

THE REUNION AT NEWTON

MR. W. A. SELF ORATOR OF DAY

His Splendid Address a Great and Inspiring Feature of a Memorable Occasion—An Eloquent Review of the Days and Events That Struck the Nation—The City Swarmed with Hundreds of Veterans and the Veterans Enjoy Themselves.

Newton, Aug. 19.—Bright and beautiful day, the morning sun yesterday, the day of cloud and rain today, it was raining in the dawn of reunion day. As the citizens were hurrying in the early hours to complete their preparations to welcome the hosts of veterans, they found the streets beginning to fill with the throng of people, who, several hundred strong, had taken advantage of an early train to come down from the North and South on every road or path that led into Newton was crowded with vehicles of all descriptions, filled with men, women and children, all wending their way to the reunion. This is truly the gala day in old Catawba. Still they came, until when the hour arrived for the beginning of the exercises a reasonable estimate placed the crowd at 1,000. Each soldier, the other to do all honor to the brave men who fought and died for love of their dear Southland. Business houses had been beautifully decorated with bunting, and the city among which was the new Enterprise building, which has just been completed, and from whose top floated the Confederate national flag and the battle flag of the soldiers so well. Among the thousands of people present there were four who were especially welcome, these being Mrs. Lee of the Anna Jackson Chapter, U. D. C., of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. Mary Price and daughter, Miss Margaret of the Cape Fear Chapter, Wilmington; and Mrs. Watson of the Statesville Chapter.

Promptly at 10:30 o'clock the formation of the procession began. Headed by the Repealville Band it slowly passed amid the crowd of veterans in the city. The band was led by Mrs. Lee, who was followed by the Confederate veterans with their wives and widows. At the court yard gate the ranks of the children parted and the battle-scarred veterans, in number, marched to their seats in the court room, which had been previously most tastefully hung in the Confederate colors, with flags flying to every breeze. The children of the South's great leaders looking down upon the crowd.

After a most touching prayer by Rev. M. A. Abernethy, the business order of the day was read, and a large number of new members enrolled. The cry among our veterans is "On to Richmond" next year, and Catawba county sends to have a large representation.

A TOUCHING INCIDENT. One of the most touching incidents of the day was the presentation of an immense bunch of white hydrangeas to the veteran body in memory of Catawba's brave heroes, who have joined the ranks of the dark river. On each recurring reunion day, a veteran, who had left his leg upon the bloody field, brings this large bouquet to the daughters of the Confederacy in appreciation of their services. The president of the Ransom-Sherill Chapter presented them to Mrs. W. A. Self.

At the close of the morning exercises a most cordial invitation was extended to the Confederate Union Army as well as those of the Spanish-American war, their wives and widows to partake of the sumptuous dinner which was served beneath the beautiful spreading oaks of our court square. Music was furnished all day by the Repealville Band, who had spared no pains in preparing for the occasion. The table was served free to all those invited to dinner, all during the day, and too much praise cannot be accorded the fair young girls, Misses Margaret Wehler, Annie Corpening and Vena Little, who so faithfully attended to the wants of the old soldiers.

A SPLENDID ADDRESS. But the one great and all-inspiring part of the day was the splendid address of Catawba's brilliant genius and gifted orator, Mr. W. A. Self, of Hickory. Mr. Self was introduced by our townman, Mr. W. C. Feistner, in a few remarks, and his words and we only wish it was in our power to reproduce his masterful speech, but as it is we can only give a brief outline. After a glowing factory remark, Mr. Self's address turned into the main subject of his address.

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PLOTTED PALMA'S DEATH

CUBAN LIBERAL CHIEFS SEIZED

Six Highly Prominent Politicians Are Arrested on Charge of Plotting Assassination of the President and President of the Government by Force of Arms—Government Determined to Put Down Outlawry in Western End of the Island.

Havana, Aug. 19.—Half a dozen highly prominent leaders of the Liberal party have been taken into custody on the charge of conspiracy against the government and plotting to assassinate President Palma. The events of to-day have shown that the government was fully aroused to the necessity of putting down not only the open outlawry in Western Cuba, but also of capturing and confining the alleged leaders of this movement, who were strongly suspected of plotting the assassination of the President and overthrowing the present government by force. To that end the six members of the Liberal party were arrested. General Carlos Garcia Velez and his brother, Faustino, ex-consul at Bremen, ex-senator of the Cuban Congress, Manuel Piedra, Chief of Police in the House of Representatives, and General Enrique Legnias Del Castillo, a former Congressman from Puerto Principe province. The men are charged with conspiracy.

