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Green B. Raum Appointed Commissioner of Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The President to-day settled the long controversy over the appointment of Commissioner of Pensions to succeed James Tanner, resigned, by the appointment of Green B. Raum, of Illinois, ex-member of Congress, and ex-commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Mr Raum was born in Golconda, Illinois, December 3, 1829.

The new Commissioner of Pensions took the oath of office as Commissioner of Pensions before Chief Clerk Dawson, of the Interior Department at 12 o'clock to-day. He was then officially introduced by Secretary Noble to the officials in the Department.

After some time spent in receiving the congratulations of friends, General Raum proceeded to the Pension Office, accompanied by Assistant Secretary Bussey. He was introduced to the chiefs of division by General Bussey and Assistant Commissioner Smith.

General Raum will assume charge Monday.

For the Soldiers' Home.

Col. J. M. Heck has written a letter, which explains itself and its noble purpose, to Mr. W. C. Stronach, secretary of the State Confederate Veterans' Association:

MY DEAR SIR:—I have long been of the opinion that we ought to have small, comfortable homes for our aged, infirm and disabled Confederate soldiers, located in the different sections of the State. I have on the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad at Ridgeway, situated in a 5 (five) acre square, a 30 (thirty) roomed Mansard roofed, brick building, with long porticos, &c., which, I think, would be suitable for one of these "Homes." If your association should be of the same opinion, after examination of the property, and will use it for that purpose, they may have the free use of it for twenty-five years; or as long as used for a Confederate Soldiers' Home. We may not be able to give large pensions and maintain in affluence these aged, infirm and disabled soldiers who risked all and have suffered so much for the defense of what they believed to be right, but we can give them such care and comforts as will make their lives more pleasant, and convince them that they have not been deserted by their old comrades, who have been more fortunate in the hard battle of life, which has been so manfully fought under adverse circumstances, since the final furling of the Confederate flag at Appomattox. By united and continued effort we can, with our abundant wealth, cheer the declining years of the survivors of the rapidly thinning ranks of these old soldiers, and raise them far enough above pinching cold and gnawing hunger to let them see the bow of promise which is now throwing the light of hope over the whole of our loved, sunny Southland. Hoping that at an early day we may have several of these "Soldiers' Homes," I am,

Yours very truly,
J. M. HECK.

Col. Heck states that this house will be ready for occupancy by the first of November.

Burials at Public Expense.

Statesville Landmark.

A growing nuisance, tax and evil is that of applicants by colored people to the county for the means with which to bury their dead. The clerk of the board of commissioners says that hardly a week passes that he is not called on for money to pay the burial expenses of some colored person. Wednesday of last week he had an application; the case was that of a colored child that had died on depot hill, Monday, and that had remained unburied up to Wednesday because the parents lacked the means to pay for a coffin and for the digging of the grave. It is a scandal to the race that applications of this kind should be multiplying as they are. The colored people should be more self-reliant, and their ministers should teach them more humanity—teach them their duty to help each other. It is a false idea that the county treasury should open its doors on any and every occasion of need, and the colored race (and for that matter some portion of the white race also) needs to learn that the duty of government to the citizens is confined within a much narrower scope than many seem to understand.

Hands off, Brethren.

Charlotte Democrat.

The Progressive Farmer stated two weeks ago that an English syndicate had sent an agent to this country to invest \$8,000,000 in the best class of mortgages. We learn that this agent says that his syndicate has a larger sum to invest if the conditions are favorable and inviting. Insurance companies, bankers and other capitalists in New England combined with the money men of England and established loan agencies all over the West. The farmers borrowed their money and secured it by mortgage on their farms. Now their notes are due and they are unable to meet them, and this syndicate is buying these mortgages at greatly less than their face value and will proceed to foreclose them and gobble up the homes of the farmers. They have played their full hand in the West, and now they will begin to look for new and fresher fields. They will turn their eyes to the South. They will establish their agencies here, but the Progressive Farmer would warn our farmers not to touch them. Run lies before the farmer who would walk into this tempting snare. Keep away from loan agencies and keep the mortgage off your homes.

Death from Contact with Electric Light Wires.

New York, Oct. 11.—An electric lineman met a horrible death at the corner of Centre and Chamber street at 1 o'clock this afternoon, from contact with an electric light wire. He was employed by the Western Union Company and presented a terrible sight as he died on a net-work of wires in mid-air, while the deadly fluid actually made his body sizzle and blood pour out to the sidewalk and over the clothes of horrified spectators. The accident occurred in the middle of the day in one of the busiest parts of the city, was witnessed by a large concourse of people. The man's body lay limp and motionless over a mass of wires attached to cross arms of the pole. Firemen brought out a ladder and went up with a pair of shears to cut the wires. The man was found to be dead.

Flour Barrels.

Atlanta, Ga., October 12.—A wonderful revolution in flour barrel making is promised by a patent which has been granted for the making of barrels out of cotton duck instead of wood. The new material is impervious to water and resists fire for a long time. It weighs to the barrel about fifteen pounds less than the wood, and can be manufactured ten per cent. cheaper. The cotton duck barrels can be rolled up into small space and returned to the mills for frequent use. The barrels can thus be returned as solid goods and thus save space. The flour merchants of this city have given it a fair trial and pronounce it a success.

The following letter from Mr. Davis will attract the attention of our readers:

BEAUFORT, N. C., Sept. 13, 1889.
Mr. Joe W. White.

