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## Reminiscences of the War.

Last Sunday, 26 years ago, Gen. Johnson commanding the Confederate Army, surrendered to Gen. Sherman. Gen. Johnson's headquarters were at Greensboro. The month of April 1865 will never be forgotten by all the living Confederate Soldiers, under Gen's. Lee and Johnson. Gen Lee surrendered at Appomattox on the 9th and on the 26th at the Bennett house near Durham N. C. Gen's. Sherman and Johnson met and a formal surrender took place. Gen. Johnson commanded at the first great battle of the war and won a glorious victory. He commanded the last army (East of the Mississippi) that surrendered, and survived, with one exception, all the great Generals of both armies. The Regiment we belonged to (the 6th N. C. Cavalry) was encamped at Ridgeway N. C. and we were disbanded on the 16th of April, it being Easter Sunday, if we mistake not. We desire to speak of a coincidence which really occurred. Capt. R. R. Brown and Lieut. S. J. Brown were mustered into service at Ridgeway under Col. L. S. Baker, of the 1st N. C. Cavalry, in 1861, when we took up camp there. Capt. Brown and Lieut. Brown pitched their tent on exactly the same spot that they occupied four years before when they took up camp and were here at the same ground, when our Regiment was disbanded. Col. Baker had become Gen. Baker, and was here in command on this occasion. We will never forget our feelings and despondency on this memorable day and days that followed. Gloom and sadness, poverty and wretchedness stared every Confederate square in the face. Desolation and destruction were in the land wherever you went. The Confederate Soldiers had staked everything they possessed, property honor, life, everything that was near and dear to them. Perhaps no soldiers ever had more to cause gloom and despondency. Everything was now lost, nothing to gladden their hearts on returning home but on every hand were seen desolation and distress. These days are over and we hope never to return again.

The southern soldiers went home and commenced to rebuild their ruined homes. To day we are happy and prosperous people and many of us are living still to work and improve. Our enemies then, are living also, a great number, however, as the pension rolls will disclose, but think of the different conditions. When the war broke up, the Union Soldiers went back to their undisturbed homes and drew their pensions that us poor destitute Rebels help to pay. Notwithstanding all this we are glad that no Yankee ball hit us, and that we are still alive and have no malice in our hearts towards any man. No,

we are not mad at our brother soldier, who fought against us for he had a rough time also and knows how to sympathize with us. Let us all live to forget those trouble days of death and carnage. Let us teach our children never to go to war unless it is necessary, for there is no good in it. The southern soldier fought the Yankee and nearly every body else besides. We had a bad chance, but we done some serious work, and no man can say that the Southern soldiers were cowards.

Col. Gordon, Chief Engineer of the S. A and Ohio R. R. Co., has examined the route up Watauga River to top of Blue Ridge, and thinks that the line from Hodges' Gap to the river is the most difficult on the whole line, so far examined. He is decidedly of the opinion that the Gap of the Blue Ridge known as Bent Branch is the most practicable gap for a railroad crossing. We hope this preliminary survey will result in the building of a railroad through Watauga County, but we will know but little about this for sometime yet, as railroad men keep their own secrets. The object as we understand is to connect the S. A and Ohio road at Wilkesboro, and part of this road is already built in Tennessee and the Watauga River will be the route into our county. If this road is built through Watauga east and west and then the A. A and B road is built from Ashville through Watauga north and south, it will make old Watauga boom as she never did before, nor never can unless we have rail roads. The county will be called on to assist by subscription. Will our county vote a subscription? We believe it will if there is a fair proposition submitted. It is the duty and a very high privilege we think for us to have an opportunity to help to develop our own homes and our own section. Let us wake up and be ready to help when the opportunity comes.

The Co. Alliance convened in the court house last Friday. We are informed the attendance was good considering the busy season, and the session was interesting and harmonious throughout. W. S. Farthing, Co. Lect., made a good, strong and conservative address. The next session will be held at Brushy Fork second Friday in July at which time an Alliance picnic will be given, and speakers from abroad will be invited to make public addresses. A pleasant and interesting occasion is anticipated. All good citizens, ladies and gentlemen, whether members of the Alliance or not, will be cordially invited to favor the occasion with their presence and assist by furnishing a basket of provisions for the table.

Secretary Blain, it is said, contemplates swinging around the circle in a few weeks, and learn how matters look. Blain and Benny are not loving each other just now.

It is said that a good many Italians are leaving New Orleans, most of them going to Chicago or Pittsburg, but it is said that they continue to land in New York at the rate of 1000 a week.

The Chicago municipal election should prove a valuable object lesson to the democratic party everywhere, and especially to the democrats of the House of Representatives. Chicago is democratic by an overwhelming majority, but owing to a split in the party and the running of two democratic tickets the city Government has fallen into the hands of the republicans. "United we stand, divided we fall," is a good motto, if it isn't a new one, and had the democrats of Chicago lived up to it a democratic Mayor would have done the honors for that city during the World's Fair.

There is a disposition on the part of the would-be prophets to get in their work before the close of the nineteenth century. A Yale professor claims to have figured it down to a mathematical certainty that Christ will make his second appearance in 1899, and a farmer in Pennsylvania, who claims to have been informed by a voice from a cloud that "Before the century closes the world will end and man shall be no more," is organizing a new religious society under the worldly suggestive name of "anticipators."

