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RAISE BIG FUND FOR THE REUNION

Chattanooga To Collect Fifty or Seventy Five Thousand Dollars For The Event.

COMMITTEE HARD AT WORK

Camp Named "Camp Stewart" In Honor of Gen. A. P. Stewart, A Renowned Chieftain.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 29.—Chattanooga has decided to raise from \$50,000 to \$75,000 for entertainment of the reunion of confederate veterans to be held here May 27-28. Committees are at work securing cash and subscriptions from the business men and concerns of the city and community. The fund will be secured without delay.

Since the formal organization nearly two months ago, the reunion work has been pushed with energy by thirty committees. The camp for the veterans has been selected and named. It will be in Jackson Park, a splendid location near the business section of the city. The camp can be reached by three street car lines, all of which will operate special schedules to accommodate the veterans. It is planned to have a street car pass the camp every minute.

The camp has been named "Camp Stewart" in honor of the late Gen. A. P. Stewart, the renowned confederate chieftain. Tents and cots to the number of 1,400 and 10,000 respectively have been secured from the United States war department for the camp.

The United Confederate Veterans' Reunion association of Chattanooga has been incorporated under the laws of Tennessee to handle the reunion work. An executive committee was appointed under the authority of the association to direct all of its business. W. E. Brock, a local manufacturer, was appointed chairman of this committee; Z. C. Patten, Jr., is vice chairman; T. R. Preston, treasurer, and James F. Finlay, secretary.

The executive committee appointed thirty sub-committees to assist in the work.

The official program of the reunion has not as yet been completed. It will provide, however, for the customary parades, social functions and other entertainments.

The first general mass meeting to hear reports from the various committees was held in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce Monday, March 17. This meeting was largely attended and much enthusiasm prevailed. The question of parades was discussed at this meeting, and a very decided sentiment was shown for three separate parades, in place of one large parade. If this plan is finally adopted, there will be a parade of maids of honor and sponsors, a parade of Sons of Confederate Veterans and one for the veterans of the civil wars. The question was not finally settled, however, at the mass meeting.

A camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans was recently organized here with more than 200 members. Cpl. Nathan Bedford Forrest, of Memphis, was present at the organization, leading in the work. The camp was named in honor of Rev. Johnathan W. Bachman, a beloved pastor, and ex-confederate of Chattanooga. T. C. Thompson, mayor of this city was elected commander of the camp. This camp is most active in the reunion work.

All who may be interested in the coming reunion of the confederate veterans are assured that Chattanooga will discharge every obligation that was shouldered when the veterans were asked to come here for their reunion last year at Macon. An attendance of from 100,000 to 150,000 is expected, and Chattanooga will entertain it.

Every possible effort is being made to arrange for the comfort and amusement of the veterans and other visitors while here—especially the veterans, for all realize that the veterans are of first importance in whatever the citizens of Chattanooga do.

For the care of any veterans who may be stricken with any form of illness while in camp, on downtown streets, or at any of the points of interest, a chain of temporary hospitals is being arranged for. There will be thirteen of these. Scores of physicians and nurses will be on hand, the time being divided so that every branch hospital will have sufficient force at all times. A number of comfort stations will be scattered over the city.

Aside from the events which are connected with the reunion itself, such as are held in every city where the

"SHORT STOP" IS NEW PARADE HAT

COSTS ONLY 48 CENTS, BUT IT WILL SURELY GIVE "VOTES FOR WOMEN" BIG BOOST.

Now Being Held Under Lock and Key At The Municipal Building.

New York, March 29.—The "short-stop" is the new parade hat in which the suffragists will march up Fifth avenue May 3. It will cost 48 cents, minus trimming, and is warranted to carry as little or as much adornment as the wearer fancies without infringing on the modish effect.

The short-stop was selected by Mrs. Edward Livingston Hunt of the Women's Political Union and is regarded as a pacemaker in parade hats. Its name is indicative of its type in millinery circles. The brim, which is curling, is narrower in front than in the back or at the side, where the sweeping curve reaches its highest point. It is made of soft straw and is guiltless of severe angle.

All the suffrage organizations represented in the parade will adopt white as the costume. The doctors will walk in cape and gown, bearing the wand of Aesculapius, chosen for them by Mrs. William Floyd, Chairman of the Committee on Wands.

The teachers who will muster in large numbers and will be watched by Supt. Maxwell on the reviewing stand, will bear the torch of knowledge. Miss Josephine Belderine of the public schools and Miss A. Hopkins of the private schools are organizing the force.

To emphasize the picture as the column winds up the avenue a cubist ensemble will be obtained by mounting small triangular flags above the big heavy banners.

