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PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Governor Odell has just celebrated his forty-eighth birthday.

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North Dakota is unique in that it boasts of only one millionaire, Colonel Charles A. Morton, a stock and wheat farmer.

Representative Littlefield, of Maine, is the fastest talker in the House. He is a terror to the official stenographers.

Andrew Carnegie has given away more than $46,000,000, and John D. Rockefeller has given away more than $13,000,000.

Ernest Seton-Thompson is gathering recruits in his crusade to substitute cameras for shotguns in the pursuit of the country's lingering wild animals.

Prince Henry of Prussia, on his return to Germany from the United States, will be deputed to represent Emperor William at the coronation of King Edward.

Captain Alfred T. Mahan, U. S. N. (retired), known for his publications on naval and military problems, has been elected president of the American Historical Association.

Senator-Nathan Bay Scott, of West Virginia, is the only man in Washington who wears a black frock coat with a velvet collar, and the style does not seem to take with his colleagues.

Lord Wolseley is busily engaged on his military history. He has nearly completed the description of Napoleon's campaign of 1796. After his own memoirs he will again take up the "Life of Marlborough."

Jay Cooke has at his home at Ogontz a number of historical relics, including a fine painting of the celebrated old Indian chief after whom the place is named, and who many a time carried him, when he was a boy, on his back in rambling along the shores of Lake Erie.

No Peace Negotiations.

London, By Cable.—A. J. Balfour, the government leader, made a comprehensive denial in the House of Commons of stories of negotiations for peace in South Africa.

He declared that since the negotiations between Lord Kitchener and Gen. Botha no proposals having in view the termination of the war had been received from any one professing to have the authority of the Boer leaders to make proposals, and that no discussions looking to peace were now proceeding.

Day Set For Trial.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—In the United States district court for the Southern district of Georgia assignment of the case of Benj. D. Green, John F. Gayner and W. T. Gaynor was made. The case will be called on February 11 at 10 a. m. Green and the Gaynors are indicted for conspiracy with former Capt. O. M. Carter to defraud the government of large sums of money on river and harbor contracts. Mr. Rountree of Atlanta, of counsel for the defendants, was in attendance at the opening of the court.

Schley Goes to Chicago.

Washington, Special.—Rear Admiral and Mrs. Schley will leave here Friday morning at 10:045 via the Baltimore & Ohio for Chicago in a private car, furnished by the officials of the road, arriving in Chicago, Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The admiral refuses to make public his appeal filed with the President yesterday. This is in accordance with the desire expressed by the President at the time of Admiral Schley's visit to the White House. The President will turn the whole matter over to Attorney General Knox for his report and recommendation, these to be made as soon as possible.

The World's Loneliest Missionary.

The loneliest missionary in all the world is said to be Rev. J. O. Springer, whose station is on Herschel Island, near the mouth of the Mackenzie river, well within the Arctic Circle. The latest received letter from this most solitary man is dated October 22, 1900. No ship has been at Herschel Island for two winters, and the missionary's white neighbors are at Peel river 250 miles away.

Industries Changing.

Wonderful progress in the advancement of agriculture and the building up of the live stock industry has been made in the South Atlantic States during the past twenty years. From old line, strictly planting states, this vast section has grown until it is now more or less devoted to diversified farming, live stock, breeding, feeding and trucking. Especially during the past ten years has great progress been made in these several branches of work, and the result is seen in a much better condition of the agricultural population. The people make their food largely at home, and raise planting crops, such as cotton and truck, as surplus or money crops. Every year shows a distinct advance in this work, and with every advance the condition of the farmer is improved. Trucking is now a great industry on the whole of the Atlantic border, from New Jersey to Florida, and millions of dollars are brought into the several states every year from the northern and western markets for the products of these farms.—The Epitomist.

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He Met the General on Two Occasions During the War

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Army Did Not Know What a Great Man Was Their Leader—Hardships of War.

