

**THRILLING NAVAL BATTLE**

Between the Confederate Ram Merrimac and U. S. S. Congress will be reproduced at the Confederate Reunion.

**THE GREAT REUNION HALL**

Will Seat 27,000 Spectators—All About the Magnificent Street Decorations and the Dazzling "Court of Honor"—Sons of Veterans—How Work is Progressing.

Memphis, Tenn., April 10.—It is all up to the weather man now, and if his prediction for cloudless skies during the Reunion holds good, visitors to Memphis will see the grandest fireworks display that has ever been given in the South. The spectacle will include the firing off of thousands of rockets along the entire river front, and will close with a realistic representation of the famous battle which was fought in the harbor at Newport News between the Confederate Ram, "Merrimac" and the U. S. S. "Congress," when the latter boat was blown up and sunk by the Merrimac. The battle will be fought by actual boats which will pour broadsides into each other to the heroic accompaniment of a background of brilliant and eye-dazzling fire display, reaching from the horizon to the zenith. There will also be fire-pictures of several of the most noted Generals of the Confederacy which will blaze into bold relief, hanging apparently in mid-air, to the full view of all.

It was on Saturday, the 9th of March, 1863, that this famous naval battle was fought. Steaming into the bay, where was gathered the Federal fleet, the Merrimac was greeted by a hail of cannonade from the Congress and other gunboats. This fury of solid shot and ball would have sunk another boat instantly, but from the iron-coated, sloping sides of the Merrimac the fusillade rolled harmlessly into the water. The answering fire from the Confederate Ram was deadly. No ship could withstand the terrific death-dealing volleys, much less the wooden gunboats that were already battle-scarred by the conflicts of the few days previous. Slowly the Merrimac steamed toward the enemy, centering her fire on the Congress. With almost every shell that burst from the throats of the Merrimac's cannon an answering shriek of death could be felt rather than heard as the solid balls of steel and iron plowed through the Federal ship. The duel was short, for in a very few minutes the mast of the Congress tottered and fell. The vessel was on fire, and the lurid beauty of the background threw its hull into bold relief. The smoke then sank on to its decks for an instant, as one would press down the lid of a jack-in-the-box, and then followed the explosion of the powder magazine. With the fury of a maddened tiger the Merrimac darted at the enemy and buried its steel ram into its wooden bosom. As the Merrimac backed away the water rushed into the hole, and a second afterward the Congress lurched to the bottom, defeated and destroyed.

The pictorial representation of this fight on the river at the Reunion will be faithful and true to life. There will be the background of flashing shells exploding in the air, and the colors of war will all be there. At first the Congress will be seen, rocking sullenly at her anchor. Then the Merrimac will appear in the distance, rapidly approaching. Then both boats will commence to exchange ear-splitting volleys of shot and shell. The powder magazine of the Congress will be exploded and then the final act of the drama, the ramming of the sinking vessel by the Merrimac, will take place.

The spectacle of war is always one of strange fascination. Though we know its tragic outcome, it is nevertheless a tremendous display. And this will be no ordinary Fourth of July exhibition, for in the one evening of this part of the entertainment sixteen hundred feet of barges will be loaded with red, blue and white fire, thousands of rockets and bombs. Another feature of the display will be the illumination of the entire river at this point. Acres and acres of water will suddenly be alive with hissing, writhing serpents of flame; the heavens will be lighted as high as the eye can see, and fountains of fire will spout into the air to the height of a thousand feet, falling back into a Niagara of stars and comets.

**THE GREAT REUNION HALL.**

As you read this, there are a hundred workmen on the bluffs

of Memphis erecting a mammoth Reunion hall.

It will be the largest one ever erected for a similar purpose. At a recent meeting of the General Executive Committee it was decided to build one for this special occasion, and graders, bricklayers and carpenters are now actively engaged in laying the foundations and raising the superstructure. The hall will be finished in ample time for the Reunion. It will have a seating capacity of 27,000 people, and will contain State headquarters for Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Florida, Alabama, Texas and Mississippi.

In addition to this there will be large headquarters for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. These headquarters, together with the main entrance, will occupy the entire front of the building. In the space at each end of it and under the seats, which will have a height of 12 feet and will be in the nature of a long hall, cots will be placed and 1,500 veterans or visitors may be thus accommodated in light, airy, well-ventilated, comfortable quarters.

