

LEE'S OLD GRAY NAG.

Traveler, His Good War Horse, Came of Good Western Virginia Stock, Baltimore Sun.

General Lee's favorite war horse, Traveler, was almost as well known to the soldiers of the Army of Northern Virginia as the majestic form of the great commander himself.

In 1886 Thomas L. Brown wrote the following article for the Richmond Dispatch, which was published August 10.

"He (Traveler) was raised by Mr. Johnson, near the Blue Sulphur Springs, in Greenbrier county, Va., (now West Virginia); was one of the Gray Eagle stock, and as a colt, took the first premium under the name of Jeff Davis at the Lewisburg fair for each of the years of 1859 and 1860.

"When the 'Wise Legion' was encamped on Sewell mountain opposing the advance of the Federal army under General Rosecrans in the fall of 1861, I was major to the Third Regiment of Infantry in that region, and my brother, Capt. Joseph M. Brown, was quartermaster to the same regiment.

"I purchased him for \$175 (gold value), in the fall of 1861, of Capt. James W. Johnston, son of Mr. Johnston first mentioned. When the Wise Legion was encamped about Meadow Bluff and Big Sewell Mountain I rode this horse, which was then greatly admired in camp for his rapid springy walk, his high spirit, bold carriage and muscular strength.

"As the winter approached, the climate in the Western Virginia mountains caused Rosecrans' army to abandon its position on Big Sewell and retreat westward. General Lee was thereupon ordered to South Carolina. The Third Regiment of the Wise Legion was subsequently detached from the army in Western Virginia and ordered to the South Carolina coast, where it was known as the sixteenth Virginia Regiment, under Col. Starke.

"Upon seeing my brother on his horse, near Pocataligo, in South Carolina, Gen. Lee at once recognized the horse and again inquired of him pleasantly about his colt. My brother then offered him the horse as a gift, which the general promptly declined, and at the same time remarked: 'If you will willingly sell me the horse, I will gladly use it for a week or so to learn its qualities.'

"Thereupon my brother had the horse sent to Gen. Lee's stable. General Lee returned the horse, stating that the animal suited him, but that he could no longer use so valuable a horse in such times, unless it were his own; that if he (my brother) would not sell, please to keep the horse with many thanks. This was in February, 1862. At that time I was in Virginia on the sick list from a long and severe attack of camp fever, contracted on Big Sewell Mountain. My brother wrote to me of Gen. Lee's desire to have the horse, and asked me what he should do. I replied at once, 'If he will not accept it, then sell it to him at what it cost me.' He then sold the horse to Gen. Lee for \$200 in currency, the sum of

\$250 having been added by Gen. Lee to the price I gave for the horse in September, 1861, to make up for the depreciation in our currency from September, 1861, to February, 1862.

"In 1868 Gen. Lee wrote to my brother stating that the horse had survived the war—was known as Traveler (spelling the word with a double 'l' in good English style), and asking for his pedigree, which was obtained as above mentioned and sent by my brother to Gen. Lee.

Capt. Robert E. Lee Jr., youngest son of the general, in his 'Recollections and Letters of Gen. Robert E. Lee,' has much to say of Traveler. To an artist who wanted to paint the horse, Gen. Lee wrote:

"If I were an artist like you I would draw a true picture of Traveler, representing his fine proportions, muscular figure, deep chest and short back, strong haunches, flat legs, small head, broad forehead, delicate ears, quick eye, small feet, and black mane and tail. Such a picture would inspire a poet whose genius could then depict his worth and describe his endurance of toil, hunger, thirst, heat, cold, and the dangers and sufferings through which he passed. He could dilate upon his sagacity and affection and his invariable response to every wish of his rider. He might even imagine his thoughts through the long night marches and days of battle through which he has passed. But I am no artist; I can only say he is a Confederate gray."

The Legislature.

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Bills were introduced in the house: by Murphy, giving railway conductors authority to make arrests, by Neil, giving the Soldiers' Home protection from fire, by Laughlinhouse, to create shellfish commission; by Kitchin, to amend section 3351, of the Revised so as to extend it to all persons standing in the place of a parent; by Dilling, requiring attendance on the public schools, at least sixteen weeks each year, of children between the ages of 8 and 14.

This bill is very important, and is recommended by the Senate and House committees on education after a long and careful consideration. It carries out the views of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Labor Commissioner, the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly and other educational organizations. It gives county boards of education power to order compulsory attendance on any school or schools upon petition by a majority of votes or an election upon petition, or the board may order it whenever it is found the enrollment in any school or district for the preceding school year has been less than 60 per cent, or the average daily attendance has been less than 35 per cent, of the school census, this power of compulsory attendance is vested in the board without petition or election. Parents or persons having control of children over eight and under 14, must cause them to attend the public schools for 16 weeks in a year unless they have received regular instruction up to that time elsewhere.

