

## OLD SOLDIERS EXPERIENCES.

Incidents Recorded From 1861 to 1865.

### Gen. S. D. Lee to Union Officers.

His address to the Army of the Tennessee at Vicksburg.

[There is so much of interest and public importance connected with the visit of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee at Vicksburg that supplemental reports will be given from time to time in regard to it. One of the first features of the occasion is that of Gen. S. D. Lee's address.]

There is a story of an Irish policeman in Milwaukee who came upon a German who had been imbibing too freely of the amber fluid which made that city famous, and proceeded to give the German a good beating with his club. When he saw the puzzled look on the German's face, the Irishman made this explanation: "It isn't because I have got any grudge against you, but just because I have got the authority." We Southerners have been impressed with the idea that the beating you gave us was not due to any grudge against us, but simply to settle the question of authority. You were, in fact, so attacked to us all the time that you could not think of parting with us on any terms.

I am here to-night because you have invited Confederate veterans to join you in your meeting. It is an invitation which they accept in the spirit in which it is offered. We do not surrender our convictions. We do not regret our part in the great struggle when the question who is sovereign in this country was decided by the sword. We have accepted that solution in good faith. We behold in you brave men whose valor we respected in war and whose friendship we value in peace. While we stood in opposing ranks to you a generation ago, we have long stood shoulder to shoulder with you in the work of upbuilding this great nation and in winning for her victories of peace. Our love for our common country, like yours, leaves no room for old enmities or the bitterness of vanished years.

In reading a recent life of General Lee in the "American Crises Biographers Series," I came across this expression: "The Civil War will not be treated as a rebellion, but as the great event in the history of our nation, which after forty years it is now recognized to have been." It is the second heroic period in our country's history, when the great forces which were displayed in the Revolution burst forth once more upon a mightier scale. The virtues of the patriot were emblazoned upon a grander field of fortitude and sacrifice. Once more the country cried aloud for men, and they came. They laid aside the plow and the ledger; the smith forgot his anvil, and the scholar his books. North and South alike, men pressed on to face the pestilence of the camps, the carnage of battles, the agony of hospitals, the misery of prisons—all for the divine satisfaction of a patriot's service. The Revolution was glorious, but the Civil War was sublime. Out of that stupendous tragedy an inspiration has come which shall ennoble and dignify the national life and purify its vital currents from corruption long after the last soldier's silvery locks have been laid beneath the sod.

War is hell indeed, but in times of war the great values of life shine forth and manhood is not counted in terms of money. There is a service above all pride, and a duty so

high that, when the patriot performs it, like a beacon it lights men on to nobler ends.

One of my classmates at West Point has had the honor of commanding the Army of the Tennessee, Gen. O. O. Howard, your surviving commander, who adds to the distinction of this hour. As I look about me I recall Shiloh, Murfreesboro, Corinth, Perryville, Chickamauga, Atlanta, and Nashville. These are mighty names; but none stands more conspicuous on the roll of your fame than Vicksburg, the city which tonight honors your courage and patriotism as on other occasions she has honored the fortitude and heroism of her unfortunate defenders. The city of Vicksburg especially honors the distinguished son of a magnanimous father, who in the hour of victory could remember to spare the feeling of the vanquished.

How different the reception which Vicksburg now offers you from the efforts she made in your behalf in 1863! In that day it was after great persuasion that we let you in at all. Instead of the grape for the cannon's mouth, she brings you of the grape for the soldier's mouth; instead of red blood, there is red wine; instead of rushing the canister, your old enemies find themselves "rushing the can." I hope General Howard and also the reverend bishops who honor us with their presence will pardon my allusions to the cheering cup; but the truth is, we are about to mount Mississippi upon the "water wagon," and allusions to alcoholic beverages will soon have only a historic significance in this community.

This is not your first meeting on Southern soil. In Raleigh N. C., you met in 1865; but your visit to the South at that time was of a business nature, so that we may claim that this is your first visit to the South for purely social purposes, or perhaps I should say by invitation. We hope you will come again. If any of you have come on a "home seeker's ticket," then, as Hamlet said to his mother, "throw away the worse part of it" and make your home amongst us. You will find that we are indeed your fellow-citizens and that the same welcome awaits you that we gave with so much pleasure to our friends Major Stanton and Captain Rigby.

There is something very inspiring to me in the fact that Union and Confederate soldiers want to meet each other. I don't hear of any Franco-Prussian celebrations, and I fear there will be no Russo-Japanese reunions, as least for some time. But we meet on a different footing: we are fellow-citizens of the great republic. We are Anglo-Saxons: we love a brave man wherever we find him; and when we are not fighting him, we want him for a friend. These meetings signify that our country's wounds have knit together again, and that new flesh has grown where the cancer was cut out. Our asperities have gone and a new patriotism has taken their place—a patriotism not bounded by State or sectional lines, but big enough to cover the whole country: a patriotism that is bounded on the north by Alaska and on the south by the Philippines, and on which the sun never sets.

Out in the park, on the monument which the State of Pennsylvania has erected to her valiant sons, there stands this inscription: "Here brothers fought for their principles, here heroes died for their country, and a united people will forever cherish the precious legacy of their noble manhood."

