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IN MEMORY OF LEE.

Lexington Daughters of the Confederacy Observe Anniversary of Southern Chieftan.

The one-hundredth anniversary of the natal of the South's greatest chieftan, General Robert E. Lee, was fittingly observed in Lexington Saturday by the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy. The day was observed throughout the South and in many Northern communities. President Roosevelt himself recognized the day by transmitting a letter to the central committee on arrangements for the observance of the occasion.

The meeting here was held at the elegant home of Mrs. W. G. Penry, who is President of the Daughters in Lexington. The rooms were decorated with Confederate flags and the Southern colors were draped in artistic display. Captain F. C. Robbins and the Rev. Geo. L. Leyburn, both old soldiers, made appropriate addresses which were pronounced splendid efforts by those who heard them.

Strange to say only a few veterans were present. The members of the chapter of Daughters of the Confederacy were present and in all about fifty people attended.

The following was the program for the occasion:

Prayer—Rev. Dr. J. C. Leonard.
Hymn—How Firm a Foundation.
Reading—Mrs. Harry Radcliff.
Address—Dr. Geo. L. Leyburn.
Recitation—Miss Lizzie McCall.
Reading—An English Poet's Tribute to Lee—Mrs. Dr. Joel Hill.
Solo—Beyond the Gates of Paradise—Mrs. W. G. Penry.
Address—Capt. F. C. Robbins.
Reading—General Lee's Farewell Address to the Confederate Army—Mrs. George Montcastle.
Recitation—The Conquered Banner—Miss Mary Exum Meares.
Hymn—For All the Saints Who From Their Labors Rest.
Benediction—Rev. Edw. Fullenwider.
Chapter Song—Bonnie Blue Flag.

Randolph Man Shot in Columbia.

Conductor McCulley W. Blair, a native of Randolph county, was shot and killed in Columbia, S. C., last Thursday by his wife, who was Miss Ethel Barrentine, of Salisbury. Four shots were fired, only two taking effect, and Blair died in half an hour. He stated that there had been trouble between himself and wife. Mrs. Blair claims that he came home drunk and tried to strike her. She warned him away and as he persisted, she shot. She is said to be a very handsome woman and they had a pretty home in Columbia. Blair was conductor on the Atlantic Coast Line. They have several children. The dead man was 50 and his wife 30 years of age. It is also alleged that Blair accused his wife of infidelity and that the shooting followed this. She was arrested and is held. Mrs. Blair is a sister of Mrs. W. A. West, of Salisbury, wife of Engineer West, who was killed in the Boston bridge wreck, near Statesville, in 1891. Mr. Blair's mother, Mrs. Cynthia Blair, lives at Asheboro, and he has four sisters, Mesdames John C. Ingold, of Asheboro; C. E. Allen, of Empire; R. V. Kivett, of Rameur, and R. M. Mahaly, of Salisbury, and a brother, A. B. Blair, an engineer of Asheville, who married the sister of the wife under arrest. Another brother, J. T. Blair, was killed in a wreck at Danville three years ago. Mr. Blair was for seven years a conductor on the Southern between Charlotte and Washington and is well-known in this section. The mother was expecting her son home on a visit when she received news of his death.

The remains of Capt. Blair were interred in the Asheboro cemetery on Sunday. Services were held by Rev. Henry Sheets, of the Baptist church, and Rev. N. E. Richardson, of Asheboro.

Murder at High Point.

James Church, of New York, was stabbed Saturday night at High Point by Walter Hudspeth, and Sunday he died. Church and Will Hudspeth had engaged in a row and Will's brother, Walter, took the matter up, using a big barlow knife that penetrated into Church's body. Hudspeth immediately decamped and was at large. His home is in Yadkin county.

The two Hudspeths have both been arrested and placed in jail. The murderer was captured at Kernersville by a man named Stafford.

CRUSHED BY ENGINE.

