

Mr. Taft's Petersburg Speech.

Raleigh News and Observer.
The occasion that brought Mr. Taft to Petersburg was the unveiling by Pennsylvania of the shaft of granite and an heroic figure in bronze to commemorate the valor and heroism of General Hartranft and the Pennsylvania soldiers who fought valiantly around Petersburg. His speech was excellent in spirit and in expression and the key-note of his addresses was in this extract:

"That we can come today and in the presence of thousands and tens of thousands of the survivors of the gallant Army of Northern Virginia and of their descendants establish such an enduring monument by their hospitable welcome and acclaim is conclusive proof of the uniting of the sections and a universal confession that all that was done was well done: that the battle had to be fought; that the sections had to be tried, but that in the end the result has inured to the common benefit of all. The contending forces of now half a century ago have given place to a new North and a new South, and to a more enduring Union, in whose responsibilities and whose glorious destiny we equally and gratefully share."

That is the spirit manifested by Lee in his retirement, by Grant when he said "Let us have peace," by McKinley when he proposed the care alike of the graves of Federal and Confederate soldiers and is a precursor of the day when America will honor alike the men who wore the gray and the men who wore the blue just as England came to honor those who wore the white rose and the red. The speech did credit to the broad patriotism of Mr. Taft and will do good in every section of the Republic.

Mr. Taft did not content himself with this patriotic reference. He took occasion to administer a rebuke to the fools on both sides who seek to keep alive the bitterness that preceded war. In the course of his impromptu speech Mr. Taft said:

"I believe it is possible if we will all strive in the same spirit to make this one common county for all of us, to make it so in every respect. I know that a very sensible and patriotic Northerner can sit and listen to the tales of heroism of the Southerner in the War Between the States and feel proud of the deeds that were done by the men of the sunny South in that contest. And I know that the sensible men of the South can do the same thing with respect to the recounting of the glorious deeds of the Northern army in the same contest. But my dear friends, you will always find in a community some extremists who get as far apart from each other as possible, but they are always willing to go to the same means to confute the sensible men between."

"You will always find some fool at one end of the crowd saying something that a fool at the other end of the crowd takes as a challenge, and then they try to stir up the middle by some altogether thoughtless scheme that we know sensible men would not pay any attention to, and therefore what we have got to do among us all is to restrain the fools. We must eliminate as far as possible those people on both sides, with whom none of us sympathize, who think it necessary to give themselves and their mouths an airing by extreme statements that the sensible people of neither section sympathize with."

That is "a hit—a palpable hit," Mr. Taft, and patriotic men of both sections will be glad to join the Taft Brigade of Fool Killers.

Floods in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 24. Five persons are dead, at least ten seriously injured, many acres of crops are inundated and every stream in the northern and eastern part of Oklahoma is raging as a result of heavy rains during the past twenty-four hours. A number of houses were washed away.

The dead are: Mrs. W. W. Brown and three children, of Foraker.

Mattie Jones, a negress. Mrs. Brown and her children were drowned on Salt creek, while attempting to escape from high waters. The negress dropped dead from fright when the waters of Boggy creek, near Enid, surrounded her home.

A small tornado struck Morris, demolished the Methodist church and several residences, including that of Ernest Scott. He and his wife and child were seriously injured.

Hail Kills Eight Men.

An unprecedented hailstorm Monday in Uvalde county, Texas, cost at least eight lives.

James Carpenter, 70 years of age, returning to the Southwestern Ranch, where he was employed, sought shelter in a cattle shed. Hail struck him on the head and killed him.

Seven Mexicans many miles from shelter, were in the open prairie, when the storm struck them. All were struck dead.

The stones weighed 6 and 7 pounds and some of 10 pounds were found. They measured 10 to 17 inches in circumference and they came down for 30 minutes in two separate storms, about two hours apart.

Many persons who had started out to search for cattle were caught in the second storm and injured.

