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TRANSYLVANIA VETERANS ENJOYED ANNUAL RE-UNION LAST THURSDAY

Twelve Hundred People Joined With Old Veterans in Celebrating Day at Davidson River—Great Speech Delivered by R. R. Williams.

Twelve hundred people or more, old veterans, their families and their friends, gathered Thursday of last week on the grounds at Davidson river for the annual re-union of Transylvania county camp United Confederate Veterans. The day was a beautiful one, and was enjoyed to the utmost by the throngs present.

There were two special features of the day, one the splendid address delivered by Mr. Robert R. Williams of Asheville, and the other the awarding of Crosses of Honor to the veterans of the county by the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

The crowds began gathering on the grounds early in the morning until by the time the gathering was called to order by the commandant of the local camp, Mr. J. M. Hamlin, the grove was filled with people. Two selections were well rendered by the Brevard cornet band, and the audience united in singing "Home, Sweet Home," after which prayer was offered by the chaplain of the camp. Then came the roll call, three failing to answer, these being Mr. J. J. Shipman, Mr. M. J. Neely and Mr. B. F. Kirkpatrick, three members of the camp who during the past year have answered the last roll call. Again the band played, and the audience feelingly sang "When the Roll is Called." Major W. E. Breese presented the report of the committee on resolutions upon the departed members, the report being unanimously adopted.

Introduced as the grand-son of one Confederate general and the grand-nephew of another Mr. Robert R. Williams of Asheville was fittingly presented to the audience as the speaker of the occasion by Commandant Hamlin.

For about an hour Mr. Williams spoke, holding the close attention of the vast crowd as he eloquently paid honor to the men who for their principles had fought for four hard years of almost constant conflict, and who following the close of the war returned to fields of desolation and deserted homes to again build up the land they loved. A more eloquent address has seldom been heard in this county. Mr. Williams is an orator of ability, one with fine presence on the platform, and one who has a voice of great carrying power in the open air. The people throughout the audience could hear him all the time, and his remarks were followed with the closest attention, and frequently interrupted with applause.

Briefly the speaker reviewed the underlying causes of the great conflict between the states, causes which had begun with the very beginning of the nation itself, and which no earthly power could have avoided. And then he sketched the years of the conflict itself when on hundreds of battlefields the ground was stained crimson with the life-blood of men dying for a cause which they believed right and when in more hospitals lives went out in pain and suffering, victims of wounds and disease for which in many cases even the simplest medical reliefs could not be obtained. A glowing tribute was paid the gallantry of the men behind the guns who followed the great leaders of the war into the very jaws of death, and often snatched victory from seeming defeat by their very audacity. To the veterans after the war who came home and with nothing again began the building of a desolate section until now it is beginning again to lead the nation a higher tribute was paid. In closing the fact that the whole country is now united more solidly than

ever before was touched upon, and the thought of the younger generation turned to the heroes of the past, and to the greater heroines who endured suffering and hardship at home to supply the wants of the soldiers in the field, these types being held up as the greatest ideals in all history, the type of courage and devotion to those things believed to be right.

Following the address dinner was served, the crowd breaking into groups, friends gathering with friends around well filled baskets for a real picnic feast. There was enough for all and then lots left over, and only those who were present to partake can tell how very good it all was.

After dinner came the most impressive ceremony of the day when, after music by the band, Crosses of Honor were presented to forty-seven of the veterans by the Daughters of the Confederacy. The name and record of each was read aloud by the president of the chapter, Miss Annie Gash, and as each name was called the veteran stepped forward and the fair hands of some of the daughters pinned the much prized cross upon his coat.

A short address by Comrade Pickens of Hendersonville and a solo, "Transylvania Hills," by Mr. M. J. Orr closed the formal program. It was still early in the afternoon, and for several hours many lingered, old friends talking over old times, and making the occasion a re-union in fact as well as in name.

The following are names of those receiving Crosses of Honor. In cases where the veteran to whom the cross had been awarded had died the cross was presented to either the widow or the oldest child. J. B. Allison, J. L. Allison, L. W. Allison, Morris Allison, W. R. Allison, J. M. Blythe, L. W. Brooks, L. B. Clayton, T. D. Clayton, W. H. Davis, E. R. Deaver, W. S. Deaver, D. H. England, S. A. England, John B. Galloway, J. Norton, J. M. Glazener, W. C. Hamilton, J. M. Hamlin, E. T. Henning, Jos. Holden, R. A. Jacobs, W. H. Johnston, J. E. Mackey, D. D. McNeely, J. A. Miller, J. W. Morris, R. D. Neely, Chas. E. Neill, M. J. Orr, M. L. Orr, C. L. Osborne, W. K. Osborne, J. H. Phillips, J. J. Shipman, C. A. Shuford, D. M. Shuford, C. M. Siniard (son), L. P. Summey, J. M. Whitmire, B. J. Wilson, G. W. Wilson and George W. Woodbridge (son).

