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MEETING OF OLD SOLDIERS.

Charles F. Fisher Camp Re-organizee and a Delightful Dinner Enjoyed.

The Col. Chas. F. Fisher Camp, 310, Confederate Veterans, met here on Thursday and while there was no regular roll call, 158 of the old heroes were counted in line.

Capt. W. C. Coughenour was chosen as commander. The other officers of the camp are as follows:

Colonel Commander, A. H. Boyd.

Major Commander, C. R. Barkner.

Adjutant, R. W. Price.

Chaplain, Rev. G. O. H. Cox.

Commissary Sergeant, A. Park-

er.

Sergeant, Dr. E. Rose Doret.

Secretary and treasurer, W. L. Klutz.

Color bearer, Jas. V. Fisher.

The meeting on Thursday was one of the largest they have ever held despite the fact that their numbers have been depleted by death since the last meeting. No official figures could be obtained but about twenty have died since that time. Among them are Capt. Jas. R. Crawford, Capt. John A. Ramsay, Capt. T. B. Ball, R. V. F. L. Mardoch and Giles Owens.

They are all old men now, and at each successive roll call fewer and fewer will answer to their names, until in a very few years there will be none to answer, but they are a jolly set and when they meet, as upon this occasion, they are as full of fun as a crowd of school boys.

The meeting was called to order in the court house at 10:20 a. m. by Capt. W. C. Coughenour and prayer was offered by Rev. M. M. Kinard of St. John's Lutheran church.

W. L. Klutz, secretary, with Prof. L. H. Rothrock and Esquiers P. A. Sloop and S. A. Earmhardt, as assistants, constituted the temporary and later the permanent organization of the session.

Upon motion by A. H. Boyd a committee of three was appointed to select a speaker to deliver a memorial address on May 10th, 1910 in tribute to the memory of deceased comrades.

At the conclusion of the business session, the Veterans were formed in line, on Main street in front of the court house, and with Adjutant R. W. Price at their head, marched to the west side of the court house, where, from the windows of the grand jury room, beautifully filled wooden plates were handed them by four good women friends on the inside, after which they arranged themselves in groups on the lawn, or on the steps as best pleased them, and discussed their dinner and old time war stories with many a joke and many a laugh. After they had eaten their fill Adjutant Price passed around among them distributing cigars with a free hand to all that would take them, and soon the air was filled with smoke and that delightful aroma that comes from a good cigar. That some of them held their cigars awkwardly, or put the wrong end in the mouth occasionally, was not noticed much. The reorganization of Camp Fisher shows it to be a very large one, but short notice had been given and it is likely that many did not receive it in time to attend this meeting. For its historical value the names of those who became members today are given:

W. A. Myers, Co. G, 66th Reg.

A. W. Risher, Co. A, 57th Reg.

D. K. Hill, Co. D, 31st Reg.

P. C. Goodman, Co. C, 33d Reg.

J. A. Hartman, Co. E, 5th Reg.

Noah Fife, Co. K, 5th Reg.

R. R. Lutz, Co. C, 37th Reg.

Wm. Wilkerson, Rowan Artillery.

B. F. Weant, Co. B, 57th Reg.

R. M. Fife, Co. C, 57th Reg.

Jess. Hellard, Co. I, 50th Reg.

D. A. Lyerly, Co. G, Jun. Reserves.

S. A. Earmhardt, Co. C, 57th Reg.

R. C. Poole, Co. H, 54th Reg.

Sam Eller, Co. H, 23d Reg.

C. B. Barker, Co. K, 8th Reg.

H. R. Kester, Rowan Artillery.

B. R. Ketchie, Co. D, 42d Reg.

Robert Earmhardt, Rowan Artillery.

W. G. Thompson, Co. F, 18th Reg.

M. F. Hunt, Co. E, 5th Reg.

W. F. Hill, Co. B, J. Reserves.

Alison Overcash, Co. B, 42d Reg.

S. R. Ruffy, Co. F, 7th Reg.

A. L. M. Lutz, Co. B, Junior Reserves.

D. J. Goodman, Co. B, 71st Reg.

H. S. Earmhardt, Co. B, 68th Reg.

P. A. Sloop, Co. D, 34th Reg.

M. J. Earmhardt.

W. E. Deal.

J. D. Miller.

J. W. Link.

Rufus Reaver.

