

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN.

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AN OLD COMPANY.

Among the companies attached to the 2nd North Carolina Regiment of the State Guards is Company A. of Fayetteville, Major W. F. Campbell commanding. This company is better known as the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry; at home, by the more endearing and familiar name of the "Old Independent." This organization has a history, long and honorable. In 1793 the young United States were brought close to the verge of open war with France, their old friend and ally. The Wild Republicans of that country, overthrowing monarchy, society and all its established orders and forms, were forced into universal war, first of self defense against the outraged powers of Europe; and, flushed with victory, turning their arms abroad in a general crusade of propagandism. It was perhaps very natural that they should look to the United States of America, the only other country in the world which had adopted Republican forms of government, for aid and sympathy. The liberties of America were largely due to the spirit, the blood and the treasure of France. Gratitude was appealed to; and the community of political interests might inspire the enthusiasm of the Americans to impose their forms of government upon the despots of Europe. But the Directory of France proceeded in a very clumsy way. They demanded, rather than asked, the help of the United States. Their emissaries and their accredited ministers treated with disdain the conservative temper of the American government. They issued their proclamations and manifestos in violation of the laws of nations. They appealed from the President to the people; their insolence became so intolerable that the French Minister, M. Genet, was ordered to quit the country. Diplomatic intercourse between the countries was suspended. The existing French government was greatly irritated. It authorized a kind of warfare against the United States. It took shape only on the seas. The French cruisers made prey of American commerce. Two of their war ships, the Insurgente and La Vengeance came in conflict with U. S. ship Constellation, and were captured. The ambition, the power and the successes of the French seemed to have no bounds, and this country was in imminent peril of putting its new powers to a test.

It was at this stage of affairs that the town of Fayetteville was touched with the fires of patriotism. The first town in this country to perpetuate the name of La Fayette by substituting it for the old one of Cross Creek, no association of the gratitude due to so distinguished a memory interfered for a moment with the call of duty. The Independent Company was organized out of the best blood of the place, and its services tendered to the government. They were not needed; for France had her hands full near home, and had learned the true temper of the American people, and respected their policy, and the war cloud drifted away.

The company lived through a very uneventful existence until the war of 1812 with Great Britain. It then promptly tendered its services to the government, the only volunteer organization of the State that did so, and in course of time, was ordered to Fort Johnson, at Smithville, near the mouth of the Cape Fear river. The war never scarred the soil of North Carolina, nor stained its waters; and the Independent company was fated to chafe in inglorious idleness until the coming of peace. The State, never prodigal with substantial reward, was sufficiently profuse in empty honors; and the officers were all brevetted; a barren compensation at the time, but by association become of priceless worth. This is the explanation of the anomaly that a company is commanded by a Major, and officered by four captains.

There was a long interval of inglorious ease, in which however, the company lost none of its esprit du corps. The organization was formed, as we have said, of the best blood of Fayetteville. It was the pride of the sons to succeed the fathers, and such succession has been religiously observed. Service in such a company has always been esteemed an honor, and for nearly a century the joining the Independent company, has been almost as essential to the

young men of Fayetteville as a formal declaration of manhood as the assumption of the toga virilis by the youth of Rome. Lawyers, physicians, merchants, mechanics, all have taken their turn in the ranks, and in their turn have succeeded to command. The course of promotion is uniform and inflexible. The lowest corporal, if he serve long enough, will in time rise to the rank of Major; but can only do so when those above him have passed through the same course, by the rise and withdrawal of those who have attained the highest rank. The present commander is the son of Major Archibald M. Campbell, who, now, after the lapse of more than thirty years, sees his son arrived at the head of the company. Ninety two years have witnessed such succession; and yet the command has all the vigor of youth, and all the purpose to perpetuate its existence.

