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BILL ARP'S WEEKLY LETTER.

CONFEDERATE REUNION AT NASHVILLE DRAWS HIM OUT.

OLD VETERANS MEET AND WEEP.

Not Tears of Sorrow, But Caused By the Recalling of Old Memories of the Battlefield.

My good, happy, genial friend, Charley Lane, delivered a most enjoyable lecture on the analysis of laughter, or "Why Do We Laugh." Now, if he will analyze our tears and tell us why do we weep, we will be better understand another one of the mysteries of our emotional humanity. Why does a man weep when there is no sorrow in his heart—especially an old man—a veteran? If it were not pathetic it would be funny to see the tears in these old soldiers' eyes as they met and marched and listened to the martial music or sat together under the sound of words that came from the lips of old men, eloquent—old comrades in arms—words that awakened non-living memories and quickened into life the hard but heroic scenes that were living facts a third of a century ago. How hard they look—these old soldiers—hard in face and feature but soft in heart. It seems to me I can pick them out from common people. Every wrinkle tells of service, of suffering and disappointment. The bronze on their furrowed faces has never been bleached, and their walk is still a true but tired march. Yes, I can pick them out all around me. Look at old Captain Neal, and Major Potts, and McCandless, and Durham, and Montcastle. They can't hurry now. Their quick step has gone. They marched and counter-marched, they advanced and retreated, they charged and double-quickened for four long years, until the spring of their step was worn down to a plane with heel and toe, and now it is a fact that the heels are higher than the soles of the feet. But why should an old soldier weep? I remember that when our first statue was uncovered on the 22nd of April, 1897, and General Davis was brought to the platform and presented to the daughter of the confederate at a Gordon, and

wounded and in the confusion in the car another man was arrested for the deed. When Crozier learned this he gave himself up and was shot at sunrise. Mr. Halbert had never heard of Crozier's fate until he read it in The Constitution and he now begs for more information concerning him and his sad fate. Will some one who knows please write to him. He says that Crozier was a noble man and a gallant soldier and belonged to Good's battery organized at Dallas, Tex. Sam Davis and Calvin Crozier were but two. We had many more just like them, but they were not so tried.

But speaking of tears and war the most touching lines ever written were by Langhorne, who died more than one hundred years ago: "Cold on Canadian hills or Minden's plain, That weeping mother mourned her husband slain, Bent o'er her babe, her eye dissolved in dew— The big drops mingling with the milk he drew. What a sad presage of his future years— The child of misery baptized in tears." What could be more sweetly, sadly pitiful. No wonder that Burns shed tears when he looked at the print that had been made of the scene. Why has not some great artist taken the hint and painted it to the life—the mother seeking her dead husband among the slain on a battlefield and weeping over her child as he pursued from her breast—"the big drops mingling with the milk he drew." It is enough to make an angel weep. It is enough to emphasize General Sherman's pitiless remark that— "War is hell."

The poet Rogers said the prettiest thing about a tear. He wanted to find a chemist who could crystallize one so that he could wear it as a gem next to his heart for a talisman. Shakespeare calls the tears of an old man "honorable dew that silvers down thy cheeks," and another poet describes man as "a pendulum betwixt a smile and a tear." So we will let these old soldiers weep if they wish to. It will do them good, for they are not tears of sorrow nor grief. They are the weeping up and overflow of sacred memories. It is like spring after years and years of winter, and the sun is shining on the snow, and the old man is looking back to the home of his youth and greeting his kindred and comrades and communing to boys and sorrows of

These veterans all feel like it, and it is but natural that they should love to get together and do so. Let them meet and they feel like it, and the heartless set who oh, let the old war in it.—BILL ARP, in

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Washington Items

Secretary Sherman's reply to the protest of Japan against annexation of Hawaii was made public.

Consul-General Lee was ordered to return from Cuba to Washington to consult with Minister Woodford.

