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OLD SOLDIERS' REUNION.

Annual Gathering of Confederate Veterans of the County—Parkton Entertains a Great Crowd Nobly—State Auditor Dixon Orator of the Day—Other Speeches and Happenings of a Great Occasion.

In many respects Thursday was a re-erect-breaker for the town of Parkton. Never before in the history of this growing town has such a crowd assembled to participate in the pleasures of a day. The occasion was the annual county reunion of the Confederate veterans, and they were there. The old soldiers, though many of them feeble and tottering, numbered about 200 and they seemed to find great pleasure in the joys of the day. The people of this hustling town were wide awake to their responsibilities as entertainers and so well did they discharge their duties in this respect that all whose pleasure it was to be present were made glad. The crowd began to assemble early in the morning and every incoming train was loaded with passengers—many of them having to ride in the baggage cars—for Parkton. Quite a number of wagons were sent to McMillan's station, about three miles away on the Virginia & Carolina Southern, to meet the people coming in from that way, and from every direction they continued to roll in until about 12 o'clock, when the crowd lined up at the depot for a march to the school building, which is some four or five blocks from the depot. This procession was headed by the Parkton band playing a march for the veterans, who followed marching two and two; then the speakers of the day and the great crowd. Maj. Geo. H. Hall, of Red Springs, Messrs. J. B. McCormick, John Malloy and several others were on horseback, keeping the crowd lined up, and the marching was fine.

Parkton has an excellent school building, with an auditorium that will hold about 500 people, but it was no show for the crowd, which was variously estimated at from 3,000 to 5,000. The veterans were first seated and then as many others as there was room for, and the balance had to stay in the grove. Many from the outside were clamoring for the speeches to be made in the grove, but no arrangements had been made for this and several did not think it wise to move the veterans to the grove, where many of them would have had to stand up, so the speaking was inside.

The house was filled, and there being no room for more, Col. S. J. Cobb called for silence and then there was music by the band, Rev. T. J. Baker offered prayer, then was a song—Maryland—rendered by several young ladies and gentlemen with part of the band and piano harmonizing, which was fine. Col. Cobb made a short address of welcome which was responded to by Mr. M. G. McKenzie, of Lumberton. Col. Cobb assured all that they were welcome and that the people of Parkton felt greatly honored by their presence. Mr. McKenzie said that he knew that he voiced the sentiment of all the veterans and visitors when he said that they were glad to be there on account of the hospitality of the good people of Parkton, which was in evidence on every hand. Music—Nearer My God to Thee—by the band, then Maj. Geo. Hall introduced Dr. B. F. Dixon, of Raleigh, State Auditor, who made a powerful speech, and it is to be regretted that time and space will not permit a full account of what he had to say.

Dr. Dixon said that he made a vow some time ago that he would not speak during the month of August, but could not resist the temptation to speak to the veterans at Parkton and was glad to be there. He said that he had rather speak to the veterans, the men who used to wear the gray on their backs, but now wear it on their heads, than anybody else. He told many interesting and amusing jokes that were greatly

enjoyed, especially by the veterans, and related a number of sad instances that occurred during the struggles of the 'sixties. Dr. Dixon said that he thought Gen. Robert E. Lee was one of the greatest generals that ever lived but that he never could have been the general he was had it not been for the brave men he had at his back, and that the soldiers never could have fought with the bravery they did had it not been for the queenly women at home, who closed the piano and made music on the spinning wheel.

After Dr. Dixon's speech there was some more music by the band and it was real music, the kind that puts life in the bones of the old soldiers—it was Dixie, and the veterans just could not be still. They began one after another to yell and wave their hats until everything was confusion; but just here, in the midst of it all, it remained for Mr. Mack Bethune, of Raeford, a veteran, to bring things to a standstill. He mounted the stage and did some dancing of a style that one seldom sees. Col. Cobb announced that the next thing on the programme was dinner and that he had been authorized to command the veterans with all others to make a charge on the table. And there was some charging all right and it was no fake battle, for the table was filled. The table was built in a kind of a circle and the veterans were placed on the inside in order that they might be well taken care of; and they were looked after, as was everybody else. That dinner was of a kind that makes one eat, e-e-e—O well, stop too late.