The following are the resolutions upon the departed members of the camp presented by Major W. E. Breese:

"Your committee, as ordered, herewith beg leave to make their report, and officially announce to the camp the deaths that have occurred since our last anniversary. In doing so they cannot refrain, by way of prelude to the memorial resolutions they are about to offer, from speaking of the conditions that environ us. At our meetings we often allude to the feeling which increases with our increasing age, and the rapidity with which time passes, and death cuts us down with his sickle. In youth a year is almost interminable, in middle-age only a short time to look to, either backward or forward, while in our old age, the days are swifter than a whiff of wind, and their flight, and we spend our days as a day that is told."

"Within a short year the 'thin vanishing grey line' of our county camp has paid its toll, it has added whiter locks to our temples, deeper furrows to our brows, and we now stand like solitary oaks in the middle of a forest, hoary with age—

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CRIMINAL DOCKET ALMOST CLEARED

TEN MONTHS ON ROADS
LONGEST SENTENCE.

Criminal Cases in Superior Court
Are Being Rushed Through to Completion.

Superior court for Transylvania county for a term of two weeks for the trial of both criminal and civil cases convened Monday morning with Judge Henry P. Lane presiding and Solicitor Robert R. Reynolds prosecuting for the state.

Judge Lane is holding his first term of court in this county, and is making a very good impression in the manner in which he is directing the work of the court. His charge the grand jury Monday morning was unusually able, covering the full range of offenses under the criminal law, and simply and clearly outlining to the members of the grand jury their duty. His charge consumed about an hour and a half.

The work of clearing the criminal docket began Monday afternoon and has been pushed with vigor. There were no very serious cases on the docket, and it is probable that the entire docket will be finished by the time this week's issue of the News is delivered. A number of pleas of guilty have been entered, and several cases for various reasons have been continued.

The following cases have been finally disposed of in court, and judgment entered:

Banny Chapman, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, found not guilty.

E. D. Randolph, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, found not guilty.

Will Waters and Carroll Hamilton, charged with assaults with deadly weapons, bills of indictments waived, and pleas of guilty to charges of simple assault entered. Each fined \$5 and one half the costs.

Harrel Watson, colored, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, entered a plea of guilty, and was fined \$15 and the costs.

Elmima Aiken, charged in two cases with retailing, entered plea of guilty. Judgment was suspended, defendant to appear at succeeding terms of the court and show good behavior.

John Wetsel, charged in two cases with larceny, entered pleas of guilty to each charge and was sentenced to ten months on the roads of Buncombe county.

Bill Johnson, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, found not guilty.

Tom Kinsey, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, found not guilty.

Sam Siler, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, entered a plea of guilty, and the judgment of the court was reserved.

The case of the widest general interest tried during the first few days of the court was that of John Wetsel, charged with the larceny of a watch and razor from George Philipps. The defendant came here friendless and penniless, and Mr. Philipps kindly took him in. His kindness was rewarded by the defendant's stealing his watch and razor. He was caught before he could make his escape, and has been in jail awaiting this term of the court. He admitted his guilt, but when the sentence of ten months was handed to him by Judge Lane he exclaimed, "Good God, Judge, that is too much. It'll keep me all winter and all summer, too." But to the roads he goes for that length of time.

The case against Eule Robinson, charged with changing the marking on a hog belonging to J. B.

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PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHTENING FOR NEW RAILROAD THROUGH BREVARD

Financial Affairs of Knoxville, Sevierville & Eastern Straightened Out With W. J. Oliver Sole Owner—Plans for Immediate Extension.

By the terms of an agreement reached this week between the parties in litigation, the Knoxville, Sevierville and Eastern railroad becomes the sole property of W. J. Oliver, the receivership being dismissed, and the way apparently cleared for Mr. Oliver to proceed with his plans for the further construction of the road. The fact that Sevier county, Tennessee, had the road thrown into the hands of a receiver about six months ago completely tied up progress on the road for the time, and now that the financial affairs of the road are being straightened out the prospects for the road coming on to Brevard are considerably brighter and the news of some move in this direction may be expected shortly.

Our people will of course understand that it is this road which is to connect with the Greenville and Knoxville to make the through line from Greenville to Knoxville. Certain things which have happened recently would lead to the opinion that activity from the Greenville end of the line can be looked for at any moment, and the outlook for another road through Brevard is approaching the stage of reality.