DEAR SIR:—I have received yours of the 9th instant, and thank you for your kind remembrance and offer to renew your attentions in the event of our going to Fayetteville. Whether I shall go or not is quite undecided and will depend upon my health, which at this time is by no means promising. I have a great desire to attend that Convention, but am far from being able to say with any certainty what I may do. My family remember gratefully your kind attentions to them, and my daughter desires kindly to be remembered to you.

Very respectfully,
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NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Davidson College has ninety six students.

Miss Stubbs has succeeded Miss Hatcher as editor of the *Orphans' Friend*.

The First National Bank of Statesville is erecting a new three-story brick building.

The Lexington *Ledger* has suspended, and the editor has accepted a position on the Greensboro *North State*.

Associate Justice Davis of the Supreme Court is confined to his bed at his home in Louisburg. His physicians pronounce his disease effusion of the brain.

Dr. Sion H. Rogers has gone west to grow up with the country. He has settled in Texas. Dr. Grissom it is said will found a private asylum in this State.

The *Maple News* says there was universal rejoicing in that section over the acquittal of Edwin Brown, charged with the murder of Col. Roger J. Page.

The Young Men's Christian Association Convention for this district meets in Statesville Nov. 1st. All the associations in the district are requested to send delegates.

The Lexington *Ledger* says that just before the lynching of Barber in that place on Monday night of last week there was a shower of rain lasting fifteen minutes without a sign of a cloud anywhere.

The *Landmark* says there are 600 hands at work on the Winston and Wilkesboro R. R., and that work has begun on the depot at Wilkesboro, which has been located on the opposite bank of the Yadkin from the town.

President Gray says the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley R. R. will complete its line from Fayetteville to Wilmington before the close of the year. He proposes to celebrate the new year by running the first through train from Wilmington to Mount Airy.

Maj. E. L. Vaughn, of Allegheny county, frequently mentioned in connection with the Congressional nomination in this district and a leading lawyer in his section died at his home in Sparta on the 10th inst. He had several times represented his county in the Legislature, where he served with credit to his county. He was about 59 years of age.

Raleigh telegram to the Richmond *Dispatch* on the 19th inst. reports heavy earthquake shocks in the vicinity of Hendersonville and Flat Rock in Henderson county. The shocks were accompanied by loud rumbling noises resembling the rapid discharge of artillery. The chimneys of Mr. Hill's residence at the foot of Glassy Mountain were thrown down, and several other houses were damaged.

Col. Walter L. Steele, one of the brainiest men in the State, says the Winston *Sentinel*, thus writes upon his return to North Carolina after an extended trip through the most prosperous states in the Union: "I prefer North Carolina to any place which I have seen. No land destitute of trees in the valleys, and on which no rain falls during the summer months, would suit my tastes. Too many people are, like Basselas, looking for greener fields, more sparkling water, more balmy air, beyond their native hills, and these usually meet with his fate—sad disappointment. There is room here for men of brain and energy."

Ex Judge George W. Logan, of Rutherford county, died at his home at Chimney Rock eighteen miles from Rutherfordton on the 18th inst. He was seventy four years old, and had been member elect of the Confederate Congress, member of the Legislature and of the Constitutional Convention of 1863, and in 1868 was elected Judge of the Superior Court, remaining on the bench until 1876. He is well known to the people of Burke county in connection with the Ku Klux prosecutions in Cleveland and Rutherford counties in which he took a conspicuous part. Of the nine children who survive him, one is now the Superior Court Clerk of Rutherford county.

The interest in railroad building in North Carolina is on the increase, and it is not all talk, either. There are at least a doz-

en new roads now projected, or under construction, on several of which work is progressing rapidly, while the indications are that several of the projected roads will be built in the near future. It seems to be no very difficult matter to get capital interested in railroad enterprise in this State, and from the present outlook the time is not far distant when North Carolina will have railroad facilities second to no Southern State. It is a gratifying fact, also, that her commercial development has more than kept pace with her railroad progress, rapid as that has been.—*Wilmington Star*.

Yesterday there was an incident that caused considerable excitement in one of the side shows at the fair grounds. A female snake charmer in one of the tents was fondling two tremendous snakes, having them wrapped around her body, neck and arms. The cold weather probably angered the huge reptiles, for they were slow, stubborn and angry. Suddenly one of them struck the arm of the woman viciously, biting it savagely and causing blood to flow. The charmer was very much frightened and screamed. The crowd of on-lookers were panic stricken or horrified, but there was no stampede. A physician was summoned and administered alcoholic spirits internally and externally, and the bitten woman was soon all right. She continued her exhibitions with the snakes during the day.—*Raleigh Call*.

A Charlotte *Chronicle* telegram from Asheville says: "The purchase of four thousand acres of land by Geo. Vanderbilt in the suburbs of the city is now a matter of current notoriety, but what he proposes to do with his real estate here has been, up to present, a matter of conjecture. Mr. Vanderbilt is now in this city. He has brought with him from New York city one of the best known architects of Gotham, and a landscape gardener from Europe. It is now certain that he will make his large lands into a park not unlike Taxedo park, in New York. The work of laying off these four thousand acres will begin tomorrow, making drives, artificial lakes, fountains and other natural ornamentation suited to the location. The property embraces many eminences that command views of the surrounding country and are considered the finest and most comprehensive in this section. This property will be made by far the most magnificent and attractive of its kind to be found in the South. It will gradually be made a resort for northern millionaires, each of whom will own his cottage for summer use. Among others will be a club house, the most elaborate and elegant in the Southern States.

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