The reciprocity amendment to the Senate Tariff bill proposed by the Finance Committee was approved, and so was the section relating to ratification duties.

President and Mrs. McKinley left for Canton, Ohio, to observe the Fourth of July.

President Mr. J. J. nominated Asa W. Tenney of Brooklyn, to be United States District Judge.

Secretary Long directed Commodore Bance to direct Seaman Carter, who killed Sergeant on the Indians, to the civil authorities at Brooklyn.

The Senate voted to reduce the rate on white paper from 22 to 20 cents per 100 lbs. and on blue paper from 22 to 20 cents per 100 lbs.

The President sent to the Senate the following appointments: John F. Govey, of Washington, now Consul at Kansas, to be Consul-General at Yokohama, Japan; George N. West, of the District of Columbia, now Consul at Platon, to be Consul at New York, Nova Scotia; Orestes Bedell, of New York, to be Consul at Fort Erie, Ont.; John C. Higgins, of Delaware, to be Consul at Dundee, Scotland.

Secretary Long has approved of the recommendations that Commander Mullan and Paymaster Corwin be dismissed from the Navy, the latter's sentence to two years' imprisonment to be commuted.

The Republican Senators, in their final caucus on the tariff bill, voted to provide for anti-trust amendment and disapproved of the proposed duty on tea and the income tax, but decided to provide for a tax on bond and stock transactions.

Domestic. The National Executive Board of the United Mine Workers of America ordered a general strike. The officers said 375,000 men were in the movement.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court sustained the decision of Justice Beach, who works in the Commission of Public Works, New York City, from refusing to issue a writ of habeas corpus to the Chicago Avenue Railroad Company of its lease to change the motive power of the road.

Jeremiah O. Sullivan, sentenced to eight months in the State (Mass.) jail for libeling a member of the Lawrence Commission, was released by a pardon from Governor Wolcott.

Leading lawyers advocated lynching in the Georgia Bar Association meeting.

In New York City Charles Ferdinand Herse shot and severely wounded Mrs. Rose Drolet, and then killed himself. They had quarreled, and she ran a restaurant in his hotel.

Thousands of women are nervous, tired, have headache, sick stomach, fainting spells, dizziness, scanty or profuse menses, weak back, constipation; their sides, shoulders and limbs ache constantly—in fact, they suffer from general debility of the whole system. The superior tonic qualities of McE's WINE OF CARDUI make it the leading remedy for this class of troubles.

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WRECKED IN A MONSOON.

The Steamer Aden Lost in the Indian Ocean.

AN AWFUL STORY OF DEATH.

Struck on a Reef in a Big Storm—Only One Lifeboat Got Away—For Seventeen Days Immense Waves Broke Over the Wreck, Washing Men, Women and Children Into the Sea—The Rescue.

London, England (By Cable).—Despatches from Aden, Arabia, say that the Indian Government's steamer Aden, from Yokohama, via Colombo and Aden for London, has returned, and reports that the Aden was totally lost off the island of Socotra, at the eastern extremity of Africa, during the morning of June 9. The Aden carried thirty-four passengers from China and Japan.

The captain of the wrecked steamer, some of her officers and crew and seven white passengers were swept up on board and thrown very soon after she ran ashore. Eight women passengers, nine children, two officers and a few of the Aden's crew succeeded in getting away from the wreck in a boat, but they have not been heard from since, and little hope is entertained of their safety.

The Mayo saved nine of the Aden's passengers, three of the white, members of the crew and thirty-three of the natives who formed part of the steamer's crew. All these persons were rescued just as the Aden was breaking up. The survivors of the wrecked steamer were brought to Aden. In all, the drowned and missing include twenty-five passengers, twenty European officers and thirty-three natives of the Aden's crew.

