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JOTTINGS.

A watchman in Chicago killed one burglar and pursued others. When he returned the dead burglar was missing. Later his body was found in his home a few doors away, and a doctor had given a health certificate stating heart disease as the cause of his death. That was a strange but true diagnosis, and should be profited by.

Out in Kansas a church festival was postponed on account of a dance, as the same parties could not attend both at the same time. Turn about is fair play in Kansas.

A well regulated conspiracy to bankrupt South Dakota through its Treasurer has been discovered. The divorce business would soon replenish that treasury.

Mr. Bissell has resigned from the Cabinet and now Cleveland can enjoy being the biggest man in the Cabinet family circle. But avoid dupes, cannot answer for brains.

In little Delaware the deadlock in the Legislature on the election of a United States Senator continues. One is enough for it anyway.

Do strikes pay? is the question now agitating all Brooklyn. A French Count is authority that it pays to strike in New York.

The adjournment of Congress greatly pleased the brokers of New York, who shouted for joy. And the country does not lament.

Reed took no part in the complimentary proceedings tendered Speaker Crisp at the adjournment of Congress. Trying to get even-like.

Everything does not seem to be so lovely now in the fusion camp. The last crumb causes contention.

Harvard University wants the game of foot ball abolished. Harvard's boys must be in hard luck.

Miss Gould is now a Countess. But the Count counted the \$2,000,000.

HOW WE WENT TO WAR.

North Carolina and Secession.

A NORTH CAROLINA OFFICER TELLS THE STORY OF THE SECESSION OF THE LAST SOUTHERN STATE TO DECLARE FOR WAR, BUT THE FIRST TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF IT.

(Continued from last week.)

Ex-Senator David L. Swain was at this time the president of the University—"Bunc," as he had been affectionately known by the students for years, so styled because he was from the celebrated Buncombe county, of North Carolina, which was also the home of the late lamented Senator Zebulon B. Vance. He had been twice Governor of the State, was the intimate friend of many of the most distinguished historic characters of the country, and the University made wonderful progress under his administration. He was a man filled with the milk of human kindness, dearly loved by the young men under his guidance, and every one whom, surviving today, reveres his memory. The old man dearly loved his country, mourned deeply over the disruption that took place, with tears in his eyes witnessed the departure of the ninety-five members of the senior class before the commencement, and sent them their diplomas in camp.

The writer was a member of an artillery company in Raleigh, in which he had been enrolled a short time before President Lincoln's proclamation. Immediately after the proclamation a military camp of instruction was organized at Raleigh and a State convention assembled. The writer received an order from his commanding officer to report at the camp, and responded thereto.

What a wonderful change had come over the "Old North State!" Arriving at Durham, twelve miles from the University, then a mere station on the Central North Carolina Railroad, but now a thriving city, the writer awaited the arrival of the train. When it came in sight it was decorated with the then Confederate colors, the three bars and stars, from the engine to the rear-most car, and had three military companies on board. The first sight that greeted us, as we came in sight of Raleigh, was the Confederate flag flying from the dome of the capitol. Many of the citizens wore the red cockade, the old revolutionary symbol of the State, and the city was alive and active with military preparation.

The Convention soon assembled composed of the best material of the State, with Hon Weldon N. Edwards, of Warren county, as its president. This body at the capitol, with the military camp established at the fair grounds of the North Carolina Agricultural Association, were the two great points of attraction, while the city was crowded with visitors from all parts of the South. The camp bore off the palm for its large and constant flow of visitors. There was nearly 2,000 infantry in the camp, with Ramseur's superb artillery company. This

company, when completed, numbered over 120 stalwart men. It had been raised in Raleigh, and many of its members were prominent society young men. To it was given the only complete battery in the State, which had been captured with the Fayetteville arsenal. It was entirely new, consisting of six brass pieces, four six pounders, and two howitzers, and when fully equipped had six matched horses to each gun, caisson, the battery wagon and forge, and it was one of the finest batteries in Lee's army. Its commander, Captain Dodson Ramseur, had just resigned his commission as a first lieutenant of artillery in the United States army. His ancestors were of Revolutionary fame in western North Carolina. He afterwards became a distinguished major-general in Lee's army, and was killed in the Valley of Virginia.