Ples Wise.

H. W. McNeely.

W. A. McCorkle.

P. C. Shuffler, Co. E, 58th Reg.

A. B. St. Co. K, 5th Reg.

P. H. Cauble, Co. K, 5th Reg.

Valentine C. O. Co. G, 5th Reg.

Geo. A. Cauble, 66th Reg.

G. W. Baker, Co. C, 5th Reg.

H. G. Crawford, Co. G, 57th Reg.

H. C. C. Risher, Co. G, 42d Reg.

A. H. Boyden, Courier R. F. Hoke.

G. H. Basinger, Co. K, 4th Reg.

Henry Weaver, Co. F, 57th Reg.

G. Henry Brown, Co. G, 6th Reg.

W. C. Coughenour, Co. K, 4th Reg.

S. T. Blackwelder, Co. G, 42d Reg.

H. C. Agner, Co. G, Rowan Artillery.

M. W. Stickleather, Co. B, 4th Reg.

W. C. Fralby, Co. K, 4th Reg.

C. J. Lipe, Co. G, 6th Reg.

Edmund Sifford, Co. K, 5th Reg.

Pinkney Ludwig, Co. H, 8th Reg.

Nelson Allman, Co. G, 42d Reg.

L. T. Rendleman, Co. G, 6th Reg.

T. J. Saffit, Co. B, 20th Reg.

W. A. Bnis, Co. K, 4th Reg.

W. A. Myers, Co. I, 14th Reg.

J. L. Cauble, Co. K, 24th Reg.

W. G. Rice, Co. C, 40th Reg.

Alex. Grubb, Co. A, 54th Reg.

W. H. Bos, Co. B, 46th Reg.

M. M. Holschouer, Co. K, 4th Reg.

John Harkey, Co. B, 42d Reg.

C. A. Lutz, Co. C, 49th Reg.

M. L. Sigman, Co. A, 12th Reg.

C. C. Lutz, Co. C, 49th Reg.

J. A. Klutz, Co. K, 27th Reg.

Gen. N. Wyatt, Co. G, 27th Reg.

Daniel Harkey, Co. B, 42d Reg.

D. A. Sifford, Co. D, 10th Art.

Jonathan Rahou, Co. E, 42d Reg.

H. C. Blackwelder, Co. G, 42d Reg.

Macon Lemons, Co. E, 28th Reg.

F. F. Oakes, Co. G, 6th Reg.

A. A. Bessier, Co. B, Jun. R. S.

L. H. Rothrock, Co. G, 6th Reg.

R. L. Graham, Co. B, 4th Reg.

J. F. Cowan, Co. B, 4th Reg.

J. F. Heilig, Co. G, 6th Reg.

C. L. Brown, 10th Reg.; Rowan Artillery.

J. V. Fisher, Co. H, 8th Reg.

J. W. Wilson, Co. F, 42d Reg.

H. N. Woodson, 18th N. C. Bat.

10th Va. Cav.

A. F. Goodman, Co. C, 4th Reg.

R. W. Price, Co. B, 42d Reg.

P. M. Barringer, Co. B, 2nd J. Reserves.

S. C. Ketchie, Co. A, 42d Reg.

D. A. Ketchie, Co. C, 18th Reg.

W. A. Huffman, Co. H, 18th Reg.

Paul Peller, Co. C, 57th Reg.

W. C. Brincfield, Co. C, 3rd Reg.

F. M. Tarrh, Co. K, 8th Reg.

J. M. Eddleman, Co. C, 57th Reg.

J. L. Shulobarger, Co. C, 57th Reg.

Richard J. J. Co. A, Freeman's Battalion.

T. J. Lyerly, Co. B, 4th Reg.

Jerry Klutz, Co. B, 46th Reg.

James A. Reid, Co. C, 66th Reg.

F. M. Holschouer, Co. B, 46th Reg.

J. C. Menius, Co. A, 57th Reg.

R. F. Fleming, Co. F, 7th Reg.

OFFICIALS DISREGARD OATH.