Storm in Texas.

San Angelo, Tex., May 24.—Reports were received today from Tom Green and Concho counties that many cattle and sheep were drowned in yesterday's storm. Fifty houses are reported destroyed. Mrs. W. J. Peebles, of Vancouver, was killed by falling timbers. The loss is \$100,000.

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Georgia Railroad Strike.

Evening Chronicle.
Traffic on the Georgia Railroad, between Atlanta and Augusta, has been held up by strike troubles. Not a train is moving and it appears to be the fault of the Governor. Although Governor Brown was some months ago elected Governor of Georgia, Hoke Smith is still the Governor in fact, and so far he has been asking "for information," instead of acting on the situation as he knows it to exist. The strikers demand that neither negro firemen nor non union fire men be employed on the trains of the Georgia road. The engineers refuse to take out the trains unless guaranteed the protection of the State. This protection has been withheld and in consequence no trains are running over the Georgia road. The main trouble seems to be at a town called Thompson, where the mob issued a decree that no train carrying negro or nonunion firemen, should pass. Their threats have made good, and Governor Smith, in the closing days of his administration, has lost the opportunity to show himself master of a situation that should never have existed.

Traveling Man Kills Himself.

A special from Elkin to the Winston Journal says that J. W. Hill, a traveling salesman, shot himself at Kapp's Mills, Surry county, at noon Friday and died that night.

Hill, who was traveling for a dry goods firm, was water bound at the home of Thos. Thompson Wednesday, being unable to cross Mitchell's river, and remained there until Friday. He was despondent Thursday and Thursday night and did not get up Friday until 10 o'clock. He was seen to take a letter out of his pocket, read it and write "Good Bye" on the letter. He then left the house and went down the road about 150 yards. A short time later he was found unconscious with a bullet hole in his head about one inch above his ear, the pistol in his hand. He lived until midnight, did not regain consciousness.

While the reason for the suicide is not positively known, there are rumors of a love affair. Deceased was a son of Timothy Hill, of Siloam, Surry county, and his remains were taken to his home for burial.

Still in the Market For Hawk Scapls.

Statesville Landmark.

Mr. R. V. Brawley, president of the Iredell Association for the extermination of Hawks, has so far received 40 hawk scapls, for which he paid 25 cents each. Mr. Brawley wants the farmers and others to know that the association still has plenty of money to pay for hawk heads and he urges that everybody make special effort to kill the hawks that are preying on young birds and chickens. It is said that when a hawk learns where a covey of partridges feed he makes it a rule to catch and eat one of the birds every other day until the entire covey is destroyed. There is no telling how many young birds, rabbits, squirrels and chickens have been saved by the killing of the 40 hawks, the scapls of which have been secured and paid for by Mr. Brawley.

One of the most effective ways of catching hawks is by placing a steel trap on top of a pole in the middle of a field. The hawk chooses the pole as a place to sit and watch for prey and when he lights on it he is caught by the trap.

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Boy Has lived on Milk For Seven Years.

Albemarle Enterprise.

Drinking from one to three gallons of sweet milk each day has been the diet of young John Jordan during the past seven years. No solid food or fruit or any other liquid of any description have passed his lips the meantime.

The young fellow is about 17 of age and it is remarkable how well he keeps up on his monotonous diet. He suffered a severe attack of typhoid fever about seven years ago, and the disease settled on his stomach or so deranged the organ that his condition has baffled physicians to remedy it.

He is the son of "Doctor" Jordan, who lives on Hearne Heights, in Albemarle. The boy takes his infirmity most patiently and it is a common sight to see him walking along with his pale of milk.

Her Just Suspicions.

(By Frank L. Stanton.)

