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VETERANS TO RICHMOND.

CAROLINIANS EXPECTED TO GO IN LARGE FORCE.

Splendid Arrangements Made for the Veterans of the State-Official Notice.

Headquarters N. C. Division United Confederate Veterans, Durham, N. C., May 6, 1907. General Orders No. 34.

Paragraph 1. The seventeenth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will be held in the city of Richmond, beginning on Thursday, the 30th day of May, and ending on Monday, the 3rd day of June, 1907. As North Carolina sent to Richmond during the war between the States, more soldiers than any other State except Virginia so at this reunion at the former Capital of the Southern Confederacy, North Carolina should send more veterans than any other State. It is earnestly hoped, therefore, that there will be a grand outpouring of the old "Tar Heels" at this great reunion.

Paragraph 2. All veterans of this division are requested, on their arrival at Richmond, to report and register at the headquarters selected for North Carolina, at Sanger Hall, on Seventh street, between Broad and Clay streets. They can there meet each other and their visitors from other States, and make themselves at home. The hospitable and public spirited citizens of Richmond have made arrangements to feed and lodge all veterans who are unable to pay, but they must notify at once the chairman of the entertainment committee, Capt. D. A. Brown, Jr., at Richmond, and secure their quarters in advance, and not wait until they arrive at Richmond. This is very important, and unless such is done, veterans need not expect to be entertained free.

Paragraph 3. The official veterans' "Special" will be run on the Seaboard Air Line Railway, leaving Charlotte at 6:00 a. m. on the 29th and arriving at Richmond at 5:00 p. m. same day, passing Raleigh at 12 o'clock. Special trains, as may be desired, will be run by the Southern and the Atlantic Coast Line, and the rate on all will be one cent a mile each way. The exact fare from every station can be learned by application to local railroad agent.

Paragraph 4. All camps that are in arrears are earnestly requested to send their dues at once to Col. W. E. Mickle, 824 Common street, New Orleans, La., as no camp will be entitled to send any delegates or have any representation unless all its dues are paid before the reunion. At many reunions too many of our camps are denied representation because of their failing to pay their dues, and it is hoped that this will not be the case at Richmond.

Paragraph 5. It is suggested that every veteran from this State wear on the lapel of his coat, a sprig of long leaf pine, as an appropriate badge for Tar Heels.

Paragraph 6. The veterans of this division will have the honor of having as their sponsor, the grand-daughter of Stonewall Jackson, Miss Julia Jackson Christian.

By order of Major General J. S. CARR,

H. A. LONDON, Adjutant-General and Chief of Staff.

Struck by a Train.

Wednesday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock James Harris and Sylvester Harris, colored, were out near the Buggy Body Factory and it seems did not hear the passenger train for Durham slipping along over the rails started across the track. Just as the horse got his head over the track the train struck him, and hurled horse, wagon and the men to one side. The horse was so badly injured had to be killed, while Jim Harris was badly injured about the head and shoulders. Sylvester Harris was thrown about 15 feet, but fortunately escaped injury. James Harris was brought up town to his home and a physician looked after his wounds, and it is thought that he will soon recover from his wounds.

LOST—Near Seaboard depot small leather purse containing 2 rings and three dollars and twenty cents. Reward if left with W. I. Howell.

INSURANCE.

We can insure farm property (dwelling, stables, etc.) at a reasonable rate, in the best of companies. Come and let us tell you about it. J. R. Roller & Son, Agents. m.4.5t.

FOR SALE cheap. A good piano, almost new. Address Box 207, Oxford, N. C. 2t. may 10

DEATH OF MRS. W. R. BEASLEY.

Passes Away at Her Home in Kinston Wednesday.

Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Mrs. Mary Thomas, wife of Mr. W. R. Beasley, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. P. Fleming, on Washington street after a short illness of acute gastritis. She was taken ill on last Saturday and continued to grow worse until yesterday, when it was seen that there was no hope for her recovery.