Evidences of Violation of Law Where put in Force Against Public Sentiment.

The increasing number of arrests by the police for drunkenness and allied offenses against the peace and good order of the town forces the conviction upon one that there is need of a more effective enforcement of the law.

—Wilmington Star.

Here is a town upon which the abolition of saloons were forced by outside votes. The sentiment of the community was adverse to the law and therefore it is naturally and inevitably the case, the elective officials are lax in its enforcement.

When a newspaper publishes items like the above, tending to show that prohibition by general law does not prohibit, there is a disposition in some quarters to attribute the bearing of the statement to the friendliness of the newspapers to the saloons. But the testimony is too voluminous and covers too many widely separated localities to be dismissed so cavalierly. The reports from Georgia and Alabama tell the same story and those from Maine and Kansas, and the journalist who is seeking the truth cannot afford to ignore them.

In North Carolina it is not alone in the cities that conditions are alleged which go to establish the failure of general prohibitory statutes to suppress the sale of intoxicants or exterminate drunkenness, nor have we to rely on the statement of the public journals.

R. L. Davis, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League in our sister State, has recently issued an address in which he sees both the crying necessity that the citizenship should wake to the fact that the liquor laws are becoming dead letters and arouse itself to the task of banishing the "viciousness and the blind tiger" Mr. Davis verifies his view of the situation by citing letters he had received from persons friendly to the cause of prohibition in various parts of the State. —Norfolk Landmark.

Pitiful and Disgusting Case Before Shelby Mayor.

Shelby, Sept. 29.—A spectacle as unusual as it was disgusting presented itself before Shelby's mayoralty court yesterday, the principals to the stage setting being a drunken white woman with babe in arms and a heartless, indifferent husband. The couple passed through en route to the mountains bordering the county line separating Cleveland and Burke. The woman became boisterously drunk and was locked up for the night by the chief of police. Early in the morning, before the case could be heard by the mayor, the husband decamped leaving the wife to her fate. He was overtaken and brought back but expressed himself as being utterly indifferent as to any judgment that might be passed upon his unhappy spouse. He refused to pay a fine, go on her bond or do anything to relieve the situation. In utter despair the mayor finally suspended judgment and forced the husband to take his wife on with him. Such a case of total depravity has never before been witnessed here. —Special to Charlotte Observer.

M. N. Hall, Co. C, 1st Reg.

A. Parker, Co. B, Freeman's Battalion.

Adam Basinger, Co. B, Freeman's Battalion.

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S. J. Young, Co. F, 54th Reg.

J. V. Pethol, Co. A, 20th Reg.

T. Wiggins, Co. F, 1st Reg.

D. P. Walters, Co. C, 33rd Reg.

T. W. Burgess, Co. A, 6th Reg.

Ambrose Casper, Co. K, 4th Reg.

THE TELEPHONE MATTER.

Bell Company Claim They Offer the Local Company a Most Liberal Contract.

Having published, last week, an article from the Concord Times relative to the effort of the Southern Bell Telephone Co. to get into Concord we reproduce the article below, taken from The Times, on the same subject. As The Times says the Bell is making every effort possible to enter Concord and at the same time strenuously opposing the entry of the independent lines. It is strange people can not see an injustice except when they are the sufferer.

In issue of The Times of September 20 we made reference to a petition which was being circulated here asking the Concord Telephone Co. to make an arrangement with the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., to run its long distance toll lines into the switchboard of the local company here, thus enabling patrons of that line to talk to long distance points over their local phones.

What the editor of The Times said in that article was based on the proposed contract as submitted to the local company, and which, in our judgment, was unfair to them and favorable to the Bell Telephone Co., in every particular. Speaking of this contract we said:

"It is utterly unreasonable, and places our people at the mercy of the Bell. Under it all subscribers here are compelled to obey the rules of the Bell, and no local lines can be extended without permission of the Bell. All messages must go over the Bell lines, even between points connected with the Concord company, as Me. Pleasant and China Grove are. Besides, it is a stipulation that all new phones put in must be Bell phones or those approved by them."