When men love their country and lay down their lives for her under conviction of duty, no shaft can be too high to do them honor, no bronze too splendid to proclaim their memory.

## Commissioners Court.

The Board met March 2 pursuant to adjournment; the minutes are read and approved and the following proceedings are had to-wit:

### COUNTY CLAIMS.

Ordered that Jacob Dillard be allowed \$1.00 and J. T. Sharp \$1.00 for services as road juror, M. Sharpe \$1.00 as road juror in Yadkin Valley township, L. P. Hamby \$3.31 for bridge lumber, S. A. Smith \$65.85 jail fees for Feb. 1908, J. M. Bernhardt be refunded on tax of J. M. Phillips tax real estate in Globe valued at \$200.00 tax \$1.42, J. M. Smith \$20.01 for bringing M. Lewis from Ashville, J. M. Smith \$9.00 for court crier for Feb. term of court, J. M. Smith \$4.50 for fireman for court, W. P. Teters \$36.00 for keeping County Home, P. M. Keever \$8.00 for coffin for George Carroll pauper, J. M. Smith \$10.26 for taking Mary Jackson to Morganton hospital, W. F. Keller \$1.00 for digging paupers grave, Poe & Hester \$1.40 for work on jail, Dr. W. P. Ivey \$6.00 for medical services for Mrs. Julius Smith, Sr., J. L. Miller \$14.40 for C. B. C., W. S. Miller \$4.25 for services as Co. Com., J. W. Carroll \$2.50 for bridge lum., Bernhardt-Seagle Co. \$16.94 for material for roads and jail, M. H. Crouch \$2.00 for services as surveyor on road in Little River township. It is ordered by the Board of Commissioners that the Half Fee claims be made out by the Register of Deeds.

### EXEMPTIONS.

Ordered that D. Coffey be exempt on poll tax for 1908, Mrs. I. M. Tuttle be exempt on \$400.00 real estate listed by mistake, W. R. Laney be exempt on poll tax for 1908, Will Cannon be exempt on poll tax.

### ROADS.

A petition for a public road from J. M. Powell's place and run with their road to Morganton road to Mrs. Spinhour's and H. L. Houck's to the creek and runs through Caldwell Miller, J. P. Robbins, Frank Miller, Miss Lucy Miller, Charlie Miller, Grant Dula, Kelley Dula, Wallace Dula, H. M. Kent, Emily Corpening, M. H. Tuttle and F. B. Mitchell's land and intersects with the Gamewell and Hudson Road. Ordered that the same be advertised for hearing next meeting of the Board.

### PAUPERS.

Ordered that Lee Holder be placed on the pauper list at \$1.00 per month. L. H. Hall be placed on the pauper list at \$1.00 per month. Azor Moore be placed on the pauper list at 50 cents per month.

There being no other business before the Board on motion they adjourned to meet on first Monday in April 1908.

## Gaston Literary Society.

The Gaston Literary Society met in regular session Friday evening, March 6. The society was called order by the president at 7:30, and the minutes were read and approved. The query debated was: Resolved, That the railroads should be owned and controlled by the Federal Government. The judges decided in favor of the negative and reported Mr. Lee Nelson as the best debator.

The society adjourned at 9 o'clock.

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## Obituary of Mrs. Cynthia Barlow.

Cynthia Barlow, wife of Hamilton Barlow deceased, died May 10, 1907, aged 88 years, 11 months and 16 days. She was the mother of nine children, seven of whom survive her. At the time of her death she had 45 living grandchildren and eight dead, and one great great grand-child; making a total of 150 descendants, distributed through four generations.

She was a worthy and consistent member of Kings Creek Baptist church for 20 years, having made a profession of religion and joined the church at the advanced age of 68. Her christian life was exemplary in every respect, and is a worthy example for us who are left to follow.

A model wife, a devoted mother, a kind and obliging neighbor has gone from among us, and has taken up her abode with the Redeemed in the paradise of God.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1st. That we humbly bow to our Father's will, and, while we recognize our loss in the death of our sister, we rejoice that her life had been such that she was ready to go at the bidding of her Master.

2nd. That we offer to the bereaved children and relatives our tenderest sympathy, and pray that her memory may ever be an inspiration to them to live as she did. As a sheaf ripe for the garner, she has passed to the home of the soul in the bosom of the father, where she awaits the coming of her loved ones.

3rd. That a copy of this obituary be spread upon our church record and that a copy be sent to each of the living children.

(Signed) J. L. BARLOW,  
PICKENS BARLOW,  
WESLEY MOODY.

Committee.

June 22nd, 1907.

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## Rock Creek Items.

We are having fine Spring like weather now, but before this gets in print I am afraid we will be having some more winter, as the six weeks of bad weather according to ruling of ground hog day is not out yet.

The health of the community is some better than it was some time ago. Uncle Lewis Lefevers, who was sick with Pneumonia at my last writing, is out again.

The wheat crop is looking very sorry in this section, the most of the fields look apparently as clean as if they were just broke for corn.

Rev. M. A. Hollar filled his regular appointment at the school house last Sunday at this place.

Our Sunday School has pulled through the winter, so far, with a pretty good attendance, conducted by Mr. N. W. Williams.

Success to the News.

RATTLE HEAD.

Rock Creek, Mar. 6, 1908.

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