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MEMORIAL DAY.

Celebration Was Great Success -Largest Crowd of Veterans Present That Ever Attended Memorial Day Exercises Here-Dinner to Ex-Slaves a Novel Feature-Congressman Webb Delivers Masterful Address.

When Mrs. D. A. Garrison, president of Gastonia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, called the house to order at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, the auditorium of the new court house was packed to the limit and the galleries, hallways, jury rooms, etc., were full of people anxious to see and hear. It was the largest crowd which ever attended a Memorial Day celebration in Gastonia and the excellence of the program arranged and carried out by the ladies was such as to fully repay all who came for their trouble. The principal feature of the occasion was an address by Congressman E. Y. Webb of this district, and the announcement that he was to be the speaker no doubt had something to do with the size of the audience, for there is no man more popular with Gaston countians than Yates Webb. Owing to the fact that No. 37 on which Mr. Webb reach ed Gastonia from Washington, was half an hour or more late, there was some delay in getting the program started, as a consequence of which the veterans were late in getting to the dinner provided for them. When they did get it, however, after decorating the graves of the Confederate dead in Oakwood cemetery, they found a splendid repast spread for them in the spacious warerooms on the ground floor of the Craig & Wilson building.

Hon. O. F. Mason, of Gastonia, in a brief but very appropriate speech, introduced Congressman Webb as the orator of the occasion. Despite the fact that it was noon when Mr. Webb began to speak he was listened to with the strictest attention to the very end.

In his address to the veterans Mr. Webb departed from the usual custom of Memorial Day orators, who are wont to devote their time and attention almost altogether to the delivery of flowery tributes to the Confederate veterans. Mr. Webb stated that for a number of years after becoming a public speaker on such occasions he followed the same plan, but that a repetition of these encomiums was not necessary, as the Confederate soldier's status for bravery and devotion had long ago been thoroughly established and is now questioned by none.

Almost the entire address was devoted to a serious and logical treatment of the secession of the Southern States from an historical point. "I have a contempt," said Mr. Webb, "for the teacher or any other person who would apoligize to the young people of this generation for the part their forefathers took in the civil war." . He reviewed the question of slavery thoroughly and then proceeded to show clearly and convincingly that the Southern people were not fighting for slavery but for the preservation of the sovereignty of their States. The Confederacy was right. The right of each State of the Federal Union to peacefully secede under just provocation had been held by all the New England and Northern States. Historians, statesmen and public men of the very highest rank were quoted by the speaker to prove the asser-

Anything like a review of Mr. Webb's address would require more space than can be given to it here. It showed that he is a master of the history of the civil war, its causes and its effects. It showed that he had made careful research in the course of preparing his speech and the detailed information he gave his hearers will prove of value to them in the future.

Having covered the subject of States' rights thoroughly, Mr. Webb devoted the latter pertion of his address to giving his hearers some historical facts with reference to North Carolina's part in the civil war. He recalled the fact that the Old North State laid more lives on the altar of the Confederacy in battle than Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Louisiana combined. He repeated the well-known saying which placed North Carolina "First at Bethel, Farthest at Gettysburg and Last at Appomattox" and proved beyond the peradventure of a doubt the absolute truthfulness of

ginia newspapers published during the war and conceding to North Carolina all that is plaimed for her in-

that famous and glorious statement. Mr. Webb spoke from manuscript, which he is not accustomed ordinarily to do, and gave as his reason that he wished to be exact in all his statements. He had gathered his facts and quotations with great care and had them down so he could give them to his hearers without any guess work whatever.

Throughout his entire address of an hour or more, in fact throughout the entire program, the large audience listened with intense interest. There were more than a hundred of Gaston's 286 living veterans present and they occupied seats in the front circle. In the audience were many ladies and children.

Other features of the program were a song, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," by a male quartet composed of Messrs. Wilson, Wetzell, Padgett and E. D. Atkins; a solo, "The Boys in Grey Are Growing Old," by Miss Eliza Lindsay; the presentation of a handsome picture of the Confederate flag to the city schools and the conferring of a number of crosses of honor.

At the conclusion of the exercises in the court house, the veterans and Daughters, together with many citizens, went in a body to Oakwood cemetery, where sleep a large number of Confederate veterans and, according to their usual custom, decorated with flowers the sleeping places of the dead.

