

**VETERANS PASSING.**

**Large Falling Off in Confederate Ranks Since Reunion of 1912.**

"Natural and unavoidable conditions have during the past year depleted to an unusual degree the ranks of the United Confederate veterans, causing a proportionate decrease in revenue, according to the annual report of Maj. Gen. William E. Mickle, of New Orleans, adjutant general and chief of staff, submitted at the organization's annual reunion at Chattanooga last week.

The report was, in part, as follows: "I have not been inclined in my annual report to take a very cheerful view of the future of this association. I have predicted, year after year, a speedy decline in the income, based on natural and unavoidable conditions. In 1912, I regret to say, a most decided falling off in receipts from both officers (which I do not understand) and from camps, must be noted. The amount realized from these two sources in 1911 was \$5,627 and for 1912, \$4,930.

"It is a source of pleasure that I am able to say that at no period in the history of the association has such a large percentage of camps paid their dues as in 1913. The amounts, of course, are smaller, but the number paying is far in excess of any preceding year.

I cannot think that those holding commissions do not realize the burden of responsibility resting on their shoulders. For some cause, however, their responses for the past year have not been so numerous as formerly. Holding all the honors the association can bestow, they should manifest their affection and patriotism in a way more beneficial to the organization.

"I am pleased to say that there are yet a few old Confederates not in U. C. V. who desire to become connected with this glorious

ous federation, and during the past year there have been eleven charters issued to new camps.

"For the reasons stated in the past, and which will ever prevent, forty camps have forfeited charters.

"Summary of camps by departments:

	This year.	Last year.
Army of Tennessee...	528	529
Trans-Mississippi...	392	407
Army Northern Va...	230	239

"The cash receipts for the year 1912 were \$5,540.20; expenditures, \$5,700.20.

"The grim reaper has called during the past twelve months for his customary toll of veterans, among them may be mentioned G. W. C. Lee, son of Gen. Robert E. Lee, and a major general in the army; J. H. Barry, United States Senator from Arkansas, and ex-Commander Arkansas Division U. C. V.; and Brig. Gen. William D. Cleveland, Brig. Gen. J. Coleman Alderson, Col. Mark W. Searey and Col. Joseph Hodgson."

**A Lesson For Us ALL**

While walking through a crowded down town street the other day I heard a little urchin to his comrade turn and say:

"Say, Jimmy, let me tell youse, I'd be happy as a clam

I: I only was de feller dat me mudder tinks I am.

"Gee, Jim, she tinks I'm a wonder, and she knows her little lad Could never mix wid nothin, dat was ugly, mean or bad.

Lots er time I sits and tinks how nice 'twould be, gee whiz, if a feller only was de feller dat this mudder tinks he is!"

My friends, be yours a life of toil or undiluted joy.

You still can learn a lesson from this small, unlettered boy. Don't aim to be an earthly saint with your eyes fixed on a star; Just try to be the fellow that your mother thinks you are.—Ex.

**TRIBUTE TO HENDERSONMAN**

**Distinguished Jurist Gives Honor To Whom Honor is Due.**

(Asheville Citizen.) Will you kindly give me space to say a word about my friend, the late Harrison Graves, who died at his home in Washington city last Friday. He leaves surviving him his wife, who has devoted her life to Christian work, being one of the most prominent and active workers in the principal mission in Washington city.

Mr. Graves was born in Henderson county. He served as a Confederate soldier, and after the war he read law and practiced his profession successfully for several years. He then secured a position in the patent office through the influence of Hon. Robert V. Vance, member of congress of this district. This position he held until 1896, at which time he was transferred to the pension office, where he remained until he was stricken with the disease which resulted in his death. He usually visited this section once a year and his old comrades and friends were always delighted to see him. Mr. Graves was perhaps as well and favorably known as any man in this section. He was one of the most conscientious men I ever knew. No one from western Carolina ever went to Washington without receiving a warm and cordial greeting at his hands. I knew him intimately for twenty-five years, during that time I never heard him say an unkind word about any one. He was a good man in every sense of the word, and in his death the state loses a patriotic and useful citizen and his wife a faithful and devoted husband.

J. C. PRITCHARD.

**Dr. Crane on "Going to Sleep."**

A man should make his toilet as carefully for going to bed as for the business of the day.

Certain physical things are conducive to sleep, such as plenty of sweet, outdoor air, the absence of noises, of lights and of bad odors, and above all a feeling of tiredness.

There are also certain mental and spiritual preparations.

To be intensely interested in anything is fatal to sleep; so also are the memory of a ranking failure, plan-making, problem-solving, apprehension, shame and remorse.

The soul must take off its interestedness as the body must remove its vestments.

Passions of any kind, cravings and all heats are against sleep.

One is very fortunate who has a habit of prayer, for there is nothing can still the soul like purging the conscience before God; and cares, pricking annoyances, dreads and all mental tensions can be remedied in no way more satisfactorily than by letting the consciousness of God wash the soul.

A sense of friendliness and peace toward the Infinite is the surest medicine for sleep.—Dr. Frank Crane in Woman's World for June.

