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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

The GOLD LEAF is twenty-five years young. With the issue of last week it closed its twenty-fifth volume, having been started by the present owner and editor December 15, 1881. By its past record its future may be judged perhaps better than by any promises we may make.

Mr. Harrison's Book.

The Stars and Stripes and Other American Flags, including their Origin and History.

Reference has already been made in these columns to the very interesting and informing volume entitled as above by Peleg D. Harrison of Manchester, N. H. Little, Brown & Co., publishers, 254 Washington street, Boston, Mass. 417 pages, 8 vo. Decorated cloth. Price \$3.00. The work is a carefully considered, comprehensive history of the origin and history of our national flag, the result of many years of painstaking research by the author who undertook it more for the love of it than from a pecuniary point of view. As the publisher's advertisement states it "this book not only brings together a vast amount of invaluable information, but it will make a strong appeal to patriots, inasmuch as it instills veneration for the symbol for which so many have dared and died."

There are 8 colored illustrations, 4 of these being Confederate flags. Devoting considerable space to the origin of the flag of the confederacy, there is much matter of peculiarly local interest.

Capt. Orron Randolph Smith, (now a citizen of this town) has the distinction of having devised the flag that was adopted for the first national flag of the Confederacy. This honor, however, is also claimed by Mr. Nicola Marschall of Louisville, Ky. The claim of the North Carolina man seems to be established by documentary evidence, though. We quote the following:

"There are two claimants for the honor of devising the design that was adopted for the first national flag of the Confederacy. Mr. Orron Randolph Smith, of Henderson, N. C. and Mr. Nicola Marschall, of Louisville, Ky."

Mr. Smith says he was an original secessionist and before the outbreak of the war in 1861, he had an emblem for the Confederacy in mind. He devised a model, purchased lumber and ordered the flag about 12 by 15 inches made by Mrs. German Watson, nee Miss Catherine Rebecca Murphy, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murphy, of Henderson, a widow. Her sister, Miss Sarah Ann Murphy, who was for the Union, refused to assist in making a pattern for a Confederate flag, but she and Mr. Smith and Mrs. Watson were engaged upon it, she entertained them by singing and playing "Dixie" and other Southern songs on the piano. Soon after the war Mrs. Watson married Lieutenant James A. Miller, of the Union army, and both are dead a number of years.

"Mr. Smith states that he sent his model by mail to Montgomery, but to whom it was addressed he does not say, and some time after it was announced in the newspapers that the Confederate Congress had adopted his design. Unfortunately, as he states, these newspapers were destroyed during the war, and he cannot remember their titles."

"Without waiting to hear whether or not his design had been accepted, he had Mrs. Watson make a flag of ladies dress goods bought from John Barrow, 9 1/2 by 12 feet, in accordance with his design, and raised it in Louisville, it being the first Confederate flag to float in North Carolina. An account of this flag is given further on."

"It was a compliment indeed to have Congress adopt the design for a Confederate flag that came from the 'Good Old North State, which had not then seceded, and neither did she pass an ordinance of secession until two and half months afterwards."

We quote again from Mr. Harrison's very illuminating work, making reference also to Capt. Smith:

"The first Confederate flag that floated in North Carolina was raised in Louisville by Orren Randolph Smith in March, 1861. Mr. Smith states that the material for this flag, good dress stuff, that floated lightly in the breeze, was bought from John Barrow, and used by Mrs. German Watson to make a flag 9 x 12 feet of the Stars and Bars pattern. In her affidavit Mrs. Winborne says that the material was brought to her on Saturday, the 16th of March, 1861, by Mr. Smith, and she sewed and worked on the flag as hard as we could, but did not get it finished by Saturday night, so we completed it on Sunday, and early on Monday morning, March 18th, Mr. Smith raised this flag, it being the first Confederate flag ever displayed in North Carolina."

"Over the flag Mr. Smith had floating in the breeze a long blue streamer, like an admiral's pennant, on his right, and a home ward bound, and on this pennant were nine white stars. He said that though North Carolina was still in the Union, she was homeward bound, and this was the first significant straw that showed which way the wind was blowing. The raising of the Confederate flag created great excitement, as it was some two months before North Carolina withdrew from the Union."