We saw only the contract as originally proposed, as we stated, and as we understood it, all the provisions referred to were made. The district superintendent, of the Bell company, Mr. M. B. Spier, of Charlotte, advises us that there was submitted with the contract which we saw a letter modifying all of these provisions, giving the local company the entire field for five miles circumference, allowing it to use its own lines to Me. Pleasant and China Grove for the transmission of local messages, and allowing the purchase of phones wherever desired. Mr. Spier claims that he has offered a most reasonable contract and that he has made every concessive possible in order to have the connection made here with our long distance lines.

The Bell company also states that if this traffic arrangement is set up into it will take out all its telephones in Concord and take down its poles and lines that the Concord company will be under no obligation to purchase them unless it so elects.

We mention these matters in justice to the Bell company, as certainly under no circumstances would we willingly do this company an injustice.

On the other hand the Concord Telephone Co. claims that the letter accompanying the contract does not modify the contract in any important particular. The local management has heard from various sources that the Bell people would make certain concessions, but it claims that these have never been put into writing. The local company claims however, that even if all the concessions referred to were made, the arrangement would not be a desirable one for it, as the commission allowed on long distance business (15 per cent. on outgoing messages, not to exceed 20 cents, and 3 cents on each incoming message) would not justify them to handle it. Another operator would be required and a large amount of bookkeeping would be necessary. Based on the most liberal business here the amount received by the Concord company

Tidal Wave of Prosperity.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 22.—More than \$100,000,000 will be distributed among the people of Georgia alone during the next six months through the marketing of the cotton crops, according to the Southern Cotton Association, and one of the leading cotton men of the country.

"With spot cotton selling at 12 1/2 cents at interior points and cotton seed at \$19 ton," he declared, "the fall season is opening with a veritable tidal wave of prosperity which will increase the pulse of trade in all departments."

"The crop will be shortest in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi, while the production in all the eastern States will be under that of last year. Reports indicate a considerable portion of this crop was sold during the summer by growers and supply merchants for delivery in October and November and when these deliveries are made the original hedges sold against them will have to be bought in and this fact alone will tend to strengthen and maintain the market.

A \$15,000 Home Lost by Failure to Take Receipts.

On account of a clerical discrepancy in his books, and because of the lack of a formal receipt to show where the money has gone, W. N. Peoples, tax collector for District No. 8 of Mecklenburg, has made a deed of trust to his bonding company for all his property, about fifteen thousand. It is admitted the condition of the books and the lack of receipts for tax money paid out is purely in the nature of a clerical error, but still the county had no records to show how the money has been used, hence the necessity to make good the amount of the discrepancy, said to be several thousand dollars and probably much more.

could not be made to justify the extra expenditure necessary to conduct the business.

While the people of Concord would be glad indeed to have the advantage of the long distance connections of the Bell Telephone Co., certainly they would not want this to be secured at the expense of the Concord Telephone Co., or in a way which would be to the disadvantage of this company; and under no circumstances would they want an arrangement to be made which would not preserve the independence of the local company.

The Concord Telephone Co. and the independent lines at Statesville, High Point, Lexington and Thomasville are making, and have been making for some time, an earnest fight to enter Salisbury, which field is now exclusively controlled by the Bell. If they could be allowed to establish a switchboard in Salisbury, this would give these towns communication with each other by lines independent of the Bell. This, the Bell company is fighting with every energy possible, of course. It is stated that 90 per cent. of long distance messages is within 75 miles, and it can be seen that if this is true the connecting companies would be able to conduct all but 10 per cent. of the long distance business that is done over their own lines. This matter is appointed to come up before the board of aldermen of Salisbury to-night, and representatives from the Bell and the independent companies will appear before the board at that time. Messrs. L. D. Coltrane, M. B. Stickley, L. T. Hartsell and several others from Concord will go up this afternoon.

The Bed-Rock of Success.

lies in a keen, clear brain, backed by indomitable will and resistless energy. Such power comes from the splendid health that Dr. King's New Life Pills impart. They vitalize every organ and build up brain and body. J. A. Harmon, Lizamore, W. Va., writes: "They are the best pills I ever used." 25c. at all drug stores.

COST OF LIVING CLIMBS.

