Feliciana's fairest daughters, in hill side cottage or stately mansion, and who perchance may be an alumnus of F. F. Collegiate Institute at Afton Villa.

OBSERVER.

—In our advertising columns will be found advertisements of our energetic down town druggist Dr. F. M. Mumford. He is constantly making additions to his already well selected stock, and any one visiting his store is certain to find something new in the drug and novelty line. He has now on exhibition Mansker's Patent dining table and fan attachment. Go and see it.

☞The city of Houston, Texas, it would seem has undertaken to pay back Galveston for her foolish quarantine against New Orleans, by refusing the gulf city communications with that of the lone star capital. Of course the Galvestonians are very indignant but indignation don't take "worf a cent."

☞The finding of the Court Marshal which convicted officer Carey, has been reversed by the English government, and the rank and pay of that gentleman restored to him.

AN INTERESTING COMMUNICATION.

EDITOR FELICIANA SENTINEL—

The subject of silk culture in the South having claimed my earnest attention, and confidently believing that this richest of all the agricultural branches will work a revolution in our impoverished condition, if our people can be induced to boldly grapple and energetically push the matter, I have gone to considerable trouble to secure the aid of a competent culturist, with what success is shown in the subjoined letter from Mr. L. S. Crozier, a renowned Marseilles silk culturist but recently come to this country. In the introduction of new enterprises the most difficult obstacle to overcome is the apathy displayed by sceptics who too frequently attribute to its projectors a spirit of self-gain with no tangible benefits arising to the community. To overcome this incredulity it is often necessary to produce very conclusive evidence of an honesty of purpose. To convince your readers that my idea of having established throughout this section small silk farms and to further convince them that the proposition is not a "wild cat" theory which could not stand a practical test, I will reproduce here a letter from Hon. L. L Polk, Commissioner of Agriculture for the the State of North Carolina, which shows what importance is attached to the enterprise by the progressive people of that commonwealth:

MR. L. S. CROZIER.

Dear Sir:—Through the courtesy of Dr. B. F. Arrington, Goldsboro, N. C., I have been allowed the pleasure of looking through your Treatise on the culture of silk worms. I would be pleased to have a copy for the Library of this Department and will remit amount of price on receipt of the work. I am thoroughly satisfied that this could be made an important and profitable industry in our State, and the only thing needed to give it an impetus, is some reliable, enterprising man who is well skilled in the business. Could you be induced to come to our State? I send you the "Hand Book" of North Carolina, from which you may learn something of our climate, of the experiments that have been made and their results. Would be gratified to hear from you, Yours respectfully,

L. L. POLK.

The following communication from Mr. B. F. Arrington, Goldsboro, N. C., also goes to show with what earnestness North Carolina is bidding for this renowned silk grower:

MR. L. S. CROZIER.

Dear Sir:—Your favor of 3d, inst., duly received. I regret exceedingly it was not possible or consistent with your interest to promise a visit to this section. You seem to think our people are not ripe for silk culture. I think differently. They are ripe and ready for the new industry and all they need is a stimulus to action and some inteligent, practiced information on the subject from some reliable person of extensive experience in the business like yourself. I have just received a letter from Col. L. L. Polk, State Commissioner of Agriulture, at Raliegh, requesting me to favor him with information on the subject of silk culture and products in North Carolina, he is anxious to press the subject upon the people of the state and wishes to do so as intelligently as the subject demands. As I have no practical experience on the subject, I have forwarded to him your treatise on silk culture, and circular letter, and advised him to open correspondence with, you, and to suggest to you a visit to this state and be present at our State Fair at Raliegh in October, when you would have a favorable opportunity to make the acquaintance of citizens from various sections of the state, and could doubtless make sale of trees and eggs to advantage, especially if it were publicly made known that you would be at the fair with sample stock of trees and eggs. I feel confident you could take many orders. Should you decide to come as above suggested and will permit the fact to be made known, the commissioner of agriculture and secretary of the Fair will through the most extensively circulated papers in the state, circulate the intelligence free of any cost to you and you would find many persons at the fair who would welcome your presence and appreciate information on the subject under consideration. If you would be willing to address the Agricultural Society in Commons Hall on the subject of silk culture an hour would be provided for you and the fact would be heralded through the press and the attendance I am sure would be large. What we want is practical information and we feel confident you can impart it to us in a comprehensive and intelligent manner.

You must excuse my presistence in pressing you to visit this state. I feel the importance of it, otherwise would not be so persistent. In conclusion permit me to repeat my invitation for you to visit North Carolina, and express the hope sir that you may find it convenient and consistent with your interest to do so, and will so report at an early date that we may make the fact known through the press.

Very Respectfully,
B. F. ARRINGTON.