The building will be 400 feet by 206 feet in dimensions. The height from the dome to the dance floor is 50 feet, and the music stand is suspended from the roof. The main entrance is 32 feet by 50 feet. The whole structure is surrounded by a semi-circular truss roof, with a 100 feet span, which will be covered with a heavy quality of felt, similar to that which is placed on the roofs of the Binghamton car works plant here, and which has lasted for nearly ten years. The dancing floor, which will also be used as the Convention hall, is 160 feet by 165 feet. This can be cleared of chairs in a short space of time, and will make one of the largest dancing floors in the South.

When you reach Memphis you will find the center of the city transformed into a veritable fairy land. The main street will be lined with lofty white columns, festooned with evergreens, flowers and hundreds of sparkling electric lights. As you pass to your hotel from the railroad depot you will walk beneath a beautiful arch, tapering into a slender peak, surmounted by a flaming eagle. At each side of this will stand a pylon with an urn at its summit. In the urns will be placed a fire, so that all night long they will send leaping flames in solemn tribute to the memory of the fallen heroes. These columns will be further ornamented with bas reliefs of appropriate war groups and life-sized statues of the most prominent leaders of the war. This will constitute what will be known as the "Court of Honor."

The Sons of Confederate Veterans will play an important part in the Reunion, for upon them will devolve the work of entertaining the Sponsors and Maids of Honor. Also they will arrange the social functions of the Reunion, and will in addition to that take active part in the exercises. A proposition from the Chattanooga Chapter of the United Confederate Veterans, to change the Charter and By-Laws so as to admit the Sons of Veterans into the parent order, will be placed before the Convention next May, and it is thought that this proposed change will be ratified and that the Sons will be admitted into the organization.

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Pithy sentences are like sharp nails which force truth upon our memory.—Diderot.

**AN OUTLAW BEAVER.**

Cast Out of The Colony by His Associates And Compelled to Live Alone.

A Curious episode of beaver life is told by A. Radclyffe Dugmore in the March Everybody's Magazine. In the beaver enclosure recently formed in the National Zoo at Washington there is an outlaw, a beaver cut off from contact with his fellows and condemned to live alone. It seems that the beavers increased in numbers rapidly and the following year, when they were all full-grown, the rules and regulations of Beaverdom were put in force. It was decided that there was one beaver too many, and, according to their laws, he must either betake himself to some other locality or submit to an untimely death. Now, the victim chosen—whether by ballot or by what other means, who shall say?—had to leave the colony, and, as it was impossible for him to get off of his own accord, death would have been his lot had he not been saved by the keeper. For a short time he was kept in a cage, until a suitable place could be made ready, and the place selected was the enclosure in which I found him leading his lonely life.

Being a solitary bachelor, he had not as yet gone in for regular housekeeping—perhaps he thinks it scarcely worth while building a house until he has a mate. As it is, he has made a burrow in the bank with the entrance at the level of the water. In this he spends his days, seldom coming out at all before sunset, and frequently much later. On leaving his underground house he invariably goes directly to the fence corner, where he stands watching his former companions for as much as half an hour at a time. They, on the contrary, seldom pay the least attention to him. From their lodge came the sound of muffled voices; evidently they were holding an animated conversation in beaver language. It is a strange-sounding language, like a mixture of subdued children's voices and the crying of a very young puppy. Whether or not our beaver understood the drift of their discussion would be difficult to say, but certain it is that he seemed to be very interested by it all.

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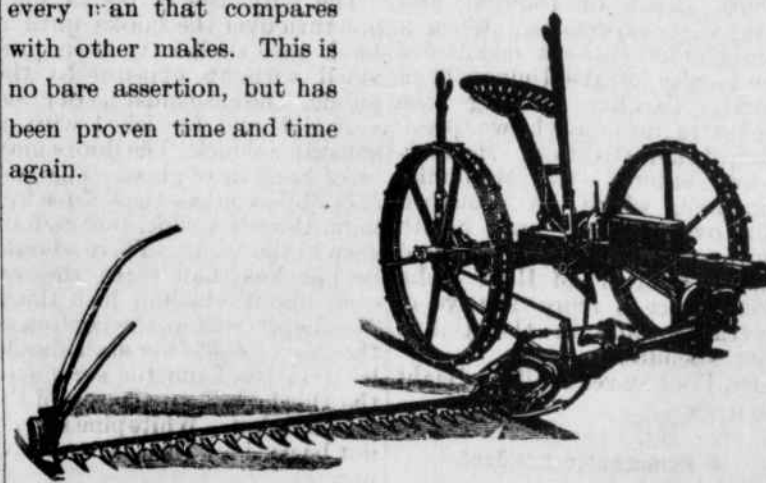
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