Returning up-town the veterans marched in a body to the Craig & Wilson building where a sumptuous dinner awaited them. Two hundred and eleven of the 286 Confederate veterans sat down to three long tables and enjoyed the best dinner that a crowd of veterans ever had set before them on Memorial Day or any other day. There were scores of Daughters on hand to attend to their wants. It wasn't a "ham-sandwich" dinner, the common kind, but the menu consisted of ham, chicken, beef, hot rolls, hot biscuits, cheese, pickles of all kinds, pies and cakes of every description and delicacies of many kinds. Their hot coffee wasn't restricted to one cup; they had all they wanted. It was a feast fit for the most exacting/ Great praise is due the Daughters for the painstaking with which they prepared the dinner. They surpassed all previous records.

DINNER TO EX-SLAVES.

One of the features of the day which was altogether new and novel was a dinner served by the Daughters of the Confederacy to 101 exslaves, ninety-one men and ten women. This was served in the Craig & Wilson building immediately after the dinner to the veterans. The menu consisted of ham, roast beef, chicken, stuffed eggs, cheese, hot biscuits, hot rolls, light bread, butter, all kinds of pickles, preserves, etc., pies and cakes of every description and plenty of good hot coffee, all they could drink, with the necessary sugar and cream. Dr. B. F. Martin sat at the head of the table and asked the blessing. at the close of the dinner he made a very appropriate speech in which he thanked the ladies in behalf of the ex-slaves for the execellent dinner served

Admission to the dining hall was had by ticket, they having been given out on application by Mayor T. L. Craig. The youngest person in the crowd was 63 and the oldest. Harry Adams, 89. Most of them were between 65 and 70 years old.

At the close of the meal the darkies sang "The Old Time Religion," "The Old Ship of Zion" and some other old plantation songs, this feature attracting much attention. They filed out and had a group picture made on the sidewalk.

This was perhaps the first event of its kind which has taken place in the State and as such is deserving of special mention. Lack of space in today's Gazette renders it necessary to make but brief mention of it. However, we will probably have a fuller account of the dinner to the

ex-slaves in Tuesday's issue. A WINDOW OF RELICS.

No place in town attracted more people Wednesday than the Swan-Slater corner, the attraction being a most interesting display in one of this firm's show windows of a variety of relics of the Revolutionary and Civil wars, together with some articles of modern war equipment. The window was arranged and decorated by Mr. Will Warren, of the Swan-Slater Company, and Mr. G. H. that saying, part of his proof being Marvin, manager of the Gastonia in the nature of extracts from Vir- | Coca-Cola Bottling Company, who

were fully repaid for their work and trouble by the unusual interest manifested not only by the veterans but by all classes of people in the dis-

play. -To give a catalog of all the articles in the display would require more space than can be allotted. In the centre of the window were stacked three Confederate guns, with bayonets on, over which were draped Confederate and United States flags. Among other articles of especial interest were the following, viz: A Confederate soldier's uniform, a U. S. P. uniform, a Knight Templar's uniform and equip ment, the two last mentioned being the property of Mr. Marvin; a chest of Confederate money, the property of Mr. Frank L. Costner; a sword captured at the battle of Bentonville, the last fight between Johnson and Sherman, by Capt, J. Q. Holland, of Gastonia, also the sword carried through the war by Captain Holland; a Revolutionary gun captured from one of Cornwallis' men at the battle near Columbia; a horn taken from one of Grant's men during Stuart's raid by Mr. E. W. Carson; a bullet found at Green's camp near Dallas; old war-time pistols, swords, powder flasks, canteens, articles of modern army equipment, etc.; lastly, an old-time corkscrew and a modern corkscrew, reposing side by side, which Mr. Warren says have

already been spoken for. This display was in every way a most creditable one and by all odds the fullest array of relics ever put on exhibition here. Hundreds of people viewed the window Wednesday and yesterday and found much pleasure in the looking.

GATHERING RELICS.

