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WITTY ENOUGH.

Gov. Johnston Responds to a Toast and Makes It Lively.

There was much of the earnest logic, pathetic eloquence and gushing enthusiasm in the speeches at the Atlanta Peace Jubilee, but it was left Gov. Joseph F Johnston, of Alabama, to shake up the celebrities with his splendid wit. After a beautiful allusion to Henry W Grady he said in response to the toast, "The State Government's Answer to the Call to Arms:"

"I congratulate the President on his being able to make this trip to Atlanta with less discomfort and apprehension than one he undertook some thirty-five years ago; and I am sure he prefers the kind of hot time he will have in the old town tonight to the kind he experienced then.

"Georgia is distinguished in many ways, chiefly in the fact that she lies—next to Alabama, and some partisan newspapers and political prophets. Alabama is of course the greatest of all States in the abundance and variety of her resources, but Georgia has two things wherein she is pre-eminent, both going out into many States; one appealing to the tenderest recollections of predatory boyhood, and the other inspiring the most patriotic hope of the future—her watermelon and her 'Constitution.'

"Coming to my text, I can say that the proclamation of war found all the States ready; not one in the sisterhood but had her lamp trimmed and glowing with patriotic light; all difference as to the rightfulness or expediency of the war disappeared, and once more the men of the North and of the South were ready to cement the Union with their commingling blood.

"The conditions were not the same in all the States; some had well-organized and efficient troops ready for instant service. Georgia was peculiarly happy in that the call upon her never reached such proportions but that it could be filled by the colonels on the staff of the Governor without any community ever missing, or possibly regretting them. Ohio had only to take a tithe of her late disappointed candidates for Federal patronage and her quota was full, and everyone happy, especially as there was reasonable hope that none would return.

"New York only needed to call on the newspaper warriors, who always sniff the battle from afar. Immunes, many of whom were acquainted with men who had had the yellow fever, and of whom not a few actually had the croup and survived the elementary pangs of unripe fruit, rushed to the front.

"Democrats and Republicans, gold-bugs and silver loons, and even the Populists, came from their political graves, and all forgot party, currency, section and animosities, and stood for the country. Even the women, God bless them, volunteered, and were then, as now, the mainstay and hope of the infantry.

"One thing, Mr. Chairman, was

a thorn in the flesh of the State governments; that was the physical examination the volunteers were subjected to. Nothing but perfection was admissible. A man short of an eye, even if it were not the shooting eye, or with a missing finger, or too much or too little circumference, was not in it. The only way Shafter and Wheeler could have gotten into the ranks would have been to have themselves mixed up and made over into two respectable men. Fitz Lee could never have lauded the lean earth as a private, and Napoleon Bonaparte would have been turned down.

"Fortunately no test was had as to brains, and consequently a large number of officers of high rank were able to get in.

"Experience obtained from our late family disturbance had taught us that the men who win the battles carry the muskets, so we were extremely particular about the privates, and quite indifferent as to the officers. The consequence was that we had the best privates ever assembled in any army and some of the fattest generals.

"In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, if the States had encountered as many difficulties in getting up the quotas as they have in getting back the money expended, we would now be on the eve of the Santiaño campaign."

Allen Blume Dead.

Before we went to press Friday afternoon, the remains of Allen Blume, of Cannonville, were brought from the place of the accident beyond the depot to the home here. He died a few minutes after 1 o'clock that afternoon. The funeral was preached at the home of Mr. J F Blume this (Saturday) afternoon.

New Clerks for the Holidays.

Jas. Cannon is working at Fetzer's Drug store.

Misses Sadie Fisher and Lizzie Bostain have been added to the list of clerks at the Racker. Miss Fisher is in the main store, while Miss Bostain is in the branch house.

Miss Mary Skinner, and Messrs. Marvin Hatchet and Ralph Cline are in the toy department at Gibson's drug store.

They Remembered the Sixteenth.