"Duty is the sublimest word in our language." That is what General Lee wrote to his son soon after General Scott offered him the supreme command of the northern army. Virginia had just seceded and Lee saw on one side that there were no honors to which he might not aspire. On the other side, if he cast his destiny with that of his state, he saw, or he thought he saw, that miseries and trials awaited him without number. But to seek his duty and, having found it, it was ever the principle of his actions. These strong and beautiful words about duty were not original with General Lee, and in his letter he has them in quotation marks. The expression came from Rev. John Davenport, a famous Puritan preacher of New England—the man who gave shelter to the three regicides who condemned Charles the First to death and after the restoration fled for their lives to New England and were hidden by John Davenport in his barns. When this act of treason became known among his people he neither quailed nor relented, but preached a sermon the next Sabbath from that passage in Isaiah which says: "Hide the outcasts. Betray not him that wandereth. Let my outcasts dwell with thee and be thou covert unto them from the spoiler." It was in that sermon that he made use of this notable expression: "It is my duty to shield them, and duty is the sublimest word in our language."

During the war it was my privilege to see General Lee quite often, but never did I meet him face to face and have a brief conversation with him but twice. Even then we did not know how great a man he was. General Johnston had been wounded at Seven Pines and General Lee came from West Virginia to take his place. He was almost a stranger to the Army of Northern Virginia. He had been in command but a week or two when General Black, of Rome, came to see his boys of the Eighth Georgia and asked me to ride with him to General Lee's headquarters and introduce him, for he was very desirous of meeting him before he returned to Georgia. Of course I complied, for General Black was a man of no small consequence at home. He was old and gray and of commanding presence and military bearing. Introducing myself first, I presented General Black and after we were seated I said nothing, but paid modest and respectful attention. I was soon impressed with the grandeur of the man before me, and of course, as he expanded, I very naturally shrank up a little to keep the equilibrium. Not long after this the Seven Days' battles began and ended in McClellan's defeat and our army began to realize how great a man Lee was. It was on the sixth day that I was sent to his headquarters near Meadow Bridge to receive orders, and there I met him again. He was standing uncovered and unarmed in front of his tent, and "Stonewall" Jackson was asleep inside upon the straw, and the servant had set the dinner tables over him so as not to disturb his rest, for as General Lee said, "He needs it; and nothing but artillery will awake him now."

I said that the army did not know at first how great a man Lee was. Neither did they know fully at the last, for he was one of the few great characters that develops and grows brighter and grander as the years roll on. For some years after the war he received but little praise at the north and a great national cyclopedia gave more space and praise to Old John Brown than to General Lee, who arrested and executed him. But now, in the International, of fifteen volumes—a standard work, edited and compiled by 200 of the most distinguished scholars and professors of the northern colleges—the sketches of General Lee and Stonewall Jackson are all that we could ask for.

Verily, old Father Time is a good doctor and Anno Domini the softening solvent of all malignant passions. But this is enough from me concerning the great commander. It was the sublime Christian faith of Lee and Jackson that made their characters complete and added luster to their military fame. They were men of prayer.

For a little while I would ask your kind attention to those whom since 1892 have called themselves the Daughters of the Confederacy. Their mission has been and still is and we trust long will be as declared in article 2 of their constitution: "Educational, memorial social and benevolent—to collect and preserve the material for a truthful history of the war between the states—to honor the memory of those who served and those who fell in our service and to record the part taken by southern women during the war and its aftermath, their patient endurance of hardship, their patriotic devotion during the struggle and to fulfill the duties of sacred charity to the survivors." All of these are noble objects but the greatest of all is the establishing of the truth and preserving it. The poet saith that "Truth crushed to earth will rise again," and it has risen and will continue to rise. Even that popular magazine, Frank Munsey's Monthly, in its last number, has forever blotted out the malignant and fanatical story of Barbara Freithie, and only the last week the ladies of Lexington, Ky., put under the ban the drama of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." It was the Daughters of the Confederacy who did it and to their widespread and influential organization the south must look for the maintenance of the truth. Just think of it Within the past nine years twenty-two states have been chartered as grand divisions, including California, New York, the District of Columbia, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory. In all these there have been chartered an aggregate of over three hundred chapters with a membership of 26,000 good loyal southern women. The largest federation of women in the world. Of this membership Texas has the largest number, 2,435. Georgia comes next with 1,750 members. But my friends, this great army of daughters had mothers who, whether alive or now dead, installed this love of truth and unstained confederate honor in the hearts of their children. They are the ones who sacrificed and suffered and still were strong. For more than fifteen nyears I have observed a trait in woman's nature that is lacking in most men. She never gives up. The sad results of the war that wrecked the fortunes of southern men hastened thousands of them to untimely graves, but their widows still dot the land from Virginia to Texas. The mothers of these daughters endured more hardships and privations than their husbands and sons who were in the army, but they never complained.

