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MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED.

Speeches by Hon. E. W. Pou and Col. E. J. Holt—Graves Decorated With Flowers and Flags.

Memorial Day was fittingly observed here Wednesday with appropriate exercises. The initiatory step towards the memorial service was taken by the Henry Wyatt Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy of Selma who were present in full force, bringing with them lots of beautiful flowers and many confederate flags to decorate the graves of the unknown soldiers who sleep in our cemetery.

Owing to a light shower of rain just before the hour appointed the service was held in the court house. Adjutant C. S. Powell, of W. R. Moore, cant Confederate Veterans, presided over the meeting which opened with the song, "America," Rev. N. E. Coltrane, pastor of the Methodist church then led in prayer. Then "When the Roll is called up Yonder" was sung.

Mr. Powell then introduced congressman E. W. Pou whose elegant address was an appropriate one for the occasion.

Mr. Pou began his speech by paying a fitting tribute to Mrs. R. F. Webb who decorates the soldiers' graves in the cemetery here each Memorial Day, whether there be any public exercises or not. In this way she has for many, many years shown her devotion to the memory of the heroes of the "Lost Cause."

Mr. Pou said in part: "The brave soldiers who sleep in these graves laid down their lives for us. It is therefore most proper that this beautiful festival should be observed. If this little monument were builded so high that its summit touched the clouds it would still be inadequate to do sufficient honor to the memory of these heroic souls. How the memories of the past come rushing down upon us! Here among the shades of our dead; their wonderful achievements behind us; a mighty people rent in twain; a dozen battles greater than Austerlitz of Marengo; millions of men in deadly conflict; tens of thousands going down in honor to the grave—who can tell such a tale in one short hour?"

"As we stand here by the graves of these dead heroes reverently should we thank God that, so far as they are concerned, history is at last vindicating their acts and is to-day declaring to mankind for all time to come that they died for a right vouchsafed to them and their posterity by the Constitution of their country."

"Beautiful custom, that loving hearts and gentle hands should gather each year Spring's choicest offerings and reverently place them upon these graves in testimony of our love for the brave and true!"

"The war left only a few without their sorrows. The happy family circle broken; the fond mother who saw her boy for the last time as he left the old home; the wife left widowed in a pitiless world; the little boy here today in mature manhood who has never been able to recall the face of the father upon whose knee he prattled; the young woman who told her betrothed farewell and watched and waited for the letter that never came—these are the heritages of war. Sleep on brave soldier 'till the resurrection morn.' No victor's crown pressed down upon your brow, but a brighter crown, woven from God's perennial flowers awaits the awakening of him who died for the right. Palsied be the hand that would write one line, cloven be the tongue that would speak one word to profane the names or memories of these heroic souls."

The speaker then spoke of the right of secession under the constitution, defending that right in strong terms, proving that history has vindicated the position taken by the South.

Continuing, Mr. Pou told of the part played by the North Carolina soldiery declaring that none are braver. The famous Light Brigade at Balaklava lost 37 per cent. of its noble 600, yet the 26th North Carolina Regiment charged up the heights at Gettysburg and 83 per cent. were left silent on the battlefield.

Mr. Pou then said: "My friends, the daughters of the South were just as brave as her sons. With fidelity born of love they suffered and died for the honor of their native land. If the benedictions of a dying soldier are sweet; if his prayers shall avail, then know, Oh Mothers of the Confederacy, that for four years from a thousand hospitals the prayers of the brave, were sent up for you like a sweet offering of incense to the great white throne of God."

Mr. Pou then told of the battle of Chancellorsville and the great Stonewall Jackson. After narrating the circumstances of the great hero's death in beautiful and touching language, he concluded as follows:

"When the last confederate soldier shall break ranks here and cross over the river which divides time from eternity, God grant he may find upon the other shore every one of his comrades in unbroken columns, under the command of the Great Captain, with foot-steps keeping pace to the music of the Eternal Morn."

Col. E. J. Holt was then introduced and spoke of the life and character of John Gaston Creech of Co. A, Seventh North Carolina Cavalry. (This speech will be published in full in our next issue.)

At the close of this address the audience marched to the cemetery where the soldiers' graves were covered with flowers and flags.

The thanks of the people here are due the Henry Wyatt Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, of Selma, for their earnest and successful efforts in arranging for these memorial ceremonies.

KILLED IN TORNADO.