It is a matter of pleasure to record the fact that the Gastonia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, has started a movement to gather together relics of the civil war to be placed on permanent exhibition, here. There are doubtless hundreds of valuable and interesting mementoes of the great struggle scattered over the county. For the most part they doubtless repose in old attics and chests where they rarely see the light of day. While not authorized to speak for the Daughters, we feel sure that they would greatly appreciate donations of any Confederate relics and we feel safe in saying that they will be much better taken care of in the hands of the ladies than anywhere else. With the passing of the years these relics of the war become fewer and fewer. They get lost, scattered and destroyed. While there is yet time Gaston county should assemble all of these that can be had and place them in hands where they will be preserved for the pleasure and benefit of future generations.

Revival Services.

An especially helpful and successful series of revival services is being conducted this week at the East Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. J. J. Beach, being assisted by Rev. C. J. Black, of Albemarle, who is doing the preaching. Three services are being held daily, including a service at 8 o'clock each morning for the benefit of those who work in the mills at night. On next Sunday there will be regular preaching services at 11 o'clock and at night, and a special service at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for young people, at which Rev. Mr. Black's subject will be "Thirsting for God."

A New Industry.

Cherryville Eagle, 11th.

The Piedmont Broom Works, a new industry for Cherryville, has been organized with a paid in capital stock of \$600 and is now ready. for the manufacture of brooms. The officers are E. S. Houser, president; J. E. Wyatt, vice president and general manager, and N. L. Houser secretary and treasurer.

-Mr. and Mrs. Archie L. Jenkins will leave tomorrow for Asheville to spend Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Jenkins.

-With this issue the serial story "The Honorable Senator Sagebrush" ends. Our next story, which tegins soon, will be "The Cash Intrigue."

-The last regular meeting for the current year of the J. D. Moore Chapter, Children of the Confederaey, will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. R. LaFar on Chester street. A full attendance of the members is

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A. R. P. PRESBYTERY.

Spring Session Held at Kings Mountein-Seven Theological Students Preach Trial Sermons, Four of Whom Were Licensed to Preach.

Kings Mtn. Herald, J1th. On last Monday evening at 8 o'clock the First Presbytery of the A. R. P. Synod met in Boyce Memorial church. Rev. J. P. Knox, of Columbia, S. C., preached the opening sermon. Dr. Oliver Johnson, of Winnsboro, S. C., the incoming moderator, then took the chair and the business of the Presbytery was then entered into. Every minister of the Presbytery was present except one. Every congregation except four was represented by an elder, and several had a deacon present. Seven students of theology were present and delivered trial sermons. Four of these students were licensed. Smyrna, S. C., was selected for the next place of meeting. Rev. J. Meek White, of Statesville, N. C., was selected moderator for next meeting.

On the evening of the conference the subject was "Things Essential to the Progress of the Gospel." Dr. R. G. Miller and Rev. J. H. Pressly delivered appropriate and impressive addresses. After the conference and licensure service the roll was called and Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday after the third Sabbath in October.

IN SOCIETY.

Mrs. Frost Torrence entertained Tuesday afternoon from three to four at her home on South York street with a novelty shower in honor of Miss Nellie Roseman, of Lincolnton, whose marriage to Mr. W. P. Eddleman is to take place the seventh of June. The house was beautifully decorated in potted plants and roses, the color scheme of white and green being carried out. In the parlor the only decorations were bride's roses and ferns. In this room the guests were received by Mrs. Frost Torrence, Miss Roseman and Mrs. J. K. Hand, of Chardoor by Miss Marie Torrence.

In the hall punch was served by Misses Ruth Boyce and Lois Torrence, the punch bowl being decorated with smilax and Killarney roses. Special music was rendered during the afternoon by Miss Lucy Boyce at the piano and Messrs. Robert Mc-Lean and Erskine Boyce with violins and wedding charms.

After all the guests had arrived little Miss Helen Torrence came through the rooms and hall bearing a large sign on her shoulder which announced a "drawing contest" in the dining room. The doors were thrown open and, as the guests went into the dining room, the wedding idea was immediately revealed. A large white bell was suspended from the chandelier and tiny white ribbons extended from the bell to the ends of the table. At the sound of the wedding chimes each guest pulled one of the tiny ribbons. In so doing the bride-elect pulled up the wedding bell which showered many pretty novelties while the guests received mineature bride's bouquets of lilies of the valley and bride's roses tied with tulle for fa-

After this punch was served and many witty toasts were given to the bride-to-be who responded most graciously. Ice cream and wedding cakes were served in the dining coom by Misses Spark Torrence, Mary Ragan and Mesdames A. A. McLean and P. R. Falls.

