

CHAMP CLARK STORIES

Gathered In and About the Halls of Congress.

Anecdotes of the Battle of Gettysburg

General Sickles' Coolness When He Lost His Leg—Concealed His Condition From His Soldiers—Smoked a Cigar on the Stretcher—A Southerner's Account of the Slaughter—General Bingham's Story of the Death of a Confederate General.

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Certain specified classes of persons have "the privilege of the floor" of the house. Among them are ex-members and persons who have received the thanks of congress by name. The privilege of entering the house at any and all times is highly prized. This privilege is hedged about by the proviso that no person having any direct financial interest in a pending bill shall be allowed access to the floor. This proviso is practically a dead letter, for the reason that it is difficult to ascertain the fact, and, furthermore, what is everybody's business is nobody's business. Consequently it has come to pass that several ex-senators and ex-representatives make more or less precarious living by playing the trade of lobbyist.

General Sickles.

General Daniel Edgar Sickles of New York is the only citizen of the republic whose name I can recall who is entitled to "the privilege of the floor" for two reasons: He can come in because he is an ex-representative and also because he has received by name the thanks of the American congress for heroic conduct in the field. In the Fifty-third congress he sat within 20 feet of General Joe Wheeler of Alabama, who had received by name the thanks of the Confederate congress for heroic conduct on the field. Of course it is a thousand to one shot that no such thing will ever occur again.

General Sickles served in the house from March 4, 1859, to March 4, 1861. After an absence of 32 years he came back to the Fifty-third congress in 1893.

He is a frequent visitor to the house, where he is a universal favorite. He generally revisits the scenes of his congressional labors to help the old soldiers, in whose affairs he takes deep interest, growing out of a spirit of comradeship.

Not long since I asked him about his army service and the loss of his leg at Gettysburg.

He said: "In April, 1861, I enlisted as a private and was on my way to the depot to leave for the front when I received a telegram from Governor E. D. Morgan asking me to raise a regiment. I raised it in 48 hours and then recruited the Excelsior brigade, which I commanded as colonel and brigadier until I became a major general."

I asked him if it was true, as stated in the newspapers, that when he was sorely wounded at Gettysburg he was carried off the field on a stretcher smoking a cigar. "Yes; that is true, and I will tell you how it happened. There is not only a time for everything under the sun, but a reason also. If you can discover it, I commanded the Third corps, which held the Union left at Devil's Den, Round Top and Peach Orchard. July 2 Longstreet made his famous charge, of which my corps bore the brunt. In the midst of it a grape shot shattered my knee, knocking me off my horse. The report spread among my men that I was dead, and they began to fall into disorder. I knew that if they wavered or gave ground Longstreet, who was a most indomitable fighter, would break through our lines, flank the Union army and perhaps gain a famous victory. I had myself placed on a stretcher and a blanket thrown over my leg to conceal the nature of my wound. I then placed a lighted cigar in my mouth and had myself carried down the battle line in order to talk to and encourage my men. They stood firm as a rock, and Longstreet's charge failed. That night my leg was amputated above the knee." That was certainly a splendid feat. Its coolness has rarely been excelled on any field.

General Sickles is one of the kindest men I ever knew and demonstrates the truth of the poet's dictum "the bravest are the gentlest."

A man that little children love is one worthy of love.

In the Fifty-third congress my little boy, still wearing kilts, played about the house a great deal. He struck up a friendship with many members. General Sickles was one of his prime favorites. Frequently he would go over to the old soldier's seat, climb up in his lap and toy with his spectacles, crutches and watch chain. He generally came back with his pockets bulging with candy, apples, oranges or other goodies. General Sickles is a handsome, graceful and well preserved man.

Judge Johnston.

There was only one man in the house at that time who fought on the Confederate side at Gettysburg—Judge David E. Johnston of West Virginia, who was then a beardless youth, with the rank of sergeant major in the Seventh Virginia Infantry. I took him over to where General Sickles was sitting, introduced them and left them to swap experiences, a performance in which old soldiers delight.