"Mr. Joseph John Allen, a half-brother of Mr. Smith, and then a boy of fourteen years, says that the 100-foot flag staff from which this flag floated was composed of two poplar poles cut on his father's plantation by Bill Allen, colored, a slave of his father, and still a neighbor, who hauled them to Louisville, where they were spliced together by iron bands made in a blacksmith shop at the mill owned by Mr. Smith. The flag staff was planted by Mr. Smith on what is now known as Hicks' Corner, where it remained until Sherman's army passed through the town, and it was then erected it directly across the street on Court House square. The Stars and Stripes was raised on the staff and continued to fly until the close of the Reconstruction period."

It is gratifying to know that this unique work, fair, full and impartial in matter and treatment of the subject is meeting with such a warm reception. Miss Jessica Smith, who has the agency for its sale in this territory, is succeeding beyond her expectation, and those who do not possess a copy of the "Flag Book" cannot attribute the blame to her. State librarian Miles O. Sherrill writes:

"I have purchased, for the State library, from Miss Jessica R. Smith of Henderson, N. C., a copy of a book, 'The Stars and Stripes and Other American Flags.' This is a book of 419 pages by Peleg D. Harrison. This book not only gives an account of the Stars and Stripes, but also the Stars and Bars, and will fill the place

of a long felt need in regard to the flags of our country. Miss Smith deserves a great deal of credit for the interest and assistance she gave to the author especially in seeing that North Carolina has done credit in the matter of flags. Those desiring a historical account of our flags should write to Miss Smith, Henderson, N. C., and purchase the book. MILES O. SHERRILL, State Librarian.

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Public Lecture

By Dr. C. Alphonso Smith Under Auspices of the Contemporary Club Friday Night—Followed by Banquet at Masenburgh's Hotel

Contributed

The annual public meeting and banquet of the Contemporary Club on last Friday evening was a most delightful and carefully announced, interesting and well spoken of the evening was Prof. C. Alphonso Smith, Ph. D., L. L. D., of the Chair of English Literature in the University of North Carolina. Dr. Smith fully sustained the reputation he has made as a lecturer and more than met the expectations of his hearers. A large and representative audience of Henderson people filled the hall, and listened with absorbed attention for a short forty-five minutes to what without dissenting voice was styled one of the finest lectures ever delivered in Henderson.

Dr. Smith spoke on "Literature and Industrialism," and the proposition which he endeavored to establish concerned the true relation existing between the two; that it was not one of antagonism but, on the contrary, of entire accord and harmony; that precisely at the period of most active and progressive industrialism literature has put forth its most vigorous and fertile efforts; that, instead of a strong current of industrialism submerging a people in a sordid flood of materialism, it rather refreshed and enriched the fields of literature, and by cultivating a spirit of confidence and admiration at the same time, it has given us new inspiration and talent. By happy citations from genius, the speaker fully established his proposition and laid the foundation of a strong current of industrialism in the future literary life of the South.

It is rarely that sober truth to call this address a masterpiece. In thought, expression and delivery it was as near without a flaw as human elocution may often hope to get, and it was indeed a rare treat for the town. The Club made no mistake in selecting Dr. Smith to follow the distinguished lecturers that have preceded him.

The public address was followed by the Banquet at the Hotel Masenburgh. Covers were laid for about fifty guests, and Miss Host Masenburgh presided in a most graceful and service. It was one of the most pleasant occasions in the history of the Club.

The president of the Club, Dr. G. A. Coggeshall, presided with his accustomed tact and genial dignity. Toasts were proposed and responded to as follows: "American Humor," Dr. C. A. Smith, "Opportunity," Mr. J. C. Kittrell, "Just Anything," Mr. F. C. Tooleman, "The Contemporary Club."

Rev. J. H. Henderlite, Mr. Samuel Watkins, The Ladies, Hon. A. J. Harris. They were all good. Dr. Smith won new applause by his superb delineation of American Humor and his side-splitting illustrations. As a speaker, before dinner or after, he is right on the spot.

There was sincere regret at the untimely absence of Mr. Glenn and the Hon. Tasker Polk, who were expected to be present.

The Club holds its next regular meeting Jan. 15, 1907, with Mr. Samuel T. Peace, at which time a paper will be read by Mr. J. H. Bridgers on the Dispensary.

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