Those invited were Misses Ruth and Lucy Boyce, Mary Ragan, Virginia Robinson of Lowell; Bessie Cox, of Lowell; Mesdames E. C. Wilson, E. H. Tuttle, P. R. Falls, M. H. Curry, J. H. Kennedy, G. W. Ragan, S. A. Kindley, J. O. Rankin, R. M. Johnston, L. N. Glenn, A. M. Dixon, H. M. Eddleman, P. W. Garland, S. N. Boyce and the following from Lowell, viz: Mesdames R. A. Miller, T. P. Rankin, P. W. Hand, Frank Robinson, S. M. Robinson, J. L. Thompson, D. H. Cox, F. Cox, J. R. Reid, J. R. Titman, L. E. Rankin and C. W. Nipper.

To Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Rhyne, of Gastonia, route two, Tuesday, May 9th, 1911, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Grier S. Kester, Saturday, May 6th, 1911, a son. To Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Parlier, Wednesday, May 10, 1911, a son.

CITY FATHERS MEET.

Officers Elected for Ensuing Term-Some of the Salaries Are Raised -City to be Surveyed and Street and Sidewalk Grades to be Established-Much Business Transact-

At the regular session of the city council for May Tuesday night Mayor Pro Tem Separk presided and business was transacted as follows:

The matter of laying a larger sewer pipe on North Marietta, north of Airline avenue, was referred to the water and light committee with

The building and grounds committee was instructed to investigate the advisability of having the roof of the city hall painted.

Dr. A. Stovall was released of \$31.08 tax on \$2220 erroneously returned.

A petition was presented to the council from a large number of citizens asking for the lowering of the C. & N.-W. tracks, the removal of the switch wires on South Broad street and the establishment of a grade for streets. The full text of this petition was published in Tuesday's Gazette.

It was ordered that a complete survey of the town be made for the purpose of establishing grades of streets and sidewalks. The mayor was asked to appoint a committee of one to act together with the mayor and the street commissioner in employing a surveyor and having this work done. The mayor appointed Mr. J. O. White on this committee.

Treasurer John O. Rankin's bond of \$10,000 was accepted as was also the bond for \$2,500 of City Clerk John R. Rankin.

Bills amounting to \$2,264.09 were referred to the finance committee for payment.

The report of City Physician Anders for the month of April was ac-

THURSDAY NIGHT'S SESSION. The board met in adjourned session Thursday night when considerable business was disposed of.

The report of the board of public lotte. The guests were met at the charities for the first four months of -Mrs. Robert Lineberger and chilboard is composed of Messrs. J. P. Reid, H. B. Moore, John L. Beal, W. L. Balthis, E. B. Brittain and E. J.

> The matter of installing a light on East Airline avenue at the intersection of Rhyne street was referred to the water and light committee with power to act.

> The speed limit in the fire limits of the town was increased from ten to fifteen miles an hour. It is 20 miles outside the fire limits.

> Officers for the ensuing two years were elected as follows. H. Rutter, superintendent of water and lights, salary \$125 per month; J. W. Carroll, chief police and city tax collector, \$90; John R. Rankin, clerk, same salary with additional \$15 per month as clerk to chief police and tax collector; Mc. G. Anders, city physician and health officer, \$30 per month: Clarence Johnson, street foreman, \$50; John D. Lindsay, keeper of Hollywood, Oakwood and the colored cemeteries, \$45 per month and \$1 additional for every grave dug, required to devote his entire time to this work; patrolmen, T. N. Williams, S. B. Brymer, O. F. Aderholdt, W. P. Carver, W. B. Conard, at same salaries; B. W. Craig, sanitary policeman, same salary; S. E. Shannon, sanitary policeman, West Gastonia, same salary; B. B. Gardner, chief of fire department, same salary; Ned Hayes, day driver fire department, salary \$40; Robert Terrell, night driver, \$35 per month.

> The salary of the mayor was raised from \$500 to \$720 and the aldermen from \$100 to \$200 per year, the street commissioner being allowed \$50 additional. The city attorney's salary was increased from \$100 to \$150.