Telegrams were sent to Santiago directing the arrest of Juan Guberto Gomez, of Havana, known as the colored orator and one of the most influential of the Liberal leaders. Gomez has been campaigning lately throughout Santiago province against the government. The police of Santiago were also ordered to arrest Manuel Gomez and Del Castillo are charged with inciting to outlawry and revolution.

The Havana arrests were made by the city police on charges preferred by the chief of the government security service, General Enrique Legnias Del Castillo, a radical, managed to make his escape. After his arrest he was placed in a carriage in charge of a lieutenant of police. He asked that his brother, Manuel Gomez, be allowed to accompany him to bring a change of clothing. This request was granted. While on the way to the police station Arana drew a revolver and threatened the lieutenant with instant death unless he allowed the prisoner to escape. Both men then jumped from the carriage and ran. They were not caught.

On President Palma's order the lieutenant of police Manuel Gomez was arrested. Col. Manuel Piedra endeavored to start a revolution in 1905. He was captured, but subsequently pardoned. He is now in the employ of the government as chief of police in the House.

It is reported here that the rebels in the province of Pinar del Rio have been caught by the government forces in the remoter districts.

SOURCE OF TORTOISE SHELL

Our Consul at Colon Reports on the Extent of the Industry. While there are immense quantities of tortoise shell used annually in civilization there is not much generally known about the real methods of gathering it. A few months ago an interesting report on the industry has recently been made by Consul Kellogg, of Colon.

He says that last year the total amount of shell shipped from his consular district was 18,000 pounds and that of this 5,000, valued at \$37,000, came from Colon direct, 5,000 pounds of it going to New York and the remainder to Europe. The tortoise, from which the shell is obtained, feeds on crabs, fish and the like and its meat is not valued as is that of the herbivorous turtles. The turtles run from 1 1/2 feet to four feet in length and weigh as much as 150 pounds. The average weight of the shell is 6 to 7 pounds and the price it brings is from \$3 to \$6 a pound, the market fluctuating.

Colombia, but much of it is traded by the Indians to coasting schooners and shipped to New York. The civilized method of preparing the shell is to kill and clean the turtle after it is caught either on the beach or in nets in the water. The Indians do not kill them at once, but boil them alive and then throw them back into the sea. This is hard on the turtle but it is said to make the shell come off easily.

TO CUT OOTON; NOT TO PICK IT

Progressive Growers Say It Will Be Harvested Like Wheat. With a suddenness almost startling manufacturers have taken Southern labor away from agriculture. Consequently men have been set to thinking out machines, not so much to supplant muscle as to do it more cheaply. The result has become less and less available.

The progress that has been made was shown last month by a test of two machines. One of the machines was a power-driven one, the other a hand-operated one. The power-driven one was found to be the more efficient. It was found that the power-driven one could pick 100 pounds of cotton in 10 minutes and 30 seconds; another two tons of cane in 6 minutes and 30 seconds; the hand-operated one in 10 minutes and 45 seconds. One mile is the power needed to operate the loaders. It is estimated that a single engine may be used.

All these machines, as well as the new cotton harvesters, are the idea of a man who has been thinking out the actual picking of cotton. But it is believed that the real solution of the problem will not be found until the idea of picking cotton in the fields at all is given up. The advanced cotton growers advocate cutting the plants entire and harvesting them by machinery such as what is harvested.

The idea is to be treated and sinned. This idea involves changes in the methods of planting cotton and in the nature of the growing plants, which may appear radical at first glance but which it is believed are practicable.

NOTABLE MEETING FOR PEACE

Much Expected From Conference of King Edward and the Kaiser. London, Cable, 19th, to New York Sun. The meeting of King Edward and Emperor Wilhelm at Berlin, the subject of an immense amount of comment and conjecture all the week. It is too early to expect any definite information on the political effects of this momentous conference. All outward signs point toward the happy results of the personal reconciliation which has apparently been effected.

It is officially declared, of course, that the meeting had no political significance, but this is mere humbug, as the two monarchs were accompanied, one by a foreign minister and the other by an ambassador and a foreign under secretary, which cannot mean less than that the gravest issues were under discussion. Sir Frank Lascelles, the British ambassador at Berlin, is reported to have affirmed that the meeting was of a most gratifying character and full of the happiest augurs for the future. He said that the impression that it will prove of greater practical value in the case of peace than a recent conference at The Hague.

STANLY DEMOCRATS BUSY

NO DIRECTION THIS TIME

Expect to Roll Up a Majority of 600 for Mr. Hackett—Roman Republicans to Choose Temporary Chairman of Executive Committee—Also to Be Elected to Attend Reunion of Veterans at Morehead City—Personal and News Notes.

