

"PROVE ALL THINGS AND HOLD FAST TO THAT WHICH IS GOOD"

THE REUNION AT RICHMOND.

THOUSANDS OF CONFEDERATES AND OTHERS ATTEND.

Governor O'Ferrall Made the Welcome Address. Reception by Mrs. Davis.

Gen. Gordon's Speech. An Ovation to Hampton.

Other Notes.

The sixth annual convention of the Confederate Veterans met in Richmond, Va., Tuesday.

At 10 o'clock, the arrival of Gen. John B. Gordon, commander-in-chief of the Confederate veterans, was greeted by cheers and a band played "Dixie." He was then presented with a laurel wreath.

Gen. Gordon announced that on the night of the Chickamauga. He then presented the presentation by introducing the Hon. J. W. Jones, of the Confederate veterans, who made an eloquent and impressive speech.

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Alabama Veterans, Georgia Veterans, Louisiana Veterans, Texas Veterans, Indian Territory Veterans, Oklahoma Territory Veterans, Arkansas Veterans, Tennessee Veterans, North Carolina Veterans, Kentucky Veterans, Missouri Veterans, Maryland Veterans, District of Columbia Veterans, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Veteran Cavalry Division.

Here the Grand Marshal of Virginia took charge of the ceremonies and, escorted by the Knights Templar, reached the site selected for the Davis monument, where a stand for the orator and distinguished guests had been erected.

When the privileged crowd had been seated and the Richmond Blues and other military organizations placed as escort for the orator, the Grand Marshal, in some ceremonies in the laying of a corner stone took place, concluding with the following proclamation from Grand Marshal:

"Oyez! Oyez! All within the sound of the gavel take notice that the craft has ceased from their labor and that the corner stone of the Jefferson Davis monument is now true, trusty and good."

After this announcement Hon. J. Taylor Elyson, president of the Davis Monument Association, came forward and called upon Bishop John C. Granberry, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to offer prayer, and that appropriate divine service followed and an appropriate appeal to the throne of the Almighty.

After this Gen. Stephen D. Lee, the orator of the day, spoke for the South.

When the reception to Mrs. Davis, at the Jefferson, had concluded, the lady was taken to the Masonic Temple, where she was greeted by a large assembly of sons and daughters of the Confederate veterans.

Other social reunions, concluded the meetings which have been productive of so much good feeling and interest.

The annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans and the laying of the corner stone of the monument to Jefferson Davis.

After adopting resolutions of thanks to the people of Richmond, and giving three cheers for Gen. Gordon, at the suggestion of a one-armed veteran, the sixth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans was declared by Chairman Gordon adjourned sine die.

The Davis Monument.

The Designing Artist Describes His Creation in Marble.

In submitting his plans for the Davis monument, which, it is estimated, will cost \$200,000, the architect thus describes its construction and finished appearance:

"I strongly suggest that you should depart from the ordinary statue monument, which might be composed of groups of statuary around a central figure, for it seems to me that if a monument be built, which is in itself an architectural masterpiece, it should be a single figure, standing alone or with its surrounding groups, in the midst of your park.

"Above the trees will rise the dome with its golden top gleaming in the sun against the monument. From all sides will look equally well and may be entered from four directions. In the center will stand the statue of Mr. Davis, facing the dome, and in spaces at the four corners will be placed battle flags, or else statues of general officers who were identified with the war."

"I propose building the monument of Tuckahoe marble, which is most durable in its character, and a stone which shows to the best advantage good carving and moulding."

"I would introduce a fine frieze of color beneath the roofs of the porches, and behind the columns under the dome, in a quantity of gold leaf in the latter place to give a tone of warmth and color to the exterior. A judicious treatment of colors on the interior, which makes surrounding for the statue, will be both appropriate and beautiful. Added to this coloring there would be the effect of the colored glass windows below it."

"Would not these surroundings be far better for such a monument than to place in the centre of the park, exposed at all times and to all weathers?"

"The monument would stand on a concrete foundation and all the construction to be in masonry and not in iron, the main entrance and out to be 'Tuckahoe,' I would suggest, and the floors to be of marble mosaic. The estimate which I submit are as follows: Marble work and marble work, \$125,000; statuary and bronze work, \$55,000; decoration, \$20,000; total, \$200,000.

"The color scheme for the interior may be made stunning and beautiful in its treatment."

DUN AND BRADSTREET.

Less Cotton Mill Production—Doing Business Without Profit.