Sence Prohibition broke out in Georgy State," said the Old Lady. "I'd be suspicious after ol' man ef he should come home with a big seal ring on his finger, for I'd think it had some connection with drammin', an' that thar wuz a secret pipe line runnin' from it to some pocket whar he had a flask hid, an' that you jest pressed the button an' the flask done the rest! Oh, I'm suspicious, an' the Goodness and the Gracious knows I've got a right to be, fer in dry territory Satan has all sorts o' schemes an' devices with which to kiver his tracks.

"I thought it wuz bad enough when the ol' man wuz carryin' a book aroun' marked 'New Testament' an' lo an' behol, it wuz as holler on the inside as the ol' man's head is with jest room enough fer a flat pint flask! An' what wuz the worst of it, the pint flask wuz thar, an' hit plumb full!

"Did ever you hear tell o' the likes before! I never did!

"But now I'm a comin' to what wuz wuss'n that: Deacon Jones spent the night with us las' Tuesday wuz a week, an' after the supper wuz took away an' we wuz a settin' roun' the table—the ol' man smokin' an' me knittin'—the deacon 'lowed that he had a ragin' headache. Now, it so happened that once, when the ol' man come home full, an' I had the favorable opportunity to sarch his pockets, I found a purty big box with a label on it, sayin' thar wuz 'Headache Pills' inside.

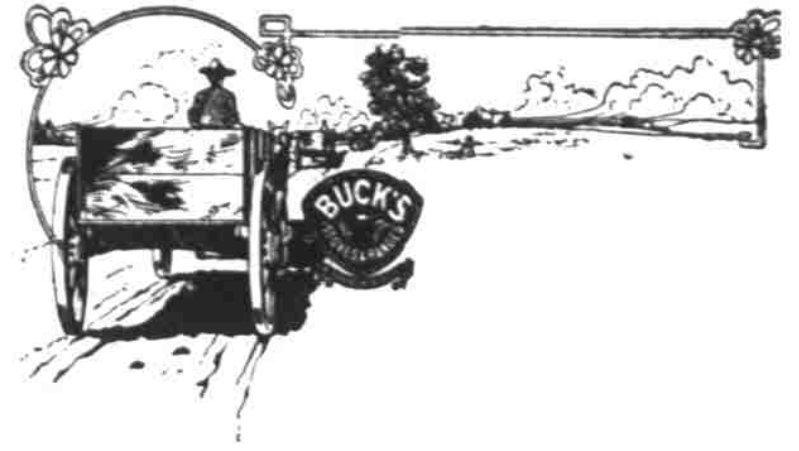
"Well, I put it in the medicine chest an' fergot all about it till then when I gets it out, an' tells the deacon 'bout it. 'I'll jest try one o' them pills,' he says, 'mebbe it'll ease the pain.' As deacon took the box in his han' I noticed that the ol' man looked mighty intelligent an' said that as he likewise had the misery in his head, he'd jest try the remedy hisself.

"An' now I'm a-comin' to the story: Both him an' the deacon took one apiece; then the deacon said that the one he took only eased one side o' his head, an' he reckoned he'd take another. 'Same here,' says the ol' man; and down went two more pills. 'They're mighty big ones,' says the deacon, 'an' they bust in yer mouth an' slide down yer throat like they wuz greased!' 'They do,' says the ol' man—swallerin' two more—'That's the beauty of 'em'.

"Well, in less time than it takes to tell, the deacon riz up an' hit the table with his fist, sayin' that he wuz a better man than the preacher; the ol' man knocked the lamp over an' said he wuz a better man than the deacon, an' to my everlastin' horror, both of 'em started fer the front yard to settle the difference of opinion. You see it now, don't you? Them 'pills', so to speak, in that box wuz nothin' more n'er less than what you might call concentrated licker in disguise! To prove it to my own satisfaction, I took one of 'em myself an' in less'n two minutes I had holt o' the broomstick beatin' both the deacon an' my ol' man! After that experience I sot down with my hands crossed in my lap, wonderin' what on airth wuz a-comin' to the country through the machinations of Satan an' the work of evil Sperrits, by the pint or pill."

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