

Quaint New Orleans Is Interesting

Monitor Representative Continues His Peripatetic Through the Southland, Finding Much to Please and Inspire One in Land of the Creoles.

MY last letter was from Crowley, La., a beautiful city in the heart of the rich country rice belt. I spent a pleasant yet busy day at this point, soliciting business and late Sunday evening delivered a lecture to over 500 people. "Imagine your Uncle Dudley lecturing on patriotism and Needs of the Race." Leaving Crowley for Lafayette I was met at the station by Dr. Charles R. Pickett, formerly of Chicago, but now enjoying a large practice among the Creoles of this section. A half day spent at this point and that afternoon I wound up my business at New Iberia, La., with a lecture in the evening before the Civic League of that section. Iberia parish contains one of the largest salt mines in the world. It is operated by the McKenny Bros., manufacturers of the famous tabasco sauce. Franklin was the place of my next visit. Similar to the other places I passed. Not much business here. The same can be said of Patterson my last stop before crossing the Mississippi into New Orleans. A word here about the people in the section through which I just passed. The members of the race are usually called Creoles because of the language they speak, more than anything else.

The Patois of the Creoles.

The soft patois and admixture of French, Spanish and Cajon, the last language of a race of people who came from Eastern Canada. They were known as Acadians and were descendants of the early French settlers of that section. They followed the Mississippi river and finally settled in the parish of Acadia. They brought their language and their customs with them and readily assimilated with the race in this section. The result is that you find many beautiful women in our race who lay claim to French heritage of the Cajon blood.

Founder of New Orleans.

Now about New Orleans. Much has been written about this old city, which celebrated the second century of its existence this 1918, having been founded in 1618 by Bienville, brother of the then governor of Louisiana, whose name was Iberville, and was located at Mobile, Ala.

Many Historic Buildings.

It boasts of many old buildings which still remain intact, and is always worth a visit from the tourist or sightseer, the most prominent being the St. Louis cathedral, and the Cabildo, the latter being the building where the transfer of Louisiana to the United States was affected in 1803. New Orleans is sometimes called the Paris of America. Well, that it might be known as the same, for New Orleans is always gay, seemingly happy and contented. It has grown naturally, seemingly through no effort of its own—that has been the condition of the past. But there has been brought about a new condition. It has awakened the people of the city to the knowledge that it occupies a more advantageous position from a commercial standpoint. So they have decided to improve the conditions by building a canal connecting Lake Pontchartrain, on which the southeastern wing of the city rests, which the father of the waters the Mississippi, wash the western shores of the city and sweeps past on its way to the Gulf of Mexico. This will make New Orleans, the port of natural distribution for the rich middle section of the United States and that basin, formed by Lake Pontchartrain with its naturally protected entrance to the gulf, gives New Orleans a harbor that could house the shipping of the world.

Now on the other side of the picture, you will naturally say, what about the people of my race?

A Word About the Siege.

Well, in 1815, during the siege of New Orleans by the British, two troops of black men under General Jackson led the charge at Chalmetts, headed by a 14-year-old black drummer boy by the name of Jourdan. He was a freeman, and with the rest of his comrades on that day covered him-

self with glory. Jourdan made this city his home. He was born in 1801 and died in 1870 and for many years was the familiar figure in the street of this old town. The Creole population was greatly added to at one time by the migration of French Negroes from Hayti and they greatly added to the wealth of the state and when the wealth statistics were taken and published according to Color in 1850, it showed that the Negro, both French and native, possessed wealth to the value of \$20,000,000. They have ever been progressive in the state and as early as 1828 established benevolent and protective societies. The Artisan, the first of its kind being in existence today, as well as the Orders of Hope, Perseverance and Economy, which were established later and are still in existence. The Economy, the last of these has grown in wealth and membership until it controls the majority of people in the city. New Orleans is the home of both the People's and Unity Industrial Insurance, which are doing great good among its people and raising the standard of the race in financial circles. The race has no cafes like Antoine's to boast of, which was made famous by its cuisine and culinary, for the people of this Creole city are a home-loving people and the stranger is always welcome and never leaves the portals without being invited to sit at the table and he goes away with the memory of many inviting and savory dishes, which is washed down by the best coffee in the world; no meal is complete in the Creole household without the famous dripped coffee.