26 Lives Lost in a Kansas Town—44 Persons Were Injured.

Marquette, Kans., May 9.—When darkness fell upon this stricken town tonight it was known that 26 lives had been lost in the tornado that wrecked part of Marquette early today, and did much damage in this vicinity and that 44 persons had been injured. Of the injured 35 were seriously hurt and some of them may die. During the day two victims died of their injuries. Several of the others are suffering from broken limbs and internal injuries.

In several cases entire families have been killed. A man named Switzer, a night watchman at the railroad yards, lost his three children. N. P. Nelson, with his wife, and three children, were found dead. The other children were not at home and escaped injury.

Tonight order had practically been brought out of the chaotic condition that prevailed today, and a relief committee had begun dispensing aid. Among the relief committee sent from outside were 25 pupils from Bethany College, who acted as nurses.

The tornado struck the southern end of the town and cut a clean swath one hundred yards in width through its entire length. Coming as it did at midnight all the people were caught without a moment's warning. A heavy rain storm had preceded the wind. When daylight broke over the town it found the entire population in a state of panic. Business was entirely suspended and every one who escaped injury turned his attention toward aiding the wounded.

Cleared for Action.

When the body is cleared for action, by Dr. King's New Life Pills, you can tell it by the bloom of health on the cheeks; the brightness of the eyes; the firmness of the flesh and muscles; the buoyancy of the mind. Try them. At Hood Bros. drug store, 25c.

REFUTES THE CHARGE.

Rev. J. O. Guthrie, Pastor M. E. Church, Declares Selma Citizens are "Covenant Keepers."

MR. EDITOR:

I hear it reported by parties who are evidently no friends of our town, that Selma will not vote for prohibition even though a majority of our voting citizenship has pledged itself to such a cause. It is charged that the wholesale whiskey men have raised a corruption fund and that certain tobacco men have pledged Selma the tobacco market of Johnston county, if her citizens would vote for the retention of the dispensary and that our people were considering the bribe. The idea of any one saying that such men as Clarence W. Richardson, W. H. Hare, W. B. Driver, J. W. Futrell, L. D. Debnam, J. R. Hood, W. J. Caines, A. V. Driver, R. B. Whitley, R. L. Ray, T. H. Whitley, E. W. Vick, C. B. Ellis, J. C. Bolton, L. W. Richardson, W. H. Etheredge, H. B. Pearce, R. J. Noble, D. H. Price, D. O. Price, N. R. Batton, R. E. Snipes, W. H. Stallings, R. M. Nowell, M. C. Winston, Wm. Richardson, M. W. Nash, C. Richardson, I. T. Wood, R. E. Richardson, W. D. Anderson, O. A. Tucker, Alex Strickland, Simeon R. Lee, J. A. Spiers, W. L. Talton, S. P. Wood, J. A. Hinnant, J. H. Parker, S. D. Hood, N. E. Edgerton, E. W. Womack, W. H. Call, Peyton Ellis, Joe O'Neal, J. W. O'Neal, Ed. O'Neal, A. C. Batten, J. D. Jeffreys, Jno. W. Liles, Young J. Lee and J. B. Person would write out and sign a statement which reads as follows: "We, the undersigned citizens of the town of Selma, honestly believe that if Smithfield votes for prohibition and abolishes the dispensary that Selma will abolish the dispensary at the election to be held next month."

"We also believe that prohibition will be carried almost without a dissenting vote and pledge ourselves to use our best efforts to that end. This April 17th, 1905, and after thus pledging themselves failing to keep the pledge is an imputation that I will not sit idly by and bear made, against my best friends and fellow townsmen without resenting it with all the strength that is in me. These men are our best citizens and are not "Covenant Breakers" but "Covenant Keepers" and men whom I have found true to every trust I have imposed in them whether of friendship or business. I say this in view of the charge that has been made and in justice to the true men whose names appear above.

J. O. GUTHRIE.

Selma, May 8th, 1905.

ARCHER DOTS.

Mr. Jno. I. Barnes was home Sunday.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. Jane Boyett is again in very feeble health.

Mr. George N. Hinton, of the County Home, visited friends and relatives here last week.

Miss Hattie Wall returned home Sunday from Selma where she had been spending some time the guest of Miss Jimmie Batton.

Several of our young people went to Flower Hill Sunday. They report a day pleasantly spent amidst the fragrance of the sweet-smelling flowers.

The entertainment given by the Misses Batton last Saturday afternoon was a most enjoyable occasion. The guests were hospitably entertained till the silvery chiming of the "Great Old Clock" announced the eleventh hour when they began to leave with many good wishes to their fair hosts.

May 8.

S. L. W.

Don't let the children suffer. If they are fretful, peevish and cross, give them Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. The best baby tonic known. Strength and health follow its use. 35 cents. A. H. Boyett, Selma Drug Co.