Lexington Young Man Caught Under Derailed Engine and Instantly Killed Saturday.

Saturday afternoon at 5:35 o'clock John S. Coley, the 20-year-old son of Mr. S. J. Coley, of Lexington, was instantly killed in an accident on the "dinky" railroad of the double track force just below town. The "dinky" engine left the rails and young Coley was caught beneath and crushed.

The engine and several cars loaded with hands were being brought from Swearing creek, where the double track operations are being carried on. It is the custom of the workmen to ride from their work some distance up the tracks toward Lexington, where their shanties are and the little train is then run back to Swearing creek. Young Coley usually rode up with this train to where the shanties are, and returned with it, running the engine back himself. He was a night watchman at the scene of the railroad work. Saturday afternoon he was riding on a board that runs alongside the boiler of the engine, a negro was standing on the other side in a like position, and the hands were in the cars. On striking a curve, the engine left the rails and ran some distance on the ties, throwing both the negro and Coley off. Coley seems to have been hurled in front of the engine, which came to a stop directly on his body, killing him instantly. The negro was thrown down an embankment, sustaining a fracture of his right shoulder. No one else was hurt.

The funeral took place Sunday at 4 o'clock, the services being held by Rev. J. N. Huggins, of the Methodist church. The deceased young man was a member of the Lexington Rifles, and the company buried him with military honors, firing three volleys over his grave.

The company marched to the residence of the deceased, and escorted the remains to the cemetery. Forming in double ranks, the soldiers stood attention while the coffin was carried to the grave by Sgt. C. A. Little, Corp. Bean and Privates Fred Myers, D. L. Leonard, Yarbrough and Kinney. Corp. Dixon, with a squad of three fired the three volleys over the grave and Bugler Michael sounded "taps." The entire ceremony was very impressive. It is estimated that 2,000 people attended the funeral.

Good Roads Meeting Called.

At the suggestion of a number of citizens interested in the progress of Davidson county, a meeting has been called for Saturday the 2nd of February, for the purpose of forming a Good Roads Association. Wade H. Phillips Esq., has been asked to issue several hundred postal invitations to a few of the leading men of each township to attend, but every citizen who can possibly come is included in this invitation. It will be impossible to issue cards to every man. On this date, Saturday the 2nd of February, it is sincerely hoped that a large number of people will gather. The meeting will mean the real commencement of the campaign for better roads, and as every one ought to be interested in this subject, as many as possible should be present. The meeting will be held in the court house. The Dispatch urges the farmers to come out on this day.

Must Connect With Sewer Pipes.

At a recent meeting, the board of town commissioners passed the following order: "That all parties or corporations who shall maintain or allow to be maintained and used any privy or water-closet within the fire limits in Lexington shall have and keep the same connected with the city sewer pipes; and all privies and water-closets within said limits and not so connected are hereby declared to be a nuisance. Any person or corporation who shall violate this provision of this ordinance shall be fined \$25, and \$10 for each day after notice to connect and failure to comply. This ordinance shall be effective on and after March 1, 1907."

The fire limits, as The Dispatch has before pointed out, embrace all that territory between Marble alley, on the east, and Greensboro alley on the west; Second street on the north and Second avenue on the south.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Movements of a Few of the Numerous People Who Come and Go in Lexington.

Mr. W. H. Dunwick spent Sunday in Salisbury visiting his son.

Mr. Pearl Elliot, of Denton, has a position as salesman with Mr. J. K. Hankins.

Mrs. M. J. Trexler, of Old Fort, is here on a visit to her son, Mr. W. D. Trexler.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pool, of Salisbury, visited relatives here Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. J. P. Jones, of Hickory, is visiting her son, Mr. C. P. Jones, of The Dispatch force.

Mrs. E. G. B. Taylor, of Lawyers, Va., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith.

Mrs. Clara L. S. Thompson, of Haw River, is here on a visit to her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Stone, and other relatives.

