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THE Reunion of Confederate veterans at Raleigh, last week, was a most enjoyable occasion for all who were so fortunate as to be present.

The Governor had lent the veterans the tents of the State Guard, which were pitched in the "Cameron" old field about a half-mile from the fair grounds. This encampment was named "Camp Branch-Anderson" in compliment to Generals L. O'B. Branch and George B. Anderson, who were killed in the war between the States and are buried at Raleigh. The veterans were encamped there Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and they greatly enjoyed sitting around their camp fires and "fighting o'er their battles again." They recalled incidents of their army life, sang old war songs, narrated jokes and anecdotes and once more were boys again.

The grand parade—and it was a grand one—was held at noon on Wednesday, and its route was from the camp to the fair grounds. At the head of the procession was the brass band and drum corps of the A. & M. College, all dressed in uniforms of Confederate gray, and next rode the mounted officers, also dressed in Confederate uniforms. Conspicuous above all others and the observed of all observers were three of our State's surviving Confederate generals—Ransom, Cox and Roberts. Riding in three carriages were the sponsors and maids of honor, all lovely young ladies and attracting much attention.

Arriving at the entrance of the fair grounds the procession was met by Chief Marshal Morton and his assistants, all on foot as they had kindly lent their horses to the mounted veterans, who marched at the head and escorted the veterans to the centre of the field in front of the grand stand. There the procession halted and the long line of veterans in double column faced to the front, and with the band playing "Dixie" Gens. Ransom, Cox and Roberts with uncovered heads rode down the line. At once the welkin rang with the old "rebel yell" and those old soldiers seemed to go wild with enthusiasm as they saw once more three of their old generals whom they had so often followed amid shot and shell and the roar of battle. It was a most inspiring scene and one which only an old soldier can fully appreciate.

After seeing the sights in the fair grounds the veterans at 4 o'clock marched to the A. & M. College, where a dress parade, complimentary to them, was given by the cadets, nearly 500 in number and arrayed in gray uniforms. It was a notable scene and one that presented a striking contrast. Old age and youth were facing each other. In one line stood the cadets full of boyish life and hopes, and in their front were the old gray-head soldiers who forty years ago had immortalized themselves in many a bloody battle and on many a field of carnage. It was a scene that could not fail to arouse thoughts and feelings both inspiring and pathetic.

Immediately after the dress parade the veterans marched to the large dining room of the college, where a sumptuous dinner had been prepared by some of the noble hearted ladies and gentlemen of Raleigh. This was greatly enjoyed and all had enough. After dinner the annual business meeting was held and all the old officers were re elected. Among the other business transacted was the adoption of a resolution to erect at Raleigh a suitable memorial to the women of North Carolina, who during the war so tenderly ministered to the Confederate soldiers.

DOWIE does not seem to have met with much success in his crusade to convert the citizens of New York, and it is not surprising. The only surprise is that he has ever had any success anywhere.

He is not only a cunning impostor but a blasphemous and foul-mouth black-guard, who should not have any influence even upon the most credulous and ignorant. It is amazing that such a character should have deluded as many people as he has.

ONE man has supreme and complete control of the Republican party in North Carolina, and he is Mr. Thomas S. Rollins, the chairman of the Republican State executive committee. He holds this position because he is the son-in-law of ex-Senator Pritchard, the late Republican "Boss" in this State. This new Republican "Boss" is a pleasant-face young lawyer from Madison, whose chief claim to his present position is that he is a son-in-law of the last "Boss."

In order that no Republican should rebel or even question the one-man power and authority of Mr. Rollins, President Roosevelt has himself officially recognized it. He gave Mr. Rollins a special interview last week and informed him that he would be the exclusive dispenser of all the Federal patronage in this State. That is, Mr. Rollins will have the bestowal or giving of all the Federal offices in North Carolina. Of course every Republican who wants an office (and what one does not?) will bow down and implicitly obey Mr. Rollins, and thus he has as complete control of his fawning followers as any master ever had of his slaves!

This one-man power in the Republican party in this State is nothing new, but has been its chronic condition ever since its organization. It was its natural condition when the bulk of its members were recently emancipated slaves, but now it ought no longer be so when that party now claims to have in its ranks large numbers of respectable and independent white men!

THE State Fair, held last week at Raleigh, was more largely attended than any of its predecessors. On Wednesday the crowd was nearly as large as it usually is on Thursday, which is always the big day of the fair. On Thursday the crowd was estimated at 20,000.