About 3 o'clock in the afternoon exercises were started with some music by the band, then a drill—Bonnie Blue Flag. The drill was fine and gave evidence of much practice and time spent in getting it up. There were nine young ladies in it, dressed in white with large blue sashes across their shoulders, and each had a blue flag with a single star in the center. They were on the stage about twenty minutes. After the drill Col. E. F. McKee, of Maxton, introduced Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest College, who made a lively and interesting speech. He stood on a bench in the door of the auditorium, where the people both inside and outside could hear him, and he spoke in a manner that held the attention of all. Prof. Carlyle is a native Robesonian and he never fails to speak, when it is his opportunity, in the highest terms of the "Old State of Robeson," as he so much loves to call it. He said that he was glad of the opportunity to address the veterans of Robeson county and said that he was a son of a veteran who belonged to company D, known as the "Scotch Tigers," and was proud of it. He congratulated the people of Parkton upon the success of the occasion and paid tribute to the ladies of the town, and to the band. He said that the progress of the county had been great but that it had been nothing in the past compared with what it would be in the future. He said that the county should have better roads and that more attention should be given to public health, that he believed that life could be lengthened 15 or 20 years if the proper attention was given to public health.

Prof. Carlyle having brought his speech to a close, there was some more music, then the veterans who wished to do so were given an opportunity to speak. Mr. H. H. Bolton, of Cumberland, was the only one that took advantage of this opportunity and for about ten minutes he spoke after a manner that was altogether funny. He brought forth one laugh after another until he had finished. He is no "dead soldier." "Taps" were sounded and then the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Chas. E. Parker. So ends the doings of a glorious day.

Of the many things upon which Parkton and its people are to be congratulated there is hardly anything more deserving of praise than the Parkton band. This band is composed of 20 members and every one of them is on to the job. It is just six months old, and its music is fine,

ST. PAULS PACKAGE.

Public Debate—Movements of the People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Pauls, Aug. 5.—Mr. D. W. Carter, of Bladen, was a business visitor to our town yesterday.

Mrs. Carter, of Maxton, is visiting her son, Mr. H. E. Carter.

Mrs. Ritch, of Laurinburg, is spending a while with her son, Dr. T. L. Northrop.

Dr. C. T. Poole has arrived and is making ready to begin practicing here. We are glad to welcome Dr. Poole to our town and wish him great success.

Mr. T. W. Maxwell, of Tolarsville, was here yesterday.

Mr. R. D. Caldwell, of Lumberton, passed through here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blanchard left this morning for Sanford and Jonesboro, where they will spend a few days.

There will be a public debate at St. Pauls school-house on Friday evening, August 12th, at 8.30 o'clock, between the Philotechnian Literary Society of St. Pauls and Barker's Debating Club, of Barker's. The subject for discussion, Resolved: That Intoxicating Drinks Have Done More to Ruin the Nations Than All The Wars Combined. The affirmative will be represented by Messrs. James M. Hester, D. Mack Johnson and Ewen A. Howard, of St. Pauls; the negative will be represented by Messrs. Frank Jones, J. N. Britt and W. C. Jenkins, of Barker's. The judges as follows: Messrs. W. B. Malloy, of Fayetteville; W. S. Cobb, of Lumber Bridge; and Prof. J. R. Poole, of Lumberton. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Miss Ruth Whaley Entertains the Round Dozen Club.

Miss Ruth Whaley delightfully entertained the Round Dozen Club with a few other guests Thursday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whaley, corner of Sixth and Elm streets.

The evening was a rainy one, but all the invited guests were present except two, and the pleasures of the occasion were but little upset on account of the gloomy weather. Shortly after the arrival of the guests neat little booklets and pencils for "A Tea Party" contest were passed around. The contest was composed of 24 questions to be answered with words ending in "ty." Miss Leslie Proctor won the prize. The next special amusement was a game of "Progressive Nations" and in this Miss Proctor won again. For the first prize she received a beautiful bow of blue ribbon and the second was a Japanese parasol. Souvenirs of neat little fans were given to all the guests. Misses Lillian Proctor and Annie Neill Fuller served refreshments.

The out-of-town guests were Miss Glennie Graham, of Red Springs, who is visiting at the home of Sheriff and Mrs. E. C. McNeill, and Miss Ethel Lake, of Florence, S. C., a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Russell.

Mr. A. G. Freeman, of Orrum, was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

far surpassing anything one would expect from a band many times its age. Prof. D. Worthington, of Rockingham, is the instructor and Mr. Murphy McMillan, of Parkton, is the manager.