Dun and Bradstreet's weekly report of commercial affairs are as follows:

Complete failure reports for the second quarter of 1896, April-June 30, inclusive, cover 2,995 in the United States against 2,855 in the same quarter of last year.

Failures for the week have been 257 in the United States against 155 last year, and 22 in Canada against 24 last year.

Current movements have been so largely of a temporary character, or else purely speculative on the part of the business men, that they are not wholly instructive. Thus an extensive shutdown of cotton mills is solely in the hope that production in July and August may clear a largely over-stocked market.

Extended reviews of the half year's operation in leading branches of manufacture go far to explain numerous stoppages. In wool they are without prospects, mills waiting for orders, the sales of wool having been not a third of last year's for the same week. Prices are depressed, but still depend on foreign possibilities. In cotton goods, the closing many mills, both North and South, for the week, leather remains conspicuously firm, with shoe factories busily employed and petroleum and anthracite coal are higher.

The sentiment of the trade at many points is that the immediate outlook for business is not favorable. St. Louis jobbers report some Texas merchants countermarching orders, owing to the effects of the drought. There is a fair demand for grain, groceries and staple dry goods at Minneapolis and Duluth, and in fabrics and groceries at St. Paul and Omaha, while Louisville reports a better demand for hardware with collections improved. Similar advices come from Baltimore, Savannah and Charleston. These constitute the most favorable reports concerning the state of trade. Chicago shows the volume of business for six months is smaller than last year. At New York, Philadelphia, Buffalo and Pittsburgh there are no characteristics, except those of extreme dullness.

The general industrial situation shows no renewed activity.

LATEST NEWS IN BRIEF.

Gleanings from many points.

Important Happenings, Both Home and Foreign, Briefly Told.

Southern News Notes.

The Louisiana legislature has killed the "Valued Policy" insurance bill.

Roland A. Tolbert, of Villa Rica, Ga., died Wednesday. He was 97 years old, and had lived under every president.

Near Lincolnton, Ga., Thursday a negro was hung up to a limb of a tree and riddled with bullets for an assault upon a Mrs. Mercer, white.

The Confederate Veterans in their sixth annual convention in Richmond, Va., Wednesday, decided to hold their next reunion in Nashville, Tenn.

At Hartsville, Ala., Thursday, engine 230, of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad exploded, killing three men, parts of the engine being blown a mile.

At Halifax, N. C., Thursday Henry Dowden was executed for the murder of Engineer Dodd at Weldon on the 22 of February last. The execution was private.

Near San Antonio, Tex., a devastating prairie fire is reported. Many hay presses and much farm machinery has been destroyed. Residences were saved by plowing around them.

In accordance with the election held in February under special act of the legislature, the cities of Danville and Neapolis, Va., became one Wednesday. Greater Danville is now a city of 20,000 inhabitants.

At Atlanta, Ga., Tuesday, Judge Newman, of the Federal Court, removed Judge Bigby as the receiver of the Eagle and Phoenix Mills, at Columbus, Ga. This action was taken on the ground that the receiver was a large stockholder in the property and had been private.

Eugene Spalding has been appointed a co-receiver of the Marietta & North Georgia Railroad Company. The syndicate which bought the road has paid \$100,000, making \$292,000 paid in all. There is still about \$650,000 to be paid, and the decree requires that the balance shall be paid in installments of \$100,000 every sixty days.

At Galveston, Tex., Thursday, four blocks of the wharf front of the Malory steamship lines, twenty-six rail road cars, 5,000 bales of wool, besides a large quantity of bagging and ties were destroyed by fire, and the loss will probably amount to from \$200,000 to \$300,000. The cause of the fire was the spontaneous combustion of wool.

Northwestern News Items.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe died at Hartford, Conn., Wednesday.

The National Educational Association will convene in Buffalo, N. Y., July 7th. Teachers from every State are expected to be present, and many interesting essays on educational topics are to be introduced.

The New Bedford, Mass., mill men have decided not to go into an agreement with the Fall River manufacturers, and will not shut down.

Col. Wisnom, the young Ohio man who organized a company of Ohio soldiers and with him joined the Cuban insurgents, has been killed in a skirmish with the Spaniards.

The Eastern National Show, which is to be given by the National Cycle Board of Trade throughout the country has selected the Grand Central Palace, of New York, and the time of meeting has been set for February, 1897.

