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INCIDENTS OF THE WAR. History of the Surrender of Gen. Lee's Army.

A correspondent of the Southern Opinion, writing from Appomattox C. H., Va., gives the following interesting sketch:

It is not the purpose nor mission of your correspondent to determine at what point of his retreat the idea of a surrender of his army was first forced upon the mind of Gen. Lee...

Very respectfully, your ob't servant. U. S. GRANT, Lieut. Gen. Com'g Armies United States.

This note was received through flag of truce by the hand of a courier, and General Lee, accompanied by several of his staff, rode down the Buckingham pike to the Sweeney settlement...

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Appomattox Courthouse, whose inhabitants, crowded at door and window, looked on in amazement and alarm.

On the lines of the two armies, whose information of the real status of affairs could only be guessed at, the feeling was different. Peace, or at least a surrender, might follow the interview of the Generals commanding, then seated in conference at the McLean house...

Two o'clock had been appointed for the resumption of the firing. It arrived and passed, and the Yankee skirmish line began to advance upon the Confederate line.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock Generals Lee and Grant parted with a shake of the hand, after mutual expressions of satisfaction at the terms of the surrender and the results of the interview.

The opening note of this correspondence was dictated by Grant, from his headquarters, distant ten miles from Appomattox courthouse, on the Walker Church road, under date of April 7th.

"GENERAL, —The result of the last week must convince you of the hopelessness of further resistance on the part of the Army of Northern Virginia in this struggle.

The next day, Monday, the 10th, were issued general orders, No. 3, embodying the farewell address of General Lee to the Army of Northern Virginia, copies of which were read at the head of each brigade by the respective commanders.

The paroling then commenced, and occupied nearly three days. The army was brought across the Appomattox by divisions, and marched to the level space on the grounds of Mr Joseph Dickson, east of the Courthouse, and on the Walker Church road...

"TIMELY WARNING.—The New York Nation, ultra radical paper, warns the colored people of the South against the suicidal policy of banding themselves into a party exclusively against the whites, and suffering themselves to be kept in a constant ferment by a few white men...

"A CURIOUS CALCULATION.—An exchange says: "What a noisy creature would a man be were his voice, in proportion to his weight, as loud as that of a locust! A locust can be heard at the distance of one-sixteenth of a mile.

"RAILROAD MATTERS.—Col A. W. Mee, a well known East Tennessee Railroad Engineer, has been elected Chief Engineer of the East Tennessee and western North Carolina railroad.

"As exhibiting some of the practical effects of the operation of the Reconstruction Acts, the Wilmington Journal mentions a case in which three of the best citizens of New Hanover were debarred registration on the following grounds: One of them held the office of Coroner for a few weeks about forty five years ago; another served in a similar capacity for about the same period some twenty years since; and the third remembers that about forty years ago he was a Constable of the town.

STATE NEWS.

FIRST ON HAND.—Nelson Slough, Esq, Sheriff of Cabarrus County, (the first to settle this year), paid into the Treasury, on yesterday, the State tax of his county, for the present year, amounting in net to \$4,269.65.—Raleigh Sentinel, 21st.

TREMENDOUS FRESHET.—We learn from a gentleman from Orange county, that the heavy rains of Wednesday and Thursday last caused the greatest freshet in Ennoe, Little and Flat rivers, that has been known since 1795.

The Jews are about establishing a synagogue in Wilmington. They are in correspondence with several Rabbis, with the view to the location of one, and offer a salary of \$2,500 per annum.

"We learn, from the Wilmington Journal of Monday last, that United States Marshal Goodloe, acting under orders from Washington City, ordered Deputy Marshal Neff, of Wilmington, to execute the process of the Circuit Court of the United States, heretofore stopped by order of the military, with instructions to forward the name of any officer interfering, in order that he may be prosecuted under the criminal laws of the United States.

"THE CROPS.—It affords us much pleasure in being able to state, upon the authority of a gentleman who has, within the last ten days, traveled through Duplin, Wayne, Wilson, Edgecombe, Sampson, Nash and Cumberland counties, that the corn crop looks remarkably promising, and the amount of lands planted is extensive.

"The crops in this portion of the State are very good and will produce, we think, more than an average yield.—Rutherford Star.

"SUICIDE.—We learn from the Raleigh Standard that Mr William Glenn, an old citizen of Wake county, hung himself week before last. The cause of the act is not known.