In addition to the doings of this day there were evidences aplenty in the town of something doing. New houses and stores are being built and Parkton is a regular watermelon-loading station. Mr. W. S. Cobb, the great trucker of the county, had four or five cars of the finest kind of melons loaded on the sidetrack Thursday afternoon. He says they are selling this season for good prices and that some of his best melons net above \$200 a car.

An invitation extended through Mr. M. G. McKenzie was accepted and the annual reunion of the veterans of the county will be held in Lumberton next August.

ROLLER FLOUR MILL.

In Spite of Doubting Thomases, Plant at Pembroke Well Equipped and Ready for Business—No Reason Why it Should Not be a Success.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

A few months ago many people predicted that the farmers would never build a flour mill at Pembroke; they said the enterprise would die for lack of cooperation among the farmers, and the epitaph, "I told you so" was ready for its tomb. A well-equipped flour mill about ready for business, with an experienced miller at command, stands in the place of the tomb, and the prophecies of failure and the epitaph-writers of sad countenances should become imbued with the spirit of agricultural progress, get a hustle on themselves, awake to a new life, and send their wheat to the mill at Pembroke, N. C.

I had the pleasure of attending an enthusiastic meeting of stockholders and directors of the Raft Swamp Milling Co. the 2nd inst. Mr. W. K. Culbreth, the president, in his report showed the mill to be in fine shape financially, although many subscribers to stock have not yet paid up all of their dues. Nearly all of the stockholders will pay in full as soon as cotton money begins to come in and this will not only clear off indebtedness but will leave a nice surplus for working capital.

It is the purpose of the directors to run the mill every working day in the year. This, of course, must be done for the next few months by purchasing wheat for the mill. After the people know that the enterprise is a success, then self-interest will cause a great many farmers of this and adjoining counties to plant wheat. Even this year, with all the doubt as to the mill being built, there has been much more wheat raised in our vicinity than is generally supposed, and already loads of it are coming in from various sections.

In a practical talk before the directors meeting, Mr. C. Minus, a Northern expert from wheat section, showed that wheat has many advantages over the farmers of his section in growing wheat for profit, even if our yield per acre be no more than half theirs. The lack of competition, with labor and lands costing not more than half theirs with middlemen and long freight hauls eliminated, with the possibilities of the after pea crop, demonstrated, were factors decidedly in our favor. Yet, he said, we persisted in making cotton and buying flour from them which suited his people O. K.

While the mill is a Farmer's Union enterprise, it would have been an inspiration to every farmer of the county, regardless of organization, to have heard the short, business-like talks from leading farmers who are known more for business success than for public speaking.

Much praise is due Mr. W. K. Culbreth for his zeal in pushing the mill to completion.

All subscribed stock should be paid for as soon as possible, and all farmers not stockholders, who have acted as doubting Thomases should at once communicate with Mr. Culbreth and lend their aid in making their first enterprise, the Raft Swamp Milling Co., not only a success but an abundant success, and then easily follows their fertilizer factory and kindred Union plants.

The development of farming interests, like the navigation of the air, has been slow but steady. The old Grange taught the farmers that they were bearing unnecessary burdens, the Alliance taught them how to think of and discuss their problems intelligently and the Farmers' Union is teaching how to act in concert for the good of all.

H. L. Edens.

Pembroke, N. C., Aug. 3, 1910.

Mr. Ashley Horn, of Clayton, one of the candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor two years ago, was nominated at the Johnston county convention last Wednesday.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

To Investigate Contest in Sixth District.

Chairman A. H. Elter, of the State Democratic executive committee, announced Friday night the following committee to look into the contest in this, the sixth, congressional district between O. L. Clark and H. L. Godwin: Ex-Governor Thos. J. Jarvis, of Greenville; ex-Gov. Chas. B. Aycock, of Raleigh; ex-Judge A. C. Avery, of Morganton; ex-Lieut. Gov. R. A. Doughton, of Allegheny; ex-Congressman Theo. F. Kluttz, of Salisbury. Ex-Gov. Jarvis is chairman and the committee is called to meet at Wrightsville Beach Tuesday night of this week, August 11, when the situation will be gone into thoroughly. The committee will investigate, first whether it has jurisdiction in the matter; second, whether O. L. Clark or H. L. Godwin was duly and lawfully nominated; third, if neither is found to be nominated, what further action shall be taken in order to secure the nomination of a candidate.