It seems to me that if Sir Edward Creasy should come to life and were to issue a new edition of his famous "Decisive Battles of the World" he would change the number from 15 to 16 and would set down Gettysburg as the sixteenth. The fighting must have been awful, for I never saw a man

who was in it that was not wounded more or less severely. Though Judge Johnston did not lose a leg, as did General Sickles, he was nearly as badly shot.

Judge Johnston said: "To show the horrible carnage produced by Pickett's charge Watson, ensign of my regiment, had a color guard of eight sergeants and corporals, and they were all killed or wounded. Watson falling, Young grabbed the flag and carried it to within 15 or 20 feet of the stone wall behind which Hancock was fighting. He, too, fell badly wounded, but holding the flag aloft. While lying there waving his flag he saw a Union officer taking aim at his head and, throwing up his arm, saved his head by catching the bullet in his wrist; then a boy named Talbert picked up the flag, pressed up to the wall and was just climbing over when a minie ball plowed a furrow across the top of his head, and he fell outside the wall, while his flag fell inside, and the Union soldier who shot him picked up the flag and carried it to the rear as a trophy of that bloody field."

"Of General Pickett's entire staff only one, except Pickett and a courier, a boy named Walker, came out of that fiery furnace uninjured. Of Pickett's three brigade commanders Garnett was killed instantly outside the stone wall, Armistead fell mortally wounded inside the wall and Kemper, desperately wounded, outside the wall. He lived to be governor of Virginia.

"The courier, Walker, who was only 17, belonged to the Eleventh Virginia, but was detailed for duty on Pickett's staff. Seeing the color bearer of his old regiment fall, he galloped to where he lay, dismounted, seized the flag and saved it from capture.

"After General Pickett's charge was repulsed and what few of us were left had straggled out of the fire, Pickett was trying to rally the remnants of his command, saying: 'Get together, boys! We must form again. General Lee may need us elsewhere.' While he was thus addressing the men a boy about 16, named Belcher, rushed up with a bullet riddled flag in his hand and, flushed with excitement, asked, 'General, shall we charge them again?' 'A majority of the soldiers who followed Pickett in that charge,' concluded Judge Johnston, 'were beardless boys, but they had hero's hearts.'

General Harry Bingham.

Over on the Republican side of the house is another Gettysburg hero—General Henry H. Bingham of Philadelphia, universally and affectionately called General Harry Bingham. He carries one bullet in his leg as a reminder of Pickett's charge and three other bullets in the same leg as souvenirs of Confederate marksmanship on other fields.

At the early age of 59 General Bingham succeeded to the title of "father of the house," which he inherited from General Harmer, another Philadelphian, when the latter died last winter. General Bingham is also celebrated for being the best dressed man in the house, for his Chesterfieldian manners and for the fidelity with which he stands up for the interests of the City of Brotherly Love.

In offering the usual resolution upon the death of General Harmer General Bingham made the following astonishing statement: "I desire to group together the names of those four members whose record today belongs to the whole country and for whose memory the people of Philadelphia have especial affection—Judge W. D. Kelly, who was elected to 15 congresses and who served 29 years; Mr. Charles O'Neill, who was also elected to 15 congresses and served 29 years; Mr. Samuel J. Randall, who was elected to 14 congresses and served 27 years, and our colleague just deceased, Mr. A. C. Harmer, who likewise was elected to 14 congresses and served 27 years—in all 112 years of service given by these four distinguished dead, a record unparalleled in the history of the country."

The remarkableness of General Bingham's statement is increased when we remember that he was making it, still in the prime of life, was serving his twenty-first consecutive year in the house when he uttered those words and bids fair to exceed any of that great quartet in length of service here. Add his 21 years as congressman to the 112 years of Kelly, O'Neill, Randall and Harmer, and you have a grand total of 133 years' service by five Philadelphians in this generation.

