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Personal Reminiscences of the Civil War

1861 ta. 1865. According to the advertisement

W. & Y. R. Railroad Said.

[BY L. N. PEREINS.] On arriving at Camp Chase we Yadkin River railroad was sold It is not a thing that can be dis- grown. He was married Octofound the prison to be an enclos- at public anction at the court. posed of by a wave of the hand. ber 29, 1899, to Miss Julia T. ure of several acres of land by a house in Wilkesboro, Der. 17th, Just as the war involved certain Walters, to which union six chilstrong fence made of durable 1918, the safe beginning at ex. fundamental and antagonistic dren were born, three of whom lumber set up endwise. in the act 1:30 p. m. Mesars W. J. principles that were broader than died in infancy, and three, a boy ground and so close that one Gradin and Melville Hawley, the mere contact of Germany and two girls survive. could not see over it without - numissioners of sale were pres with other nations, so the settlelooking straight up A partition and Mr. Hawles opened the ment must consider those relaran through the enclosure and s le by reading the notices terms tions. When the war is whittled in 1912, and immediately went the prison was designated one of sale and the court decrees, and down to its moure it will be disand two, Morgan's men . were bidders were called for. Mr. Fredplaced in no. 2. I do not know erick Fair, of Fitn-ville, Pa. was gle between two ideals of govern. He was sent to the Watauga cirwhy it was arranged that way; the first bidder, followed by Mr. there were very few men except L. N. Hanson, of near Madison, Morgan's men in no. 2 when we Wisconsin Mr. Fair bid the were there. The "barracks" as highest in the wind-up and purthe houses were called were good chased the property for \$160, enough and we were furnished 000. All efforts to find out anyregular soldiers rations, which thing further concerning the fuwe had to cook out of doors, but ture of the road proved unavailwe were furnished cooking vesing and the public will have to sels to do cooking and washing, await further developments beand plenty of wood for the purfore learning what service they pose. The water was mean. It may expect of this road in the was well water and cold enough, future Many people desire that but it was a kind of rotten limethis road may be extended to stone and nearly made one sick Boone and if this is done, and to drink it. If it had not been the road is put in good condifor the water and vermin one tion so that a regular schedule could have endured it better. The can be maintained, it will open a vast territory that has hitherto government. It is the life-long uplift of his country and to lend body lice were abundant and very annoying. I was talking recentlain dormant in many respects, ly with an ald Confederate veterfor want of shipping facilitles. an about prison life, he was con-We can only hope that this sale fined in Point Lookout, Md. and will finally result in much benefit said he: "I am going to tell someto the people of Wilkes and Wathing that is hard to believe but tauga - Wilkes Patriot. i's true. I have actually seen

the lice crawling on the ground a station in Indiana. Every one outside of prison barracks." I in the coach except myself was told him it was not hard to make asleep. The guard, who was sitme believe it for 1 had seen the ting near the door, was snoring same sight at Lamp Chase. Of continually. I got up and walkcourse we were dirty when we ed out and once thought I would ble of those things that must be were put in prison because we stay and not go back, but I was undertaken under certain condihad been riding and roughing for not very well, and had not been tions. We have found that unimore than three weeks, but we for several days, and the idea of ted effort, with the suppression community, the church and the went to work scrubbi gaud boil going stranger in the plight 1 of the individual gets results lodge, which can never be filled ing our clothes, but all we could was in, and trying to make my way was embarrassing, and the hope of soon being exchanged and getting back to Dixie, decided me to remain, so I went back n the car and no one knew any. thing about it We remained on the train, after arriving at the depot, until after day light, when we were marched about three miles and landed in the prison known as Camp Douglass, which was an enclosure of about twenty acres situated on the west of Lake Michigan, south of and in the suburbs of the city of Chicago. The fence was an ordinary would make another raid into plank fence about five or six feet Onio, storm Camp Chase, and high, and the guards walked on liberate his old men, arm them, a beat on the inside, and a plank and do a lot of other damage. I was nailed up on posts about do not know whether there was two feet high and ten or fifteen feet from the fence, which was known as the dead line, and if a have always been glad they prisoner was seen inside that enclosure the orders were to shoot ed them to move us to a much without warning. The prison was a nice, cleau ground, with a In regard to Gen. Morgan's es. row or two of barracks on the side next to the lake, the water good and was brought in pipes from the city reservoir. The barracks would each hold about one hundred men, and a small shack by the side of each barrack with fire place for cooking. The cook- cording to class. In each encouning was done with wood, but the ter the overload has gone down. barracks were heated with coal 'and I hope they'll keep him stoves. There were very few pris- as he has done in this encounter. there." Gen. Morgan did not oners in the prison when we arride into the city but left the rived, and we went to work and train at a small station, and cleaned up ourselves and the made his way through Ky. and camp and soon had everything