But Most Trust Prices Are Said to Be Left Far Behind.

The cost of living, which has been increasing so rapidly for most of the last thirteen years is again advancing from the slightly lower levels brought by the depression of 1908. All through the past summer the prices of the necessities of life have been slowly advancing, reaching on August 1 the highest figure reported for that date since one in 1907.

The average cost of supplies practically every household must buy has increased over 49 per cent., since 1896, but the Review of Reviewer remarks that it is "rather interesting" to note in the Bradstreet statistics that the commodities controlled by the trusts has generally shown a smaller increase in price than the average.

The Bradstreet agency has selected 106 articles of domestic consumption and has kept a careful record of their prices month by month for seventeen years. The highest point ever reached was in March 1907, after which came the moderated slump caused by the financial disturbances of that year. We are now marching steadily back towards this high record and the August figures are only 6.8 per cent. below it.

Some of the individual cases of increased cost are much more impressive than the average. Rubber has advanced from 81 cents a pound in 1896 to \$1.98 a pound, now; pork from \$8.25 a barrel to \$21.75; eggs from 12 1/2 cents a dozen to 28 cents; mutton from 5 1/2 cents; corn from 34 cents a bushel to 80 cents; wheat from 94 cents a bushel to \$1.20, and so forth. The figures given are wholesale prices and as a rule the advance to the ultimate consumer has been decidedly greater. —New York Sun.

A Woman Congressman.

Out in Colorado there is in progress a lively political battle, one that is making the atmosphere sizzle, even at this early date.

The fight is over who is going to represent the State in Congress from among the many bright women politicians in both the Republican and Democratic parties.

For there seems to be no doubt that there will be a "lady Congressman" from Colorado next time. This is now practically conceded by the wise men of both parties.

Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, a Democrat, is suggested as one who might win the honor. Congressman Rucker is known to have announced that he is ready and willing to step down and out to make room for Mrs. Decker whenever called upon to do so. It is understood that the Democratic party of the State is perfectly satisfied to have Mrs. Decker succeed Mr. Rucker, and whether it is or not will make no difference to Mrs. Decker, for she will more than likely enter the race. She is conceded to be a brilliant woman, well versed in parliamentary usages, posted to a degree on economic and political questions, and an orator of considerable note—all combining to equip her for the duties of "congressman." With her are all the Democratic suffragists in Colorado.—Anderson Mail.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHEMNEY & Co., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hal's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Apples Carefully Packed Brings Fancy Prices.

Mr. S. E. Dula returned Wednesday from a trip South in the interest of his apple trade and is now busy shipping his fruit to fill orders taken. By careful gathering, grading and packing, he is getting \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel for his apples while other growers are getting 40 and 50 cts. per bushel. This shows what cultivating, spraying, and proper gathering and handling will do for the apple business in this part of the country. As before stated Mr. Dula is grading and handling his apples carefully and packing them in small paper-lined boxes of standard size, which is another taking feature in the business. The nice boxes present a far more attractive appearance than the old rough crates. —Lenoir News.

Murder in Union County.

Monroe, Sept. 28.—Ben Lingle, a young white man, was killed with a shotgun by his brother-in-law, Lonnie Rushing, last night on the road near his home, about three miles east of Wingate. The two men lived with Lingle's father and had been drinking and quarreling during the day. Early in the evening Rushing left the house and went to a neighbor's from whom he borrowed the shotgun. He returned at night, met Lingle on the road and shot him in the head killing him instantly.

Sheriff Griffith, notified by telephone at 2 o'clock this morning, drove to the scene of the crime, but Rushing had escaped and his present whereabouts is unknown. —Special to Charlotte Observer.

Failed to Make Flight.

New York, Sept. 29.—The dirigibles manned by Capt. Thomas Baldwin and George Tomlinson failed to make the flight to Albany this afternoon for the \$10,000 prize.

After flying for fifty minutes Captain Baldwin's engine failed and the balloon fell into the Hudson river and had to be towed ashore. Tomlinson's oil tanks leaked and he descended near White Plains. He had been flying for two hours. This evening Wilbur Wright made three circuits of Governor's Island.

When Trees Blow Up.