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Laurel Springs, N. C. July 5th 1889

To the DEMOCRAT:

As your paper has been published now for more than a year, and as yet, I have seen nothing in its columns from this locality, I thought I would write a short sketch. Yesterday having been the day set apart for the reunion of the Ex-Confederate Soldiers at Sparta, about 100 of the noble veterans gathered there and organized by electing J. H. Doughton permanent chairman and H. D. Estep Secretary. After their names were enrolled, and a short recess, they all formed in line on the streets commencing with Co. A and going through until all were in line, and then marched into the Court house Col. W. H. H. Cowles was to have made the speech of the occasion but was prevented from being present by high water. This was of course, a great disappointment to all, as a fine address was expected. But Sparta has some men who can talk right well. Prof. Brown was called and came forward making a very touching address, giving some of his experience as a soldier in a very interesting manner. Then Mr. W. C. Fields rid himself of quite an interesting and pleasant speech. Mr. R. A. Doughton when called upon came forward and explained the law as enacted by

the last General Assembly relating to pensions for disabled Confederates. The day will be long and pleasantly remembered by all present. It was said to have been the soberest crowd that has been in Sparta for quite a while; in fact, everybody was sober. Long live, and happy be, the Ex-Confederate soldiers, for certainly no truer or more gallant men have ever figured upon this Country's stage than they.

Harvesting is in progress although the rain is greatly retarding all kinds of farm work. The mightiest report from the rains, is that given by Mr. J. H. Stamper who has just returned from Alexander County. He reports a large creek which once ran near Taylorsville as being "completely washed away and gone." Will the Johnstown affair beat that?

Those "good times" of which we heard so much last Summer and Fall, have failed to visit this country. The Radicals told us that if successful in electing their ticket that stock of all kinds would "fairly boom" and business would be brisk in all channels. How about it? Calves that one year ago could be sold for \$10.00, now, will not bring five, and many of these same good Republicans who were independent livers last year are now strolling along the highway, sack in hand, with a lean look, hunting work. They are now reaping the full benefits of "Protection". Democrats should be of good cheer, and let the dance proceed. Success to the DEMOCRAT. D. L. R.

SEEING THE SIGNS OF COST.

Whenever we see anything above ground that is worth admiring, and that has any true stability or hope of permanence, we may be sure that there is a great deal below the surface just there, as the foundation of that which makes so goodly a show before our eyes. That which is seen is a sign of that which is out of sight, a sign of already expended labor and cost.

Whether it is in the world of nature, or of art, or of intellectual attainment, or of personal character, or of spiritual life, it is not all on the surface, not all in plain sight; nor is its full cost to be measured by that which is disclosed to view. If it is a graceful elm, or a widespread oak, you may be sure that it has roots running down and reaching out into the earth below, to give strength and security to its sturdy trunk and swaying boughs. And it has been at the cost of summer suns and winter rains, of striving and enduring through long years of slow progress, that those roots have attained their present hold, and are firm and sure for their mission of to-day.

If it is a majestic mountain rising in grandeur to the clouds, it rests on no quicksands, but has a basis broad and firm, and deep as the globe's center. And only God can know the cost of that

mountain's final being where it stands. The eternal hills were made without hands, but not without cost.

If it is a towering monument, or a massive pile of buildings, or a bridge spanning river and marsh with vast and lofty arches, there must have been a preliminary sinking of shafts, and laying of strong foundations, and slow uprearing of subterranean walls, before the mighty structure which now commands attention began its upward stretch above the surface. Beyond the cost of all that is seen, there is a suggestion of former cost, in making ready a basis for that which is uplifted into sight.

If it is the finished work of a scholar in history or science; if it is a marvel of gracefulness and beauty in the sphere of literature, poetry or prose; if it is a triumph of power in the pulpit, at the bar, on the tribune, or in the realm of applied science or professional skill,—all that is shown and seen indicates a former outlay, at the cost of which this exhibit is before the eyes. The success which is attained above the surface can not be accounted for, but by the fact that a great deal of preparation for this was made immediately below the surface. They must have been a cost correspondent with the value of that which commands admiration for its worth.