Mrs. Beasley was born in Roxboro, Person county, Sept. 13, 1845, and was 61 years of age. She was Miss Mary Thomas Morris, a daughter of two of the oldest and best known families in that section in ante-bellum days—Morris and Fuller. In 1862 she became the wife of Mr. W. R. Beasley and to them 12 children were born, 10 of whom are living. They are Mrs. G. P. Fleming, Miss Carrie Lee Beasley, W. M. and M. F. Beasley, of this city; Mrs. C. J. Phillips, of Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. R. A. Paschall, of Middleburg, N. C.; Mr. W. R. Beasley, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga.; Mr. J. M. Beasley, of Greensboro; Mr. C. M. Beasley, of Keysville, Va.; and Mr. H. M. Beasley, of the hospital corps, U. S. A., Philippine Islands. There are thirteen grand-children, and the husband, who survives.

Mr. and Mrs. Beasley came to this city to live in 1902 and has made Kinston their home since. She gained many friends here by her gentle christian manner. She was a member of the Missionary Baptist church, holding connection with the church at Oxford. —Kinston Free Press.

The Little Things Around Home.

There are few people that do not admire beauty and cleanliness around the home, and yet it is interesting in going around to see how few spend any time in efforts to make home and surroundings attractive. Not the great things are neglected, but the many little things that might be done to add to the appearance of the yard are allowed to remain undone. It is always noticeable around the homes of other people, but did you ever look around your home at the little things that would add to its beauty and attractiveness.

To Confederate Veterans.

The Granville Veterans and Sons of Veterans will meet in Oxford at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, the 29th, to take the Seaboard train for the Reunion at Richmond. Round trip ticket to Richmond \$2 50, and to Jamestown \$1 50. If any have not sent in their names to James K. Wood, Adjutant, please do it at once. A. W. GRAHAM, Commander.

Clothing at Landis & Easton's.

What's the use of putting off buying that spring outfit—suit, shoes, hat, shirts, underwear, etc. You know you have settled it that you are going to do it.

You have also decided that Landis & Easton's is the place where you expect to purchase your equipment. In this you are right, but why not "do it now." Look up their large advertisement elsewhere in this issue and see what they have to say.

Alarm of Fire Sunday.

Sunday afternoon smoke was seen coming from under the roof of the Episcopal Rectory on College street, and the alarm was turned in and driver Johnson was on the spot in about 3 minutes and the fire boys soon had the ladders up and the hose ready for business, but it was found that smoke was coming out of a hole in the chimney beneath the roof, which was repaired. The alarm attracted a large number of people, but we are glad there was no fire.

Prof. Bland Resigns.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Graded School held a few nights ago the present excellent corps of teachers were all re-elected. Prof. D. H. Bland, the present Superintendent, resigned to pursue his studies preparatory to entering the practice of law.

Prof. Bland has given satisfaction as Superintendent of this school and it is regretted that he resigns. He goes to Burgaw to study law with his father who is a regular practitioner. We predict for Prof. Bland success in his chosen profession. He leaves Oxford conscious of the fact that he pleased the trustees as well as the patrons in the conduct of the school. He has been supported by an excellent principal in the person of Mr. Goode, and also by experienced and capable teachers all of whom are well fitted for their respective grades.

BOARD OF TOWN FATHERS

OFF WITH THE OLD, ON WITH THE NEW.

Very Appropriate Remarks by Mayor Devin, Fine Report by Street Commissioner Stedman.

On Monday night last the retiring Board of Town Commissioners met for the last time and closed up the business of their administration of the town affairs. Mr. J. P. Stedman the chairman of the street committee, made his final report showing in detail the work that had been done on the streets in the past four years, which reflects a great deal of credit upon this department and shows the enormous amount and the efficiency of this work.

After allowing a number of accounts and just before final adjournment the Mayor stated that as this board had been in charge of the town's affairs for four years past, he deemed it but just to those composing the board that some testimony of their service should be recorded, and asked that his remarks be entered on the minutes. He then went on to contrast the condition of the town four years ago to what it is today, the improvements in every department, the tremendous strides that had been made, and complimented the members of the board on their zeal, patriotism and good judgment in the management of public affairs, and said that a record of their faithful and efficient services should be preserved.

At the conclusion of his remarks, a resolution was passed thanking the Mayor for his courtesy and impartiality as a presiding officer, and the board adjourned sine die.