Judge Johnston told me to go over and ask General Bingham about the fall of General Armistead, which I did. General Bingham said: "At Gettysburg I was on General Hancock's staff. When Pickett made his famous charge, a Confederate officer in advance fell from his horse over the stone wall, within our lines. A cry went up from our men: 'Longstreet! Longstreet!' Knowing the value of capturing General Longstreet, I jumped from my horse, ran up to the officer and found it was not General Longstreet, but an officer wearing a brigadier's star. I found him to be terribly wounded and asked his name. He replied, 'General Armistead, commanding a brigade in Major General Pickett's division.' He stated that he thought he was mortally wounded, that he had been at West Point with General Hancock and that he wished I would convey his compliments to General Hancock, who was nearly as severely wounded as himself. General Armistead then asked me to take his sword, watch and other personal effects and send them to his wife if he died. I had him carried back through our lines to where our surgeons were caring for the wounded. They did all they could to save his life, but the brave soldier died that night. After sending him to our surgeons I carried his message and his personal effects to General Hancock, who was in an ambulance by reason of his own wound."

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NOTICE!

The undersigned having qualified as adm'r on the estate of Mrs. Harriet Woodall, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 15th day of Sept., 1901, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 10th day of Sept., 1901.

J. H. WOODALL, Administrator.

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The undersigned having qualified as Executor on the estate of W. H. Joyner, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 15th day of September, 1901, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 10th day of September, 1901.

J. H. LASSITER, Executor.

NOTICE!

The undersigned having duly qualified as Adm'r on the estate of Mrs. Lina Bailey, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against the same to present the same to me for payment on or before the 15th day of Sept., 1901, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 12th day of Sept., 1901.

N. B. GRANTHAM, Administrator.

NOTICE!

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of J. M. DeWitt, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 15th day of September, 1901, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 12th day of Sept., 1901.

N. R. POOL, Adm'r.

NOTICE!

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of David Lee, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 30th day of Sept., 1901, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 17th day of Sept., 1901.

E. L. PEARCE, Administrator.

NOTICE!

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court made in the civil action wherein J. H. Applewhite, plaintiff, and N. M. Sherin and others, defendants, I will sell at the Court House in Smithfield on Monday the 4th day of November, 1901, the following described property: One tract of land in Johnston county, adjoining the lands of Edward Johnson, William Hobbs and others, containing 325 acres more or less, it being the tract of land conveyed to Robert A. Langhorne and N. M. Sherin.

Terms cash.

S. A. WOODARD, Commissioner.
F. A. & S. A. WOODARD, Att'ys.

NOTICE!

By virtue of an order of the Superior court made in the special proceeding entitled J. J. Harper, executor of John Harper and others, ex parte, proceeding to sell lands for assets to pay debts, the undersigned will on 14th day of Nov., 1901 at 12 o'clock, M., at the court house door in the town of Smithfield, offer for sale to the highest bidder the following real property:

Lot No. 3, in the survey made in the above case and beginning at a stake in the old stage road, S. E. corner and runs with the line S. 88 E. 100 poles to a stake, thence S. 7 W. 43 1/2 poles to L. W. Langston's corner, thence N. 59 W. 9 poles to a stake, thence S. 88 W. 10 1/2 poles to a stake in the old stage road, thence with said road N. 20 E. 22 poles, thence N. 5 E. 6 poles to the beginning, containing 26 acres. Terms of sale, cash.

J. J. HARPER, Ex or.
WELLS & MORGAN, Att'ys.

NOTICE!

By virtue of a judgment of the Superior Court, rendered at September Term, 1901, in a certain civil action wherein Augustus Wright was plaintiff, and D. A. Fields and wife, Jerusha Fields were defendants, I shall sell, as commissioner for cash, at the Court House in the town of Smithfield, Johnston county, N. C., at public auction, at 12 o'clock, M., on Saturday 12th day of October, 1901, the following property to-wit: One lot and store house situate thereon adjoining the lot of B. Crocker, and known as the B. Crocker lot, running west 40 feet, south 80 feet, in the plan of the town of Pine Level, Johnston county, N. C. This Sept. 11th, 1901.