The Southern Passenger Association met in New York Tuesday, to elect a commission. Vice-President Erwin, of the Plant System, occupied the chair. Joseph Richardson, of the Florida East Coast Railroad, was elected Commissioner.

John J. Quinn, manager of Peter Maher has accepted the offer of the National Sporting Club of San Francisco, Cal., to match Maher against Joe Choyinski for eight rounds fight for a purse of \$5,000, the contest to take place August third.

Cattle are dying from starvation in all directions on the ranges of Arizona, the lack of feed being due to the failure of rain. The greatest loss is in the Verde country eastward from Flagstaff and to the Southward in the Skull Valley ranges, where the animals are dying by the thousands.

The strike at Brown Hoisting Company's works, Cleveland, O., has reached a point where the authorities, as well as the strikers are in no mood for trifling. Strikers stoned a non-union workman Thursday, and he fired into them. Cleveland soldiers charged them with bayonets and held them at bay.

Foreign Notes.

Frederico Errazuriz has been elected President of Chili.

At London, Eng., Wednesday, the Irish bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons by a vote of 292 to 140.

3,500 Saloons Closed.

Hugh Coyale and President Rean, of 31 Park Row, of the Liquor Dealers Association, of New York, say that as a result of the Raines law, which went into effect July 1st, 3,500 saloons and other licensed places will be closed and about twenty-five thousand men will be thrown out of work in New York and Brooklyn.

Teacher—"What is taxidermy?" Johnnie—"I guess I know, teacher." Teacher—"Well, Johnnie." Johnnie—"It's putting down carpets."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

WEATHER-CROP BULLETIN

Of the North Carolina Crop and Climate Service.

Below will be found Director H. B. Battle's Climate and Crop Report for the past week, as reported by one or more correspondents for the past week:

EASTERN DISTRICT.—The past week on the whole was very favorable except in a few localities, and all crops made rapid growth. The temperature was high on all except two days of the week, but with more sunshine than last week. It was too wet in Wayne, Greene and Pitt counties, and the ground continues soaked in Gates and Northampton. Cotton has improved and is blooming freely, and rice are disappearing to some extent. Corn fine and nearly all laid by except in the north. Tobacco curing has been commenced by some farmers. Sweet potatoes continue very fine; vines nearly covering the ground. Some ripe of grapes rotting. Watermelons ripening and coming into market.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.—A warm week with frequent rain favored the growth of crops, except where excessive precipitation washed land and hindered farm work, as occurred in Guilford, Stokes, Davidson and Anson counties, in which sections crops are very grassy. Cotton is blooming freely, which is very early for the season; rice are disappearing; there are some complaints of cotton becoming too weedy. Corn is being laid by as fast as the weather will permit; damage by which bugs continue, though where heavy rains occurred the insects have been washed away. Threshing wheat continues. Much tobacco has topped; in some places it is growing up too fast.

WESTERN DISTRICT.—Warmer weather with frequent rains made the week very favorable for the growth of all crops. Rains were excessive in only a few counties (portions of Surry, Rowan, Madison), keeping crops grassy and preventing plowing, but at most places farm work was not seriously interrupted. Corn is in good condition except where checked by chinch bugs; crop is being rapidly laid by where this work has not yet been done; corn planted in stubble land is doing well. Cotton has been damaged some by lice, but is now looking better; blooming freely in south and promises a fine yield. Oats yet to be harvested will give fair results. Wet weather has interrupted haying to some extent. Watermelons are fine.

A BIG DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR.

Government Expenditures Exceed Receipts by \$26,042,244.

The comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures issued by the Treasury department shows the total receipts from all sources during the fiscal year just closed to have been \$328,189,226 and the expenditures \$354,231,470 which leaves a deficit for the year of \$26,042,244. Although there was a surplus for June of \$2,349,480, it is expected that the figures for July will show a deficit of at least \$100,000,000 and probably more.

The appropriation of \$5,000,000 for sugar bounty payments is now available and it is the expectation that all of the claims will have been paid before the end of the month. During July the payments on account of interests, pensions and naval appropriations will be exceptionally large, so that the balance for the month is likely to be above \$10,000,000 rather than less. The showing for the year is far from satisfactory to the Treasury officials, and what is immediately disquieting a fact is that the immediate future promises nothing better.

The receipts from Internal Revenue during the year amounted to \$146,598,264, nearly \$111,500,000 less than the Secretary's estimate sent to Congress. The customs yielded \$160,334,351 or \$11,465,649 less than the