If, indeed, it be a noble character or saintly life,—a character of strength and beauty, of heroic courage and of sublime endurance, or a life of holiness and of radiating sweetness and purity,—it did not come by chance, nor was it "reached at a single bound;" it was a matter of growth as well as of grace; and the best and the most of that which is noted of good in the conduct or the countenance of the one admired and revered, was wrought silently and slowly, out of and below the surface. There is no greater cost in the universe than the cost of a finished character, and the exhibit of such a character is a suggestion of such a cost.

Every once in a while some young man will be deluded with the idea that he can do as good work aboveground as those who have gone before him, with being at the trouble and the delay of all their work below the surface,—that he can have the result of cost without cost. He can write smooth-flowing rhymes; why should he not at once be a poet? He has a vivid imagination and a pleasing style; what is there to hinder his now beginning the preparation of romances that shall give him fortune and fame? He has no difficulty in leading a college prayer-meeting, or in holding a popular audience with an off-hand discourse on some religious theme, which is familiar to him; is there any reason why he should wait and toil for years before entering on the gospel ministry? And so in the one sphere or another a young man be-

gins his work on the surface,—and quickly finishes it there; he exhibits what has cost him nothing, and it proves to be worth—what it cost.

THE PLEASURE OF EDITING.

Editing a paper says a provincial editor, is a pleasant thing. If it contains too much political matter, people won't have it; if it contains too little they won't have it. If the type is too large, it doesn't contain enough reading matter; if the type is too small, they can't read it. If telegraphic reports are published, some folks say they are nothing but hashes up; if they are omitted, they say there is a lack of enterprise. If we put in a few jokes, folks say we are nothing but a rattle-head; if we omit them, they say we are an old fossil. If we publish original matter, they condemn us for not giving them selections; if we publish selections, folks say we are lazy for not giving them what they have not read in other paper. If we give a man complimentary notices we are censured for being partial; if we do not, all hands say we are a great boor. If we insert an article that will please the ladies, men become jealous; if we do not cater to their wishes, the paper is not fit to be in their houses. If we attend church, they say it is all for an effect; if we do not, they denounce us as deceitful and desperately wicked. If we speak well of an act, folks say we dare not do otherwise; if we censure, they call us a traitor. If we remain in our office, and attend to business, folks say we are too proud to mingle with our fellows; if we go out a bit, they say we had better stay at home and get on with our work. If we do not pay all bills promptly, folks say we are not to be trusted; if we do pay promptly, they say we stole the money.—Inland Printer.

OVERCOMING DIFFICULTIES PHUNNA.

A newspaper in a Western State, called the Rocky Mountain Cyclone, opened the first article of its first number as follows: "We begin the publication of the Rocky Mountain Cyclone with some phew difficulties in the way. The type phounder phrom whom we got the outfit phor this printing office phailed to supply us with any ephs or cays, and it will be phour or phive weeks bephore we can get any. We have ordered the missing letters and will have to wait until they come. We don't quite lique the loox of this spelling any better than our readers, but mistaix will happen in the best regulated phamiles, and iph the exes and qus hold out we shall ceep (sound the c hard) the Cyclone whirling aphter a phasion till sorts arrive. It is no joque to us; it is a serious aphphair."

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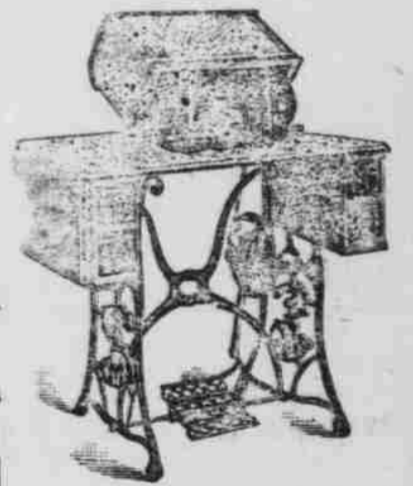
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