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It is strange and surprising how so many utterly untrue rumors are circulated and given credence. The latest instance is the statement, published in many papers, that Gen. Joe Wheeler was snubbed and slighted at the recent reunion at New Orleans because he wore the blue uniform of a Federal general.

This statement is untrue in two particulars. In the first place General Wheeler did not wear a uniform of any kind at New Orleans and in the second place he was not slighted or snubbed.

He wore civilian's clothes all the time he was at New Orleans, just as did the other two Confederate Lieutenant Generals who were there, A. P. Stewart and Stephen D. Lee. He was neatly dressed in a Prince Albert coat and walked as rapidly as a young man. He was also greeted and cheered with enthusiasm wherever he appeared, and no Confederate received a warmer welcome or a grander ovation than he did. We happened to walk with him into the auditorium, when he first entered that vast building in which the reunion was held, and as soon as he was seen wild cheers greeted him and the regular order of exercises was suspended in order that he might be escorted to the stage and respond to the calls made on him for a speech.

Several of the speakers alluded to him in most complimentary terms and boasted that to him was chiefly due our victory at Santiago, because he insisted on holding our advanced line after the first day's fight when other generals advised a withdrawal.

In a conversation with Gen. Wheeler we mentioned that "Wheeler's cavalry" was not very pleasantly remembered by some of our people, and he very promptly replied that bands of robbers and marauders falsely pretended to belong to his command and thus brought discredit to his cavalry, who were not responsible for their lawless deeds.

It is amusing as well as decidedly "cheeky" for Republican papers and speakers in North Carolina to be posing as the champions of the poor white men and trying to prejudice them against the Democratic party. This comes with a bad grace from a party that has done its utmost to put and keep poor white men on an equality with ignorant negroes. Now, that the ignorant negroes can no longer vote, the Republican leaders are trying to supply their places with poor white men. The Republican party no longer has the solid vote of over one hundred thousand negroes in this State, and is trying to fill their places with poor white men. This desperate effort is an insult to the poor white men of North Carolina.

In this effort the Republican papers and leaders are resorting to all the arts and tricks of unprincipled demagogues. In the first place they vehemently asserted in the campaign of 1900 that the suffrage amendment, if adopted, would be declared unconstitutional and would disfranchise illiterate white men equally with illiterate negroes. Both of these assertions have proved false. The suffrage amendment has not been declared unconstitutional and no intelligent man thinks it will be. The decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Alabama case has effectually disposed of that "bugaboo." And it is this decision that has made the Republicans more desperate in their efforts to get poor white men to take the places of their disfranchised negro voters.

The white men, whom the Republicans are now trying to prejudice against the Democratic party, ought to remember that it was the latter party that made the distinction between illiterate white men and illiterate negroes, while the Republicans tried to put and keep them on an equality.

The annual season for listing taxables has again arrived, and property this month is worth much less, at least in the estimation of the owners, than at any other time. All values will suddenly shrink. For instance, a horse that has heretofore been valued by its owner at $100 is now valued at about $50 or less. Some men even go so far in their eagerness to escape taxation as to give temporarily to their wives money and other property on the first day of June.

Why is this? Why do honest men and members of churches resort to all sorts of tricks and subterfuges in order to evade taxation? All men ought to be willing to pay their just taxes, for there is no money better invested than taxes paid for good government. And all men who pay their taxes are interested in making every body else pay his share. A certain amount of taxes must be raised and it should be paid by all in proportion to the true value of their property. There is a wide difference between a valuation of his property when he insures it and when he lists it for taxation.

The District of Columbia.

In 1874 Congress abolished the territorial form of government and provided for temporary government of the District by a commission, which, cooperating with Congress and the citizens of the District, produced the Act of June, 1878, called by the Supreme Court of the United States the Constitution of the District of Columbia [illegible]

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Murder in a Box Car.

[illegible]

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, May 29 [illegible]

The most sensational political development of the summer has taken place during the past week [illegible]

[illegible]

Tornado Wrecks Georgia Town.

Gainesville, Ga., June 2. Shortly after the noon hour to-day this city was struck by a terrific tornado, killing probably 100 persons, [illegible]

[illegible]

Negro Man Tackles Burglar.

Salisbury, N. C., June 1. [illegible]

[illegible]

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