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#### WHEELER AS A HERO

General Joe Wheeler has more admirers in the north than any living Confederate. His good sense, his high courage, his unpretending character his noble patriotism have combined with his services in the field to make him something of a favorite "up there" where a Confederate uniform was once regarded as a badge of infamy, of treason. Even so bitter, one-sided a paper as the New York Sun eulogizes General Joe, and in no unstinted words. It even throws up its hat in ecstacy as it contemplates the brave heroic litle Alabamian. In its evening edition it lately published an editorial headed, "Joseph Wheeler, Soldier," We copy this:

"Surely there is no more patriotic -officer in the army today than Joseph Wheeler. It must always be remembered that when on the night of July 1 it was proposed to retire from San Juan ridge and occupy a position that could be defended with less risk to the

while visiting with his wife some relatives. Colonel Tate was a most excel-If you eliminate the negro vote for lent man and devout, earnest Chris-McKinley in 1896, you will find that tion. He was born in Scotland in 1835, Colonel Bryan received about 1,500,000 came to North Carolina in 1852. He more votes than the Major received. entered the confederate army as Cap-That is to say, Bryan actually received tain, rising to the colonelcy of the i million and a half majority of the Seventy-sixth North Carolina. He had white voters in the United States. That valor, merit, devotion to the great is an interesting fact. Bryan was overcause. For the last twenty-five years whelmingly the choice of the White he has resided at Norfolk, where he Man's party in the United States. As was very successful. Dr. Lacy, his before mentioned a change of but 25,009 dear pastor, writes of the faithful elvotes in seven states would have made der from which we copy as follows:

"Naturally modest and gentle, he was fearless and unhesitating in expression and advocacy of principle; conservative in belief and practice, he still had a kind word and hearty sympathy for every forward movement in a good cause. He was loyal to his pastor, true to friends and unwearied in the service of his church, one of Scotland's noble gifts to the Church of the new country. \* \* Colonel Tait was made an elder at the age of twenty-one and was a member of the First church session for a quarter of a century. \* His best work was his service as superintendent of the First church Sunday school for twenty-four years. He gave a part of every week to visiting the poor and sick, and to seeking the absentees of the previous Sunday. Under his management this school became one of the largest and most efficient in the city and state. His re-moval seems irreparable loss to his church.'

The corn crop of the south was 114, 000,000 bushels in excess of last year North Carolina produced 34.170,000 bushels, (guessed at) an increase of more than 2,500,000 bushels. How is the hog crop? Will hog and hominy be short?

The North Carolina Association of Academies will hold its annuel session at Raleigh on the 28th and 29th instant. It has several hundred members and is helping on the cause of real education. There will be addresses by Professor J. Allan Holt, president Ho', C. H. Mebane, J. C. Horner, Jno, Graham, Ira T. Turlington, John E Kelley, J. Henry Joyner, Major Rob ert Bingham and others.

Because The Messenger never seeks office it is no reason why it should not fayor worthy and faithful newspaper men receiving office. Mr. Henry T. King, editor of King's Weekly, and cal farmer either. 'Southland," an historical patriotic

says that if confederate soldier's grave be a thing that may be properly honored-and Mr. McKinley declares it is-the Grand Frmy men should never again be found balking at the sight of a tattered piece of confederate bunting.

It is most fulliceable that the Federation of Labor are against a large army and expansion. The vote was practically unanimous and wisely done.

If the newspipers, trade journals and commercial weeklles can be trust. ed this great country of ours is enjoying a prosperity hitherto unknown. The exports have been unprecedented The failures are fewer in number. The general business of the country is satisfactory. The farmers are prospering and happy everywhere. We must hope that this picture drawn by so many is notea caricature, but a faithful representation. Everything is booming ac. cording to these organs. While the west has had great time in selling its, wheat at greatly advanced prices, and other products sold well, savings banks announce they will not and can-not pay 4 per cent: on deposits after January 1, 1899, The southern farmers have, been never ving from 414 to 412c for their cottons and yet some accounts make out that they are prospering and flushed with money. Money is abundant and low, Northern cotton mills are buying but very little cotton. Corn is in great plenty and cheap.

