

ORATION BY SOUTHERNER

THIS SECTION AS HE VIEWS IT... Commemorative Oration of Mr. L. J. Hunter, of Charlotte, at New Concord, Ohio, Monday, July 16, by a Paper of That Town—The Article Published Because the Subject is a Live One.

Below we give the commencement oration of Mr. L. J. Hunter, of Charlotte, N. C. This oration is not given because we think it of superior merit as to thought and composition, nor because we wish to show any special favor to the writer, but because of the subject upon which he has written. The subject is a live one and is treated by a Southerner in a Southerner's style, and from a Southerner's point of view. This makes it of special interest to many of us, as we do not always see things in the same light. It is worth your time to read it, and if you do not agree with any of its statements, investigate them for yourself and see if they are not true. He said:

Great have been the changes wrought in the South. There once was luxury and opulence were known in their stately mansions. There once a democracy and its counterpart, slavery, existed. There once the idea of "State rights" and secession were most strongly advocated. The luxury and opulence, the democracy and slavery, the "State rights" and secession were all gone.

When the ex-Confederate soldier returned to his home, he found his farm grown up in weeds, his cattle and horses gone, his buildings in ashes and his slaves freed. Poverty and starvation faced him on every hand. There was no alternative—work was the only thing that he could do. So the Southern white man went to work and he has been at it ever since. As he has worked he has seen the great possibilities that always attend it. He has planted the once battle-fields that can now bear the blood of Puritan and Cavalier alike, and these fields have given us a bountiful harvest. They have budded with the richest fruits and are to-day supplying the United States and the greater part of the world with cotton, rice, tobacco and other staple products of her fertile farms.

Prior to the civil war and for two decades just following New England manufactured the raw products of the Southern farms. However, since 1880 the South has been utilizing her abundant water-power for the purpose of converting the crude material into the finished article of commerce and the little villages that we hear of in the hum of thousands of spindles, and on every river bank hundreds of flourishing cotton mills stand as monuments to the amazing growth of this section of our country.

The Southland is too busy to even think of past sectional difficulties. She is too busy developing her vast resources and educating her young people to look with envious eyes upon her prosperous neighbors of the North. The result of the civil war has not only left the South, but to the whole nation, a great problem, the problem of the black man. This problem has been up to the last two decades one of the most important in the Southern white people. But today it seems to be taking on a national feature. The negro has invaded the great North, and he has taken with him every vice that is in all the inherent propensities of his race.

In the discussion of this question we wish to do so with an unprejudiced mind as possible. However, knowing the conditions as we do, we cannot paint any beautiful picture of improvement. If with one hand the South has taken the unqualified suffrage from the negro, she intends, with the other, to lift him to a higher position than a better citizenship. We can afford to speak with candor. The South knows, you know, everybody knows that the negro is always in the political mire. He is always a man in America. It makes little difference whether he is in Ohio or Alabama, Massachusetts or Georgia, whether in Republican Illinois or Democratic Canada. His political rights are just what the North and South bestow. But the negro is our neighbor. In the South he is treated with almost kindness. He is neither defrauded nor oppressed. He is encouraged in every line of honorable pursuit. The stronger voice has no less to the weaker. The late Gen. Hill, an eminent Georgian, said of this sentiment in the United States: "Cowardice takes no meaner shape than when power oppresses weakness."

INJUNCTION CASE TO-DAY

SPARTANBURG CITY INVOLVED... Hearing of Injunction Suit to Prevent Carriage Company from Operating in Spartanburg City.

Members of the militia and thousands of other people throughout the State will soon witness the hearing of the injunction suit to prevent the operation of the Carolina Carriage Company in Spartanburg City. The hearing will be held at the Spartanburg City Court to-day.

Col. Fuller was, for a number of years, commandant at Clemson College and was afterward made mustering officer for all the troops in the State during the Spanish-American war, going afterward to Cuba as inspector general. His health was impaired in Cuba and he was transferred to an examining board in Washington, where he retired as lieutenant colonel from there. He served through the civil war as an enlisted man in an Illinois company, going through West Point after the war.

Col. Fuller is much attached personally to the members of the South Carolina militia and to her people generally and this feeling is reciprocated toward the bluff but kindly and efficient leader. A nation whose heart beats in love and sympathy will leave this to be done by the next Governor and adjutant general.

A special meeting of the Supreme Court has been called by Chief Justice Pope for to-morrow to hear and determine the Spartanburg bituitish injunction case. Under a new act of the Legislature in 1905, the city authorities made a bond issue of \$100,000 for street paving purposes and, under competitive bidding, the contract went to the Southern Traction Company.

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ALMOST A CABINET MEETING

Secretary Taft and Acting Secretary of State Bacon... Almost a Cabinet Meeting.

Secretary Taft and Acting Secretary of State Bacon, with President American Situation, with President at Sagamore Hill—"Mr. Dooley" a Guest.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 16.—President Roosevelt and his cabinet members had a cabinet meeting at Sagamore Hill to-day. Secretary Taft and Acting Secretary of State Bacon reached Oyster Bay on the morning train. The business they brought occupied the time fully until luncheon was served.

Secretary Taft, Mr. Whitridge and General Bingham, went back to New York on the afternoon train and Assistant Secretary Bacon, Mr. Dunne, well known as "Mr. Dooley," Secretary Taft, Mr. Whitridge and General Bingham, went back to New York on the afternoon train.

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WADESBORO DESEITED

Many Business Men and Other Citizens... Wadesboro Deserted.

Wadesboro, July 16.—The citizens of Wadesboro are eagerly awaiting the connection of the long-distance telephone with the local telephone system. The Wadesboro Telephone Company has signed a contract with the Bell Telephone Company.

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ARREST OF A YOUNG PITTSBURGH WOMAN

Expected on Charge of Leading Herself to Alleged Conspiracy Against Mrs. Hartie—Judge Seversely Punishes Her.

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