"Messrs. John G. & F. A. Wright, father and son, residents of Cumberland county, had a difficulty with one Captain John Fry, during which the latter was shot and wounded by the Messrs. Wright, who were subsequently arraigned before the Courts and fined.

"WASHINGTON ITEMS. General Grant is beginning to make use of the official guillotine, and has made quite a sensation already.

"GRANT AND THE PRESIDENCY.—It may be worthy of note, as an indication of the times, that the Galena Gazette, the paper published in the place where Grant resided before the war, which is moreover said to be the only paper that Grant regularly reads, and which seems to have always maintained very intimate relations with the ancient tanner of Galena, is strongly urging Grant as a candidate for the next presidency, on the platform of peace, conciliation and fraternity.

"The military changes consequent upon General Sheridan's removal have occasioned frequent visits between the War and Executive Departments. The questions, however, relate to minor details. The assignment of Thomas to the command of the Fifth District may be regarded as a fixed fact.

"The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has rendered the following decision: The interest of any successor to arise from the sale of any real estate under any trust for the sale thereof, shall be deemed a succession chargeable with duty, and the duty shall be paid by the person having the control of the funds.

"The press of Georgia are agitating a call for a State Convention for the purpose of making an organized effort in opposition to re-organization under the military bills.

"COUNTY MEETINGS are being held in Alabama, to elect delegates to a Conservative Convention to be held at Montgomery, on the 4th of September.

THE SIEGE OF MEXICO.

During the sixty-seven days the siege lasted, no food entered the city, containing over 200,000 inhabitants. Necessaries of life, therefore, rose to a fabulous price, bread being from 10s to 12s per pound; meat of lean milch cows, 4s per pound; horse flesh, from 9d to 1s.

I have seen soldiers go into the miserable huts of the poor and bring out a few handfuls of maize that the inmates had carefully hoarded up. Hundreds, if not thousands, died of starvation, and those who were left had hardly strength to crawl up to you in the streets to ask for alms.

While the poor suffered so fearfully the rich had also their share; for loans never to be paid and contributions following in quick succession. Those who refused to pay were put in prison, without anything to eat or drink, until they died; while others who hid themselves had their houses guarded to prevent the entry of any food for their wives and children.

An incident occurred at the intrenchments of the two camps. The Liberals, or besiegers, stuck up a dead horse, with a large placard, with meat for the traitors.

"TERRIBLE EARTHQUAKE.—A terrible earthquake occurred on the Island of Java on June 10th. It was very destructive, throwing down many buildings and killing many people.

"SARDIS ACADEMY. SIX MILES SOUTH-EAST OF CHARLOTTE, N. C. The Fifth Session of this School (for Youths) will commence September 10th, 1867.

"FARMERS! READ THIS. As the season is approaching for Seeding Wheat we would call your attention to our large and varied stock of FERTILIZERS now being received.

"J. B. HUNTER & CO., COTTON FACTORS AND Produce Commission Merchants, CORNER OF HIGH AND WATER STREETS, PORTSMOUTH, VA.

"The Southern Fertilizing Company, RICHMOND, VA. Are now receiving and preparing their Fall stock of FERTILIZERS, and offer for sale in unlimited quantities.

"Crushed Peruvian Guano, selected from the purest cargoes imported, warranted pure and of the highest standard; Phospho Peruvian & Old Dominion, prepared under the supervision of Professor WILLIAM GILHAM for the best crop, combining a large percentage of the Phosphates, with an adequate amount of Ammonia.

"FRESH GROUND PLASTER. JOHN ENDERS, President. Office No. 104 Fourteenth street, Richmond. JOHN A. YOUNG, Agent, Charlotte, N. C.

"ROCK ISLAND MANUFACTURING CO., CHARLOTTE, N. C., Aug. 15, 1867. I have been using the most approved Fertilizers upon my Farm for many years.

"IRON COTTON TIES, BAGGING AND ROPE. Just received and for sale by HAMMOND & McLAUGHLIN. August 19, 1867.

"PATENT IRON COTTON TIES. TONS Beard's Patent Iron Cotton Ties. This is acknowledged to be the best in use, and has already superseded rope in the South and South west. A full supply will be kept and sold at a small advance on cost and transportation by STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO. August 12, 1867.

ROCK ISLAND WOOLEN MILLS.