### PRODUCTION IN NORTH CAROLINA.

This old state has great undeveloped resources, vast opportunities, cheap lands by the mandred thousand acres. noble women and brave men. It has great capabilities for farming, for fruit growing, fisheres, oysters, timber, etc. Some excellent farming is done and year after year striking returns are made in the May of profits and success. Only the other day The Henderson Gold Laaf reported that Mr. J. W! Beach, Vance, says farming pays even at prevailing low prices. The Gold' Leng says he tells us that on six acres of and this year he made ten bales of cotton averaging 450 pounds each. Mr. Beck is not a practi-

The Red Springs Record of the 30th



FURNITURE FOR XMAS PRESENTS



FROM OUR COMPLETE STOCK WILL BE EASY, AS THERE ARE SO MANY NOVELTIES IN HAND-SOME ROCKERS, ODD CHAIRS, CHINA CLOSETS. SIDEBOARDS, COUCHES, HALL RACKS, LADIES' DESKS, COMBINATION DESKS, MORRIS CHAIRS, THAT WILL MAKE SUITABLE OFFERINGS, and ARTICLES THAT THE HOUSEWIFE LOVES TO BEAUTIFY HER HOME WITH. THERE IS NO NEED SEEK-ING FURTHER. ALL THIS WE IN-VITE YOUR INSPECTION, GUAR-ANTEEING THE LOWEST PRICE IN LEGITIMATE BUSINESS.

WE STILL HANDLE PERFECTION MATTRESSES THE SNEED CO. SECOND AND MAPKET STREETS What Shall I Get for Xmas

army, General Wheeler protested with such vigor, that the plan was abruptly abandoned. Had he thrown the weight of his influence in the other scale, history might have been written differently."

He was born in Alabama, entered the Confederate army at 23, and was appointed colonel. When 27 he was a major general of cavalry. He became a lieutenant general in May 1864. Af-Her Stuart's death he was the senior general of Confederate cavalry. He deserves well of the south surely, and well of our united country. The Messenger thinks the Sun right in contending that "whether a united and sectionless country, purposes to bestow honors and emoluments on Joseph Wheeler, the American soldier of 1898, is something for the administration and congress to determine, but if his services before Santiago should be adequately recognized there would be no dissenting voice from sea to sea."

#### INVENTIONS AND DISCOVERIES IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

In the long list of important discoveries of this century there are twentyfour given as of the greatest importance. Strange to say one of the very greatest-but three or four equal to itis omitted, the Linotype. We copy the first fourteen as published-Railways, Steamships, Electric Telegraphs, the Telephone, Lucifer Matches, Gas Illumination, Electric Lighting, Photography, the Phonograph, Rontgen Rays, Spectrum Analysis, Anaesthetics, Antiseptic Surgery, Conservation of Energy. In this connection it will be interesting to bring out some of the most important and useful inventions and discoveries in the ages preceding this very productive and inventive nineteenth century-the Mariner's Compass, the Steam Engine, the Telescope, the Barometer and Thermometer, Printing, Arabic Numerals, Alphabetical Writing, Modern Chemistry Founded, Electric Science Founded, Gravitation established, Kepler's Laws, the Differential Calculus, the Circulation of the Blood, Light Proved to Have Finite Velocity, the Development of Geometry.

So you can take the fifteen most important| of this century and compare them with all that went before in the long roll of centuries. Dr. Wallace in a work he calls "The Wonderful Century," has gathered the important discoveries and inventions from which the above are taken. He gives twentyfour in all, but omits the Linotype, one of the gratest, as we have said. But

outh and other sections with the baleful emissaries the Mormons at home are still practicing vigorously and undismayed their old lustful game of "much marrying" as Artumas Ward phrased it, and in open defiance of the

WHAT ELECTED MCKINLEY.

Bryan president. The gold democrats

1900 is beyond our ken. The electoral

college secured McKinley his place.