Thereupon Mr. W. H. Hunt administered the oath of office to Mr. W. A. Devin, the Mayor-elect, for another term, and he in turn administered the oath of office to the incoming Board of Commissioners, composed of Messrs. W. H. Hunt, J. Robt. Wood, Z. W. Lyon, J. H. Bullock, A. A. Chapman, A. S. Hall and J. M. Baird.

The new Board then went into session and after a short meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday night for the election of town employees.

The Mayor appointed the following chairman of standing committees:

- Street Committee—A. A. Chapman.
- Cemetery—John H. Bullock.
- Town Property—J. R. Wood.
- Finance—W. H. Hunt.
- Water—A. S. Hall.
- Lights—J. M. Baird.
- Sanitation and Street Cleaning—Z. W. Lyon.

The Sewerage bonds are already contracted to be sold to the Dallas Trust Co., of Dallas, Texas, at 101, and the Board of Commissioners is making plans to go right ahead with the work.

The Board met again Tuesday night and strictly business was the watchword and everything run as a toboggan slide, and all the old officers slid into office again with additional salary save one, whose office was abolished, that of Tax Collector. It seems that surprises were in store and two changes were made that will be sure to work well, which will no doubt prove beneficial.

The salary of Mayor Devin was voluntarily increased \$5 per month, which was gracefully accepted by him. The election of Clerk was taken up and the old reliable and faithful R. B. Hines was unanimously re-elected and salary increased to \$160, and the old man actually smiled.

Mr. L. F. Smith was unanimously elected Chief of Police at a salary of \$50 per month, and it is said on this account he has been forced to buy a size larger hat. Mr. Smith will continue to make a very diligent and efficient officer, and will take pride in his work, proving that the most excellent Board made no mistake in his promotion.

Ex-Chief Sam Wheeler was also promoted and unanimously elected Street Commissioner, Tax Collector and Chief of the Fire Department at a salary of \$70 per month. It is a well known fact he is the right man in the right place, and will put in telling work on the streets. In fact he works well wherever you put him.

Policeman Ernest Bragg was continued in office at \$45 per month, and will no doubt continue to faithfully discharge the important duties imposed upon him.

Dr. T. L. Booth, the very efficient health officer, was also unanimously re-elected.

There were two vacancies on Board of Trustees of the Graded School and Messrs. S. H. Brown and Preston Farbow were unanimously elected, and will prove efficient members.

Several claims against the town were ordered paid.

Ordered that wagons, drays, or other

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTEND THE RECEPTION.

Rev. and Mrs. Francis Hilliard Celebrate their Golden Wedding on Monday Evening.

By far the most interesting as well as beautiful occasion that has taken place in Oxford for many years, was the celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Francis W. Hilliard on last Monday afternoon, May 13th.

A large circle of friends gathered to offer congratulations and good wishes to this grand old couple who stood to receive the guests in the front parlor of their hospitable home at the Francis Hilliard School.

Miss Margaret Hilliard stood with her parents and assisted in receiving as did little Miss Maria Nash Hilliard grand-daughter, and name sake of Mrs. Hilliard, while Miss Elizabeth Hilliard was Mistress of ceremonies, receiving the guests at the entrance to the parlors, and conducting them to the table on which lay an autograph book, where all the guests were invited to enter their names.

The numerous gifts of loving and admiring friends were placed in view and proved a source of much interest and admiration.

Spring flowers were banked on every side—the color scheme being gold and white. This was carried out with marked effect, even to the smallest particular.

After the cordial greetings from the receiving party in the front parlor the guests were conducted to the back parlor, where they were welcomed by Mrs. A. A. Hicks and comfortably seated at prepared tables.

Under her direction tempting refreshments were served by the young lady students of the school.

Many candles burned in this darkened room and added beauty to the effect of the color scheme, which was here also carried out in gold.

The china in which the refreshments were served, was used on the occasion of the wedding supper of Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard fifty years before.