Goldsmith wrote:

"Man wants but little here below,
Nor wants that little long."

But some cynical old bachelor paraphrased it:

"Man wants but little here below,
For so the poets say,
But woman wants it all, you know,
And wants it right away."

Well, she does want all she can get, and wants it as soon as she can get it, if not sooner, but if she can't have it she surrenders cheerfully and accomodates herself to the situation. During the war they actually smiled at their own pitiful and distressed condition. They boiled down the dirt from the smoke house that had long been saturated with the drippings of the hanging meat and made pretty good salt of and divided with their neighbors. They parched rye and gubbers for coffee and sweetened it with sorghum and bragged how good it was. They cut up their old garments and made clothes for their children. Indeed it is always an amusing entertainment to listen to these good old mothers as they recite their makeshifts and their trials after Sherman had passed through on his march to the sea. Not long ago four or five of these matrons by chance met at our house and it was nip and tuck between them as they told of the most amusing experiences. One told how her two boys and a little girl had worn out their shoes until they would not hold shucks much less feet and she found an old calf skin that had long been hanging in the barn and she soaked it in lime and red oak bark and got about half the hair off and took it to an old shoe cobbler, and he made three pair of shoes that would hold shucks, and they fit the children pretty well, but the red hair stuck out in little patches all over them, and she laughed and laughed until the children did not want to wear them, because she laughed so much. That was the origin of tan shoes, though these were made of untanned leather. Another told how two of her children never saw a raisin until they were 5 and 7 years old, and were afraid to eat them, and said they were bugs. Another told how she and her boys built a fence around the garden by boring holes in the plank and the posts with an old brace and bit that her husband left when he went off. And they made pegs and drove them in for there wasn't a nail in the county. But good old Mother Akin, whom everybody loves and likes to listen to, told how three of her neighbors got out of meal and had somehow got hold of three bushels of corn, and they rigged up a little rikety wagon and a blind army mule and all three started to the nearest mill, which was 7 miles away. They started early and got to the creek, and the creek was up, but they drove in, and sure enough the wagon came uncoupled right in the middle of it and let them all down where it was knee deep, and let the corn down, too, and the mule went on with the fore wheels and stopped when he got over. But they never gave up the ship nor the corn. It took them about an hour to get the corn and the wagon together again, and with dripping garments they hurried on to the mill. A photograph of the scene would sell as the champion picture of the women of the war. The good miller gave them dry meal for the wet corn, and by sundown they were all at home again and laughed over it and everybody laughed who heard of it. Almost every family within Sherman's belt have fireside stories to tell that would fill a book. They are a curious medley of the sad, the pathetic and the amusing, and excite more fun than sorrow. How blessed are they who still live, and how sweet are the memories of those who are dead, for it is the mothers of the confederacy who have perpetuated the love of truth and the love of southern patriotism in the hearts of the children and inspired those principles that have in recent years developed that grand organization known as the Daughters of the Confederacy. Our northern brethren may boast of the Grand Army of the Republic, but our mothers smile and say: "I don't see where the grand comes in, for all who came this way were low Dutch and hungry Irish, who feared not God nor regarded women." Well, it is all over now, and we are at peace, that blessed peace that hath her victories more renowned than war. And thrice blessed is the woman whom the dark ages kept subdued for centuries, but has come to the front and now stands side by side with man and is always first in every good word and work. For two thousand years she was called by name but twice in the Bible. Mother Eve, and next came Sarah, the wife of Abraham, and for another two thousand years was mentioned by name only a few times, but at last she was honored as the mother of our Savior and was "last at the cross and earliest at the grave."

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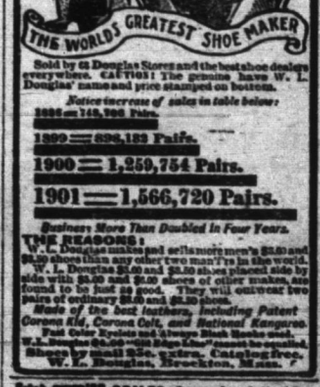

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