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DAY OF PARADES AT THE REUNION

Following a Business Meeting at Which There was Action on a Variety of Matters.

An Echo of the Contest Over the Invitation to President McKinley.

Only Ex-Confederates will be Asked to Take Part in Reunions.

Dallas Chosen as the Next Place for Gathering of Veterans.

Memphis, May 29.—There were ten thousand people present when General Gordon called the convention of the Confederate Veterans to order today. The feature of the convention today was the adoption of a resolution prohibiting any officer or member of the organization inviting any one not an ex-confederate to participate in the reunions. This is the result of an attempt made to invite President McKinley to the reunion. The resolution was adopted amidst tumultuous applause. The people of Memphis sent a delegation to Washington to invite the president to attend the reunion but protests from various confederate camps compelled them to abandon the plan.

After a hot contest between Dallas and Louisville this afternoon Dallas was chosen for the next meeting. Gen. Gordon and the old officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. The great flower parade took place this afternoon and was followed by a parade of veterans and the laying of the corner stone of the Forrest monument.

Memphis, May 29.—A cloudless sky and a cool western breeze were in evidence when the second day's session of the confederate veterans began. There was no question of a postponement today of the flower parade or of other features of the program: exercises in Confederate hall were opened at 10:30 a. m. by the singing of the doxology by the delegates; and the offering of a prayer by the Rev. Mr. Blackard, of the Methodist church of Memphis.

Commander Gordon announced that the first thing in order was the offering of resolutions which should be sent without reading to the room of the committee on resolutions.

The report of the committee on credentials was then called for and read by the chairman of the committee, J. G. Guice, of Alabama. A total representation of 1,359 camps was reported with an aggregate attendance of 2,309 delegates.

Texas had the largest representation with 129 camps with 451 delegates. The report was adopted as read.

The resolutions, prepared by various delegates, were passed up to the commander who read them aloud before passing them back to the committee on resolutions. Among them was a motion that congress be memorialized to erect in the capital of the nation a monument to Gen. Robert E. Lee. No action was taken, but there were a number of cries of "No," "No." The resolution was passed back to the committee.

"The next thing in order," said Gen. Gordon, "is the reading of the report which was bulky and voluminous. He asked that because of the length of the report that its reading be dispensed with and that the delegates should read it in the papers. Gen. Cabell made a motion that all action on the report be deferred until after the printing of the report.

Gen. Lee then asked that the report be read at once. After a long debate the report was made the special order of business at 3 p. m.

The report of the committee on confederate memorials was read by Chairman C. A. Evans, of Georgia. The report showed a total of cash in hand of \$81,296; there are \$81,307 in good and collectable subscriptions; there is an additional \$60,000 still due from Charles Broadway Rous, of New York; other

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NEGRO BURNED AT THE STAKE

Awful Vengeance Meted Out to a Fiend in Florida.

Dies in Flames on Spot Where He Murdered a Woman.

Mob Took the Prisoner from Jail in Spite of Sheriff and Strong Guard.
Bartow, Fla., May 29.—Fred Rochelle, the negro who yesterday assaulted and murdered Mrs. Taggart, a white woman, by cutting her throat, was burned at a stake here this evening. The fiend was put to death in the presence of an immense throng. The place of the lynching was at the scene of the negro's crime.

The negro was captured today about three miles out of the city by some negroes who turned him over to the authorities. He was placed in jail. A mob quickly formed and stormed the jail, and despite the efforts of the sheriff and a strong guard took the prisoner and half dragged and half carried him to the scene of his crime. The wretch meanwhile uttered piteous cries and prayers for mercy.

Arriving at the spot the negro was chained to a stake and wood piled around it. Oil was poured upon the negro. A match was then applied and the body burned for half an hour. After that time only the bones of the negro were found. The mob then dispersed.

UNITED PRESBYTERIANS' FINISH THEIR SESSION

Des Moines, Ia., May 29.—The United Presbyterian General Assembly adjourned at noon today to meet next year in Allegheny, Pa. At the closing session a committee was appointed to make a revision of the membership covenant of the church. Among the appropriations were \$55,000 for freedmen's aid.

BAKERSVILLE'S DIRE PLIGHT

Terrible Situation of the Flood Swept Town that Has Necessitated a Call for Aid—Appeal Framed at Mass Meeting.

Special to the Gazette.

Bakersville, N. C., May 26.—"There is a tide in the affairs of men, taken at the flood leads on to destruction. Our quiet little town nestled 'neath the lofty mountains, hitherto undisturbed by dire disaster, was, on the 21st of May, 1901, visited by the most disastrous flood ever known to our people. On the night of the 20th, instant, a gale from the east began to blow with unusual velocity, and continued with unabated force, with lowering clouds of frightful darkness, and great waves of drenching rain, until Tuesday morning when it became apparent that we were to have a great deluge.

By 10 o'clock, the people living on what is called "Water street," observing the rapid rising of the stream and being terror stricken, began to flee to the hills for safety.

Scarcely had they gotten out of their houses until the whole valley, within which our town is situated presented a scene alarming, appalling, and absolutely indescribable.