An Interesting Character.

Among the most interesting characters that I met and talked with was one Mark Bobe, who cited many interesting facts about the reconstruction days, in which he was a participant. He told of the mob attacking and slaying the members of the first provisional legislature, composed of men of both races, which was holding session under adverse conditions in a building which stood on the site now marked by that modern skyscraper, the Grunewald hotel. He also told of the establishment of the Southern university that would guarantee the Colored people a form of education higher than the fifth grade; also of the incident that forever closed the doors of the state university to the race student when the class of 1875 was divided by the white students refusing to finish with the Negroes; of the impeachment of Governor Warmoth, automatically raising to the position of chief executive his lieutenant governor, Oscar J. Dunn, a race man, and by his sudden death brought to the chair for one week P. B. S. Pinchback, who was senior senator and president of the senate, who by law became the governor and his short term of office is marked by recording upon the statute books of this state eleven laws, which bear his signature as the governor of Louisiana.

Outlook Bright.

But the stormy days are over and New Orleans has taken on a new air, and in my race the question of color is fast losing cast, and men are plunging into the commercial world. The race in this city is supporting fifty positions of dentists, thirty drug stores, numerous other business enterprises; there are over 100 benevolent societies, two industrial insurance companies, ten fraternal organizations, chief among which is the Knights of Pythias, who own a large pressed brick and concrete building, costing over \$200,000, which is paid for. It is complete in every detail, providing lodge rooms, meeting rooms, banquet halls and offices, with elevator service, surrounded by a pleasant and commodious roof garden, providing motion pictures and music from a well trained orchestra and light refreshments served by polite attendants. It has a seating capacity of 2,000, with a dancing space for 500 couples; a pleasant place to spend the hot evenings.

I tell you, the Southland is doing things. They are beginning to wake up. The dream of the immortal Booker Washington is about to be realized. Long live the Southland!

Watch for and read my next letter. It will interest you.

FRED C. WILLIAMS.

Watch for the date for the third degree.—Adv.

Two Delightful Social Functions

Beautiful Home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones the Scene of Two of Most Brilliant Social Events of the Season.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones, Twenty-eighth and Caldwell streets, was the scene of two of the most brilliant social events Omaha has ever witnessed, when on Wednesday night of last week the genial host and gracious hostess entertained at a garden party in honor of their older children, Alfred, Jr., and the Misses Ethel and Irene, and in the early evening of Thursday, July 4, complimentary to their two younger children, Donald and Florence.

Wednesday night the younger set, with their parents and friends, to the number of nearly 150, responded to Mr. and Mrs. Jones' invitation, and on the afternoon of the Glorious Fourth thirty children, accompanied by their mothers, or, in some cases, older sisters, were present.

The Jones residence, with its spacious and beautiful grounds, is pre-eminently the finest and largest owned by our people in this city of beautiful homes. The grounds were brilliantly illuminated with red, white and blue electric lights, with settees and garden swings placed in convenient nooks and corners. These were largely pre-empted by the older folk, for the younger set gravitated toward the wide and spacious lower veranda, where they danced to their hearts' content to the bewitching sole—yes, this is the right spelling—sole-tickling strains of Willis' jazz band. The music was entrancing, and just between us, if you will promise not to tell, the scribe saw some of the older set, "staid brothers and sisters in Israel," suspiciously shuffling their feet. From the wide porticoes were suspended four beautiful American flags, while flowers, not in profusion, but just enough not to be in poor taste or, what is worse, extravagance, added their beauty and fragrance. The pretty summer gowns, in elegant taste, worn by the beautiful young dancers made a charming scene.