Two days after leaving Colombo the Aden was struck by a severe monsoon, with squalls, violent and incessant. Day by day the weather grew thicker and the passengers became more and more alarmed. At 1 o'clock in the morning on June 9 the vessel struck upon the Rasadrada reef, on the eastern coast of the island of Socotra, which is situated in the Indian Ocean, 120 miles east of Cape Guardafui, the eastern extremity of Africa. The engine room was instantly flooded, and utter darkness ensued.

It was soon seen that the steamer could not survive the shock, and that the only chance for safety lay in the boats. Lifebelts were distributed, directions given, and the boats on the lee side prepared for launching. Those on the weather side had already been washed away.

A lifeboat was lowered, only to be swept away immediately with three sailors and the first officer, Mr. Carlson. The gig was despatched to the rescue with Mr. Miller, the second officer, but both boats were rapidly swept away. The only remaining lifeboat had already been washed away.

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Pitcher Klobdanz, of Boston, has won four consecutive games.

McCarthy, the famous outfielder, is doubtless out of the game for good.

Burkert, of Brooklyn, is of opinion that smoked glasses weaken the wearer's batting.

The attendance at Boston this season is the best since 1889 and promises to hold out to the end.

Hereafter when Cincinnati faces a "south-west" pitcher Holiday will take left-handed play.

President Hart, of the Chicago Club, says that Boston, Brooklyn and Cincinnati will beat out the Baltimore.

As the season advances there is less quarreling seen and heard among ball players and umpires feel happier.

Baseball people are generally of the opinion now that the club that beats Boston out will win the pennant.

Koster, of Baltimore, made at least one hit in every championship game played to June 19—a marvelous performance.

Though speculators may not think so it is highly probable that an umpire never puts a player out of a game without ample cause.

The St. Louis players gratefully concede that "the Browns" have no chance of winning the pennant unless they win the season series.

Both Nichols and Duffy, of the Boston, say that bowling has strengthened their throwing arms. Their work apparently shows it.

According to visiting Cincinnati series gambling on baseball is openly carried on in the bleachers at the Boston Club's game.

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Young Clover.

So many farmers are given by most agricultural writers to young clover as a very valuable and nutritious feed that it becomes necessary to distinguish clearly what is referred to. The really valuable young clover is the second crop growth, which springs up after the first cutting in June. It is at this time that the clover roots begin to form the nodules, which decompose in the soil and make use of its nitrogen. This nitrogen apparently, to some extent, goes into the top growth, but this may only be from the increase of nitrogen in the soil, and its absorption by the roots through rains. The later this young clover is allowed to grow up to the time of seed forming the more nutritious the herbage will be. At seeding time the clover stalks become hard and fibrous, detracting from their value as feed.

Early in the spring young clover is any of the grasses. Its roots are striking downward toward the subsoil the second spring of the clover growth. So there is less plant food for the clover roots to get early in the season than there is for grass roots, which run mostly near the surface, and are quickly warmed by the bright spring sunshine. This is not a theory. The cow, if given a chance, will make a test that no one can dispute. If there is any old grass pasture in the field, the cow will eat that rather than clover, until the time that clover comes into head, and then will leisurely snip off the sweet blossoms, leaving the lower part of the clover untouched. It is this which makes clover unsuitable for pasturing, unless the object be to let a great amount of clover stalks go back to the soil as manure.

Neither is this early growth of clover of much value as a fertilizer if plowed under. It is the nitrogenous substance which makes it nutritious for the cow that most increases its manurial value. In fact, all through the second year's growth the richness of the soil where clover is grown increases. This is probably from the extension of clover roots into the subsoil, and also from the decomposition of an air in the soil, which goes on at an increasing ratio until frost checks clover growth in the fall.—American Cultivator.

Two Ohio farmers who live a couple of miles apart have utilized a wire fence as a telephone wire. They purchased the instruments for \$15, and now they talk to each other whenever they wish.

The average weight of a man's skeleton is fourteen pounds.

Hens in the Orchard.

Many farmers and orchardists would