Mrs. C. D. Hull, and two children, of Tuskegee, Ala., are visiting Mrs. Hull's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Slaughter.

Judge H. T. Phillips and S. W. Finch left yesterday afternoon for the South. They will visit Florida, Cuba and other places.

Clerk of the court Godwin is indisposed and is confined to his room. Squire John H. Moyer is acting for him as clerk.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Jonas, who recently moved here from Pennsylvania, is critically ill with diphtheria and scarlet fever, on Depot street.

Mrs. Walter Kirsh, of Richmond, Va., and Miss Clara Miller, of Lexington, spent several days in Salisbury last week, the guests of Capt. and Mrs. L. D. Parker.

Mrs. J. A. Lindsay and little daughter, Arline, visited Mrs. Lindsay's sister, Mrs. D. N. Welborn, in High Point, Monday and Tuesday, returning home today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cartee, of Wilson, arrived Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Cartee's brother, Mr. John S. Coley, but missed connection at Selma, and did not reach Lexington in time. Mr. Cartee is superintendent of the Wilson cotton mill.

Messrs. D. F. Conrad and W. H. Walker have returned from Chicago where they spent ten days at the Furniture Exposition. They are well pleased with their trip, having sold a handsome amount of furniture while away. As usual, Dixie, Elk and Crowell goods were popular with the trade.

The following composed a box party Monday night at the Mercury Theater in Salisbury to see Lillian Russell in "The Butterfly." Messrs. O. E. Mendenhall, W. F. Welborn, Joe Thompson and W. H. Mendenhall; and Misses Lizette Brown, Edith Greer, Kathleen Smith and Mrs. W. H. Mendenhall.

Mr. Joe H. Leonard, who formerly clerked for the Young Grocery Company, was in town Monday, and told the reporter that the Leonard Milling Company, of which he is a member and will be manager, was installing machinery right along at their place at Pilgrim, preparatory to turning out lumber and flour.

Mr. R. H. Miller Dies Suddenly.

Yesterday Mr. R. H. Miller died suddenly about one o'clock at his home on Depot street. The cause of his death was heart failure, from which he had been a sufferer for several years. He had been indisposed all day Monday and yesterday forenoon he spent in bed. A few moments before he died he had transacted some business with a tenant on his large farm near Linwood. His little daughter was sitting in the room immediately afterward, and heard him speak, and say that something was the matter. She called her mother and Dr. Vestal was sent for, but before he arrived death had called. Mr. Miller came here from the Jersey settlement about three years ago. He is survived by his mother and wife and three children, one of whom is Mrs. Durham, of Charlotte. The funeral will take place at the Jersey church to-day. He was 54 years of age.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Weekly Review of the Most Important Work Accomplished by the General Assembly.

The most interesting action of the legislature last week was the adjournment Saturday in honor of Gen. Robert E. Lee, and the exercises celebrating the 100th anniversary of his birth. This was in striking contrast to the action of that miserable and disgraceful fusion legislature that adjourned out of respect for the negro Fred Douglas and refused to likewise honor the South's greatest general.

Among the more important bills presented during the week are the following:

To place solicitors on a salary basis and to make them assistants of the attorney general, who is also to be given enlarged powers.

To define and punish barratry, by Senator Klutz, published in full elsewhere in this issue.

To make all lobbyists, in the pay of persons or corporations, register with the secretary of state, stating their business at the legislature.

A bill by Mr. Buxton, of Forsyth, to prevent usury, and protect poor people from loan sharks who charge an exorbitant rate of interest.

A bill to license and regulate telegraph operators, in order to eliminate boys and incompetents in whose hands lives and much property are daily placed on the railroads of the state. The bill provides for an examining board to examine each operator and find if he is competent to handle such business.

A bill to equalize and fix the salaries of various state officers, increasing the present salaries, giving the governor \$8,000 and other officers more than they now receive.

