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RETIREMENT OF GENERAL CORBIN

Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.—Lieutenant General Henry C. Corbin, who has the distinction of being the only adjutant-general of the United States army to reach the high grade of lieutenant-general, was placed on the retired list today by operation of the age limit. General Corbin leaves the active service after a long and distinguished career. Like General Miles he is not a graduate of West Point. He was born in Ohio and entered the army as a volunteer. After the civil war he passed a satisfactory examination and was accepted as an officer in the regular army. From the administration of Lincoln to that of Roosevelt he has always been very near the person of the President. He was the adjutant at the inauguration of Garfield, Cleveland, Harrison and McKinley. In the war with Spain much of the work of organizing the

volunteer army fell upon the shoulders of General Corbin, and he met the duties and responsibilities with an executive ability that commanded admiration and praise. It is not too much to say that he had more to do with the detailed work of molding the army into form than any other officer of the government, and he was one of the most influential advisers of President McKinley.
 The retirement of General Corbin results in the promotion of Major-General Arthur MacArthur, one of the most popular officers in the army. The vacancy in the list of major-generals is filled by the promotion of Brigadier-General Jesse M. Lee, Maj.-General A. W. Greely, late commander of the Department of the Pacific, is transferred to St. Louis to succeed General Corbin in command of the northern division.
 "I know how America was made," said the youthful prodigy. "North America is made out of solid stuff through and through."
 "And how about South and Central America?" asked the proud father of the prodigy.
 "Oh, they were made out of the scraps."

GREENSBORO NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

Special to The News.
 Greensboro, Sept. 14.—The Greensboro Lodge of Elks recently purchased the splendid property known as the Lindsay home place on the corner of Sycamore and Green, immediately in the rear of the Benbow Hotel building. Yesterday the building committee composed of Messrs. C. D. Benbow, W. E. Harrison, W. R. Pleasants, Julius Cone and B. McKenzie awarded the contract for the erection of a three-story brick and stone building to Contractor J. C. Morris, at a cost of \$28,000. Work will begin at once and the building will be ready for occupancy by March 1st. It will be of colonial style and will have frontage on both Green and Sycamore streets. The building will have all the conveniences of a modern up-to-date lodge and club house.
 In the chapel of the Greensboro Female College yesterday took place the impressive formal opening ceremonies of the institution. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. G. H. Dewiler. The president, Mrs. Lucy Robinson, made an inspiring address and short talks were made by Messrs. John A. Young, C. H. Ireland, C. A. Bray of the board of trustees, F. C. Hoyle and N. L. Eure. There were over 100 students present, the largest number ever there in attendance on the first day's exercises.
 Thirteen Cubans spent the night here last night going to Oak Ridge Institute to attend school. A Cuban newspaper man, Mr. Suarez, had the young men in charge, not one of whom would speak a word of English.
 Over a hundred of the leading citizens of the city assembled at a banquet at the McAdoo Hotel Wednesday night to do honor to Maj. Chas. M. Stedman, the best beloved citizen of the city, and to signify their pleasure at his safe return from a recent extended trip to Europe. Dr. Chas. D. McIver acted as toast master, and appropriate speeches were made by a number of the leading professional and business men of the city. Maj. Stedman, responding in a splendid and appreciative address.
 Before adjourning the special term of Federal Court Wednesday afternoon Judge Boyd, in a statement from the bench as to why he named the first Monday in December, as special term of court for the disposition of the cases against revenue officers and distillers who have been convicted or pleaded guilty to indictments for frauds or irregularities in the revenue service, said that by that time he hoped all the cases would have been finally determined,

as the regular term of court in October would be largely devoted to trying those remaining on the docket. Before passing sentence on a single case, he said he waited until all were investigated that he might the better be able to ascertain the real source and primary cause of so much corruption in the government service. Those most responsible should be visited with more severe punishment than those who were willing but weak dupes. It was of paramount importance that abuses should be corrected, stopped or prevented. If there was anything wrong in the practices of revenue service officials tending to demoralize, corrupt or cheat private citizens, it was of as much importance that this should be discovered and exposed, as that those engaged in it should be punished. It is claimed that for years irregularities have existed in the revenue service, and if there have been such recently, custom and precedent should at least excuse if not exonerate practices that have been denounced as unlawful by all the highest revenue authorities. While this if a fact is undoubtedly some grounds for extenuation, and in a sense some excuse, it only goes to emphasize the urgent need of reform, and if truly justifies the investigations, if not prosecutions which have been instituted by the department of justice. If custom in wrong doing is conceded as a principle of public or private or official action, then laws become useless and individual probity even, placed at a discount by the premium which this custom offers to wrong doing. In this day and time, of all others in the world's history, official service and conduct should be, and must be, such as to inspire the absolute confidence as well as the respect of the people. High action on the part of officials of whatever grade, responsibility or position, sets the pace for high action of those in private station. Such a condition means peace, order, lawfulness, and if there is not peace, law and order in a community or a commonwealth, the primal cause might be found in the conduct of those in authority, and a correction of any abuse, if discovered, must certainly tend to restore peace, order and quiet. The example of good conduct, while most important in an official, should also be naturally the easiest thing for him to do, unless he be integrally corrupt and vicious and he be so the mistake of his being placed in authority over anybody cannot be discovered too soon or rectified too soon, whether punishment be punitive or simply corrective. If those in authority do not at least set a good example, the people who have confidence in their officials, will either lose respect for authority or following in trust the example set, certainly go wrong, whether they intend to or not, and the result in either case is utter demoralization if not ultimately destruction to all government, based on justice or equality of opportunity.

WADESBORO NEWS.

Crazy Young Man Who Was Hurt in Eye—Other News.
 Special The News.
 Wadesboro, Sept. 14.—Mr. E. Porter, the gentleman injured in his eye by a pistol shot in the hands of Joel Gaddy, left here for Charlotte last night to consult an oculist. Physicians here think that by proper attention Mr. Porter's eye can be saved. Mr. Porter was not drinking. The fuss was over a quart of whiskey and Gaddy says that Porter accused him of stealing the liquor.
 The case of the State vs. West McBride is still on. Contrary to all expectation the defence offered no evidence, but relied on the evidence of the State for an acquittal. A strong chain of circumstantial evidence was offered by the State. It is the consensus of opinion that McBride is the right man, but many fear that the evidence presented by the State will fail to convict him of murder in the first degree.
 Hannah and Massie Little, colored, were convicted of the larceny of money from Giles Cooley, colored. Hannah Little enticed Cooley into her den and while there, Giles, who is blind, robbed him. Hannah gets a year in the "pen" and Massie two. Wadesboro is rid of two of the greatest nuisances that any town was ever cursed with.
 One more assessor to the chain-gang. This is the eighth man and boy sent to that institution. Pistol "toting" has a majority of these candidates.
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