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## SLAPPED NORTHERNER'S FACE.

Tennessee Veteran Resents Slight Put Upon Confederates in General and Rebukes Ill-Mannered New Yorker—North Carolina Veteran Rewards Tennessean for His Act.

Richmond, Va., June 2.—An interesting, not to say sensational, incident of the re-union became known to a few persons to-day. According to the story, a prominent Tennessee veteran, Rush Pearson, figured as the hero of the affair.

According to the story, Pearson and several old soldiers were in a store on Broad street, when a New Yorker, whose name was not learned and who had evidently been drinking, began making himself disagreeable, cursing and applying even more offensive epithets to Confederate soldiers in general. Finally Pearson, becoming disgusted, approached the Northerner, and catching him by one ear with one hand, with the other soundly slapped his jaws and rebuked him for his offensive language and gratuitous insults. The man did not resent the slap.

The conclusion of the incident was the expression of commendation and appreciation of Comrade Pearson's act by a North Carolina veteran, who witness the incident. Approaching the manly Tennessean, the Carolinian drew a gold ring from his own finger and slipped it on one of Pearson's fingers, with the wish that every time he looked at it he would recall the incident.

## Trinity Commencement On.

Durham, June 2.—The fifty fifth annual commencement of Trinity College was inaugurated to-night with the delivery of the baccalaureate address by President John Carlisle Kilgo. The college chapel was crowded and Dr. Kilgo, who was at his best, delivered a memorable address.

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## MR. KITCHIN TALKS.

Answers Criticisms Made by Asheville Newspaper. Would Not Take Position of Governor if He Had to Owe Obligation to Trusts and Railroads.

Hon. W. W. Kitchin, who has been to Warrenton to deliver the commencement address at Warrenton High School, spent yesterday in Raleigh, and left in the afternoon for his home in Roxboro. Asked about the gubernatorial situation, Mr. Kitchin said:

"While I do not shrink from the contest, I do regret that a campaign of vituperation and misrepresentation seems to be waging against me.

"The Fifth District Combine" slander was originally published in a republican paper, but was fostered by others of faltering good will to Democratic nominees. One paper which supported my opponent for Congress in 1902 recently said the machine was for me and again published that the organization was against me and was right neither time, for Senator Simmons assured me that he would be impartial in the gubernatorial contest.

"The Asheville Gazette-News says it thinks it would not be safe to make me Governor. It questions whether I have done anything in Congress thus implying that he thinks I ought to have done what the entire Democracy has been unable to do, over-ride a republican majority. The people I represent have been satisfied with my efforts and diligence, and what I have accomplished for them, and the people of the Asheville district were once grateful to me for the work I did and the argument I made in trying to prevent the overthrow of their will when Crawford was outrageously unseated.

"It says I have ridden into power on the single plea of ceaseless and senseless opposition to the Southern Railway and the American Tobacco Company and that I

have built up a big law practice thereby. It says also that it would be a moral impossibility for me to deal fairly with questions which might arise touching railroad companies. It thinks, doubtless, that the opposition of those companies to me is entirely senseless and that one who appears for the railroads is entirely safe. Yet in a column article it did not mention, for it could not mention, for it could not mention, an act or a vote of mine that it will dare to say is unsafe, undemocratic or contrary to the interest of the country, or on which any competitor desires to raise an issue. The only part of my record that has been assailed in the contest, so far as I have seen, was my opposition to the railroad subsidy, and that by only one publication. I have incurred the hostility of trust and railroads because instead of acquiescing in their wrongs, I have have contended for the rights of the people, preferring always the interest of the people to their favor. Let no friend of mine be disturbed on this account, for my enemies cannot control all those they employ, for those who serve the railroads and trusts realize when they sell their services they do not sell their politics, nor do they surrender their love of right or patriotism.

"I have stood for effective regulation of railroads and other public service corporations to prevent discriminations and insure just rates, safety and fair treatment of employees and the public. I have stood for the Democratic doctrine that private monopolies are intolerable and indefensible, and have advocated the Enforcement of the criminal laws against trusts and those who control them. Fair business and honest methods have no contest with me, for I know of no men more opposed to private monopolies than the great body of merchants, manufacturers, bankers and other business men who are so greatly building up our State, and who pursue legitimate methods without sacrificing the spirit of fair dealing to the demands of avarice.

"I do not claim that the party owes me anything, but I challenge the assertion that any competitor has more faithfully served the Democracy and the State in counsel, in action, or on the stump.

I cannot undertake to notice all the charges that ignorance or malice may make against me. Yet believing that joint discussions contribute to a just understanding of differences, and relying upon the intelligence of the people to refute slander and withstand all efforts to mislead, I would be glad to canvass the state with any competitor who thinks I have failed in my Congressional duty, or that I am or have been in a combine, or that I am unsafe or hostile to business, or that my trust and railroad record is contrary to the interest of the people, or that I am otherwise unsuitable for the office of Governor.

"I have insisted and shall insist that the people preserve the Democratic party as the servant of their wishes and the guardian of their interests rather than to permit it to become the instrument of foreign corporations and the shield of their greed. I do not want to be Govern-

ed on by the help of those who wrong the public, nor do I wish to be under obligations to those foreign corporations for any honors I seek at the hands of the people.

## A Fortunate Texan.

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