Children over 12 will not be subject to this requirement when lawfully employed at labor, at home or elsewhere. Violation of this is a misdemeanor, punishable by fine not over \$5 or over \$25, as is also the employment of a child under 12, unless the child shall have attended school 16 weeks.

Winbourne introduced a bill extending the operation of the grandfather clause to 1918.

Bills passed to allow Johnson county owners of vineyards and orchards to own and make wine and cider; to add Davidson to the anti-jug law.

The House took up Justice's bill increasing the powers of the attorney general so he can investigate all trusts and violations of laws by corporations. The solicitors to aid him, their salaries to be \$2,500.00. He read letters from 9 solicitors, all favoring the bill, and said the committee unanimously favored it and the general sentiment was for it. Efforts to refer and to amend were voted down.

roduced to greatly broaden the law regarding public drunkenness; by Odell, to limit poll-tax; by Wood, to prevent corporations from holding more than 300 acres of land in this State; by Holt, to define trusts and punish those engaged in them; To require high schools and colleges having over 500 rooming pupils to have night watchmen; To facilitate freight shipments.

The bill passed giving magistrates jurisdiction over cruelty to animals. Also the bill requiring both parties to land entries to give bonds when protest is filed; To give flame companies right of eminent domain over a strip 16 feet wide, making such companies common carriers under the Corporation Commission.

MAY LIVE 100 YEARS.

The chances for living a full century are equal in the case of Mrs. Jennie Duncan, of Haynesville, Me., now 70 years old. She writes: "Electric Bitters cured me of Chronic Dyspepsia of 20 years standing, and made me feel as well and strong as a young girl." Electric Bitters cure Stomach and Liver diseases, Blood Disorders, General Debility and bodily weakness. Sold on a guarantee at T. R. Abernethy's drug store. Price only 50c.

Minimum Price For Cotton.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 23.—The National Farmers' Union in its second day of the annual convention here to-day, adopted a number of important resolutions. Among these was one that the union should establish a minimum price for the cotton crop of the present year at its meeting next fall, and that by its system of warehousing it should maintain such price.

The diversification of crops was the subject of a resolution, which called upon the farmers of the country to increase the variety of their crops and more largely to raise supplies for home consumption. It was urged that farmers raise something which shall find a ready local sale each month of the year.

The Farmers' Union Press Association, organized at Texarkana, Tex., last September, held its annual meeting to-day. Only routine business was considered. The convention will continue through Thursday.

OLD PEOPLE



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Rough on The Kirk Rats.

It was a young Scot's first sermon after he received his license, and unfortunately he became very nervous, lost control of his voice, and spoke very loudly indeed. Nearly all his friends went to hear him preach; but one who was unable to attend inquired at the first opportunity as to how he got on.

"I'll tell ye one thing," was the candid reply, "it's many a day since the rats in Boulton Kirk got such a fright!"

"Yes, dear, I was married last month, I'd like you to call on me and see the pretty little flat I have." "I've seen him, my dear!"—Life.

The Cheerful Man.

What a boon he is in everybody's life! Like a bright sunrise and a gentle south wind, coming together on a winter morning, he is to all who cross his path. He brushes cheerily along, knocking grief and disappointment out of his path, and leaving it fringed with wild flowers. Such a man is worth a great deal to the world, more than all his money, his wisdom or his ambitious schemes. People feel a sort of pleasure just seeing him come down the street, and when they meet him there is not a cloud in sight. Such men are a blessing to a town. They make one feel that the town is growing, is getting more beautiful, more than a place just to eat and sleep and make a living in. Sometimes one doesn't meet such men, and then he feels that the town is degenerating, that things are going wrong, and he goes home and meets his wife's smile with a feeling of suspicion. A cheerful man doesn't realize the amount of good he is doing in the world. But it is his nature, and he cannot help it. Heaven has picked him out as one of its angels, and he is faithful to his mission. Every day some fellow has been made happy by his pleasant smile and genial "Good morning," and if one has a bit of business with him it passes very much like an exchange of compliments.

BEATS THE MUSIC URE.

"To keep the body in tune," writes Mrs. Mary Brown, 20 Lafayette Place, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. "I take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are the most reliable and I have found them the best for the stomach, liver and bowels. Guaranteed by T. R. Abernethy, Drug, dist. 25.

When Japan builds a few more cotton mills she will be as reluctant to go to war with the United States as Great Britain is.—Atlanta Journal.

John Wilkes Booth's Corpse.

It is not enough that Henry Berry Lowry should turn up alive periodically in Mexico, that Marshal Ney should be discovered teaching school in the Carolina backwoods and that the sea serpent should occasionally appear. John Wilkes Booth is added to the list.