One of the nicest occasions in our social circles for a while was the celebration Friday night of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. B E Harris at their residence on North Main street, after enjoying their marriage bliss since December 16th, 1896. Eighteen friends were invited. The feature of the evening was the drawing of one of our most useful animals on a smoked glass, using the tip of their finger. Mr. Holland Thompson's ability at this work was soon realized and he gained the superiority. A sumptuous supper was served afterwards.

Annual Oyster Supper.

St. John's congregation will hold their annual oyster supper under the auspices of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society on Friday evening and night of the 30th at the old Grange Hall. Everybody is invited to participate in the pleasures of the occasion.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. Joe Reid returned home from Chapel Hill last night.

—Chas. Phillip, now a student at Mt. Pleasant, spent this morning here.

—Mr. John Leslie stopped over this morning on his return from Al-bemarle.

—Mr. E M Young, of Abernethy, who has been spending several days at the home of Mr. Geo. W. Browr, returned to his home this morning.

—Mrs. J. M. Odell returned from Fort Mills, S. C., last night, after visiting her sister, Mrs. S. E. White.

FRENCH PEAS,

KORNLET

and

ITALIAN PASTE

at

**Ervin & Morrison
GROCERS**

SHORT LOCALS.

Mr. W. M. Hunt, who has been in our town for over two months soliciting members for the Knights of Honor, returned to his home at Keysville, Va., Friday night. Mr. Hunt proved himself to be a very clever gentleman and made a number of friends during his stay.

Governor Russell has appointed Mr. Beverly Royster, of Oxford, Adjutant General of the State Guard, vice Mr. Andrew Cowles, who resigned. Mr. Royster has been connected with the military companies of the State for several years, having been inspector of some of the companies.

Quite a number of our people remember Mr. Osmond Alexander, of No. 1 township, who once worked here in the Odell mills, having began with Mr. Frank Robbins. After leaving here Mr. Alexander went to Lafayette, Ga., and thence to Union, S. C. On the 27th of this month he will be married to Miss Park, of Lafayette, Ga. Mr. L H Alexander, father of the groom elect, now lives in Mooresville.

Mr. D. F. Hall, of N w York, who has been in Concord several weeks in the interest of the American Telephone Co., left Friday night. This line will go through the country, not following the railroad but will be alongside the dirt road most of the way. In going from here to Salisbury it will run about five miles east of China Grove.

All persons indebted to Dr Archey by account will please settle same at once. W G Means.

Constipation prevents the body from ridding itself of waste matter. De Witt's Little Early Risers will remove the trouble and cure Sick Headache, Biliousness, Inactive Liver and clear the Complexion. Small, sugar-coated, don't gripe or cause nausea.—J P Gibson.

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. But early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer and wiser.—J P Gibson.

For Married Ladies

There is the little fellow 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 years old. Christmas is almost here and you haven't gotten him anything yet. Mercy! What will I get for the child? His sister or his cousin or his aunt will give him toys, toys, toys, without end.

I would be needless for you to add to his stock of these things, which will already cover the floor so thick you can't get around in the room. Let us suggest a good and sensible way out of the difficulty. Here it is: Buy one of our beautiful Vester Suits for him—very fine, good and handsomely trimmed. Take a look at these suits anyway. Bought just for Christmas presents. They are finer than you usually buy for the boy, but Christmas calls for extra nice things. Give anything at all give something nice.

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GET INTO THE SWIM—THE ELECTION IS OVER—THANKSGIVING IS PAST AND IN A FEW MORE DAYS WE WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS AGAIN.

PRESENTS! Oh, Yes! You must have presents for Christmas times. We don't know of any better place in the State of North Carolina to buy a useful as well as an ornamental PRESENT than the

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Our line of Pictures and Frames, Mirrors, Lamps, etc., must be seen to be appreciated. We have bought largely. We have bought at right prices. We have bought to sell if you will favor us with a call we will convince you that we mean just what we say. Come and see us, With best wishes for a merry Christmas we are

Yours

Bell, Harris & Company.