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TRUE HEROISM.

A Doubly-Crippled Ex-Confederate Soldier Struggles to Sustain Himself and Family.

Since the excitement caused by our late political contest has subsided and we have all returned to our usual vocations and pursuits in life, as none but free men and American citizens can realize, I would respectfully draw the attention of the kindly disposed to a most worthy object for their consideration.

We have in the city of Asheville a mutilated Confederate soldier, who was born in Henderson county, in this State. He enlisted in the South Carolina artillery when seventeen years old, and was engaged in the defence at Fort Sumpter. When the time of his enlistment expired he joined the Seventh Georgia Cavalry and lost his leg in the charge at the Battle of Trevilian, Va.; a few years later he lost his right arm in a railroad collision in Georgia.

He is a married man with a wife and three small children. Five years ago the hand of Divine Providence was pleased to bereave him of his eldest child, a boy of 14 years, upon whom his hopes were centered to lighten his load in his fight for bread and raiment. This sad blow did not unnerve or dismay this brave and resolute soldier.

For twenty-five years he has made a scanty living for his family by cutting wood in winter, and in summer has to trust to luck for employment, as there are few modes of labor that he can engage in with his left arm.

This three-quartered man in statue, but more than average in nobility of character, has never asked one cent in charity from his fellow citizens. He would scorn to be classed as a mendicant.

His pluck, energy and desire to sustain his family in his mutilated condition by his individual efforts, together with his cheerfulness and independence of character, challenges not only the admiration of his own people but those of the civilized world. His bridle hand which guided his steed to the attack, from use is as hard as his former charger's hoof; his sword arm which wielded his sharp and glittering blade serves him no longer.

My object in making an appeal for this bereaved and worthy man is, to raise a moderate sum, not as charity but a free will offering of a generous people, to one worthy of their esteem, so that we could lighten his burden by providing means to place him in some small business suited to his intelligence and condition.

We will help him, and we know the good people of Asheville will lend a hand in this laudable work.

If this article should meet the eye of those who opposed him in arms, they would cheerfully respond to the appeal to relieve a brave and good soldier.

Mr. Kerr, of the Citizen, and Mr. Donohue, of the Evening Journal, kindly offer to receive contributions, and the writer would be more than pleased to act in a similar capacity.

If all realized that what we have in the good things of life in this world are loaned us to supply our wants and pleasures, together with improving the condition of our fellow man, the world would be much happier.

When the last drama is played and the curtain of life falls, rich and poor, high and low, king, prince and potentate all stand on the same broad plain, and each is being held accountable for his own stewardship.

Thanking you, Messrs. Editors, for the space you so kindly accord,
I remain yours very truly,
C. J. McCAPRE.
Asheville, May 18, 1891.

An Important Railway System.

The South, that excellent friend of Southern progress in New York city, has this to say of an important railway system, which will be of great benefit to Asheville and Western Carolina:

"The Carolina, Greenville and Northern Railroad, which is to extend from Hot Springs, where it is to make connection with the Western North Carolina division of the Richmond and Danville Railroad, runs nearly due north and crosses the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railway at Greenville, thence to Kingsport, or a point near there on the Tennessee river, where it will make a connection with the Norfolk and Western Railroad. The distance is about sixty miles and will make direct connection via the Western North Carolina, Carolina, Greenville and Southern, and the Norfolk and Western for Norfolk, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and intermediate points. It will also connect with the Pocahontas, which is the best coaling coal field in the country. This coal will be supplied to an extensive district, from Hot Springs to Charleston, S. C. The iron ore region tributary to this road is said to surpass in richness and vastness any iron section in the Southern States.

"Another line, which is also now being surveyed and which may form a part of the same system, is the Unaka and Nola Chucky Railroad, which will connect at Morristown with the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis, crossing the Carolina, Greenville and Southern about twenty miles northeast of Morristown, thence running about thirty miles north, connecting with the Three C's at Erwin. The length of this road is about fifty miles. It traverses a beautiful and fertile valley. At one hand are fine tobacco lands, while at the other are high mountains containing vast stores of iron ore. These mountains are clothed with magnificent timber, cutting in many instances 40,000 feet to the acre. The completion of these two railroad lines is fraught with the largest local benefits, while the links they form in extensive systems invest them with great public interest."

In addition to the above we will call the attention of the South to another most important line now projected. It is the Hot Springs, Webster and Savannah Railroad, to run from Hot Springs through Haywood and Jackson (via Webster) to Savannah, Georgia, thus opening one of the richest sections in mineral, timber and agricultural resources in the South.

No Limit to Asheville's Energy.

The Baltimore Manufacturers' Record says:

"Asheville, N. C., seems to know no limit to its energy and enterprise. The work that it has already done in municipal improvements, such as sewerage, in which it has taken the lead; water works, paving, etc., has only stimulated its people to still greater progress. Last week the citizens voted half a million dollars for additional improvements, thus setting a wise example for all other Southern towns that need sewerage, water works, good streets, etc. These are improvements that always add to the progress and prosperity of a place."

And we can add for the information of our friends of the Record that since the election there has been more enquiry of and investment in property in and near the city than ever before. The progress and prosperity of Asheville are now assured.

Two cases of small-pox have developed at Knoxville. As neither patient has been near a case, physicians are puzzled to know how it appeared.

DECORATION DAY.

The G. A. R. and the Rough and Readies Will Unite.