Mr. E. H. Rankin was elected deputy clerk. The election of a cotton weigher was deferred.

An ordinance was passed requiring all monuments erected in any of the city cemeteries to be placed on firm stone or concrete foundations, the work to be done under the supervision of the cemetery keeper.

Peddlers' license was increased to the following amounts: Foot peddlers, \$30 per year; one-horse outfit, \$40 per year; two-horse outfit, \$50 per year.

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MRS. E. J. ROBINSON DEAD.

Well-Known Lowell Lady Passes at Advanced Age of Eighty-Five -Funeral and Burial To-Day-interment in Oakwood Cemetery,

Mrs. Jane Robinson, widow of the late E. J. Robinson, died at 3:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon at her home in Lowell, aged 85 years and ,17 days. For something like two years she had been in feeble health and for nearly a year had been almost helpless as the result of a stroke of partial paralysis.

Funeral services were held at 1 o'clock today at Chapel Lutheran church, near Gastonia, Rev. John Hall, of Gastonia, officiating, assisted by Rev. R. A. Miller, of Lowell. Interment was made in Oakwood cemetery here.

Surviving deceased are six children, viz: Dr. Frank Robinson, Mr. S. M. Robinson, Mrs. Elvira Bell and Mrs. H. S. Adams, of Lowell; Mrs. Sarah Coulter, of Newton, and Mr. William Robinson, of Gastonia, route three. Mrs. Robinson's husband died in 1899. Prior to her marriage she was Miss Jane A. Plonk. She was a loyal and consistent member of the Lutheran church and a woman of the highest Christian character. Her passing brings sorrow to a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

On her 85th birthday the 25th of last month, Mrs. Robinson celebrated the event by having with her for the day several of her children.

KILLS AN EAGLE.

Bird Shot by Mr. Aaron Jenkin Near Dallas Measured Seven Feet. from Tip to Tip.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

DALLAS, Route 2, May 11. -Miss Pearl Lineberger visited the Misses Stezer Sunday .- Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Rhyne were visitors in Gastonia Saturday and Sunday. - Mrs. T. A. Setzer and two children, Annie and Roy, have returned home after spending several days visiting relatives in Newton. Misses Eva and Esther Lineberger were the guests Saturday of Mrs. Julia Lineberger. 1911 was read and accepted. This dren, of Stanley, were the guests Sunday of Mrs. William Lineberger. -Mr. R. C. Nantz attended Memorial Day exercises in Gastonia Wednesday .- Rev. and Mrs. Sechrest were the guests yesterday of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smith.

Sunday morning about daylight Mr. Aaron Jenkins noticed an unusually large bird sailing around above him. Sunday, though it was, Mr. Jenkins shot and brought the bird down. He thinks it was an eagle. It measured seven feet from tip to tip and its claws were about the length of a man's finger.

IRON STATION ITEMC.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

IRON STATION, May 10. - Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Troutman and daughter, Miss Jennie, and Mrs. R. C. Goode and daughter, Miss Helen, were shopping in Charlotte yesterday .- Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Flack and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives at Crouse. -Miss Ida Long is very sick at this writing .- Mr. and Mrs. Plato Miller, of Lincolnton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Goode. -Mrs. Lawson Dellinger visited relatives in Hoyle's Creek section last

Miss Addie Dellinger is spending some time with friends in and near Lincolnton.-Mrs. Ed McGee, who has been at the bedside of her sister, Miss Ida Long, for several days has returned to her home at Lincolnton.-Mrs. Frank Cooper and child, of Charlotte, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reinhardt .- Miss Addie Rendleman has returned home from Bessemer City. -The Misses Miller's have returned from school at Lincolnton.-Quite a number of our people will go to Lincolnton tomorrow to hear Governor Kitchin speak .- Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Goode went to Rutherford College last Friday to attend the funeral of Dr. N. B. Goode.-Mr. and Mrs. Noah Lineberger gave a party Saturday. A large number of young people attended and all reported a pleasant time.-Miss Hester Summey has gone to Rutherford College to attend commencement.

-Contractor C. M. Crowder, who is erecting some buildings in North Charlotte, has been spending a few days at his home here.