Thus it will be seen that North Carolina appreciates the advantages to be derived from silk culture, and but for the promise of Mr. Crozier to give Louisiana the preference of his presence, that gentleman would now be among those people laying the foundation of an enterprise which would convert any country possessing the natural advantages here offered the richest Eldorado of the world. In a letter to Mr. Crozier, I asked for information as to the probable cost of the culture of silk, and he wrote:

I think that what you want is to prove and convince the people that silk culture is a paying enterprise. As I do not like to give all statements of my own, (because people would say I am only anxious to sell my trees,) I send you one already made by Mr. Edward Fosnach, of Raleigh, N. C. This gentleman, who, by the way, is a successful silk raiser, after affirmatively settling the question as to whether it pays, says: "It has been experimented that two acres of good, medium sized trees yield 30,000 pounds of leaves At 17 pounds, of leaves for one pound of cocoons 70,000 pounds will give us 1.765 pounds of fresh cocoons, which dried for export will then only weigh 588 pounds, as they are to the fresh cocoons as 3 to 1. The price for cocoons and raw silk have of late years very much fluctuated. While the cocoons were selling in 1876 at 3 dollars per pound they were selling in 1878 at only 1 dollar per pound. But these are extreme figures we may put the average figures at 2 dollars per pound.

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I add now only this: You are happy. You can have both the crops, cotton and silk and both the industries too, and the wiser will raise them both.

This statement gives a correct idea of the profits to be derived from the culture of silk in North Carolina. I am satisfied that this industry can be successfully prosecuted in Louisiana at even a smaller cost than the above figures. It was my intention to give you with this communication the essay of Mr. Crozier, spoken of by Commissioner Polk, but thinking it best for your readers to study this subject in short lessons, I will ask you to reserve space in your next issue for the same. Hoping that my time has not been expended without avail, and that the time is not far distant when Louisiana shall be known as a prosperous silk growing district, I remain sir,

Yours Respectfully,
I. U. BALL, M. D.

PERSONAL MENTION.

During the past week we had the pleasure of meeting in our town an old friend in the person of Mr, C. C. Bird, of Baton Rouge. Mr. B. is spending a few days with the amily of our sheriff, Mr. John J. Barrow.

While in Pointo Coupee, it was our pleasure to make the acquaintance of many prominent gentlemen, among whom was Col. F. L. Claiborne, an old and hoary headed veteran in the ranks of Democracy; L. B. Claiborne, Esq, a worthy son of the gentleman above named, and a prominent lawyer, Col. S. W. McKneely, formerly of East Feliciana, but better known as one of the veterans of the Sante Fee expedition who being captured by the Mexicans, was, together with several of his comrades, forced to draw from a box in which was placed a number of black and white beans, the chance of his life. Our old friend drew the liberty (white) bean, but it seems that the greasers wanted him for a particular martyr to their barbarous brutality, and forced him to draw a second, The Gods were with him, however, and he drew for the second time the white bean, was released and has lived an honored and respected citizen of Louisiana ever since. We also had the pleasure of meeting Dr. A. J. Claiborne, who, we are happy to say, is gradually recovering from the severe paralytic attack received some months since. Judge Bouanchard, a prominent lawyer of Pointe Coupee an affable gentleman, whose company we found very enjoyable. Mr. C. D. Hebert, Clerk of the Court and President of the F. R. Gun Club. Chas. W. Du Roy, Esq., local editor of tthe *Pelican* and also a lawyer of ability. Clement E. Roy, Esq., Notary Public and a liberal whole souled gentleman, and Mr. S. D. Weil, the polite and energetic superintendant of Red Store. Many more pleasant acquaintances made we among this hospitable people, whose names our limited space will not permit us to mention, but to all of whom our heart has gone over to. and long will this our first meeting linger with us as one of life's most pleasant coincidences.

—In this issue will be found another letter from our friend Dr. I. U. Ball, on the all important subject of silk culture. We had hoped to see our country exchanges take up this subject and agitate it more thoroughly, for there is no question that the introduction of this enterprise would bring about a great change in the financial condition of our oppressed people. We are happy to say the N. O. *Democrat* and *Picayune* look upon the question with favor, and if we can secure the co-operation of our country confrerees, at no distant day small silk farms will be a prominent branch of agriculture in Louisiana We would ask of all papers in sympathy with this question, to give publication to the Doctor's letter in this issue.

☞The Natchitoches Vindicator, has hoisted the name of Louis A. Wiltz, for Governor. A better Democrat in Louisiana is not to be found.

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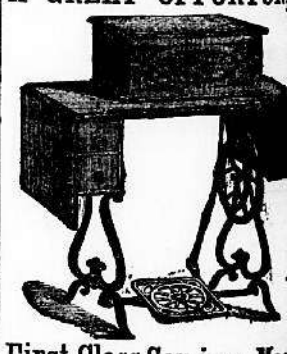
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