The following correspondence explains itself, in reference to the observance of national Decoration day, by the Marion Roberts post, G. A. R., on May 30.

Hqrs. MARION ROBERTS POST, No. 41,
Department of Va., G. A. R.,
ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 18, 1891.

SPECIAL ORDERS NO. 3.
Capt. James M. Gudger, Commanding Rough and Ready Guards:

Sir:—It is with pleasure that we as members of the Grand Army of the Republic in a spirit of fraternity, charity and loyalty specially request your command to be with this post on the 30th inst. (national decoration day) to perform the sad rites of decorating the graves of all our fallen comrades.

It is not expected that a word will be said, or an act done, that will wound the feelings of those who wore the blue or gray. All in a spirit of fraternity and charity. By order.

J. A. WAGNER,
Commanding Post.

Official:

W. H. DEAYER, Adjutant Post.

In reply to this communication Capt. Gudger has issued the following:

ATTENTION ROUGH AND READY GUARDS.

A cordial invitation having been tendered to this command by the Marion Roberts Post Grand Army of the Republic, to be present on the 30th instant, and join with them in Asheville in decorating the graves of our deceased comrades;

Therefore, you are hereby commanded, (as many as possibly can) to be present to aid in the performance of this sad duty.

J. M. GUDGER,
Capt. Commanding.

The City Hall Again.

The views of THE DEMOCRAT last week in opposition to the plan of the proposed City Hall, have been endorsed by all citizens who have mentioned the matter to us.

We repeat: If a market house is to be erected, then necessarily there should be good streets around the entire building. The idea that a market house for all this population should be closed in on two sides, open only on two, and in a basement, under a horse stable [the fire department], surrounded by other offensive institutions, is a discredit to the city.

Again: The fire department should be elsewhere. As before stated, the square is necessarily more or less crowded every day, and when the fire alarm is sounded, not only is delay caused the department in getting out, but absolute danger to people and vehicles threatened. Should the city be called upon to pay damages for some person killed, it would result in more cost than would the purchase of another site and erection thereon of suitable buildings for a fire department.

It will be but a short while before the city will be compelled to have buildings for fire departments in several sections of the city. It would be wise to select and purchase such sites before property gets higher, as it will surely rapidly do.

But, if the fire department is to be continued in the City Hall, then the horses certainly should not be kept over the market house, for obvious reasons. Another argument against the market house in the basement of the City Hall—the basement will really be needed for a calaboose and other necessary arrangements for the building.

Ground is just being broken for the building, and now is the time to make such alterations as are suggested, both by reason and public interests. We again urge our city authorities to consider these objections, for they reflect the sentiments, as we know, of very many of our people.

The New City Government.

Owing to the continued illness of Mayor Blanton the oath of office for his new term was administered to him in his rooms at Battery Park on Monday by Esq. A. F. Summey. Immediately after the Mayor administered the oath to Aldermen elect John D. Brevard, W. T. Reynolds, T. C. Starnes, Messrs. C. B. Leonard and J. Hamp McDowell, Aldermen whose terms have not yet expired, were also present. Alderman J. M. Gudger, being confined to his room with the grippe, was visited by Esq. Summey and sworn in.

The new board elected Alderman Gudger Mayor pro tem. to serve in the absence of the Mayor; but as he is now confined to his room, Esq. Summey was appointed to act during his or Mr. Blanton's absence.

The new board will hold its first regular meeting on Friday morning next. Composed as it is of progressive, intelligent citizens, our people have every reason to expect, and we are sure will not be disappointed, a vigorous and an able administration of city affairs, such as will advance it far upon the high road to prosperity and growth.

Messrs. W. E. Wolfe, R. L. Fitzpatrick and F. M. Miller, who have just retired from the board, have, with their associates, Messrs. McDowell and Leonard, and Mr. Pulliam one year, given our city a good and a clean administration. The administration the past two years has been honest and faithful, doing all that means at command would permit for the permanent betterment of our city. The new administration will continue their good efforts, enjoying, however, larger and more liberal facilities.

The re-election of Mayor Blanton by a largely increased majority is the best evidence of his conscientious and progressive conduct of affairs the past two years.

Large opportunities have been conferred upon the incoming administration for doing great and good work for Asheville. We believe they will come to the full measure of these opportunities. If so, Asheville will, within two or three years, be the most attractive and prosperous city in North Carolina, if not the South.

Let every citizen work in harmony with the Mayor and Aldermen to this good end.

"Asheville is 'The Hustler.'"

The Asheville correspondent of the Raleigh Chronicle writes:

"ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 14.—North Carolina has a City of Oaks, a City of Elms and many other cities with names appropriate to these thriving towns, but perhaps no town has as many characteristic names as Asheville. But she has thrown aside these sobriquets, such as 'The Western Metropolis,' 'The Queen City of the West,' 'The Capital of the State of Buncombe,' 'The City of Mud,' and by her conduct, on the 4th of May, by voting \$640,000 for city improvements, she won the name of 'The Hustler.' From this on she will be known as 'The Hustler,' and there is no better hustler or more energetic town in this State or any other State.

"How about \$60,000 for a tennis court? As strange as it may seem, this is what George Vanderbilt is paying for a tennis court he is having made on his estate near his million and a half palace. But he can afford it. It will not be any more money out of his pocket than a tennis racket would cost an ordinary man. I hope he is a good player; if not, I would hate to beat him on his own ground. He will doubtless ask some of us out to play with him. We all hope so anyhow."

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