THE PROBLEM.

Reveresd S. L. Owen It is hardly worth while to ex- Rev. Scott Lee Owen was born and the letter of the law regulat. press impatience" over the slow in Rowan County October 25th ing such sales, the Watauga and movement of the peace problem. 1877 and lived there until he was

Brother Owen was converted and joined the Methodist Church into the ministry, spending most mon January 5th, 1918, and la-He was made a Master Mason A. M. August 3, 1918.

Brother Owen contracted influ enza and took his bed November the 16th, 1918, suffered patientthe whole of civilization is wheth- ember the 30th, 1918. and we laid hun to rest on the hill which overlooks the parsonage, December the 1st, 1918.

> As a citizen, Brother Owen wa patriotic, loyal and true, even ready to do all he could for the

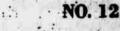
As a preacher he was earnest persevering and faithful, always doing all in his power to build up his Father's Kingdom here on earth. He was a kind and gen tle father and a true and sympa thetic husband, and tried hard to make his home ideal, Helov. ed the teachings of Masonry and was a regular attendant at the meetings.

The death of Mr. Owen has left a vacancy in the family, the



The Charlotte Observer pays the following tribute to the late Mrs. Matt. W. Ransom, whose death occured in Hickory Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Martha Exum Ransom was a woman whose life was associated with some of the most stirrring historical events of the country. She was married to Matt W. Ransom eight years before the outbreak of the Civil War and saw her husband enter upon a career which was to write his name among the notable generals of the Confederate Army. She was later to feel pride in his public career at Washington, 6.1 11 where he was sent during Reconstruction days to represent his State in the United States Senate, aud where he made a brilliant record of 24 year's service. Later she accompanied Senator Ransom to Mexico, where he served two years as Minister. Thru these experiences she became familiar with court life, and being endowed with a keen intellect and a fine store of native wit, she improved her opportunities for obtaining intimate knowledge of the public men and women of her time. Her mind was a well-spring of historical incident, and possessing the gift of an entertaining narrator, she ever proved a most delightful conversationalist. It was the privilege of many public men of the State and seekers alter historical facts, to make pilgrimages to the home of Mrs. Ransom, and they were invariably given profitable and instructive entertainment. Her memory was undimmed by the encroachment of age, and to the last of her 88 years she could discuss the social and historical incidents with the utmost clear-



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covered that it was the old strug of his time in evangelistic work. ment, one the republic, the other cuit as a supply, January 4th, the monarchy. Germany has 1918, and preached his first serbeen completely defeated. Monarchy is overthrown, but democ- bored here faithfully till death. racy is not established. For democracy is not the end of the in Snow Lodge No. 863, A. F. & struggle. Monarchy wasa stage of the advance from something more chaotic. Democracy is another stage in the advance The problem that is now confronting ly for two weeks, and died Nov.

er democracy shall be a social democracy, a class democracy, or even the extreme which runs ultimately into state socialism, anarchy or any of the other forms of government or lack of struggle between individualism a helping hand to those in need and community or state effort in of help. some form.