SELMA NEWS.

Reasons Why you Should vote for Prohibition—Local and Personal Items of Interest.

On Monday, the 15, our people will vote on the question of "Dispensary or Prohibition" and the indications now are that Prohibition will win by a large majority—as it should to our mind. We would like to give to our readers a few of the reasons why we think prohibition should win. 'Tis true that 'tis said prohibition does not prohibit; but that is no reason we should keep whiskey before our boys. One of the ten commandments, as well as the law of our land, says, "Thou shalt not kill," but, how many men violate that law.

Every man wants his boy to be a better man and to have an easier place in life than he has. Every man wants his boy or girl to start in life as well off as he is now, that is he wants them to have as comfortable a home and as nice a horse as he has. Is there a man who wants to see his daughter marry a man who was never known to come home sober? Within three miles of Selma two men have died from the effects of whiskey since Christmas—can their widows and orphans think of whiskey except to hate it? Both men were useful citizens but for whiskey. Three men from Selma have lost their minds from the effects of whiskey and whiskey has caused the death of four other men within 5 miles of Selma in the past four years, and on one of them the curse of whiskey followed his widow and orphans till they have drank the dregs of sin and are now outcasts.

Are we not responsible for such things? Won't every man who votes for whiskey have to answer to his God for his vote? Will he not be responsible to his God for the example he sets his son and for the destruction of his son's soul? Think well before you vote and vote as if you had to appear before your God and answer for it on the day after the election. Do you want to go empty handed to Him? Is there a man in Johnston county who wants to see his son a drunkard or who would vote for whiskey if he knew this boy of his would be a drunkard? If there is, God pity him. Now remember if you vote for whiskey and that boy becomes a drunkard that you are responsible for it and will have to answer for it.

'Tis said the school will suffer and my tax will be increased if the dispensary is abolished. Well what is the use of educating a boy if you make a drunkard of him. Is not an educated drunkard a worse nuisance than an uneducated one? 'Tis time and money thrown away to educate a drunkard.

We hear it said that trade will be lost on account of men not being able to buy whiskey when they go to town. How many women are now kept from going to town with husbands because they know their husbands will get drunk as soon as they get to town? Will not the little trade that is lost because a man will not visit a town where whiskey is not sold be more than gained by one life that is saved and one mind that is saved from being a blank? In other words how much trade will it take to balance the six lost lives and the three minds that are blank? Now vote for the best interests of the community and you will vote to move liquor out. That is why we are for prohibition.

Miss Lela Paterson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thos. G. Creech.

Mrs. C. W. Richardson is visiting Mrs. Berry Richardson near Kenly.

Mrs. W. H. Green, of Washington, D. C., has moved here with her son Mr. W. A. Green. We are glad to have them in our town. Her late husband, Capt. Green, was a great favorite in our town and all are glad to have her and her son with us.

Mrs. Mattie Gardner, of Raleigh, visited Mrs. W. H. Hare Sunday.

The Masons of Selma will en-

tertain the class of Orphans from Oxford at the Merchants Hotel here Saturday on their way to Smithfield where they will give a concert at night.

Mr. Albert Noble is at home now. His school at Hobgood closed last week.

Mr. Charles Talton went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. H. B. Pearce, Jr. has moved into his new home on Anderson street.

Mr. H. D. Hood went to Salisbury Monday to attend the convention of Funeral Directors.

Mr. James Jeffreys, of Wilders township, visited Mr. James D. Jeffreys last week.

Mr. M. W. Nash went to Rocky Mount Tuesday.

Mr. James Jeffreys made a flying trip to Wake county Tuesday.

Mr. M. C. Winston spent Monday in Raleigh.

Mr. R. L. Ray is having his house papered and repainted.

R. B. Whitley, Esq., spent Wednesday in Clayton.

Messrs R. E. Richardson, grand representative, L. D. Debnam, E. W. Vick and W. B. Driver are attending the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows at Raleigh.

Miss Hattie Wall, of Wilders township, who has been visiting Miss Jimmie Batton, left for her home Sunday.

Robert Millard Nowell, Esq., spent Sunday at Wendell.

Mrs. M. C. Winston spent Tuesday in Raleigh visiting Mrs. C. J. Hunter.

Miss Lucy Sanders, of Smithfield, visited her sister, Miss Bettie L. Sanders, Sunday.

'Tis said that one of our popular young men is to be married in a week or two and that he "asked for her" last Sunday.

Mr. S. T. Honeycutt, of Smithfield, was in town Tuesday, taking his mother, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. B. Driver, home with him.