Bill by Mr. Harshaw, of Caldwell, to protect people at public gatherings from big hats and pompadour hair, which obstruct the view of folks in the back seat. The size of the hat is limited to 36 inches in width and 18 inches in height.

Bill to prohibit the collection of larger fares on trains than a ticket would cost; when a passenger had a good excuse for not buying a ticket.

Bill to amend the charter of the Southbound railway.

Bill to force telephone companies to transmit messages over various lines to reach persons called, to make connection, as railroads do, the charges to be equally divided without reference to the distance each covers.

Bill to make the railroads carry 200 pounds of baggage instead of 150 pounds as now for each ticket sold.

Bill to make every railroad in the state stop 75 per cent of trains each way at every station having over 3,000 people.

Bill to provide for allowing persons lying in jail for trial to work on the road if they want to, the time to be credited to them if convicted, or the worth of it to be paid them in case of a fine or discharge, provided they do not wear convict clothing.

To amend the Watts law so that elections can be held on prohibition as well as on dispensary or bar rooms.

To authorize judges to exclude the public from rape trials, in order to protect the victims.

Bill to regulate the sale of soda fountain drinks containing dope and drugs and anything that is injurious.

Bill to make Morganton a dry town, urged by petition from 1,200 people, of Burke and surrounding counties. The same was an issue in the last campaign, both republicans and democrats demanding that the town be made dry.

Odell Mills Running.

The Odell Mills at Concord are running full blast and will not shut down as was first thought when the Odell Company failed. The financial troubles of the company will be adjusted, and while it is thought that others will lose nothing, it is stated that the Odell family is left without resources.

Mr. Jesse Scarboro, of Asheboro, visited his father, Mr. H. D. Scarboro, last week.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Short Accounts of Incidents and Events Gathered From Every Source.

The French government has ordered that "liberty, equality and fraternity" be substituted on all coins for the words "God protect France," thus removing the name of deity from the French money.

John D. Rockefeller is spending a month at Augusta, Ga. Last Sunday he elected to go to a negro church and hear a sermon. After the sermon hundreds crowded around him to see what he looked like.

Although in this part of the country we have had spring weather for more than two weeks, in the north west there has been much suffering from cold. Floods have devastated parts of Pennsylvania and Ohio and also caused much suffering.

More than a score of people were killed in a peculiar railway accident in Indiana last week. A passenger train was passing a freight train when a car load of powder in the freight exploded and blew the passenger from the track. The explosion was felt for 30 miles and many thought it was an earthquake.

Revenue officers raided a still near Baltimore, Yadkin county, last Friday. The still had a capacity of 100 gallons and was being run full speed. When the officers arrived, eight men were at work, three of whom were arrested, but later released, as the officers were convinced that they were only visitors. About 300 gallons of beer were destroyed.

When the earthquake devastated Kingston, Jamaica, the government sent warships there in haste with supplies and men to aid in the work of rescue. They performed much service and the people were grateful, but the English governor got mad about it and was very impolite to the American officer, and asked him to take his marines away, which he did and sailed for home.

Confesses Killing.

Thursday night Make Smith and his son Charles were arrested near Star for the murder of Milton Bunnell, the old Confederate soldier whose dead body was discovered several days ago in Montgomery county. The boy made a full confession, and says that his father made him kill the old man. He says Bunnell came by his home and showed a large sum of money, and after he had passed, Make Smith and himself held a consultation and planned to kill Bunnell for his money. They followed him with an axe, and on coming up with him, Smith ordered his boy to kill him. He did so, striking Bunnell in the back of the head with the blade of the axe, and hitting him twice more after he fell. They robbed the body of \$56 but left a large sum on it, as a train was coming and they fled. The boy told where the money and axe were and they were found where he said. The elder Smith denies having anything to do with the crime, while his son says his father swore he would kill him unless he killed the old man.

For a Monument to Prof. C. W. Davis.