This well known manufacturing establishment at Charlotte, N. C., is now in full operation. The mills have been enlarged, and the machinery has been adapted to the production of the best styles of all wool cassimeres which are made in America.

The capacity of these mills enables the proprietors to manufacture a million of yards of the woolen cassimeres, if ordered, specimens of which, thirty in number, have been forwarded to us, and similar ones will be sent to any of our dry goods merchants who may order them.

According to our taste, these goods, judging from the specimens before us, are of an excellent quality, and the style of them unexceptionable and such as we think will suit the popular taste.

The Old North State should be proud of such an establishment. These mills reflect a credit upon the enterprise of her people which should meet with the most enlarged encouragement, not only throughout her borders, but in the South.

"ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE. Having taken Special Letters of Administration on the Estate of Maj. Z. A. Grier, dec'd, and having obtained an order to that effect, I shall expose to Public Sale, FOR CASH, at the late residence of the deceased, on Thursday, 5th day of September, 1867, the following articles of personal property belonging to said Estate, viz:

"200 Bushels of Wheat, 150 bushels of Corn, 2 five young Mules, 8 or 10 head of Milch Cows and Beef Cattle, in fine condition; 20 head of Stock Hogs; a lot of Wool and Ginned Cotton.

"\$20,000 WORTH OF GOLD and SILVER WANTED. John T. Butler has just returned from the North with a splendid Stock of FINE WATCHES, CLOCKS, Jewelry, Silver and Plated Ware, Table Knives and Cutlery, Measurings and Beer-Root Pipes, Guns and Pistols, &c., &c., which is warranted superior to anything ever before introduced into this market, and which will be sold at twenty-five per cent less than the same class of goods can be purchased at any other establishment in the State.

"NEW FURNITURE! CHEAP! At DAVIDSON'S FURNITURE STORE, OPPOSITE THE METHODIST CHURCH, Where will be found a full assortment of everything usually kept in that line, as Wardrobes, Book cases, Washstands, Wire and Tin Safes, Deaks, Sideboards, Chairs and tables of all kinds, Bureaus, Cradles, Cribbs, Bedsteads of various styles and prices, Side and Corner Stands, Towel Racks, &c., &c.

"CHairs and Tables. Of all kinds, a full assortment, and Old Case Seat Chairs, rebottomed with Cane, as good as new, by a competent workman.

"Metallic Burial Cases. Of all sizes and various patterns, kept constantly on hand, from the plainest and cheapest to the finest Satin Lined—highly ornamented with Silver Inlaid and Plates, at 33 per cent below old rates.

"GUNNY BAGGING and ROPE. 44 BALES Gunny Bagging, 25 Coils Rope, in Store and for sale by STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO. August 12, 1867.

"COW LOST. My Cow has been missing since the 1st of December last. She is a black Milay, and has the letter M in her right ear; has a brownish stripe running lengthwise on the back, and a white bag. She was with calf when she left, and probably had it about the 1st of April. I will be thankful for any information as to her whereabouts. She was purchased from some one (name not recollected) in Providence neighborhood. WM. ROADIGER. August 12, 1867.

"CONCORD MILLS. Having opened a House in Charlotte, near the Post Office, for the sale of our own manufactured goods, we invite the attention of merchants and others to our YARNS, SHEETINGS, SHIRTINGS, OSNABERGS, CARPET CHAIN, STOCKING YARNS, &c., &c. Cotton taken in exchange for Goods. We sell low for Cash. J. McDONALD & SONS, Concord, N. C. August 12, 1867.

"BANKRUPTCY. Vance & Dowd Having been admitted to practice in the Federal Courts, are prepared to file and prosecute applications in Bankruptcy in any of the Southern States. A full supply will be kept and sold at a small advance on cost and transportation by STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO. August 12, 1867.

WHO CAN REGISTER.

An Orange Registrar writes to us as follows: "We think all can register who volunteered, and who had never held any office under the U. S. government. Is this right?"

It is, with the addition, of course, that the person must not have held any civil office. He adds: "But any who held office, even a militia office, if he participated in the rebellion, or gave aid and comfort, cannot register."

But for the supplementary reconstruction act passed at the last session of Congress, militia officers might have been excluded under the head, as contained in the oath, of "executive office in any State." But the supplementary acts provide that "the words executive or judicial office in any State, in said oath mentioned, shall be construed to include all civil offices created by law for the administration of the general law of the State, or for the administration of justice."

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