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ATLANTA IS GAY.

The President Receives a Grand Ovation and Makes a Telling Speech to the General Assembly—Gens. Wheeler and Young Speak Also.

President McKinley received a grand ovation Wednesday in Atlanta. He was greeted with an artillery salute at the capitol. The Legislature in joint session received him with great enthusiasm. His speech was a happy bit. He touched the Southern heart and brought streams from Southern eyes with these words: "Every soldier's grave made during our unfortunate civil war is a tribute to American valor. And while, when those graves were made, we differed widely about the future of this government, the differences were long ago settled by the arbitrament of arms—and the time has now come in the evolution of sentiment and feeling under the Providence of God, when in the spirit of fraternity we should share with you in the care of the graves of the Confederate soldiers.

"The cordial feeling which now happily exists between the North and South, prompts this gracious act, and if it needed further justification, it is found in the gallant loyalty to the Union and the flag, so conspicuously shown in the year just passed, by the sons and grandsons of these heroic dead."

Gen. Wheeler was called for and was roundly cheered as he said among other things:

"The army, in conjunction with the navy, was ordered to attack and destroy the Spanish forces at Santiago. In four weeks that order was obeyed and its purposes accomplished. The proud Spanish nation stood suing for peace from the nation which a month before it had held up to ridicule and scorn."

Gen. Young responded in a short speech in which he said that no troops in the world were better, more regularly fed and treated than were the troops in South Carolina and Georgia.

The jubilee occasion makes an epoch in the history of Atlanta.

A LONG CASE.

A Civil Suit That Has Been On For Several Days—Attorney Luther Hartsell Referee.

On Monday morning, the 12th, the civil case of Mr. Wm. J. Bradford vs. Mr. Joel Reed was begun in Mr. Luther Hartsell's law office, Judge Allen having made him referee in the matter.

This is a civil case in regard to the land about what is known as Brafford's Mill, several miles below town. Messrs. Montgomery and Puryear appeared for Mr. Reed, while Mr. Morrison Caldwell is defending Mr. Bradford.

The case is still on, and it is not probable that it will yet be finished today.

Piney Woods Inn, at Southern Pines, N. C., the winter health resort, has opened for the winter season and announces the annual banquet in honor of the Commercial Travelers, to be held at the hotel Monday evening, January 9th.

CARS ON FIRE.

An Explosion in the Caboose Causes the Burning of a Box Car and the Caboose on Captain O'Ferrall's Freight Train—Almost Everything Lost.

On Wednesday afternoon about 2:30 as No. 74, a freight train was coming from Charlotte and had just passed the bridge at Coddle Creek a short distance, a "fusee" as they are called, exploded in the shanty, supposedly from the excessive heat of the room.

Soon the shanty was on fire. The train was coming up grade at the time the fire was noticed, hence it would be unsafe to cut the caboose loose. Soon a box car adjoining was burning also. The two burning cars were uncoupled from the train and an effort made to save the contents, but scarcely to any avail. The work train was quickly sent down there to bring the burning mass here, and succeeded in bringing the shell. Just as the train had reached the switch here the shanty fell to pieces, while the box car fell apart near the bleachery.

The box car was loaded with cotton mill products, only a few of which were saved. Everything in the caboose, including the clothing of the trainmen, several fine pistols, bed clothes, etc., were burned.

Mr. Z. B. Black was the engineer of the train, and Mr. Oscar O'Ferrall the conductor.

THE ORGANIZATION.

A New Lodge of Knights of Honor Instituted With Forty-Three Members—Officers Elected—The Initiation Given.

In the Masonic Hall Wednesday night the members of the new lodge of Knights of Honor met to perfect their organization. The lodge's roll now numbers 43.

Grand Reporter Carlton presided over the meeting. There being too many to initiate in one night, and these persons being charter members, only one member was taken through the initiatory department. This was done in order to instruct the members. Mr. Press Freeze had the pleasure of "riding the goat" for the benefit of the members present.

The following officers were elected: Chas. Craven, Dictator; Clay Blackwelder, Vice-Dictator; W. A. Wilkinson, Assistant Dictator; H. M. Barrow, Financial Reporter; Dr. Sam Montgomery, Treasurer; Jno. Creech, Reporter. The trustees are Messrs. S. L. Montgomery, H. M. Barrow and W. A. Wilkinson.

The organization will be known as the "Cabarrus Lodge" and will meet on the first and third Monday nights in each month in the hall near Mr. John Creech's, at Cannonville.

Mrs. Taylor Weddington Dead.

Mr. W. M. Weddington and Miss Alice Stirewalt went to Charlotte today (Thursday) to attend the funeral of Mrs. Taylor Weddington, who died there Wednesday, and who is known by quite a number of relatives and friends in Cabarrus and Concord. Mrs. Weddington was a sister of Mr. D. C. Cosby, of No. 3 township, and was the mother of Mrs. Jno. Foalks, of Cannonville. She leaves a husband and several children. Mr. Weddington and family once lived at the Odell Mills.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Rev. Hoge's wife and child arrived here last night from Selma.

—Sam Sloop came home from Albemarle this morning.

—Rev. J. J. Payseur arrived here this morning from Mecklenburg.

—Miss Alice Jones, of Charlotte, arrived here last night to visit Miss Margaret Cannon.

—Mr. Jones Yorke returned home this morning, after attending the Tucker-Barrett marriage in Matthews yesterday afternoon.

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More Good School News.

We are delighted to learn from Mr. Holland Thompson that this session of the Concord High school is the best in numbers, and successful work, since he has been its principal.

Mr. Thompson is booked for a speech at the coming meeting in Raleigh of the Association of Academies. He is to tell his fellows how he collects the entire sums of tuition. If he has a plan of universal application, we should say it would be worth coming from Texas and Maine to hear. We learn that it is a fact that the patrons of the Concord High school pay their tuition bills in full, a rare happy encouragement to a care-burdened educator.

Rev. Dr. Brooks Dies Suddenly.

Just before going to press Editor Jno. B. Sherrill received a telegram announcing the sudden death of Rev. Dr. W. M. Brooks, at Denver, in Lincoln county. Rev. Brooks married Mr. Sherrill's sister.

Husband and Wife Dead.

There is a peculiarly sadly bereaved family in China Grove, says the Salisbury Sun. Last Friday Mr. Peter Weaver, of that place, died from some old complaint which had worried him for a long time. He was buried on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Sunday evening his wife died, her death being caused by fever. She was buried Monday.

Mr. Weaver was 69 years old. The couple leave a family of seven children the youngest of whom has fever but is improving.

Gets 12 Years.

G. W. Marsh, the former president of the Keystone National Bank of Philadelphia, who was a fugitive since 1891, but lately returned and gave himself up, has been sentenced to a term of 12 years in the penitentiary.

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Yours

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