Special to The Observer. Salisbury, Aug. 19.—The Republicans of the county, through their committee, yesterday, met in the court house for the purpose of electing a temporary chairman of the executive committee in place of Walter Burrage, who is confined to his home with typhoid fever. This officer is to be temporary and Mr. Burrage will be asked to call the meeting within two weeks for this purpose. Candidates for the position of sheriff are being talked as earnestly as if it meant anything.

STANLY IN FINE SHAPE

A visit yesterday to Albemarle showed that county to be in fine working shape and those who feared that Stanley would go Republican by default need not be enlightened. The Democrats have never been so much aroused and more work is being done there than ever seen before. A large book with the 2,147 voters in the county lies open, and Mr. R. A. Crowell has on the end of his finger every man's name and what he is fixing to do politically. The Democrats are not in the least disturbed by the recent invasion of Blackburn. They are aware of the fact that they must overcome a small majority but they expect to do it and those who are saying word do not hesitate to say privately that they will carry the county by 400 and more. Friday night of this week, there will be organized from the two mills, Wicamasset and Bird, a Democratic club and Mr. R. A. Crowell will address it. This club, which is the first to be organized in the county, will be composed exclusively of mill men and there are more than 150 who have promised to join. Stanley is needed, because its slump two years ago beat Newland. The change of a majority of 600 to a minority of 11 gave Blackburn the district. There does not seem to be any dissatisfaction among the Democrats, they merely do not go out. The Democrats will see to it that every vote will be allowed to come to the polls and will be brought there if he won't come otherwise.

DANCE THIS EVENING

The young men will to-morrow night give a dance twice deferred within the past week on account of the death of prominent citizens. The hop is honorary to visiting young ladies and one of the very few dances of the season notable for its lack of such mirth. Misses Mary Ramsey and Lana Thompson, of this city, will go to Morehead City Tuesday night of this week to attend the reunion of the Confederate veterans of the State. There will be many of our soldiers to take the trip. These young ladies were sponsors at the recent New Orleans reunion and were among the most popular of the Southern girls. Several young men will also attend the reunion.

Sallsburians come and go as usual and the resorts are still attracting the people of Swainsona. A party composed of Misses Buelah and Lulu Haden and Annie Kizer and Mrs. White McKenzie and children went up during the past week. Mrs. Messrs. R. B. Owens and T. L. Trotter, both Rowan men engaged in Rocky Mount and Durham, have returned from Swannan, Tenn., where they had been on a two weeks' outing. Mrs. T. F. Young and daughter, Miss Josephine, are at Rocky River Springs and Mrs. John M. Julian and little Miss Frances are back from a long visit to West Virginia and Washington City. They were met in Danville by Mr. Julian and David Julian, the third—Mr. Samuel Carter, one of the most promising young pharmacists of the State, has gone to Lynchburg to engage in the practice of his profession.

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MANY WIDOWS SURVIVED

At Least Six Women Have Claimed That Distribution Since Irish War

London, Cable, 19th, to New York Sun. An Irish harvester died six weeks ago at Fairfax, in Yorkshire. He was known him and no one claimed the body, which the authorities buried. Now no less than six women have appeared, each claiming to be the dead man's widow. One has been identified a photograph of the dead man which was sent to Dublin. Others recognized the photograph in County Mayo and in Ipswich and Bradford. Two preserved anonymity, but all are eagerly pressing their claims, much to the distress of the local authorities, who are totally unable to decide who is the widow.

Chicago News. Bright Boy—Cause the prodigal wasn't fat enough to butcher, I guess. "I'll get even w-v-with you, m-m-ma, sobbed young Elsie, who had just been severely scolding her mother. "How?" queried her mother. "When I g-grow up and h-have a little girl I'll beat the life out of h-her," answered Elsie.

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FAMOUS ITALIAN ACTRESS TO REVISIT AMERICA. Mrs. Eleanor Dubs, the famous Italian tragedienne, is planning to make another short American tour, beginning in October. Her repertory will include "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," "Magda" and "Camille."

COL. BLACK ON THE BLOCK

A LITTLE FUN AT THE SQUARE

Capt. Harrison Watts, a Newspaper Man and Col. Tom Black Were Interrupted While Talking About Kentucky. While talking about Kentucky, Capt. Harrison Watts, a newspaper man, and Col. Tom Black, a former Confederate soldier, were interrupted while talking about Kentucky. Capt. Watts was a newspaper man and Col. Black was a former Confederate soldier.

Yesterday afternoon, while Col. Tom Black, Capt. Harrison Watts and an Observer man were standing on the square, talking about Kentucky mint juleps, the kind that are made by partially filling a glass with cracked ice and sugar and then pouring in the whiskey, George Stone came up South Tryon street, leading of a bob-tailed pony, by a grass line, which was tied around the animal's neck. "You say that there is mint in every man's garden?" asked Col. Black. "Here is a horse that I captured, Col. Black," said the Stone boy. "And plenty of good whiskey on every side board," continued Col. Black to Capt. Watts.