Mr. J. A. Blackman's many friends will be pained to learn that he is no better.

Mrs. E. D. Ford, of Louisburg, who has been visiting her aunt Mrs. J. A. Spiers, left for home Tuesday.

Wednesday being Decoration Day a large crowd of ladies and gentlemen met at the cemetery to pay honor to the Confederate dead. After the first song, Prof. Ned F. Brannock led in prayer which was indeed a very appropriate one. After another song the ladies marched around the cemetery and placed flowers on the graves of the old confederate soldiers. After this there was another song and then Prof. Brannock pronounced the benediction. The services were very impressive.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Clayton.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard of Clayton was in town Wednesday.

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R. J. N.

PINE LEVEL DOTS.

Mr. J. L. Gurley, of Selma, was in town Sunday.

Messrs W. H. Gurley and W. L. Evans went to Kenly Sunday.

Miss Esther Peedin has been visiting her brother, Mr. E. V. Peedin.

Messrs. Emmett Price and George Watson visited friends in the country Sunday.

The Sunday night prayer meeting was conducted Sunday night by Mr. W. R. Davis.

Miss Flora Pool spent Saturday night and Sunday with friends in the country.

We are delighted to hear so many of our people speaking for prohibition and the abandonment of the dispensary.

Quite a number of our young people attended the birthday party that was given Friday night by Mr. and Mrs. Peedin in honor of their daughter, Miss Esther.

M.

—We return thanks to Messrs. H. E. Austin and D. W. Vinson for a handsome invitation to the commencement exercises of Oak Ridge Institute May 21-23. Col. Robert Bingham, of Asheville, N. C., will deliver the literary address at two o'clock May 23.

FEELING BITTER.

The Japanese Believe that France Rescued Rojestvensky From Complete Failure to Reach the China Sea and That the Final Aid Given in Indo-China Amounts to an Act of Belligerency.

Tokio, May 9.—The feeling of resentment against France for the assistance given to the Russian second squadron continues to run high and is finding expression in a variety of ways. The nearness of the Russian squadron and the nature of the preparations which Admiral Rojestvensky is known to have made in French waters seem to have suddenly convinced many people that it would have been impossible for Rojestvensky to come to the far east without outside assistance, which has given a sinister tone to the popular sentiment. In the crisis many eyes are turned towards Great Britain for assistance. It is argued that France rescued Rojestvensky from absolute failure to reach the China sea and that final aid given to the Russians in Indo-China amounts to an act of belligerency and there are many demands that Japan invoke the alliance with Great Britain. The Japanese government has not taken the people of this country into its confidence. Since the Kamran Bay incident nothing has been officially made known except that the government was making vigorous representation at Paris while proceeding carefully and cautiously, not desiring to resort to extreme measures while a hope of an adjustment exists.

Fleet Must Leave French Waters.

Paris, May 9.—Orders have been sent to the civil and naval authorities in French Indo-China not to permit the junction within French waters of the Russian naval forces under Admiral Rojestvensky and Rear Admiral Nebogatoff. Instructions have also been sent to Admiral DeJonquieres, the French naval commander, to see that Rojestvensky fully observes the promise he has already given to leave French waters.

These orders resulted from the receipt of a detailed dispatch giving an account of Admiral DeJonquieres meeting with Rojestvensky. The dispatch says the Russian squadron made a four days cruise on the high sea outside the three mile limit and then returned last Saturday, anchoring at Kong-Hai bay, coast of Annam, to take on provisions and fresh water. When Admiral DeJonquieres was informed of the Russians return he proceeded to Kong-Kai and requested Admiral Rojestvensky to immediately withdraw outside the territorial waters. The Russian admiral gave DeJonquieres his word that he intended to leave his anchorage and take to the open. He also informed DeJonquieres that in his communications with the land he had not violated any of the neutrality regulations and that the stops of the Russian squadron along the Indo-China coast were for the purpose of resting the crews. The Russian admiral said he would depart the following day.

The French admiral returned to Kong-Hai yesterday to see whether Rojestvensky's promises to go to sea had been carried out and found the Russian warships still at their anchorage but preparing to depart. Admiral Rojestvensky assured him that the entire squadron would leave during the night.

A Creeping Death.

Blood poison creeps up towards the heart, causing death. J. E. Stearns, Belle Plaine, Minn., writes that a friend dreadfully injured his hand, which swelled up like blood poisoning. Bucklen's Arnica Salve drew out the poison, healed the wound, and saved his life. Best in the world for burns and sores. 25c at Hood Bros. drug store.