TELLS OF SCENES AROUND RICHMOND

NEW BERN MAN IN VIRGINIA CITY DURING ALLEN'S ELECTROCUTION.

George N. Ennett returned last evening from an extended visit at New York City. Friday Mr. Ennett spent the day at Richmond and was near the State prison when Claude and Floyd Allen were electrocuted.

In speaking of his stay in the Virginia city during the time that excitement was so intense, Mr. Ennett said that many of the people were beside themselves with excitement. He said that at the time Governor Mann returned from his intended visit to Trenton, N. J., that the crowd at the depot was so large that the police were forced to use force in keeping them back from the train.

Outside the walls of the prison was another large crowd but there was no rowdiness or boisterous conduct, just a crowd of curious persons waiting to hear the first word of the death of the two clansmen. All during the day, said Mr. Ennett, the newspapers issued extra editions and these were purchased by the hundreds and every bit of news relative to the two condemned men was read with the greatest interest.

In Mr. Ennett's opinion the majority of the better class of citizens; the men and women who believe in abiding by the law, commended Governor Mann's action and admire his pluck in sticking to his determination, but there are many who are bitter in their criticism of the State's chief executive and think that he should have granted them clemency.

Next Tuesday night the citizens of Bridgeton, just across Neuse river from New Bern will hold a mass meeting for the purpose of nominating candidates for the town offices. Every citizen of that town is urged to be present at this meeting and express their views.

reunion goes, a special committee is working up a series of amusements. Among these will be a very fine spectacular display, the familiar story of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," acted by from 1,500 to 2,500 persons, mostly children, at Warner Park, the city's 43 acre playground. There will be fights in the air once or twice a day by some skilled aviator. These and other events will make a program for spare moments, and the principal features will be held close to the veterans camp.

MORE WHISKEY IS CONFISCATED

Policeman F. P. Rowe Again Demonstrates His Ability As Booze Locator.

QUANTITY BEER ALSO FOUND

Now Being Held Under Lock and Key At The Municipal Building.

Two hundred bottles of beer and one hundred half-pint bottles of whiskey were located and confiscated yesterday afternoon by Policeman Fred Rowe and are now being held at the City Hall awaiting further developments.

About 1:30 o'clock Policeman Rowe received a telephone message telling him that a colored man who is employed as a driver by a local wholesale establishment had just taken six hundred half-pints of whiskey from the Norfolk Southern freight depot and had departed up South Front street toward the Long Wharf section. As quickly as possible the officer went in pursuit of the wagon but it was far in advance of him and was soon out of sight. However the pursuer did not give up the chase but boarded a north bound car and was soon at Five Points.

Inquiry there elicited the information that the wagon had gone to the home of Thomas Taylor, colored, on Broad street. Within a few minutes the policeman was at Taylor's domicile and seeking admittance. Upon entering the house he found two hundred bottles of beer but no sign of the whiskey. More inquiries followed and this resulted in the officer going to the home of a colored man named Hatch who lives in Tilling's alley. There he found six empty whiskey cases but could locate one hundred bottles of the liquor, this was found in two sets of cases.

One of the city wagons was brought into service and the whiskey and beer was taken to the City Hall for safe keeping. This was the second time during the week that Officer Rowe confiscated a quantity of liquor. On Wednesday afternoon he located three hundred half-pints in a bread box on a wagon driven by Frank Hammond, colored, and this, too, is being held at police headquarters.

GETTING MANY INQUIRIES.

As a result of an article by F. A. Brown of this city in the Progressive Farmer telling of some of the achievements of Craven county farmers, Mr. Brown is being inundated with inquiries about lands in this section. The letters come from many different States including Tennessee, Minnesota and Washington. Mr. Brown will follow up the inquiries with some additional "dope" on the section and practical results in the way of new settlers are expected to be forthcoming.

APPOINTED DELEGATE.

Governor Locke Craig has appointed Rev. A. L. E. Weeks, pastor of the First Baptist church (colored) of this city, a delegate to attend the session of the Fifty Years Co-operative Racial Rural Congress, Industrial and Christian Development Association to be held at Lawrenceville, Va., beginning August 5 and continuing through August 10, 1913.

DEATH CLAIMS INFANT SON OF MR. AND MRS. E. H. GORHAM.

The Angel of Death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gorham early yesterday morning and took therefrom Edmund Hines Gorham, Jr., their two months old son. The little one contracted pneumonia a few days ago and although everything possible was done to save its life the efforts of loving parents proved fruitless and the little soul returned to its Maker. The funeral was conducted from the residence yesterday afternoon by Rev. J. B. Hurley, pastor of Centenary Methodist church and the interment was made in Cedar Grove cemetery.