Mr. P. D. Hinson, of Lincolnton dropped into the Observer office last night with the following story fresh from Oklahoma: A man by name of David E. George lived out there until January 13, 1902, in which date he killed himself with arsenic. An undertaker duly embalmed the body, which is still subject to inspection. People who knew Booth profess to see a resemblance.

One F. L. Bates, a lawyer, who appeared for said George, alias Booth, in some trouble he had at Enid, came out in an interview soon after the suicide, in which he said that George had confessed to him at sundry times his identity with Lincoln's assassin. To be the case, novelist.

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Convict Labor for the Canal.

Harry Stillwell Edwards has proposed to his friend, President Roosevelt, a possible solution of the labor problem as it affects the Panama canal.

Mr. Edwards makes the suggestion that convict labor be used in the construction of the waterway. He urges the president to put it up to congress to enact such legislation as will give the various states authority to lease out their felons to the Panama contractors.

Mr. Edwards' idea is that a great many of the negro convicts of the south could be utilized at this work. He points out that the southern states would gain a revenue from these convicts, while the canal work was going on, equal to that which is now gained, and at the same time they would not compete with free labor during this period.

The legality of a state leasing her convicts, to be used beyond the borders of the commonwealth in any sort of work, is very doubtful. There would probably have to be federal legislation before Mr. Edwards' scheme could go into effect.

County Assessor Waylaid.

J. W. Coulter, of Leslie, S. D., Assessor of Stanley county, relates the following: "I was waylaid by a complication of throat and lung troubles, bronchitis, asthma and a terrible cough, which had affected me for years, when I was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery. Relief came almost immediately, and in a short time a permanent cure resulted." No other medicine compares with it as a safe and quick cure for coughs and colds. It cures after all other remedies have failed. Every bottle guaranteed at T. R. Abernethy's drug store. Price 50c. Trial bottle free.

Blackburn May Go West.

John Crouch left to-day for Greensboro with the books of the Tar Heel company. Representative Blackburn has talked of buying the property when it is sold by the receiver, but it is now believed he will go to Arizona or New Mexico, where his father-in-law has mining interests, at the expiration of his term.

Congressman Blackburn has become involved in a lawsuit with the manager of the Highland apartment house where the North Carolina member and his family has spent the winter. The apartment house people claim that Blackburn owes them a considerable account, but Blackburn, it is said, claims that the management of the house is trying to collect more than due.

The shah of Persia left 800 widows. It falls to the lot of few men to infuse so much new life into society.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Capt. R. C. G. Love Dead.

Gaston, Jan. 23.—A Telegram to relatives here to-day conveyed the unexpected and distressing news of the sudden death of Capt. R. C. G. Love, of this county, this at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. S. Tait, at Brunswick Ga. Death was due to heart failure.

Capt. and Mrs. Love left Gastonia for Brunswick last Friday to spend the winter with their daughter. He has been in perfect health and the news of his death comes as a great shock to this city. The remains will probably be brought here Friday, when the interment will be made.

Capt. Love was one of the leading and most influential citizens of Gaston county. He was the pioneer cotton mill man of this city, having established its first mill, the Gaston Manufacturing Company. He was a stockholder in this mill and the Ayon Mill at the time of his death. He retired from active business duties several years ago. He was 64 years old.

Surviving are his widow, seven sons and two daughters, the following names: Messrs. Edgar Love, of Lincolnton, J. Lee Love, of Harvard University; J. F. Love, R. A. Love, of Gastonia, and A. J. Love of Willis Point, Tex., and Mr. C. S. Faith, of Brunswick, Ga., and Mrs. W. W. Glenn, of Gastonia.

Whisky and work fell out ages ago when work found whisky to be a liar. Noah drank of the wine because it sold him, it would help him in his work, it laid him in his tent instead. Since then the two have been incompatible, although whisky still tells the same old lie that it can help work.—Detroit News.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

The only way to make the furnace burn seems to be to have the weather get warm.

You can always tell a girl that in love with a man by the way she pretends to be fond of his relatives.

If a burglar has to come, a woman would like to have her best clothes around the room, where they would appear to her credit. It would never seem a real bargain to a woman unless she had to get her clothes ripped off fighting through a crowd to buy it.

What a man enjoys most about having his wife away on a visit is the way he doesn't have to wear overshoes because you can't trust the Weather Bureau.

That's the house the Doctor built, the best house you see; Thank goodness he don't get our money, for we take Hollister's Rocky Mountain tea, T. R. Abernethy.

Pointed Paragraphs

Don't be too sure of the man who boasts of being sure of himself.

No man ever asks a truthful woman what she thinks of him more than once. A man will remember the kites he failed to get long after the others are forgotten.

And people who stand up for their rights usually want to sit on the rights of others. Indigestion is often caused by woman's in humanity to man.

Every time some people accept a favor they look for the price mark.

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