The last service the Independent company performed was its only serious one. During the late war, it promptly volunteered and went as Company A, of the 1st Regiment, in the smoke of battle for the first time in the fight at Big Bethel. It was subsequently, on a reorganization, thrown into the 11th Regiment, Col. Leventhorpe; and from that time until the close of the war, its history is a part of the history of the war, with its full share of gallant service, and with more than its full share of carnage. Its ranks were again and again recruited to fill the gaps made by shot and shell. Few families in Fayetteville that did not mourn son or brother; but there were none to mourn the shame of cowardice or treason. The flag that floats so proudly to-day, was never lowered in disgraceful flight. Perhaps after the war was closed, there was no haste to resume for show or pastime the forms of war which had had such sad and such terrible meaning. Yet peace has its burdens and its duties as well as war; and when those were made apparent, the Independent Company was again at the service of the State. It is now, as always, one of the largest, the best equipped, and best drilled companies of the State, proud of its honorable record, and jealous of any possibility that its laurels may ever be stained.

The Recorder is very frank in exposing the causes which have led to the sickness prevalent in Durham at the present time. The Recorder has not been wanting in warnings. We infer that the physicians have been inclined to ignore facts and proclaim a condition of healthfulness that does not exist. Happily we can say that the authorities of Asheville have acted and are acting on suggestions made, we may say with truth, largely on the promptings of the CITIZEN. The town is clean and it is kept clean; it is healthy, and we hope and believe will remain so, though we regret to find that the careless use of a piece of State news, referring to another place, carelessly, and by the Wilmington Star, still exercises its mischievous influence.

To show how inexcusable neglect of sanitation is, and how at variance with decency and common sense, we quote the following from the Recorder: "With all due deference to the opinion of our excellent M. D., as to the causes which engender fever and constitutional disorders among the citizens of this place, we must insist that the condition of the back yards in rear of the stores on the South side of Main street and the boarding houses, saloons, &c., on north side Railroad street, have much to do with the sickness now prevalent in the community—fish-brine, stagnant soap suds, chicken entrails, decayed vegetables, spoiled fish, etc., etc., impregnate the atmosphere with a stench almost unbearable and decidedly unwholesome, if not really poisonous."

Clean faces, clean hands and clean clothes are supposed to show good breeding in individuals, but they are not more vital criteria than are clean streets, clean yards and clean alleys of good breeding in the community.—[Pittsburg Dispatch.]

Sergeant at Arms Gassett, of the House of Commons, after a service of a half century, has retired.

Henry Kranshoff, of Indiana, a clerk for the last twenty years in the Second Auditor's office, was stricken with paralysis and died at his desk.

It is reported in New York that the Pennsylvania and Vanderbilt railroads have formed an alliance, offensive and defensive, for the purpose of crushing the Baltimore and Ohio.

Athens, Ga., has just prohibited the sale of intoxicating drinks under the local option law, and the people are well pleased with the experiment.

OUR NORMAL SCHOOL. Concluded its first session to-day, and a most successful session it has been in all respects. The Trustees, Messrs. H. A. Gudger, Dr. Millard and T. I. Van Gilder, were most fortunate in the selection of a Principal and Teachers. Professor White, Principal, and Professors Benj. Atkins and Wilson, and Misses Goodloe and Millard, have not only been most faithful, but proficient in their several departments. Largely over one hundred teachers have been in regular attendance, and their attention to and interest in the exercises gave the best evidence of the utility and necessity of such schools in general, and of the Asheville school in particular. The Trustees are also fortunate in securing addresses from such distinguished men of letters and practical educators as Dr. Curry, Prof. Winston, Prof. Venable, Major Bingham, Judge Dick, and others.

To Mr. Starnes, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, as the efficient Superintendent of Buncombe county Schools, is special credit due for untiring services and efforts in behalf of this school. He has spared no pains or efforts to make it entirely successful, and has very largely contributed thereto. The success of this school sustains the wisdom of the author of the measure, which created it in the last legislature Hon. H. A. Gudger, Senator from this district. All measures which pertained to the educational elevation of the people of his district or State always commanded his earnest sympathy and support. Normal and graded schools he regards as among the very best agencies for a successful popular education of the people, and he introduced and passed the measure establishing a normal school at Asheville, and also a measure authorizing a graded school in this city. We have had the Normal, and have witnessed a most satisfactory and useful session. It still remains for the citizens of Asheville to establish the graded school. Mr. Gudger has full cause to be proud of his work in general, but specially of the result of the first session of the Asheville Normal School.

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