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A FEDERAL COURT CASE.

Giles Blackwelder, of this County, charged with having in his possession counterfeit dollars—placed in jail until the June term of court in Charlotte.

On Monday night Deputy Marshall Hampton, of Charlotte, came over here and went out into the country after a young man named Giles Blackwelder, son of Dan Blackwelder, who now lives near Mt. Pleasant.

From the evidence it seems that this young man worked for a short while for Sam Linker near Harrisburg and one morning after he slept there a purse was found on the floor at his bed which contained five counterfeit dollars. The purse, so one of the witnesses swears, was given to this young man Blackwelder. One witness also testified that at another time she saw him have two of those counterfeit dollars.

The charge against him is having the money in his possession but it did not develop on the trial that he was passing or making the coin. This matter will no doubt be investigated at the trial at Federal court in Charlotte in June. A secret service man was here at the trial before U. S. Commissioner, W J Hill, and questioned the witnesses. The defendant did not make any statement while on trial. In default of a bond for his appearance at the Federal court he was placed in our county jail.

Good Concert Coming.

Let's all go to the concert tomorrow night. We should encourage the U. D. C. in their praiseworthy effort to secure funds for the soldier's home at Raleigh. Beside, the musical treat promises to be well worth the cost. The New Bern Journal says of its performance there:

"The program was an excellent one of eight numbers, which was lengthened by several encores.

Miss Helen Wrenn's first selection, soprano solo, "Bobolink," was so well rendered as to demand an encore. Miss Wrenn sang in part two, a selection from Gounod, and the Tuzart Serenade, which were splendidly sung, her entire singing was of a high order.

Miss Foster played two violin solos, Sarabande, by Bohn, and the Serenade Bodine, which showed her playing ability, although it is to be questioned if the two selections gave full display to her best work.

Mr. Stevens appeared to fine advantage in his piano solos, and in the trios his violin playing was very fine, his playing is especially strong in expressive phrasing.

Mr. Schloss is no stranger in this city and received a hearty welcome. His encore, The Holy City, was beautifully played, as were his parts in the trios."

—Prof. D L Lee, of Charlotte, spent last night and this morning here.

THAT NOBLE BAND.

How the Women of Raleigh Cared For the Confederate Dead—Shocking Cruelty of Military Rule.

The report of the Ladies' Memorial Association of Raleigh as contained in the Sunday's Post is an exceedingly interesting document. We would like to give the whole report, but must be content with some briefs and clippings.

It is well calculated, for an instant, to convulse the whole being in rage that must subside when we see how much better are the sentiments now. It also excites the most profound veneration for that noble body of women and those who helped them to accomplish so much against such depressing environments.

The constitution was adopted and the organization proper took place on June 16, 1866.

They wished to take care of the remains of the Confederate dead. They succeeded in raising \$1,200, and the Legislature of 1867 appropriated \$1,500 for the purpose. Lots were tendered them, but they were advised to content themselves by fixing up the Confederate graves, as they were near the rock quarry where there were many graves. The Federal dead were near also.

Here comes a shocking part which we quote:

"But before any work of importance could be done the president of the L. M. A. was notified by the United States authorities that 'Confederate soldiers buried at the rock quarry must be removed immediately to make room for the Federal dead.' Some of the members of the L. M. A. remember that this order was accompanied by the threat that unless the removal was promptly done the bodies of the Confederate dead would be taken from their graves and thrown into the public road. Arrangements were made to effect this removal as quickly as possible. The lot given by Mr. Henry Mordecai was accepted, and during the early spring weeks of 1867 about 500 dead were taken from the rock quarry cemetery and re-interred in the present Confederate cemetery. This work was done almost entirely by the young men of Raleigh, with whom it was a labor of love, and each day a certain number of ladies were present at the Confederate cemetery to remove the coffins as they were brought from the rock quarry, and to keep a watch over them until a sufficient number being on the ground the work of re-interment would begin. The writer remembers one coffin in particular which was a little strained at the joinings of the wood, allowing a long, half-curling lock of fair hair to escape, which hung down as the coffin was lifted from the wagon. The task was often a trying one to the young men, and a lady seeing them nearly overcome by it begged a cask of beer and walked by the wagon the whole distance from one cemetery to the other giving it to them as she saw they needed it."

There were 538 of our fallen

heroes then resting in that sacred spot. Of that number 312 are North Carolinians, 46 from South Carolina, 44 Georgians, 8 Alabamians, 8 Mississippians, 4 Virginians, 2 Floridians, 2 Tennesseans, 1 Texan, 1 Louisianian, 1 Arkansian, 3 of the Confederate States Navy, and 166 unknown dead. The cemetery is divided into sections, and each State has allotted to it a certain portion.

The report says:

"Many bodies of North Carolina soldiers were removed from distant points—137 being taken at one time from Gettysburg and reinterred in the soil of their mother State.

"October 17th, 1883, one hundred and seven Confederate dead were removed from the Federal cemetery at Arlington and interred in the Confederate cemetery at Raleigh. They were met at Weldon by a detachment of the Fayetteville I. L. I., and were received in Raleigh by a committee appointed by the L. M. A. The bodies lay in State in the capitol for a fitting length of time and were carried to the cemetery and laid at rest with all due honor and respect, a short religious service being held with suitable music, and an address delivered by Gov. Jarvis.

"The number of bodies of Confederate soldiers there interred is nearly 700. It was 674 at the last actual enumeration, and since then some veterans from the Soldiers' Home and some from other places have been buried there."

An additional horror is contained in the following paragraphs:

"The original minutes of the L. M. A. which have been closely followed so far contain no details of the observance of the first Memorial Day, May 10th, 1867, but the writer well remembers the meeting in the rain at the capitol square of a number of faithful men and women, who walked to the cemetery carrying their garlands and crosses of flowers, and closely followed and watched by several Federal officers, detailed by the military authority, who then governed the State, to see that no procession was formed."

"It was believed at the time, and it has never been contradicted, that the threat was made that if the L. M. A., chiefly women and children, did form a procession it would be fired on without further warning. On this day there were no exercises of any kind, not even a prayer, and it demanded some courage and some independence from those who walked under the dripping skies through the ankle-deep mud of the country, which is now Oakwood avenue, to fulfill this poor duty to the dead.

"At the annual meeting, 27th June, 1883, it was moved by Mr. W T Primrose and adopted by the L. M. A. that in the subject of the oration on Memorial Day be the war services of one of the generals or of some distinguished officer of North Carolina, or else of some regiment belonging to the State, that the

orator be chosen by the family of the officer who should be selected as the subject of the address, and that the orations be placed among the archives of the State, as material for history.

"For fifteen years the custom has been observed of making the addresses on Memorial Day deal with the character and services of a general of North Carolina, the only exception being that on one occasion the subject was the 'Junior Reserve,' and on another the 'Private Soldier.' Most of these addresses are now in the keeping of the L. M. A., being preserved in a box which is kept in the State Library. The president is making every effort to secure the missing orations in order to put them in the same place of safety.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. W A Self, an attorney of Hickory, is here today.

—Attorney J W Keerans, of Charlotte, was here today.

—Rev. C B Miller is spending this afternoon in Charlotte.

—Mr. D F Cannon went to Salisbury this morning.

—J L Crowell and family went to Salisbury this morning on a visit.

—Mr. A M Rice and Mrs. Smoot returned to Salisbury this morning after visiting at Dr. J E Smoot's.

Bishop Cheshire, of Raleigh, arrived here last night and conducted services at the Episcopal church today. Two persons were confirmed at this morning's service. He will hold services tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

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