An effort is being made to erect a monument to Prof. C. W. Davis, of Abbot's creek, and the classes he taught are being urged to contribute liberally to the fund. Prof. Davis was a singing master known far and wide in this part of the state, and he taught so many people that if each one would contribute the amount desired would soon be made up. The Dispatch thinks the movement a worthy one and would be pleased to see it carried through successfully. Prof. Davis was an excellent man. He was a brother of Commissioner C. A. Davis, of Abbot's Creek. Mr. Wm. A. Hepler has been chosen treasurer for the fund, and all contributions should be sent to him. The intention is to unveil this monument in May at the Abbot's Creek Baptist church, where the remains are buried.

Mrs. H. E. Mock, of Enterprise, is visiting relatives in Spencer.

ALL OVER THE STATE

News of North Carolina Gathered From Murphy to Manteo and Condensed for Busy Readers

It is stated that the Bell telephone company, having failed to get control of the situation in Statesville, is trying to buy up the country lines in order to bottle up the town.

Livingston College at Salisbury lost a \$6,000 building last Monday afternoon. The flames broke out in fourth the story of the Stafford building, occupied by girls. There were only small insurance.

Foushee & Curren of Salisbury, have bought four million feet of fine timber from one of the Williams families of Yadkin county, paying \$15 per 1,000, which makes the total of \$60,000.

While contractors were blasting away a ledge of rock an over charge of dynamite demolished two bents of the Southern railway bridge over the French Broad at Asheville, delaying all trains for a long time.

Ernest A. Young, of Spencer, had his hand entirely blown off by dynamite last Saturday afternoon. He had a cartridge of the explosive on the floor and was hammering it with a rock. The accident occurred in his home and several playmates barely escaped being killed.

A correspondent of the Statesville Landmark says Mr. J. W. Wesley Bost put dynamite in a stump in his field and then took a spectator's position forty yards away. Presently a chunk from the stump went straight to Mr. Bost's thigh hard enough to make him say "ouch!"

Quite a number of serious accidents have attended the careless use of firearms in Buncombe county recently. Hunters are to blame. Some very careless boys or men while hunting Friday accidentally hit a valuable cow belonging to a farmer and killed her. It is not known who did it, but the owner is very anxious to know.

Mrs. Martha E. Suttles, of Asheville, mother of Fireman Loyd Suttles, who was killed in freight wreck at Hickory in the fall, has started suit for \$40,000 against the Southern. It was Suttles first trip as fireman. The train was running about 40 miles an hour when it dashed into an open switch in the Hickory yards.

The Statesville Landmark says the Speaker has at least one supporter in this state in the Appalachian park reserve matter, to wit, the Hon. Romulus Z. Lilney, who denounces the law as an outrage and all that. In the Hon. Zig Zag's mind it must be almost as horrible as the abolition of York's grammar, which tragedy he has denounced on many a stump.

The county authorities of Buncombe are after George Vanderbilt, multi-millionaire because he has not listed enough property for taxation. They have ascertained that he pays no tax on personal property in New York, having claimed this state as his home. He listed his personal in this state at \$50,000 and his other holdings at \$1,500,000. In view of the fact that he supposed to be worth \$15,000,000, this valuation is thought too low.

Three barns with valuable contents were burned in Mecklenburg county last week, two the same night and one the night after. Indications were that it was the work of an incendiary. The farmers of the neighborhood were much wrought up and many of them hauled their cotton to Charlotte and sold it to save it from possible burning. An old negro was arrested finally and it looks like he is guilty.

Oran Burnette, of Buncombe county, was badly frozen during Christmas week and last week the doctors amputated one leg to save him. He was walking to his home from Skyland station, and got tired, so he sat down and went to sleep. When he awoke it was daylight, and his hands and feet were frozen. He soaked them in water at a near-by house and immediately the members swelled, then gangrened set in and he has lost a limb in consequence.