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT.

J. L. H. Misfeller of Henderson, who once lived here and was associated with Mr. George Allen in the hardware business, died Friday afternoon in a hospital in Richmond. The body was taken to Henderson for interment, the funeral taking place yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. G. T. Farnell and daughter Miss Helen of Bayboro spent yesterday in the city with friends.

DROVE NAILS INTO HIS WIFE'S SKULL

New York Italian Says He Killed His Wife Because She Tormented Him.

CLAIMS THAT HE DID RIGHT

Shipped the Body to Georgetown, Conn., Where He Threw It Into Mill Pond.

New York, March 29.—Salvatore Geracci yesterday told Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty, and late Coroner Hellenstein and Assistant District-Attorney Breckenbridge how on last Nov. 6 he had murdered his wife by driving one long wire nail after another through her skull into her brain and then, with the assistance of friends, shipped the body to Georgetown, Conn., where he threw it into a mill pond.

Geracci, a little, brown, weazened man, who gave his age as forty-five and looked sixty, showed not the slightest remorse as his tale was slowly translated to the police officials. His only trace of human feeling seemed to be a desire to assume all blame and absolve those who helped him place the body in a trunk and convey it to the pond, where it was found three days later.

The finding of the body was taken by the Connecticut police to be a white slave tragedy until reporters, tracing the trunk, from the pond to the express office, then to the second hand store where it had been purchased, from there to a canvas covered wagon which had been used in hauling it away, and from the wagon to the Geracci flat at No. 315 East Fortieth street, established that the crime was committed in New York and that the victim was Gracia Geracci, whose husband, Salvatore, together with Salvatore Lombardi, a boarder in the Geracci flat, and Geracci's daughter Turridi had disappeared.

With the identity of the murdered woman established, vigorous search was made for the missing ones. Watch kept on outgoing steamers was fruitless, but a few weeks later the Italian police arrested Lombardi at his home in Sicily. Lombardi promptly confessed and charged that Geracci alone had killed his wife.

Meanwhile Dougherty's men traced Geracci from place to place, finally locating him in Buffalo, where Detective De Guida was sent to bring him back. In Dougherty's office when charged with the murder Geracci calmly denied it. Dougherty promptly produced a copy of Lombardi's confession. Slowly Geracci fumbled in the bosom of his soiled gray shirt. Then he drew out a little crucifix, dangling from a dirty ribbon, and pressed it to his lips.

"I will tell you all," he said then, according to Dougherty. "My wife tormented me. She tried to take away the love of my child. That night she returned home late and kicked me so I fell out of bed. I arose. Long wire nails and a hammer were at hand. I used them. She is dead. It is our law. I have done right."

Before Coroner Hellenstein, who held the man without bail for the Grand Jury, Geracci repeated his tale, adding that Lombardi and his daughter had advised him to dispose of the body though he himself wanted to surrender at once to the police.

A Louisville lady recently recovered \$1500 worth of jewelry which she lost at the Chicago World's Fair in 1892—through a want ad.

Rarely does it require 20 years to find a lost article through the want ads—but a want ad is on the job 20 years if necessary.

BUSY SCENE AT FREIGHT DEPOT

ANNOUNCEMENT THAT WHISKEY WOULD BE SENT BACK CAUSED ACTION.

Next Tuesday the much discussed (also cussed) search and seizure law goes into effect and persons having more than a specified amount of spirituous ferment in their possession will be in danger of arrest for violating the law.

A few days ago the Norfolk Southern Railway Company let it be known that on tomorrow they would ship back to the consignors all the whiskey which remained in the Trent river warehouse at that time. A person visiting the warehouse and inspecting the supply of whiskey and beer earlier in the week would have at once come to the conclusion that it was a depository for all the intoxicants in this section of the State. But a different condition now exists.

Yesterday wagons, buggies, wheelbarrows and every other conceivable vehicle was lined up at the warehouse doors for the purpose of taking on boxes of whiskey and barrels of beer, and the greater part of the stock on hand was disposed of during the day and but a small proportion of that which was on hand a few days before is now to be seen. The search and seizure law was a heavy blow to the railroads in this State. Formerly much whiskey and beer was shipped by freight, especially where large quantities of it were ordered. Now the quantity is limited and the majority of this will be shipped by express.

R. M. Tingle of Alliance was among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

PRESENT 'LITTLE MINISTER' AGAIN

POPULAR PLAY TO BE REPEATED FOR BENEFIT PAINT AND POWDER CLUB.

