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SOUTHERN'S NEW PRESIDENT.

W. W. Finley was on yesterday elected president of the Southern Railway Company, to succeed the late Samuel Spencer. Mr. Finley was second vice-president and his selection is regarded as a most excellent one.

TAX THE DOGS.

The following petition is being circulated in Cabarrus county: "We, the undersigned citizens of Cabarrus county, do hereby request our members of the Legislature of North Carolina, now in session, to pass a law taxing each dog in said county one dollar and each female dog two dollars, the money arising from this tax to go into the School Fund of Cabarrus county; puppies under six months old to be exempted from this tax."

GARRETT TAKES CHARGE.

W. A. Garrett, late General Manager of the Queen & Crescent Railroad, assumed his duties as First Vice-President and General Manager of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, to which position he was recently elected to succeed J. M. Barr, on the first of December, with offices in Portsmouth. Mr. Garrett announces that no changes will be made in the operating department. He started from Washington City Sunday night on a series of inspection trips over the entire system, to last two weeks.

Compliment to Col. Andrews.

The report is that Col. A. B. Andrews has been offered the presidency of the Southern Railway Company and has declined it. The latter statement is as glib as the first is pleasing. By reason of his deservedly high railroad connection for many years, Col. Andrews has done inestimably for North Carolina. He is proud of and fond of the State of his birth, and it would not be a gross exaggeration to say that no citizen has done more for it in its accomplishment of practical results. If he were the president of the Southern he would do yet more for his State, and the *Observer* is so sure of this that he could see his way clear to accept the honor and responsibilities of the position said to have been tendered him.

Race Question in the North.

"We believe," says the Washington *Herald*, "that the North and South are slowly but steadily approaching common ground on the race question." The *Herald* is correct, and that common ground is agreement that the best interests of both races and of the country lie in getting the negro out of politics. The South has already reached that conclusion, and is acting upon it, and everywhere in the North that the negro is proving an appreciable numerical element of the population there are evidences of a sorry and a sane conviction. And, interestingly enough, the wheel of reaction on the negro question seems in trending to the full circle to be turning the most rapidly in erstwhile especially intense negro-phobic communities—Philadelphia, for example.

Japan's Ambitious Purpose.

The announcement that the Yalu river is to be bridged at Tongam-Pho by the Japanese, for the purpose of establishing a direct railway connection between Fusan, the Korean port nearest to Japan, and Mukden, the capital city of Manchuria, is another straw showing the set of the wind of Japanese ambition and purpose. It means that although Japan may doubtless keep her pledge of an "open door" regarding Manchuria, she is going to strengthen her grip upon the territory to the end of its final absorption, and the establishment of another cordon of vantage from which to dominate China. The game she started when she entered upon war with Russia is not ended yet, so far as paving the way for her territorial expansion is concerned. Korea is but a stepping stone on the calculation.

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Samuel Spencer.

Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway, who was killed in a railroad wreck yesterday, was one of the foremost men of the South. In everything he was intensely southern. He was born in Georgia, he was reared and educated in the South and he went into the Confederate army to fight for the principles which he held dear. It was eminently proper, therefore, that he should be the head man of the South's greatest railroad system. His work for the up-building of this section had never been equalled and at all times he was striving for it and its people. This much could have been truly said of Samuel Spencer, dead or living.

That he should have been killed on one of his trains is the most tragic and deplorable thought connected with this and intelligence of his sudden death. When the block system had been installed Mr. Spencer was reasonably sure that it would offer every protection to the public, and it does, except that so much depends upon the human being. The frailty of human nature was never more clearly demonstrated.

All men who lift themselves above the ordinary walks of life are vilified and abused. The higher a man's station the greater the abuse, yet that adds to the shame of those damnable creatures who have the most contemptible motives for unjust attacks. If fifty persons had perished yesterday under the same circumstances, with Mr. Spencer among the number, he would not have deserved censure as president of the company. The blame must rest upon the guilty employes, whether they be the train crew or the operator who forgot or ignored the rules. Eliminating that phase of the terrible story, however, it is only proper that Mr. Spencer should have full credit for his splendid work and this ought to come cheerfully and willingly from the section in which he was born and for which he labored with such tremendous success. He was not an ordinary man, nor an ordinary railroad president, and his fame rests secure upon the consciousness of fair dealing and results achieved.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and applied local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

Seaboard Places Orders for 1,000 Box Cars. The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot states that the Seaboard Air Line Railway has just placed another big equipment order; this time it is 1,000 ventilated box cars, the order going to the Pressed Steel Car Company, delivery to be made during July and August, 1907.

The Seaboard has been making great additions to its rolling stock, both in the passenger and freight departments of the system. Only a few days ago the construction of 100 flat cars at the company's shops in this city was ordered. New locomotives for the passenger service are arriving at the shops weekly from the Baldwin works in Philadelphia, where they are being turned out as fast as the contractors can construct them.

Col. A. B. Andrews.

The many friends of Col. A. B. Andrews throughout the State would like much to see him at the head of the great railway system which he has been so largely instrumental in bringing to its present state of effectiveness and strength.

