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LOSSES IN BATTLE.

North Carolina is proud of its past in the war between the States. We are glad to see interest taken in it, and that many who played conspicuous parts in that struggle are giving truth to history.

There has always been a tendency to put North Carolina in the back ground, though it was to the front in '61-'65. It sent fully 120,000 native sons from its homes to the battlefields and great was the number who never returned. Among those from other states who were foremost in that cause were fully 50,000 more who claimed North Carolina as their birthright. Others who had adopted it as their homes fought for it and it is safe to say that 175,000 North Carolinians were in that war.

And yet other States try to rob it of its glory. Only a few days ago the Richmond, Va. Times stated that a Texas regiment sustained the heaviest loss of any one Southern regiment in one battle. Information at hand shows us different. We find that the Fourth N. C. Regiment went into battle at Seven Pines May 31st-June 1st, 1862 with 520 men and lost in killed and wounded 462, making a loss of 88 1/2 per cent, while the Times gave that Texas regiment at less than 84 per cent.

The battle of Gettysburg July 1-3, 1863 was severe on North Carolina. The 26th N. C. regiment went into battle with something over 800 men. On the first its loss was 588, 73 1/2 per cent killed and wounded. On the 3rd day it went into Longstreet's assault with only 216 men, and on the next day it had but 80 men left. A total loss at Gettysburg of 91 per cent.

We also find that a Capt. Tuttle's company went into that battle on the 1st day with 84 men and 3 officers and came out with one man. That company's loss was nearly all or about 98 1/2 per cent.

Let an effort be made to preserve such history. Old soldiers know much that will never get into history unless they tell it.

SWINDLING.

For years many firms doing an extensive mail retail business, with people all over the country, have been swindling, by selling inferior goods. By this means legitimate business was interfered with, and fortunes made by such schemers. Newspapers have been glad to be able to furnish space in their columns, often at sacrificing rates, and to blow their business. But all is not gold that glitters and a day of reckoning has come to some.

We see that the grand jury of New York has indicted H. C. F. Koch & Co., Simpson, Crawford & Simpson, Stern & Co., Macy & Co., Ehrlich Brothers, Daniels & O'Neil & Co., and several others for selling spurious silverware, thereby swindling thousands of people of hard earned dollars. They must also be guilty of violating the postal laws, and should be given full justice. We have often seen their fancy catalogues and wondered that people would be taken in by them.

TAXES.

The County Commissioners had to levy the taxes for this year owing to the fact that the law requiring the joint meeting of the Commissioners and Magistrates was repealed. The levy was made at the meeting last Monday and was made higher than that of last year.

There were several reasons for this: the dam or roadway over the low grounds here put the county a little behind, as it was paid for, out of the regular taxes. Then the January courts of 1894 and 1895, were costly to the county and the case for the office of Sheriff took a nice sum out of the treasury. Some other unavoidable expenses have been incurred and the levy was made to meet such.

It is not expected, however, that a larger amount will be raised as property is expected to be valued lower than last year, and there is quite a difference in many people's worth where listing for taxation, and when making assets to become bondsmen.

JUST SO

As long as the magistrates had a voice in the matter of levying taxes, there was no embargo placed on marriage, for a majority of them were widowers and bachelors. But it is changed now. They have no voice, except they lifted their voices and wept, for our county com-

missioners, every one of them an old married man, have added ONE DOLLAR to the marriage license fee.

Whether in anticipation of an active business for Leap Year, the advent of the new woman, or to discourage budding aspirations, they have struck a blow which will bring upon them the venom of old maids, the wrath of widowers and old bachelors, and the general resentment of the younger. May their days end in peace.

LYNCHINGS seem to be local to no one section. Almost at the same time we read of two men lynched in Illinois, one in Maryland and one in Florida. It does seem that the north is getting well up with, if not ahead of the South. Lynching seems to be the usual penalty for certain crimes regardless of locality or sections. And will continue to be just so long as our laws permit so many of the known guilty to escape. Defects of the law, may generally be assigned as a principal cause in nearly all cases. The guilty must be punished.

In defiance of the order of Judge Simonton, the dispensary constable in South Carolina continue to make raids and seizures of liquors. In Columbia, they have become so active that several have been indicted for violating the order. The dispensary laws of South Carolina are great encouragers of blind Tiggers and moonshiners, and the matter should be disposed of in some way to give the people a rest, from violations of the sanctity of their homes and personal rights.

JUDGE Goff has modified his decision in the South Carolina registration cases, and allowed the registration books to be opened as the law directed. It seems that Judge Goff was mistaken in the day in which he lives, and expected a general approval from everywhere North, such as he might have received in the days of reconstruction. But those days are over, and his action was condemned everywhere.

A monument to redeemed fallen women was unveiled in Maple Grove cemetery, New York, where many women who had been reclaimed from vice, lie buried. It is a grand achievement, and is said to be the only monument of its kind in the world. May it be an incentive to others to help in the noble work of reclaiming fallen sisters. When woman seeks to help woman, she can do a great work.

ANOTHER man, who violated the sanctity of another's home met his death at the hands of the outraged husband down in Florida, and the jury said "well done" and well done it was. And may the good work continue until the land is cleared of the unscrupulous libertine.

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