**TALKS GOOD SENSE.**

**President Finley, of the Southern Railway, on Boys' Corn Clubs.**

The boys' corn clubs has been one of the greatest factors in checking the flow of the country boys to the town. In a recent address of Mr. W. W. Finley, he said:

"When the late Dr. Seaman Knapp instituted the organization of these clubs he created what I believe will be a most effective instrumentality for checking the movement of the boys from the farm. As I have said on a previous occasion, the most important work being done by these clubs is not the growing of corn but the raising of farmers. The boy who goes into one of these clubs and follows the methods which are advised by the demonstrator, and who succeeds in growing as much corn on a single acre as his father grows on from two to four or even five acres, is a convert to scientific farming. He has learned that farming can be made profitable. He will want to apply the same methods to larger acres and to other crops. He becomes an optimist and, especially if he is permitted to have a fair interest in what he helps to produce, I believe that the lure of the city will seldom be strong enough to draw him from the farm."

**W. J. Bryan, a Farmer.**

Secretary of State Bryan has always boasted that he is a wonder as a scientific farmer. When at one of his numerous homes he always furnishes his own vegetables from his own gardens. He

particularly dotes on radishes. When in California to talk over the anti-alien land bill, a friend gave him a Japanese variety which grows over six inches long and is built large amidship. He brought the seeds to Washington and they are now in the ground. Secretary Bryan will let no one else tend those seeds. He waters them himself every morning before he goes to work and every evening when he can spare the time from serving his country.—Dispatch.

**NEED NOT AFFECT WATTS.**

**Secretary McAdoo's View as to Internal Revenue Collectors.**

Secretary McAdoo of the Treasury is serving notice on senators and representatives who have candidates for internal revenue collectorships that, in view of the fact that there will soon be an income tax law, unusual care will be exercised in the appointment of internal revenue collectors. The department, he is telling the Congressmen, will insist on obtaining the services of high-grade men. The secretary says that it is of the highest importance that men who might be swayed by personal or political influences shall not be put in charge of the collection of the new tax. As a result of the rule that had been laid down by the secretary, some senators and representatives are having to revise their recommendations.

The Civil Service Commission has ruled that deputy collectors of internal revenue will go out of office with their chiefs in spite of the fact that they are under the civil service law. It is asserted by the commission that deputy collectors occupy a semi-confidential relationship to collectors and for this reason are not permanent officials of the government. New deputy collectors will be appointed where vacancies occur from the civil service eligible list. The ruling of the commission means that as rapidly as internal revenue collectors are appointed civil service examinations for deputies will have to be held. Storekeepers and gaugers do not come under this rule and will continue to serve under the new collectors.—Indianapolis News.

**NEEDS OF THE SOUTH.**

**Great Industrial Journal Interested in Coming Section of The Country.**

The Manufacturers' Record says that what the south needs is not so much immigration as it is fewer loafers. This journal says that we really need some high-class foreign immigration but if we could get the loafing whites and negroes of the south to work, the labor situation would be greatly relieved. The Record says:

There ought to be a campaign of education in every village, town and city in the south, in every country district and wherever men loaf, to teach people that the idle, loafing boy or man, white or black, hanging around street corners, sitting on store boxes, or loafing around the depots, is a disgrace to the community and is one of the community's heaviest liabilities.

Several years ago a railroad contractor in North Georgia had as body-servant a faithful old ante-bellum negro known as Uncle Jake. One day there came a sudden emergency in which a large number of extra hands were needed. The boss sent Uncle Jake to town to get some extra men. In an hour or two he returned apparently very much disgusted with himself and the world in general, and when the boss asked him what was the matter, he said: "Deed, Marse William, I couldn't get any hands. The idle loafing niggers won't work." And then, as though a bright idea had struck him, he added: "Marse William, God Almighty has lost money on every nigger He has raised sense de war."

The old darkey had the idea that the negro who would not work was worthless to man and to God; but he could have made a broader application of the thought. The loafing, drinking white man or boy is about as worthless as the idle negro. It is true that our whole country is cursed with many idle, loafing people, white and black, living on what others are doing, sapping the vitality of the community and becoming an ever-increasing burden. But it is with the south that we are especially concerned.

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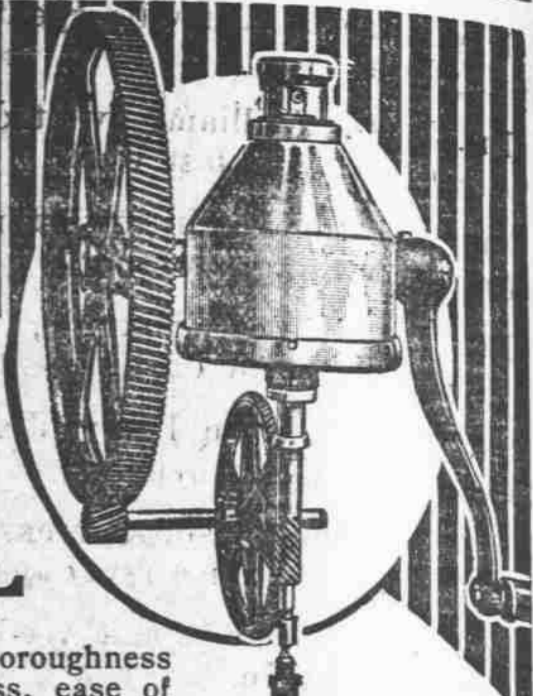
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