The battery was afterwards known as "Manley's," being commanded by Captain Basil Manly, afterward major, a son of an ex-Governor of the State, and, after the surrender, mayor of Raleigh. One of the sad duties of the battery, before it left for Virginia, was to take part in the funeral pageant of Gov. Ellis, in Raleigh. The Governor, broken down by his arduous duties, went to the Red Sulphur Springs, in Virginia, to recuperate his health and there died. His remains were brought to Raleigh and interred with imposing military honors. There were also two regiments of infantry in the procession (on their way to Virginia), one of them, the sixth, commanded by Col. Charles Fisher, who, a few weeks afterward lost his life at the battle of Manassas.

Governor Ellis was succeeded by Governor Clarke, of Edgecombe county, who took the gubernatorial chair by virtue of his office as president of the State Senate.

The camp of instruction presented special attractions. The Raleigh ladies always noted for their beauty and accomplishments, were strongly reinforced by numbers of fair visitors from other portions of the State, and from the South, and every afternoon, at dress parade, a long line of carriages, filled with fair occupants, were in attendance to witness the ceremonial. A fine band of musicians was in the camp, which added greatly to its attractiveness.

Finally the day came when the ordinance of secession was to be passed. The whole city was early astir. A great crowd gathered in the capitol grounds. Ramseur's battery was ordered down from the camp, to fire a salute of 100 guns in honor of the event, and a fine military band was stationed in front of the capitol to add inspiration and eclat to the occasion.

The hall of the House of Representatives, where the convention was held, was crowded to overflowing and as each member affixed his name to the ordinance, he was loudly applauded. Outside on the Capitol grounds, the crowd was so great it overflowed in every direction, and sentries marched beside the artillery to maintain sufficient space for working the guns.

TO BE CONTINUED.

FROM ROAN TO ROANOKE.

Anderson Brown, col. at Salisbury when arrested for shooting his paramour asked if she was dead. Finding that she was not he asked to be released just long enough to kill her and he was ready to hang at once.

White-caps, supposed to have been moonshiners recently severely whipped Amos Knott and his brother, whom they charged with reporting moonshine operations in Yadkin County.

Charlotte claims to have one man who doesn't want to be an Alderman. He is said to have his eye on the mayoralty.

E. L. Franks, Senator from Onslow county, died in Raleigh on the 27th ult., after a week's attack of pneumonia.

The Caswell monument, at Kinston was badly cracked and blackened by the recent fire and is said to be ruined.

Senator Fortune wants an Insurance Commissioner appointed and it is said he wants to be that Commissioner.

Sixty four dwellings and eleven stores and other buildings erected in one year is Rocky Mount's record.

Dr. Crowell of Catawba county, was given five years in the penitentiary and fined \$5,000 for seduction.

Mrs. Mary Settle, widow of the late Judge Thomas Settle, died at her home in Greensboro, Sunday.

Butler couldn't stand the Douglas racket in Washington City and says he was glad to get away.

Harry Walters of the A. C. L. has issued a call to organize a new passenger association.

The President is coming to North Carolina waters for hunting and fishing a few days.

The Senate has voted an appropriation to help finish the Confederate monument.

Senator Brown, of Yadkin County has been drunk and in the lock-up again.

The North Carolina Iron Works of Elizabeth City have begun work.

Rev. B. F. Long, editor of the Warrenton Record, died last week.

The Legislature wants to take a recess and meet again next Summer.

The Legislature will reduce the appropriation for the State Guard.

Minister Ransom will probably leave for Mexico about the 20th.

The Populists and Republicans now hold separate caucuses.

The Legislature will probably adjourn Saturday, 9th inst.

The Legislature will probably tax the drummers again.

New Berne is infested with chicken thieves.

Washington has a National Bank.

The election bill is now a law.