Farmers' Union and Woodmen's Picnic at Saddle Tree Thursday—A Great Success.

The people of the Saddle Tree section are making preparation for a great occasion Thursday, when the local Farmers' Union and Woodmen of the World will join hands in a picnic. Mr. Frank Humphrey, of Saddle Tree, was in town Saturday and says that it will be the largest day ever. Everybody is invited to come early in the morning and spend the day. On this occasion Prof. I. O. Schaub, of the A. & M. College, Raleigh, will make an educational address; Mr. H. Q.

school will give an ice-cream supper Wednesday evening, 10th, at the school house, the proceeds to be used for the better equipment of the school. An interesting program has been arranged.

—Mr. T. N. McDiarmid, who has been living in a tent at Asheville for some time for his health, returned home Saturday and his many friends are glad to have his assurance that his health is improving. He will leave for Asheville again this evening.

—A play—"Valley Farm"—will be given at Raft Swamp school house Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Women's Betterment Association. The play will begin at 8:30 o'clock and the admission will be 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

—Col. N. A. McLean, who had been confined at his home on Elm street for a week with malarial fever, is able to be out again today. Mr. Sam Edwards is also able to be out again after being confined for a few days with fever. The condition of Mr. C. P. McAllister, who has been sick with fever for about 5 weeks, continues to improve.

—Mr. W. M. Wilson, formerly of Marion, S. C., who has been in Lumberton for about a month or six weeks, has opened up an office over the Pope Drug company's store and will do a real estate business. He will also handle stocks and bonds, collect rents, etc. Mr. Wilson has had quite a bit of experience in the real estate business and no doubt will make good here.

Church Services.

Rev. D. P. Bridges, of Fairmont, preached at the First Baptist church last evening, and Rev. Dr. W. H. Moore, presiding elder of the Rockingham district, preached at the Methodist church last evening and held the third quarterly conference for this church this morning at 9 o'clock.

Rev. E. M. Hoyle, pastor of the Methodist church, left this morning for Shelby, where he will spend the balance of this month on a vacation, so that now the pastors of the Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches are all out of town. Rev. J. T. Bundy, of Elizabeth City, will preach at the Methodist church, of which he was formerly pastor, next Sunday evening and will dedicate the church at Barker's next Sunday morning.

Mr. Andrew Bullard's barn and stables near Kingsdale were destroyed by fire of unknown origin Wednesday night. Two fine horses, said to be worth \$400 two buggies, some farming tools and a lot of corn, etc., were burned.

A little son, 6 or 7 years old, of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Herrelson, of Brunswick, shot and killed his sister, aged 4 or 5, Wednesday. He thought the gun was unloaded.

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—A number of young people enjoyed an informal dance Friday evening in the Pythian hall in the Lumberton Cotton Mills building on Elm street.

—John Coley, colored, was before the mayor this morning on a charge of being drunk on the streets Saturday night. He was fined \$5 and cost, a total of \$8.75.

—Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Mary Colder and J. H. Hayes; Hattie Jackson and Silas Jackson; Cattie Barefoot and Emerson Watts; Nellie Britt and Jetter Conner.

—The Lumberton Auto Co. has been incorporated with \$3,500 subscribed and \$25,000 authorized, to sell, repair and rent autos. Messrs. W. W. and R. R. Carlyle and Ira Bullard are the incorporators.

—The ladies of the Methodist church gave an ice-cream supper Friday evening on the court house square for the benefit of the Methodist chapel at the National Cotton Mills and realized something over \$12.

—Mr. A. W. Peace, cashier of the Bank of Lumberton, will return this evening from High Point, where he went Friday on a short visit. Mr. M. L. McLean, deputy clerk of the court, has been assisting in the bank during Mr. Peace's absence.

—The advertisement of the Treasury Department at Washington for a site for a Federal building in Lumberton brought only one bid. Mr. C. B. Townsend offers his lot on Elm street, just north of the residence of Mr. L. E. Whaley, for \$6,000.

—The Ladies' Betterment Association of Philadelphia high school will give an ice-cream supper Wednesday evening, 10th, at the school house, the proceeds to be used for the better equipment of the school. An interesting program has been arranged.

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