Promptly at 11 o'clock luncheon was served. Suffice it to say that "Al" Jones, the well known caterer, who was the host of the evening, provided this luncheon for his guests, and you can imagine the rest, even though he did not transgress the code of Hoover.

Among the guests present Wednesday evening were the following: The Misses Aline Bentley, Edna Boyd, Merriam Gordon, Green, Dolores Johnson, Irene Jones, Ethel Jones, Gladys Jordán, Cordella Johnson, Auline Jefferson, Beatrice Majors, Ray Middleton of Dallas, Tex., McDaniel, Birdie McRoy, Teresa Jones, Ruth Jones, Florence Jones, Teresa Mitchell, Blanche Nance, Irene Newman, Mary Pegg, Althea Turner, Olethea Russell, Corrine Thomas, Camille Simpson, Ruby Thomas, Otis Watson, Cuma Watson, Willie Watson, Hazel Washington and Ruth Washington; Messrs: Richard Allen, William Bell, Harold Bentley, Frank Blackwell, Clarence Brooks, William G. Haynes, W. Hamilton, Hubert Glover, Randolph Hughes, Alfred Jones, Joseph Lacour, Percy McCaw, Roscoe Miller, Craig Morris, Clarence Palmer, Ray Parker, L. Perry, T. Robertson, Guy B. Robbins, Leroy Richardson, Thomas Roullette, Russell Reese, Henry Smith, Sherman Jefferson, Fred Daniels, Maceo Williams and Robert Williams. Mesdames U. G. Bell, Blanche Blair, Henry Buford, J. A. Cropp, M. J. Dodd, William Gordon, Nate Hunter, James G. Jewell, Adolphus Lewis, Joseph D. Lewis, William Lawson, William Newman, Lawrence Parker, H. J. Pinkett, Robert Sandford of Carroll, Ia., Charles Solomon, Martha Turner, H. Washington and Burrell Watson.

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On the afternoon and early evening of Thursday the children had their innings. The national colors predominated. Games dear to children's hearts evoked merry peals of laughter, and when dark came on there was a fine display of fireworks. Nor must it be forgotten that those boys and girls had all the ice cream, cake and pop that they could eat and drink.

The children present were: Beatrice, Carmelita and Pauline Black, Dorine and Marie Bush, Marjorie Edwards, Adelle Jackson, Florence and Ruth Jones, Charlene and Laurene Lewis, Estelle Pegg, Ruth Pegg, Bernice Phannix, Celestine Smith, Robbie Turner, Catherine Williams, Dorothy Williams, Martha Williams, Leonard Ritt, James Jewell, Warren Jackson, Donald Jones, Alonzo Jackson, Street-er Turner and Worthington Williams.

The adults were: Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Britt, Mrs. H. W. Black, Mrs. S. S. Bush, Mrs. M. J. Dodd, Mrs. A. G. Ed-

wards, Mrs. Joseph Lewis, Mrs. Alonzo Jackson, Mrs. James Turner, Mrs. Martha Turner, Mrs. M. E. Overall, Mrs. S. T. Phannix, Mrs. John Albert Williams and Mrs. Vanie S. Wheatley.

Mr. A. Clark had charge of the fireworks. The children had charge of the fun and the vote was unanimous that they had had a glorious time.

WOULD LIKE TO TAKE HER BROTHER'S PLACE

Private Frank Braswell of the Ninety-second division supply train and formerly stationed at Camp Funston, has been honorably discharged because of physical disability. He is now at home at 2222 Paul street. He regrets that he was unable to go overseas.

His sister, Mrs. Emma Simmons, said to The Monitor: "Frank's my oldest brother and I am proud to see him in uniform. I'm sorry he couldn't stay and see it through, and I only wish I could go and take my brother's place. I would if they'd take me."

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