The cards left by guests who were present on this occasion were as follows:

- Mesdames deLacroix, Louis deLacroix, H. C. Pinnix, R. O. Gregory, A. A. Chapman, Luther Stark, M. V. Lanier, H. O. Furman, H. M. Shaw, E. T. White, Kate White, F. M. Shamburger, A. S. Peace, W. L. Peace, E. K. Howard, Harry Williams, B. M. Haubold, John J. Paris, Mamie Hargrove; Mr. and Mrs. T. Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Horner, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Paris, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ballou, Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Mitchell, Judge and Mrs. A. W. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Niles, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Devin; Rev. C. G. Christian; Rev. A. B. Dunaway; Misses Kate deLacroix, Frances Gregory, Jeannette Gregory, Sarah M. Daniel, Jeannette E. Biggs, Nannie Gregory, Annie Taylor, Irvin Stark, Miss Johnston, Miss Gray, Elizabeth E. Jones, Ione Hilliard, Boydton, Va.; Mary P. Jones, La Grange; Katie Cridle, Hyde county; Pauline Howard, Ruth Mitchell, Nina Cooper.

You Can Judge by Appearance.

You can tell a successful farmer by looking at his horses; you can tell a slovenly woman by looking at her hair; you can tell the dry-goods-box statesman by looking at the patches on the bosom of his pantaloons; you can tell the poisonous serpent by the bluntness of his tail, but the easiest thing of all you can tell the enterprising merchants by a glance at the columns of the local paper. This is not divine revelation, but it is business and gospel truth.

heavy vehicles shall not drive faster than a walk on macadam street under penalty of \$1 for each and every offense.

Ordered that a town cart every morning shall make the rounds in the business part of the town and haul off all accumulation of paper, trash, etc., and the Chief of Police instructed to notify all parties to have same deposited in boxes or barrels, either in front or rear of business places.

The tax collector was ordered to notify all delinquents that after June 1st, all real estate will be advertised and sold for non-payment of taxes.

A number of accounts were allowed. Oxford's new Town Fathers we predict will prove the best we have had in years, and will continue to improve the town.

COMPLIED WITH THE REQUEST.

Let Improvement be Made in Management of County Home.

The County Commissioners are complying with the recommendations of the grand jury, and are having the jail repaired. We take it they will also look after the County Home and see that it is more closely looked after and carry into effect also the recommendations of the late grand jury. This is one institution that more interest should be taken in by the people, for it is the home of the unfortunate aged and infirm, whose last days should be made as pleasant as possible.

In the opinion of the editor one of the things which would add much to the comfort and attractiveness of the county home is the appointment of a allround good woman as matron there. Let the Superintendent have charge of the farms and general business management of the institution, and let the matron have charge of the housework, the preparation and serving of the meals, the care of the aged and sick and feeble. Naturally a woman is more suited for such work as this and we believe that nothing would add so much to the comfort of the county home as this.

Everything should be done to make this home as cleanly, as comfortable and as attractive as possible. We are informed that some of the eastern counties have employed matrons to look after the housework at their county homes and that the plan has worked well. We believe also that we should take an interest in the moral and religious life of our people at the county home. Why have the religious services been nearly or quite discontinued? It would be well, it seems to us, that our ministers should remember that this is a part of their duty.

Wants Your Business.

Read the change in the advertisement of the First National Bank of Oxford in another column. It is a progressive, wide-awake institution, and pays 4 per cent interest on deposits, and you are invited to open an account with it. Don't spend all you make. Put some aside for possible sickness or misfortune. They welcome small accounts as well as large ones. Remember the man who has a little money saved is the one who can open the door when opportunity knocks.

Death of an Infant.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gardner died Tuesday afternoon at their home on Broad street after several days illness, and the remains were interred in Elmwood Cemetery next afternoon in the presence of many sympathetic friends. May the good Lord sustain the grief-stricken parents in the trying hour.

"Ah! oh, when away may we be so blest,
And sink like the innocent child to rest,
And feel ourselves clasped to the Infinite breast."

Death of Miss Carrie Francis.

The sad news reached Oxford Thursday afternoon of the death of Miss Carrie Francis, of Baltimore, and sister of Mrs. William Landis, of Oxford. Miss Francis arrived in Oxford early in the spring and shortly afterwards was taken sick, which finally resulted in a severe attack of appendicitis, and her brother came on from Baltimore and took her home.