The agricultural exhibits were not very attractive, which, in a society which holds the fair is called agricultural. The chief attractions seemed to be the side shows in the "midway," where there were all kinds of devices for getting money. There were more of these side shows than usual, and every year their number increases, so that they now seem to be regarded as the main features and chief attractions of every fair.

Hon. John A. Long having declined to serve as president another year, Major Ashley Horne, of Johnston county, was unanimously chosen his successor. This is a most fortunate selection, for President Horne is one of the leading farmers, merchants, manufacturers and bankers in the State, having made a success of every business in which he has ever engaged.

The fair [illegible] favored with exceptionally fine weather, which continued until its close, when rain began on Friday night.

Farmer Swindled Out of $7,000.

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 26.—Two strangers, who are alleged to have swindled G. S. Burnham, of this city, out of $7,000 through the card game, are being sought by the police authorities here and other places bought. Burnham reported his loss this afternoon. He is a well-to-do retired farmer about 65 years old.

One of the strangers said that his name was Brooks, and that he was connected with a bank in Farmington, Conn., while the other represented himself as a Southerner, who had come North for the purpose of finding his sister in Winstead, to whom he was to pay $30,000. Having learned that his sister was dead, the Southerner said he was reckless as to what became of the money. He offered to show Brooks and Burnham how to play the three-card monte game with the result that Burnham was induced to draw $7,000 from the bank and put it in a trunk together with a roll all said to contain $70,000, which the Southerner placed as his part of the wager. Burnham was given the key to the trunk and the men drove to West Hartford, stopping at a secluded place in the woods, where the game began.

Burnham won, and, receiving the trunk, started home alone. It was not until he arrived at home, opened the trunk and found it empty that he realized that he had been duped.

Buggy Struck By Train.

Richmond, Oct. 21.—Richard Coppedge and a man named John Johnson, who were driving to Roanoke in a buggy, were struck by a Norfolk and Western train just beyond Thaxton. Johnson was [illegible] killed. Coppedge was badly wounded.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, Oct. 22, 1903.

The call for an extra session of Congress to begin November 9th has just been issued by the President. The "extraordinary occasion" which requires the convening of both houses, is the necessary approval by Congress of the reciprocal commercial convention between the United States and the Republic of Cuba, signed at Havana on December 11, 1902. The consideration of the Cuban treaty will undoubtedly be the chief business during the extra session, but any other business will be in order, as when Congress is once in session it can undertake any legislation that either House desires. It is expected that many bills be introduced, but most of the time will be spent in debating the tariff issue which will be raised by the treaty. The comparative strength of the parties in the first meeting of the Fifty-eighth Congress will be, in the Senate, fifty-seven republicans and thirty-three democrats, and in the House 205 republicans and 178 democrats. In the House of Representatives there will be 118 members that have never served before, and in the Senate, twelve senators who will see their first service, except that of the ten days extra session last spring. Senator Gorman will lead the democratic forces and the republicans in the Senate will find themselves confronted by a united and definite policy, guided by the man whom the President regards as his most dangerous rival for the first office of the land. In the House the new speaker will try to distribute the important committeeships without creating a multitude of dissatisfied members of the republican party. It is said that Representative Hepburn of Iowa will take advantage of the vacancy in the speakership to look an attack upon the House rules which have placed the lower branch of Congress under the domination of a small oligarchy consisting of the speaker and the committee on rules. He proposes to declare this powerful committee and also that it shall be chosen by the democratic members. House instead of being appointed by the speaker. He will no doubt have the support of the insurgents and many republicans who are concerned at the loss of power and prestige in the House due to the iron rules of Reed.

The official announcement of the Alaska boundary award was made at a late hour last Tuesday night by the Canadian members of the Joint High Commission. The American members have yielded the Canadians almost all they asked for, and have conceded the Canadian contention that the islands at the head of the Lynn Canal, including the town of Pyle, belong to Canada. The Canadian commissioners refused to accept the main Lynn Canal as a waterway to the sea which was contending for in the majority. The boundary decided upon has been from the outset regarded as the fairest one that could be made, and it is believed that it will be ratified by the Senate. The Canadian people will be disappointed at the loss of Pyle, which they had claimed, but they will be pleased at the loss of the Alaskan gold fields