Take Kentucky in 1896. It was the ne-

gro vote that gave the electoral vote

to McKinley. It was solid for the lit-

tle fellow. The Houston Post, the lead-

ing democratic newspaper in Texas,

and an able one, copies this from The

"There is not a particle of doubt that

McKinley would not have carried Illi-

nois and Indiana without that vote,

charged that the railroads carried ne-

groes by the hundreds into those two

states to vote the republican ticket;

and, whether or not this is true, the

fact that Bryan received more votes in

llinois than were ever previously cast

for any candidate is good evidence of

tt, for it cannot be successfully disput-

ed that the vote of Illinois was unna-

turally large in 1896. Without the elec-

toral vote of Kentucky, Indiana and Il-

inois McKinley could not have been

So as McKinley was elected by the

negro vote, he is very thankful and

gracious. Hence, in reward for favors

rendered, he appoints a host of negro

postmasters and negro other officials.

all over the south, while particularly

avoiding to point a negro in the north.

He would not appoint a negro to the

custom house in New York or Chicago,

in Philadelphia or Boston for thou-

sands of dollars. He would not treat

New York or Ohio as he has treated

North Carolina in the matter of post-

masters, etc., for a dukedom. He would

MORMON POLYGAMY ACTIVE.

While the Mormons are flooding the

not "get there" in 1900.

even counting only the negroes who

eside in those two states, and it was

it had not been for the negro vote-

Laredo Times:

elected.'

elected McKinley. How it will be in

law of our country. There are many hundreds of these vicious, demoralizing teachers going their rounds in the south. In North Carolina there are quite forty at work sowing tares and cockles. They have over 900 at work in the several states. A great many have thought that Mormon polygamy was a thing of the past. The fellows who go around prosolyting to the gospel of uncleanness, will deny that polygamy is still the go in Utah. That state entered the union with a constitution absolutely condemning and forbidding the practice of polygamy. There were tens of thousands Mormons who had several wives, each according to ability to provide for them. Did they separate from them, and return to civilized life and monogamous practice? Far from it. We learn from the report of the Presbytery of Utah that "around the seventy postoffices with which it has touch, there are 2,000 cases of polygamy. A polygamist,

Brigham H. Roberts, has been elected to the next congress. An extensive movement is organized among the Christian women of the land to protest against his admission." What will the federal congress do about it? [Will it allow Utah to flourish as a state with such an open, palpable, violation of its constitution? Will it admit to a seat among the members of the house the polygamist sent as a member of the next congress? Ought these agents of such a monstrosity be allowed, to traverse and despoil our state?

#### HOME FOLKS

Hurrah! More than twenty feet of water in the Cape Fear river is established by the outgoing of the steamship Hindoustan, that draws twentyty feet, four inches. Its cargo of cotton is worth \$265,000. Charleston may look to its laurels.

The warnings to expatriated come not too soon. The expelled cometh not back, again. All who ought to have gone did not go. Let there be quiet, safety, protection. If there is not woe be unto the offenders. Many reports are out of a disturbing character. "Thrice is he armed who hath his quarrel just." There is talk already of negro plottings and threats Beware, enemies of peace. The worst enemies of the colored people are not head-strong whites, but the women and men of their race who are making same old devilish cause-assaults upon

Monthly, is a candidate for state librarian. The Messenger has quite recently said a favorable word for a friend, Mr. P. C. Enniss, of Raleigh, for the same office. If he is not the successful candidate we hope Mr. King will be, He has done excellent service against Harry Skinner and black radical misrule and in behalf of White Supremacy. He deserves well of the democracy.

General W. R. Cox favors us kindly with a copy of the Congressional Directory for the third session of the Fifty-fifth congress. He has our thanks for sending it.

Mr. D. L. Moody, the noted and most useful lay evangelist, states that in the training school he established in Chicago ten years ago, a great work has been done. Between 100 and 200 of those who have passed through the door of the institute are telling the story of the Gospel in foreign lands and more than 700 are engaged in home missions and as evangelistic preachers, regular pastoral work and church visitors, to say nothing about those who have gone forth with the Gospel message of song.