It is announced that the Raleigh News and Observer and Intelligencer are to be consolidated. Capt. Ashe and Mr. Jernigan are both able men and we may look for an able paper, what ever its name may be, we wish them great success. It is strange that North Carolina people will subscribe for papers published out side the State and fail to take their own North Carolina papers, when as a general thing their home papers are much the best. Quit it and help your own section.

The Wilmington Messenger comes to us in a new form. We regard the Messenger as one of the best dailies in the south and are always proud to get it. Messrs. James W. Jackson and Ben J. Bell are now owners of the Messenger. Mr. Kingsbury will continue as one of the editors. He is one of the ablest writers in North Carolina and we are glad he is to remain.

Mr. Harrison said in one of his recent speeches: "We are many of us looking forward to a time when we shall have a cent letter postage in this country." Yes, we are all looking forward to that very desirable thing, but we do not expect to get it until a democratic Congress gives it to us.

Gov. Holt orders a special term of Superior Court in Watauga for the trial of civil and criminal cases. The term will begin June 22nd, and Judge W. A. Hoke is appointed to preside. So says the Press and Carolinian.

Grover Cleveland is gaining popularity in the silver States. Democrats and Alliance men think they will need him in their campaign in '92 to bring about reforms so much needed.

Count Von Moltke died suddenly at Berlin on the 25. He was 61 years old and the greatest general perhaps that Europe has ever had. Germany will do him great honor.

## PARAGRAPHS.

Ex-Speaker Reed, of Maine, is now in Italy.

Jack the Ripper turns up in New York. Another woman killed and disemboweled.

President Harrison thinks the Southern people are not so bad after all.

Senator Vance thinks that Senator-Let Palmer would make a strong race for the Presidency.

It is said John J. Ingalls has become a great friend to the Alliance and wants to become a hayseeder.

Ben Butler was hustled out of court by order of the judge a few days ago in New York. Ben shed tears over the treatment.

It is to be hoped that Ben Harrison will be the republican nominee for President in 1892, as he will be an easy man beaten.

No Confederate can enter the U. S. Army, but will be allowed to enlist in the army if we have a foreign war. Very constant, indeed.

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## Clothing.

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March, 23, 1891

**NOTICE!**  
I will expose to public sale, at the court house door, in the town of Boone N. C., on the first Monday in May, it being the 4th day of said month, 1891, the following described lands, levied on by me on the 30th day of March '91, to satisfy the taxes on said lands being due and unpaid for the years '89 and '90 to-wit:

Boone township.

One tract containing 37 acres listed by Carmichael, Lee's heirs, tax 58, cost 1.05.

One tract listed by Cowles C. J. containing 40 acres adjoining the lands of B. J. Council and others, known as the Frank Cousin land, tax for '89 1.79 for '90 1.92, costs 1.05.

One tract listed by Nagaman J. R. containing 210 acres, tax 13.09, cost 1.05.

One tract listed by Nagaman John's heirs, containing 133 acres, tax 3.85, cost 1.05

Beaver Dams.

One tract listed by Thompson Wm. (col) containing 16 acres, tax 12 cts cost 1.05

Bald Mountain.

One tract listed by Cowles C. J. containing 100 acres, tax 1.16 cost 1.05.

One tract listed by Davis J M C, containing 39 acres, tax 3.07 cost 1.05.

One tract listed by Elluge Alfred containing 30 acres, tax 23, cost 1.05.

Blowing Rock.

One town lot listed as the property of Moore S P, adjoining the lot of W H Edmisten for the year '89 tax 3.57 cost 1.05

Blue Ridge.

One tract listed by Adams Elbert, containing 33 acres tax 2.88 cost 1.05.

One tract listed by Cowles C J containing 840 acres, tax for '89 6.02 for '90, 6.47, cost 1.05

One tract listed by James J M containing 125 acres tax 3.08 costs 1.05

Cove Creek.

One tract listed by Williams Josephine containing 30 acres, tax 2.70 cost 1.05.

Eck.

One tract listed by Cowles C J, containing 1,947 acres, tax 14.99, cost 1.05

One tract listed by Cowles & Co. cowles' interest in 200 acres, tax 1.88 cost 1.05.

One tract listed by Cowles & Calloway containing 100 acres, tax 77, cost 1.05.

One tract listed for Bardin J N & Co., containing 400 acres, tax 1.54 cost 1.05.

One tract listed by the Mineral and Mining Co., containing 100 acres, tax 19.25 cost 1.05

Meet Camp.

One tract listed by Cowles C J containing 445 acres, tax 3.43 cost 1.05.

One tract listed by Miller T C containing 112 acres, tax 3.85 cost 1.05.

Stony Fork.

One tract listed by Cowles C J Joe's heirs containing 75 acres, tax 96, cost 1.05.

Shawnehaw.

One tract listed by Cowles C J containing 150 acres, tax for '89 1.08 cost 1.05

One tract listed by church E, Mrs., containing 174 acres tax 1.94 cost 1.05

Watauga.

One tract listed by Cowles C J containing 150 acres, tax 1.15, cost 1.05.

One tract listed by Campbell Joe, containing 100 acres, tax 77, cost 1.05.

One tract listed by Foster Lon, containing 75 acres, tax 58, cost 1.05.

One tract listed by Gilliland N P containing 100 acres, tax 1.08 cost 1.05.

J. L. HAYES, EX-SHEP.

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