JOHN A. NARRON, Commissioner.

NOTICE!

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Jerry Cammons, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 30th day of August, 1901, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 23rd day of August, 1901.

A. F. HOLT, Administrator.
Pinebluff, N. C.

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Lv Weldon	A M 11:30	P M 8:30	P M 9:30	A M 11:30	P M 8:30	P M 9:30
Ar Rocky Mt.	1:00	8:52	9:52	1:00	8:52	9:52
Lv Tarboro	12:21		7:25			
Lv Rocky Mt.	1:05	10:42	7:52	5:15	12:52	
Lv Wilson	1:30	11:12	8:31	5:36	2:40	
Lv Selma	2:55	11:25				
Lv Fayetteville	4:30	12:43				
Ar Florence	P M 7:35	2:50				
Ar Goldsboro			9:20			
Lv Goldsboro				6:45	3:30	
Lv Magnolia				7:02	4:10	
Ar Wilmington				9:25	6:15	

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

Dated July 22, 1899.	No. 34 daily	No. 33 daily	No. 32 daily	No. 31 daily	No. 30 daily	No. 29 daily
Lv Florence	9:50		7:4			
Lv Fayetteville	12:29		9:44			
Lv Selma	1:00					
Ar Wilson	2:35		11:34			
Lv Wilmington				7:00	A M 9:30	
Lv Magnolia				7:02	11:15	
Lv Goldsboro				9:37	1:23	
Lv Wilson	P M 3:35	8:20	10:40	10:45	1:18	
Lv Rocky Mt.	3:30	9:00	12:10	11:25	1:53	
Ar Tarboro			9:34			
Lv Tarboro			2:31			
Lv Rocky Mt.				12:10		
Ar Weldon				1:02		

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Yadkin Division Main Line—Trains leave Wilmington 9:00 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 12:05 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 12:25 p. m., arrives Sanford 1:43 p. m., returning leaves Sanford 3:05 p. m., arrives Fayetteville 4:23 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 4:30 p. m., arrives Wilmington 7:15 p. m.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8:10 a. m., Maxton 9:05 a. m., Red Springs 9:32 a. m., Parkton 10:41 a. m., Hope Mills 10:55 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 11:10. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4:45 p. m., Hope Mills 5:00 p. m., Red Springs 5:43 p. m., Maxton 6:16 p. m., arrives Bennettsville 7:15 p. m.

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Train on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 3:15 p. m., Halifax 3:29 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 4:10 p. m., Greenville 5:47 p. m., Kingston 6:45 p. m., returning leaves Kingston 7:30 a. m., Greenville 8:30 a. m., arriving Halifax at 11:05 a. m., Weldon 11:20 a. m., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leaves Washington 8:00 a. m. and 2:45 p. m., arrives Pamlico 8:55 a. m. and 4:10 p. m., returning leaves Pamlico 11:10 a. m. and 5:22 p. m., arrives Washington 12:30 a. m. and 5:15 p. m. daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro daily except Sunday at 4:35 p. m., Sunday 4:15 p. m., arrives Plymouth 6:35 p. m., 6:30 p. m., returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:30 a. m. and Sunday 9:00 a. m., arrives Tarboro 9:50 a. m., 11:00 a. m.

Train on Midland, N. C., Branch leaves Goldsboro daily except Sunday 5:00 a. m., arrives Smithfield 6:10 a. m., returning leaves Smithfield 10:00 a. m., arrives Goldsboro 8:25 a. m.

Trains on Nashville Branch leave Rocky Mount at 9:30 a. m., 3:40 p. m., arrive Nashville 10:20 a. m., 4:05 p. m., Spring Hope 11:00 a. m., 4:25 p. m., returning leaves Spring Hope 11:30 a. m., 4:55 p. m., Nashville 12:42 p. m., 5:35 p. m., arrive at Rocky Mount 12:10 a. m., 6:10 p. m., Sunday, 10:00 a. m., 4:00 p. m.

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