#### BREVITIES.

Mr. Bryan is confident that silver will be the main issue in 1900. Opposition to expansion and imperialism will be an excellent second.

It is an excellent thing when you write to know what you are writing about. The north fired its guns at the south and they only "knocked the owners over."

, Rev. Charles E. Chichester, a faithful Présbyterian minister of Charleston, S. C., died recently aged 64 years. He was captain of artillery in the confederate army, fought very gallantly and to the close. He loved the gray and its cause. It was his request that he be buried in his confederate uniform, and an artillery salute be fired over his grave. According to an article in The London British Weekly, Rev. John Watson, ("Ian Maclaren") is a great preacher. He recently held forth in great force in London. Among many

praises it says: "Extracts and summaries could not give the faintest idea of the dramatic force and fire with which he spoke, From beginning to end we felt we were

listening to one of the greatest orators of the day. Extracts convey no more idea of what his sermon really was than a bald summary could reflect the power and passion of one of Mr. Gladstone's speeches."

There have been three or four lynchings of negroes in the south in less time than three weeks, and two for the

says of wheat raising: "In 1897 W. M. Roberts raised thirtytwo bushels on two acres in town, sowed peas and made 661/2 bushels of

purple straw wheat this year, 37 bush- 4 els on one acres His yield is the best heard of in this section. 'Mayor A. B. Pearsally raised 2514 bushels of large white wheat on % of an acre in to we and had it ground by McIver's roller, mills, Gulf, N. C., and

praises his flour very highly. 'Several farmers' have told 'us that 12½ to 15 bushels of wheat (yielding 2½ to 3 barress of flour) to the acre can easily be gaised."

Recently The Messenger copied from The Raleigh News and Observer what General Hoke heported of wheat grow: ing by a northern farmer now living in western North Carolina. We forget the exact figures, and have not time to search for them now, but some 47 or 48 bushels were raised to the acre, we think. It will certainly do to farm in North Carolina if you but know how to do it. In 150 we saw cotton growing in Halifs' county on the farm of the late Littlellery Manning, that turned out three dales to the acre-of good size-and were the premium at the Weldon fair he same fall.

The Fayetteville Observer lately gave some figures to show that even in 5c cotton with good farming there was profit. A Cumberland county farmer has furnished the results in cultivating six and a half acres. The account was kept with strict accuracy."

EXPENDED. \$ 35 00 Fertilizer ..... 24 00 Picking ..... ..... 10 00 Labor .... Section and the section of the secti Bagging and lies ..... 3 75 Total' .....\$ 72 RECEIVED. .....\$128 52 Five bales of cotton .... ..... 15 00 Cotton seed Total .....\$143 52 Profit ... Of course there is, also to be reckoned in this the interest on the land, the cost of hilling and maybe one lor

two miscellaneous items, all of which would not amount to over \$10.00." That is an average profit of less than \$10 per acre It is as good or better than growing corn, but it requires careful farming to realize from so low

a price. Where one man will succeed with five cents (or 416 cents oftener to the farmer after paying expenses) ten men will have to scuffle to make anything on the lands cultivated.

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at 50c, 75c and \$1.00 and upward. Capes and Jackets we handle in large quantities and at prices that compel you to buy. A nice Fur Trimmed Cape from 75c up to \$2.75. An Astrakan purchases punched on it, at Wilming-Cape for \$1.75. One with Box Pleat for ton's Big Racket Store, North Front \$2.00. Nice quality of Melton Braid or Street, opposite the Orton Hotel.

Is on hand and anything you want in | Jet Trimmed from \$2.50 to \$6.25. Handsome Plush Gapes, from \$1.50 to \$5.00. Nice Jackets from \$2.50 up to \$10.00.

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Just laid in a large assortment of Handkerchiefs for the Holiday Trade. A nice real Linen . Handkerchief for 2½c, 15c and 25c-big value; Nicé Embroidered ones from 10c to 18c and upward. White Silk ones for 35c and 50c that cannot be matched elsewhere. A nice quality of Cambric Hemstitched for 5c.

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