"I say, colonel, here is a balsam that I have taken on the streets." At this juncture, Col. Black turned about, faced the crowd Indian pony, and asked: "What do you want me to do with her?" "I don't care, colonel, she's mine coming up the street when I captured her. I am on my way to Sunday school and they do not admit horses. You will see that I have a horse too many."

"Well, give her to me, I will hold her until somebody comes to claim her." After Col. Black took the rein Capt. Watts and the Observer man were about to excuse themselves, for they saw that the colonel was embarrassed. He was not cutting a very dignified figure for a handsome police officer, standing there, holding a bob-tailed Western pony, on the square, where everybody passed. But before his friends had time to depart, Col. Black said: "Well, I will just have to take this nag to the house and wait until somebody comes; I have to hold on to her." He moved close to the shoe shiner's chair. That relieved the situation, Capt. Watts continued his very interesting conversation on mint juleps. But he was doomed to interrupt.

Mr. R. H. Jordan, who had been in the rear end of the crowd, came forward, looked out of the door and beheld the colonel and his filly. "Ah, Col. Black, is she for sale?" he asked, in a bantering tone. "No, sir, she is loose horse." "A loose horse; why you seem to have her?" "Yes, but she does not belong to me." "Let us sell her at auction," said Capt. Watts.

"I'll start her at \$25," said Mr. Jordan. By this time quite a crowd had assembled to see the pony, and Capt. Watts made suggestions. "Say, friend are you selling the policeman with the nag?" asked a stranger. "Well, you did not thought of doing that but if you care to bid on the two go ahead," said Mr. Jordan.

"Well, I'll better your bid if you include the officer." The man was a safe distance from Col. Black and it was well for his noggins, for the colonel began to take a better grip on his filly. "What'll you bid," put in Capt. Watts. "Col. Black was a comrade in the war, and I shall not see him go for a paltry sum."

"What will you do, then?" asked the stranger. "I'll go \$40 on the pair." "I'll better that \$5," said the Observer man, who is a friend of the big blonde policeman. "I'll make it \$40," declared Capt. Watts.

About this time a negro, out of breath and covered with perspiration, came running up and took hold of the rope. "What's the matter with you?" said the colonel, who had become interested in the horse. "Why, boss, dat's my horse, she broke away from me, and she was gradin' an' rund'er way."

"Well, you must be careful how you let your horses loose on Sunday. They might run over women and children going to or from church."

"What is the matter with her shoulder there, where it is sore?" asked Mr. Jordan. "It's been rubbed by the collar. Boss, you cut anything dat's good for it." "A little 'Mustang Liniment' is all right," submitted Col. Black, who is an old horse doctor. "You had better had work her with a collar until that place gets well," suggested the stranger. "Why, I bet she can buck," said Capt. Watts. "No, sir, why she will carry any two boys in the crowd at one time. Get up there, boy!" No quicker than a black train in motion, the boss, with his black

to her hind quarters to give another boy a chance to get up in front. "She's all right," said Col. Black. The negro led his animal away and the party scattered. "You see that mint grows everywhere in Kentucky, captain," asked Col. Black as he, Capt. Watts and the Observer man resumed their places on the square.

"Yes, I do not believe that there is a home in Kentucky that does not have its mint patch." "Well, is there much drinking in the Blue Grass State?" asked the Observer man. "There are more than 100 saloons in the town of Paducah, where I live, and I have not seen an intoxicated man there. The whiskey license there is about \$250. As a rule the bar men sell a good quality of stuff."

Capt. Watts is a very entertaining talker. He is observant, and having seen much of life in the various forms, is always in full sympathy with the things and persons around him. He takes his fun where he finds it and always looks for the bright side of the picture.

THE SEA GIRT CONTESTS. Nearly Every State in the Union and the Posses of the Country's Expert Rifle Shots to Compete for Prizes. Congress Has Provided Four Gold, Four Silver, Four Bronze Medals and \$300 in Cash—Handsome Trophies to be Given Successful Marksmen.

Sea Girt, N. J., Aug. 19.—Late reports received here are to the effect that in nearly every State of the Union the tower of the expert rifle shots, especially those connected with the military establishment, are devoting much of their attention and time to preparation for participation in the great target competition to be held here, beginning August 27. It is already assured that the coming meet will be the occasion of the largest gathering of military rifle shots ever held in this country. The meet will be under the auspices of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, the National Rifle Association of America and the New Jersey State Rifle Association. It is expected that at least forty teams of twelve men each, representing the several States, the army, navy and marine corps and island possessions, will compete in the national team match alone. In the national individual match a modest estimate is that the competitors will number fully 1,000 men.

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