The following account of the affairs of K., S. & E. road is taken from a recent issue of the Knoxville Sentinel and should prove most interesting to our readers.

"An agreement has been reached whereby the Knoxville, Sevierville & Eastern railroad is to be taken out of a receivership and is to be delivered to W. J. Oliver as the sole owner of the railroad property and all its stocks and bonds.

At a conference in this city, which concluded late yesterday afternoon, it was agreed that in consideration of certain sums paid by Mr. Oliver, the property and its securities would be delivered to him, and all litigation against him personally and his corporations and the K., S. & E. railroad in which the Knoxville Banking & Trust company, the Mechanics' Bank & Trust company, the county of Sevier and Jerome Templeton are the plaintiffs is to be dismissed, thus terminating the receivership and all attendant legal proceedings.

The agreement provides that Mr. Oliver is to purchase the \$150,000 stock in the K., S. & E. railroad held by Sevier county, and is to pay Jerome Templeton the sum of \$10,000 which Mr. Templeton claimed was due him as attorney for the K., S. & E. railroad in its early history.

The only condition that is now to be met is that the agreement be ratified by the county court of Sevier county. A special session of the court has been called for Monday of next week, at which time it is understood the attorneys for the county will unanimously recommend that the tentative agreement made by them with Mr. Oliver be formally ratified by the court. If this is done, as it is believed by the attorneys and Mr. Oliver will be done the receivership will be formally dismissed by order of the chancery court on Tuesday next and the road will be delivered to Mr. Oliver as the sole owner, as above stated.

Jerome Templeton, representing Sevier county in the case of Sevier county et al., which brought about the receivership, was asked concerning the settlement, Mr. Templeton stated that an amicable and entirely satisfactory adjustment had been reached as to the K., S. & E. railroad's financial affairs, Sevier county and himself, and also as to the Revilo Construction company which built the railroad for W. J. Oliver who financed it through the Knoxville Banking & Trust com-

pany and the Mechanics Bank & Trust company. He said the claims of these banks and Sevier county and himself have been fully protected in the agreement as to settlement, and that no one is a loser through the construction or operation of the road. He said "every one is happy" over the adjustment and that he with Sevierville attorneys who are associated with him in representing Sevier county, will recommend to the Sevier county court when it meets Monday, that the agreement be ratified and the suit dismissed. This, Mr. Templeton said, will mean that Sevier county sells its holdings of \$150,000 stock in the road to Mr. Oliver, thereby disposing of its financial interest in the road. Mr. Templeton's personal claim for \$10,000 attorney's fees is paid in the settlement.

Mr. Oliver was asked also confirming the reported agreement as set out above, and stated that he expected it to be approved by the county court next Monday, and had all his arrangements made to take over the property personally on next Tuesday, when he anticipates a decree terminating the receivership and all corollary litigation would be put on record by order of the chancellor.

Mr. Oliver intimated that now that the road is about to emerge from this litigation and will be on a better financial basis than ever before, he hopes to consummate his plans of making extensions further into Sevier county, and possibly into Cocke county. The extensions, if made, will enable the K., S. & E. road to reach vast undeveloped natural resources, which not only will afford great freight tonnage for the road, but will open up new industrial operations and give employment to thousands of people and bring millions of dollars to East Tennessee. It is understood to be Mr. Oliver's desire to extend the road to connect with the Tennessee & North Carolina railroad that now operates from Newport, Tenn., to Canton, N. C. If this is done it will be in accord with the reputed plan of connecting with the Greenville & Knoxville at or near Riverview, S. C., thus completing the new railroad link from Knoxville to Greenville. W. H. Patterson and Asa G. Candler, wealthy capitalists of Atlanta, and other men of money are understood to be co-operating with Mr. Oliver in the matter of this proposed extension and connection.

The removal of the K., S. & E. railroad from a receivership in a period of less than twelve months is regarded as a splendid piece of financiering, and it is the second railroad property in Tennessee that Mr. Oliver has nursed out of financial embarrassment and delivered to its owners upon a paying basis. The other road was the Tennessee Central, of which Mr. Oliver was one time receiver. It is understood that the K., S. & E. road's net earnings are sufficient to meet the interest on its bonded indebtedness which, in view of the fact that it is a short line and has been in operation less than three years, is regarded as a creditable showing.

The K., S. & E. railroad extends from Knoxville to Sevierville, a distance of thirty miles. It was conceived and built by Mr. Oliver, the contract for construction being given to the Revilo Construction company, of which Mr. Oliver is president. The road was opened for traffic in January 1909, and it has been doing an increasing business since that time. Its earnings, exclusive of operating expenses

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