In this country we have inclined to individualism. We have given the individual the greatest possible rights. War came and we at once took from the individual every right that the government wanted to appropriate. We went so far that we have shown that individualism is not capa-

do did not seem to lessen the number of our daily companions Some of the boys said they cought some of them so large they were branded J. F. W. on the back, which meant "in for the war," but I do not youch for the truth of this as I did not see them. We were not permitted to stay at Camp Chase quite a month but were removed to Camp Douglas, 111; the reason was we were told that the authoritiewere afraid that Gen. Morgan who was back in Confederate territory with another command, any thought in Morgan's mind of such an undertaking, but I thought so, for it) robably eaubetter prison.

cape from the pen, it was said he went to the depot, bought a ticket to Cincinnatti and took a seat by the side of a Yankee officer who was in the car. The officer remarked to Morgan when the train was near the prison "there is where they have the rebel Gen. Morgan." "Yes," says Morgan, Tenn. to Confederate headquar- in good shape. ters, where he was placed again in command. We left Camp Chase about Aug. 20th in the afternoon and took the train for Chicago, arriving there before day the next morning. There was a guard placed on each coach to see that the prisoners did not escape. During the night I had an opportunity to escape, as tl e train stopped for a long while at

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(To be continued.)



servation in America has Food been the triumph of individual deveon to the national cause,

that individualism cannot get. We may call it what we will, but it is the thing that men call state socialism. We shy at the name of socialism, but we practice it in its extreme for the period of the war. But it is a form of socialer is God. is:n that works for results on a big scale, but suppresses the individual, and we want to get back again to individualism. In Europe the Bolsheviki are trying for a form of socialism. In Germany socialism has been a dream of millions. In all of Europe socialism in one form or another, or under one name or another; has been gaining remarkable power. In this country the labor movement involves one of the first demands of the socialist theory, a better condition and a more decisive voice for the work-

It is not the terms of peace that the peace conference has to face. It is the disposal of this problem of the individual and the community or state. It is the time-long struggle which has broken down the control or the marter over the slave, the monarch over the subject. The barron over of the neighbors advised him to his vassal, the nobility over the give Chamberlain's Colic and Da surf, one man over the other acas he will in each new encounter, But how to adjust conditions to

We will miss him much, but are sure that our loss is his eternal gain, and that he has gone to wear the crown prepared for the faithful. and to live in that Eter ual City whose maker and build-

Let us, therefore, resolve to submit cheerfully to the will of Him who knows best, and to strive to emulate the good traits of Brother Owen's character so that we, too, in the end, may hear that glad welcome, "Come up higher."

> R-spectfully submitted. D. C. MAST, J. B. HORTON, Com.

CURE FOR DYSINTERY.

"While I was in Ashland, Kan sas, a gentleman overheard me speaking of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes William Whitelaw, of Des Moines Jowa. ""He told me in detail of what it had done for his family. but more especially his daughter who was lying at the point of death with a violent attack of dvsintery, and had been given up by heriamily physician. Some arrhoea Remedy, which he did. and fully believes that by doing so saved the lif- of his child. He stated that he had also used this remedy himself with equally grat lying results."

bottom of the vital problem of establish the most of harmony human rights, not German rights that can come out of this war is the task now shead. The indemnor restitution, nor sanctity of government, nor territorial exnity Germany is to pay is a tent. But because it is as Wilson small feature for that is a temhas made a permanent demand, porary affair. It will be levied to make the world safe for deand paid and forgotton. But the mocracy, this peace is for the furelation of the German to the ture, and comprehensive beyond world is a big feature, and the relation of every other individu- any previous peace ever underal to the rest, and of government taken. Sale for democracy means to its people, will give the points everything. The outcome will be to make the world as safe for that will be the issue.

It is the most difficult prace to demouracy as we can, and take a reach because it involves the chance on the rest of it .- News LENSES GROUND & DUPLICATED whole world and goes to the and Observer.

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ness of expression. She was the ersonification of gentleness and refinement, and she may truly be written into history as one of the great women of the state.

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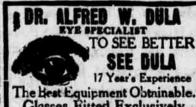
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