When the Southern Railway Company was organized out of the fragments left from the wreck of the old Richmond and Danville system, Colonel Andrews became its first vice-president, and as such he has ever since remained, with headquarters in Raleigh.

The election of Colonel Andrews to the presidency of the Southern at the present time would seem to follow the natural course of events, and no one doubts his ability to fill the place in a manner entirely acceptable both to the public and to the stockholders of the road.

Who the next president will be, of course, do not know, but we are for Colonel Andrews if he will take it.

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Life and Letters of Robert Edward Lee.

Robert E. Lee is a name that embodies for Southern people all that is chivalrous and noble. No hero god ever appealed to ancient youth as does General Lee to the sons of the men who followed him in battle. And it is remarkable that General Lee is remembered not as a strategist, nor even as a leader, but as one who was altogether an ideal man.

We cannot have too many worthy lives of Lee. A few months ago the great general published a biography of him. Now comes one from Dr. J. William Jones, who followed him in the War and who was associated with him in Washington and Lee University. Those of us who have heard Dr. Jones lecture on Lee know how profoundly he revered him, and we might fear that his enthusiasm would unfit him as a biographer. But reading of the volume suffices to convince one that Dr. Jones has crowned his life-long devotion to Lee and to the Confederacy with a work that is admirably restrained. We have a priceless portrayal of Lee the Man as well as Lee the Soldier. The gentleness, the simplicity, the profound truthfulness of his life are brought home to the reader in chapters that, so far from idealizing the Great Leader rather surprise one in their power to make him seem such a man as the reader is—only greater in goodness and genuine humanity.

The best possession of the South, one of the best possessions of the English-speaking race, was this warrior whose heart beat for his soldiers, who made a glorious fight against overwhelming odds, who embodied at once the ideals of his people in human chivalry and Christian goodness. And we are grateful for a work so worthy to hand the inspiration of his life from generation to generation. The Neale Publishing Company, 431 Eleventh Street, N. W., Washington. Price, \$3.00; cloth, 48¢ pages.

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In this most exhaustive and noble contribution to the patriotic literature of the country the author has completed a stupendous and unvaried labor resulting in a volume of over 4 hundred pages, covering the entire history of the American flag in all the uses and obligations and vicissitudes since the time of its adoption, June 14, 1777, when General Washington in speaking of the emblem said, "We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

This is the first book with thousands of facts concerning Old Glory, the larger part of which were absolutely unknown to almost all its readers. New England will be proud to find that all the bunting used in the United States navy, which only uses the very best quality procurable, is made in Lowell, Mass., in the manufactory of the United States Bunting Company, which was founded 1865 by General Butler; and the author also informs us that the flag of the South is said to have been "Conceived on the field of battle, lived on the field of battle and was proudly borne on every field from Manassas to Appomattox."

The above is taken from the Manchester, New Hampshire, *Mirror*. We have examined the book with interest and pleasure the book under consideration. Mr. Harrison has done his best to give the highest commendation and reward. There are some extracts from Mr. Harrison's book which we are going to publish next week, which will be of local interest. It may not be generally known, but it is a fact, that a man of Henderson, Cape G. R. Smith, (then living in Louisiana) designed the flag (the Stars and Bars) that was adopted by the Confederate Congress at Montgomery, Ala. The first Confederate flag that floated in North Carolina was raised in Salisbury, by Capt. Smith, in March, 1862. A full account of both incidents is given in Mr. Harrison's book, together with much other historical information about the origin and history of the flags of America which should cause it to have a wide circulation wherever introduced. Of the eight flags of which colored pictures are shown, four of them are Confederate flags.

Miss Jessica Rundolph Smith has the agency for the sale of the book in this territory.

The December *National* from the cover, which is ornamented by one of Manning's striking heads, to the last page of the magazine, is attractive, and its contents unusually interesting. The frontispiece is a cartoon, "The Skating Season Has Opened," and a half-tone of the "U. S. Battleship Louisiana." "Affairs at Washington," by For. Richard Chapple, is replete with those interesting things which everyone wants to know about the national capital. "The Bright Side of 'Knockingtown,'" by Mary Humphrey, dispels many illusions and shows that the great institutions and homes of this much discussed community are grossly maligned by authors who have said great things "unlike to fit" one ray of sunshine to brighten the lives of these people, save such as they are able to get out of drunkenness." Miss Humphrey says that "This Washington community is, in the most dignified sense of the word, an industrial community. It is not pauperized. It is not a slum. It is a highly entertaining and readable article. The editor of the *National* tells of the "Ancient Order of Happy Habits," and also contributes an interesting descriptive article on his recent trip to the Pacific Coast, under the title "through the Golden West." There is an abundance of splendid fiction and verse in this number, including the Christmas stories "A Bit of Mystery," by L. Henton, "Half and Half," by Charles Warren Stoddard, and a poem, "From the Sea at 'Kule'side,'" by Mabel Ward Cameron. A half dozen other stories are contained in its pages, and the happy variety of material published in the *National* makes up a welcome in every household.

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