New Bern people will have another opportunity to see "The Little Minister", whose presentation by the Paint and Powder Club a few nights ago gave pleasure to so many. The play will be given again Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock at the new Masonic Opera House. Its production this time will be for the benefit of the Paint and Powder Club itself and as the whole town is proud of this bright, capable organization a good attendance is confidently looked for. It will be given with the same degree of excellence that characterized it on the occasion of its first presentation—same cast, same scenery, same costumes.

School children will be admitted at 25 cents each, adults 50 cents.

It will be a great opportunity especially for those who did not attend the first performance and the audience is also expected to include many who have seen it already and for that very reason want to see it again.

PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS TOMORROW.

PICTURES.

"A Sisters Heart"
A beautiful drama showing a sister's undying affection for her brother.

"Pathe Weekly"
This is a late release, and has many interesting pictures of recent events all over the world.

"Linked By Fate"
An excellent French drama.

Our fourth picture did not reach us in time to give the title in this program. See Monday's Sun.

Beginning tomorrow we will have no vaudeville for the first three days, of each week until further notice. In place of the vaudeville we will show four good pictures. For the last three days of the week we will show our regular three reel picture service with vaudeville. This arrangement will enable all those who do not care for vaudeville to see the biggest picture program ever offered. If the plan proves satisfactory we will continue it—if it does not, we will resume vaudeville for every day of the week which we can do any day.

Matinee daily at 3:45 o'clock. 2 shows at night. First starts at 8:00 o'clock, second follows immediately after first.

NEWSPAPER PLANT BADLY DAMAGED

Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch Suffers Heavy Loss By Fire Yesterday Morning.

CAUSED BY DEFECTIVE WIRES

Amount of Damage Estimated at Between Fifty and Sixty Thousand Dollars.

Norfolk, Va., March 29.—Fire at an early hour this morning damaged the plant of the Ledger-Dispatch to an extent of \$50,000 or \$60,000 and practically ruined the mechanical equipment of that paper.

Starting supposedly from defective electric wiring in the mechanical department in the rear of the lower floor about 12:30 o'clock the fire soon swept through the two-story structure used for the mechanical department, news and editorial rooms. The business office in the three-story building adjoining was not damaged. The fire did not get into the offices in the Monticello Arcade building on the west.

Just how much the damage amounted to S. L. Slover, business manager of the afternoon paper, could not say as he did not know to what extent the linotype machines and press were damaged.

At 3 o'clock this morning when the fire was out it was feared the negro watchman on duty there had perished in the building. He could not be found in the ruins. He was not seen after the fire started.

The mechanical equipment of the company was valued at \$75,000 or \$80,000 by Mr. Slover with insurance covering nearly all of it.

The fire started in the frame building to the rear of the one fronting on Plume street and soon spread to the upper floor of the structure on that thoroughfare. The first alarm was turned in at 12:29 this morning and the second followed five minutes later. Four companies, Nos. 1, 5, 3, and 2 responded.

Chemicals were used at first but found powerless to check the spread of flames to the tinder like partitions and floors of the front building. Lines of hose were stretched from both City Hall avenue and Plume street and an hour after the fire started it was out.

The building was owned by the Ledger-Dispatch Company, but was on ground leased from the Dodge estate. The building was constructed in 1906, following the consolidation of the Public-Ledger and the Dispatch. The Ledger-Dispatch Company already had plans under way for removal into the Carpenter building, having recently signed a long term lease for the new quarter.

For a time it was feared the fire would spread to the office in the Monticello Arcade, but when water began to pour into the building the fire was easily checked.

The electric wires leading into the building were cut before the fire burned them in two and only one fell across Plume street. It did no damage.

Mr. Slover said the business office of the paper would be open for business this morning and arrangements would be made today to publish the paper as usual.

NEW TUG BOAT MAKES ITS INITIAL TRIP.

The new tug boat, H. B. Turner, owned by the East Carolina Lumber Company, made its trial trip yesterday. This vessel was constructed at Meadows' ship yard, has a capacity of twenty-five tons, is sixty-five feet in length, draws five feet of water and has twelve foot beam. She is in command of Captain Edwin Parkins.

Senator La Follette gives it out that he is a Republican; and this stirs up a lot of natural curiosity as to what the Republicans are now.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

NEW ADS

National Bank of New Bern—Banking service.
New Bern Banking & Trust Co.—A strong financial institution.
People's Bank—Small expenses.
S. Coplon & Son—You can positively save money by shopping at this store Monday.
Mrs. B. Allen—Latest styles in millinery, dresses and coat suits.
Davis Pharmacy—Phone 56, glad to serve you at all times.