With mighty rush and roar, bearing upon its furious bosom the debris of demolished barns, dwelling houses, grist and saw mills, store houses with entire contents, live stock and growing crops, the flood came like a mighty avalanche, and in its mad rush drove to ruin the entire part of the town on "Water street".

Mingled with this maddening rush of turbid waters and crushing houses were to be heard the piteous cries of those astride floating buildings, rushing on to watery graves, begging and screaming and praying for help. In sight of the multitude drenched by the mighty down-pour of rain, anxious to save, but powerless to help!

It is not known how many lives have been lost, nor is it known how many dwelling houses, mills and store-houses. A conservative estimate of the buildings would fix the number at about five hundred.

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A COMBINED EFFORT TO CROWD OUT M'LAURIN

Columbia, May 29.—Indications tonight are that an effort will be made to crowd McLaurin off his position. Tillman arrived today and had a conference this evening with Chairman Jones of the executive committee, who is a candidate for McLaurin's seat. They discussed the arrangements for the primary.

Jones replying to the protest of McLaurin against a canvass of the state in August told him it was the best

thing for the people.

This evening Tillman in a statement refers to McLaurin's "magnificent egotism" in wishing to fix the time when the people of the state should elect his successor.

With Tillman, Jones and others favoring a summer campaign the committee will probably order it.

If McLaurin believes a summer campaign will endanger his life he may withdraw his resignation.

PRESIDENTIAL TRAIN NEAR JOURNEY'S END

Few Steps in Ohio or Pennsylvania—Half an Hour at Canton.

Pittsburg, May 29.—The president and party crossed two states today in their journey homeward and will reach Washington tomorrow morning. The train passed through nearly all the cities and towns of Ohio without stopping.

At 3 o'clock the train reached Canton and remained there half an hour. A group of personal friends and acquaintances met President and Mrs. McKinley at the station. Judge Day and several distinguished friends of the town entered the president's car and chatted with him. There were many anxious inquirers as to Mrs. McKinley's health and the president expressed the belief that in a short time she would recover her full strength.

The presidential train reached Pittsburg shortly after six and after a brief stop continued on its way to Washington.

ARMOR PLATE FAILS TO STAND THE TEST

Penetrated by Shots from Six Inch Naval Rifle.

Washington, May 29.—The armor plate treated by the Krupp hardening process manufactured by Bethlehem Steel company for the battleship Maine failed to stand the test today. The test took place at the naval proving grounds at Indian Head, and resulted in a complete victory for the gun and projectile. The plate was six inches thick. Two shots were fired at it from a six inch naval rifle, an armor piercing projectile being used. The specifications required a minimum striking velocity of 1895 foot seconds.

The first shot caused the plate to crack and the second penetrated it deeply making a large bulge in the rear, destroying the plates protective qualities. The plate was then declared a failure.

The rejection of the plate means a loss of over \$150,000 to the company.

THE AMOUNT CHINA IS WILLING TO PAY

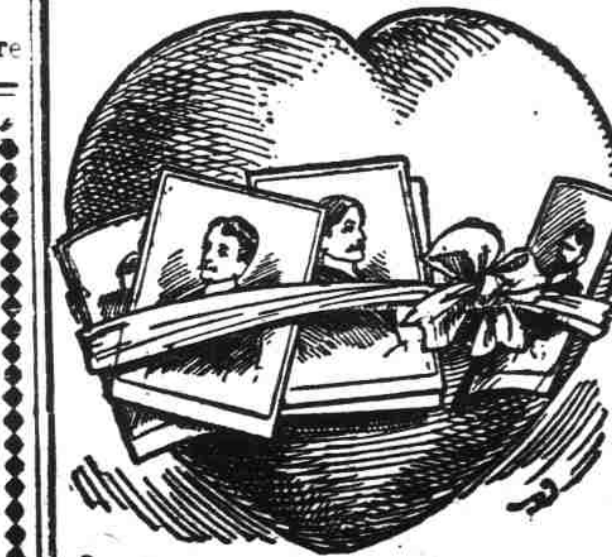
Our Minister Making Strenuous Demand for Trade Privileges.

Pekin, May 29.—The Chinese plenipotentiaries, in reply to the minister's latest proposals state that China is willing to pay an indemnity of sixty-five million pounds and interest at the rate of three and a half per cent.

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M'GOVERN WINS AN EASY VICTORY

San Francisco, May 29.—The fight between McGovern and Herrera in Mechanic's Pavilion tonight was witnessed by ten thousand persons. McGovern knocked Herrera down three times in the fifth round, and the third time Herrera was counted out. McGovern had it all his own way throughout. He showed blows on his opponent at will. Herrera was completely outclassed. Herrera clinched at every opportunity, to avoid punishment.

GRAND JURY AFTER A "DIVINE HEALER."

Chicago, May 29.—The grand jury took up today for consideration the charges made against John Alexander Dowie, the alleged divine healer. A specific charge is that he is responsible through neglect for the death of Mrs. Judd, wife of one of his followers. No answer has been received from Dowie relative to the notice sent him yesterday that he will be required to procure a license to conduct a hospital or else shut up his institution.

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