Soon after her arrival an operation was performed and 12 hours afterwards she passed beneath the shadows leaving many dear ones behind to mourn her death, to all of whom the editor extends much sympathy.

Miss Francis was a most estimable young lady and greatly beloved by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

Her sweet face made sunshine in a shady place. If strangers felt the charm of her rare courtesy and joyous, sunny temperament, how much more so the members of her own household upon whom she lavished all the sweet earnestness and careful culture of her mind and nature. Strong and potent was the influence of this loving heart which gave of its gifts so generously. The spirit of her love was not weakness but strength. Gently, almost unconsciously, it coerced those coming in contact with it, to strive for if not to attain the realization of her high ideal.

IF YOUR watch has gone on a strike and your clock has quit striking why bring them to W. D. Stimson and he will adjust the matter promptly and properly. Located at Paris Dry Goods store.

Stop borrowing your neighbors paper and subscribe yourself.

ITEMS FROM EXCHANGES.

NEWSY, POINTED ITEMS GATHERED FOR OUR READERS.

Short and Seasoned, Wise, Pert, Gay and Solemn Things Talked About in the Merry-go-Round.

It must be admitted that Mr. Taft has a handicap in having to carry Son-in-law Nick.

The tariff tax on Bibles may cut some figure in the next campaign. Free trade and free salvation would be a good slogan.—Goldshoro Argus.

At the rate immigrants are arriving in this country it looks like it would not take many years to depopulate European countries.—Greenville Reflector.

The amount of life insurance written in New York companies last year shows a decrease of \$152,000,000 from the previous year. It was a costly lesson, but reform attended it.

"Oh the Carolina moonlight softly lights the starry sky," sings a Charlotte poetess. But it's the Carolina moonshine that lightens the Tarheel heart just the same.—Washington Post.

A Nebraska man let his whiskers grow without cutting for 35 years and boasts that he has never been sick a day since. Probably he failed to take account of the number of other people made sick by his whiskers when he tried to eat soup.

Kentucky is trying to get a whipping post. Between the increasing popularity of that relic of the middle ages and the ascendancy of the unwritten law, we seem to be wending our backward way to the "good old days." —Raleigh Times.

Secretary Livingstone Johnson reports that North Carolina Baptists during the past twelve months gave \$30,500 for foreign missions and \$16,104 for home missionaries. Wake Forest College has in four months raised \$37,000 on the endowment fund.

Underpaying teachers is a shortsighted policy, for national efficiency depends in a great measure on the quality of the instruction given, and it is folly to expect strong teaching at the price of the day labor.—Springfield Republican.

A Western bookseller, anxious to fill an order for a liberal patron, telegraphed to Chicago for a copy of "Seekers After God" by Canon Farrar, and to his surprise received this reply: "No seekers after God in Chicago or New York. Try Philadelphia."—Canadian Courier.

A young clergyman in a remote country district wrote last Eastertide to Bishop Potter, saying that he was about to take a wife, and asked if, to save some other clergyman a long and weary journey, he could not marry himself. The bishop's reply was marvelously concise. It said: "Could you bury yourself?"—Washington Star.

The Washington Herald says that although Senator Overman has been in the Senate but four years he has acquired an influence in that body that ranks him with the leaders. That is certainly very high praise and it indicates that Mr. Overman is filling his place creditably.—Greensboro Telegram.

One of the most encouraging signs of the times is that peace is today esteemed more highly than ever before in the history of the world. And in establishing a society for the fostering of this spirit of peace North Carolina has acted wisely. Such organization should be effected in every state in the Union. Their good cannot be calculated.—Charlotte News.

If the courts would pay less attention to "crap shooters" and more to offenders of a more serious charge it would probably be better. In reading the proceedings of court in many counties we are struck with the large proportion of cases of the first class. It seems that police officers show a disposition to "run in" offenders of that class instead of some other classes.—Winston Sentinel.

Few people ever get clear in their heads the relation of a newspaper man, or a newspaper, to the public. A newspaper man as certainly represents the people who read his paper as a lawmaker represents the men who elect him, the difference being in the capacity in which they work. In his capacity as a reporter a man loses his individuality. He is not an individual, but the representative of the people who read his paper, citizens of the community and the state.—Winston Sentinel.