

Sherman in Fayetteville

The historic old town of Fayetteville has one anniversary—March 11—which its enterprising daily, The Observer, is not in the habit of permitting its people to forget. It was on March 11, 1865, that General Sherman put Fayetteville on the map and the same time came mighty near putting it off the map. It was toward the close of the great struggle when Sherman reached that town and his army had accumulated, during the course of its march through the south a vast following of bummers. It was by the hands of these camp followers that much of the devastation for which Sherman was blamed was accomplished. The annual reminiscences of the Fayetteville paper are always entertaining. This year it treats of the Sherman event as the beginning of the disruption of the Old South and breaking asunder of the old ties and old customs. We know our readers will follow its narrative to development of historical entertainment.

With the coming of "the conquering hero", the negro slaves left their masters, some of them following the army, but the great majority settling around the town and in the adjoining country in the full enjoyment of their fully acquired freedom. Here and there were instances of slaves (generally aged men and women) who remained with "Massa and Missus," content to spend the balance of their days at the homes and with the "white folks of the big house."

It is due the negroes to say that they behaved splendidly during the Civil War. After the close of hostilities, when the "carpet baggers" from the North and the "scalawags" of the South got control of affairs, some of the negroes were led astray and became bad and dangerous citizens, necessitating the formation and activities of the Ku Klux Klan, but during the war the conduct of the negro slaves was an example to the enlightened Nations of earth. Their masters went to war, and virtually left them in charge of the farms, and all the rough and hard work necessary to carry on affairs. And they were faithful to their trust. They plowed the fields sowed the seeds, tended the crops, harvested them, and conducted themselves as humbly and faithfully as when the bulk of the strong and able-bodied white men were at home. They could easily have risen in their might in some localities and massacred old men, women and children. On the fields of Virginia, one of the Southern States, bloody battles were being fought, the prime cause of which was the slavery of

the Southern negro. Lincoln had issued a proclamation declaring them a free people, and yet they toiled on. Truly the conduct of the negroes during the Civil War should occupy a prominent place in the history of the South.

The negroes throw off the chains of slavery with Sherman's coming. Household arrangements were changed, and the haunts that knew the simple slaves knew them no more. The homes of many of the white people were completely stripped by the "bummers" of all that was valuable. Poverty was supreme in the land, and the fathers and mothers and wives of the soldiers in Grey in desolated homes were crushed with the conviction that the "cause" had been lost and were waiting with hearts of foreboding for tidings from loved ones at the front.

But times has wrought great changes. Fifty-seven years ago today, a gray-haired old man, rich and prosperous in the days before the war stood at his gate and saw the conquering hordes sweep through the streets of Fayetteville. A Federal officer approached him and entered into conversation and the old man broke down and wept. The cause of his country had been lost and his own fortune was gone. He saw no prospects for the future. The old man passed away years ago, but today his beloved town and his State are prosperous, with good government and a glorious future. The desolated South has risen from its ashes and is taking an important hand in shaping the affairs of the Nation.

On the 11th day of March, 1865, Sherman's army entered Fayetteville. Most of the soldiers in that victorious army have passed away, and since their departure two other armies have been organized and done their part in the Nation—the army of the Spanish-American War and the army of the World War. The descendants of the old gray-haired men of Fayetteville who were here when Sherman came took part in these latter wars, and carried the Stars and Stripes to victory. The feat of Sherman in his "march to the sea" was acclaimed by all men. Today it is almost ancient history, in the light of the great events which have followed it. "Thus passeth the glory of the world."—Charlotte Observer.

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of Elmore Threatt, of North Monroe, and as Elmore continues to hear the voice from the dead, the crowds continue to gather at his mysterious headquarters of spiritland to listen for the same sounds that Elmore hears.

It is reported among the colored population that while few people have been given this unusual opportunity of listening to a voice that has croaked over the mighty deep, curious sounds resembling the buzz of a large honey bee or that of the scratch of a phonograph needle that is run-

ning over a wornout record are clearly audible at times in the residence of Elmore Threatt.

Elmore is persistent in his declar-

ation that the voice speaks to him. And Elmore continues to hear the voice that haunts him not only at night, but often in the day time does it come to him along I was 'poorun huntin' when you got noise" that are giving a lot of trou-

Just when Elmore is going to cease his

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