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**THE JOURNAL.**

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**Col. Edwards and the Homestead.**

In the contest for Judgeship between Judge Gilmer and Mr. L. C. Edwards the JOURNAL has very pronounced and decided views. In addition to the able and impartial manner in which Judge Gilmer has presided in the past, he has received the nomination from the Democratic party in a contest made in the party by his present opponent.

But while condemning Mr. Edwards, the JOURNAL protests against fighting him with his "Homestead record." The Chatham Record brings to light the fact that this man carried the celebrated case of Edwards vs. Kearzey to the United States Supreme Court, wherein the North Carolina Homestead decisions were reversed as to old debts.

The editor of the Record is a good lawyer and he knows this decision is law, and good law also. He knows that the North Carolina decisions never met with the approval of the Bar of the State—and shall any man be condemned for seeking his rights? Nay, should he not be commended for setting aside decisions that were rather a disgrace to North Carolina judicial fairness?

It is said that all is fair in politics. We hope not. Judge Gilmer ought to be elected, but his friends should not seek votes by unjust arguments. His merits are sufficient to entitle him to an election.

SUNDAY excursions from the great cities have always caused more or less annoyance to the peaceful and pious inhabitants of suburban towns. The appearance of a long procession of men, women, and children, headed by an energetic brass band and a wagon-load of beer, certainly is not calculated to inspire devotion in the suburbs, and it may break up the services. City multitudes are not noted for their consideration of the feelings of others. In cities they can march with warlike music without disturbing the worshippers, and it rarely occurs to them that in a small village the conditions are different.

Many suburbs have taken steps to prevent the appearance of the city hordes on Sunday, some by prohibitory legislation which is usually warranted to cure the evil, and others by prevailing on railroad and steamboat companies to refuse to charter trains and vessels for the purpose. There is one favorite resort on the Hudson, however, where all peaceful means to rid the town of New York Sunday excursionists have been tried in vain, and where as a last resort war has been declared. Dobbs' Ferry will have no more picnics within its limits on Sunday. The board of trustees have decided as to that, and the president of the village, a grim old Sabbatarian, has been appointed commander-in-chief of the forces with power to act. His first move was the purchase of a cannon, which he placed on a small elevation commanding the steamboat dock. His next was the issuance of a proclamation to the vandals in the metropolis, warning them on pain of death and mutilation not to trespass on his domain. Last Sunday the old gunner was at his post, doubtless anxious for an opportunity to train his godly gun on the ungodly multitude, but no opportunity presented itself. Dobbs' Ferry still remains under arms, however, and the press of New York is endeavoring to negotiate for peace under a flag of truce.

It is becoming the correct thing nowadays for newspapers to take the religious census of various cities. Thus far St. Louis, Boston, and New York have shown figures of church attendance. Baltimore now comes in with the showing that, taking the population of 340,000, there is a total church membership of 52 per cent. As in all the cities named, the Catholics

lead. In Baltimore they are credited with 110,000 members. The Methodists follow with 28,642, the Lutherans with 11,474, the Episcopalians with 8,561, the Baptists with 6,887, the Presbyterians with 4,925 and so on.

In these showings it must be remembered that the Protestant church meaning of membership is stricter and better defined than is the case among Catholics, though even where they are found decidedly in the minority the attendants upon divine service by people of this denomination are more numerous and regular than the attendants upon Protestant service, explained partly by the fact that in the Roman church Sunday attendance is morally compulsory. Religious indifference is a marked characteristic of the time, as has been shown in all the church statistics thus far presented.

I am too well informed of the utter and contemptible hollowness, of the hypocritical pretensions to political purity of some of you to ever desire a very close official connection with you. Those who under the cover of secrecy, through political friends, buy off partisan opposition before an election, by considerations in votes to be delivered afterwards, are not, to say the least, such official companions as one would desire to be in too close communion with.—Frank Darby to the City Council of Wilmington.

That sounds like "sour grapes." He doesn't want "a very close official connection" with them! "Not such official companions as one would desire to be in too close communion with!"

But Mr. Darby never found this out until he was asked to resign. He wrote a pretty sharp letter in reply, but he puts it on "too steep" when he pretends to be glad to cut loose from them. He wouldn't accept the nomination for Judge, but would accept the office! Worked well in city harness until asked out, and then didn't want it at all! This world is full of shams and politics brings them to the surface.

**Twenty-Seventh Regiment.**

At a meeting of the surviving members of the late 27th Reg't. N. C. T., held in the city of Goldsboro, Aug. 17th 1882.

Capt. K. R. Jones was called to the chair and T. W. Slocomb requested to act as secretary.

On motion, a committee of one from each Company was appointed by the chair to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting.

The committee withdrew and after a short absence reported the following preamble and resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

1. WHEREAS, Co. A. of the late 27th Reg't., N. C. S. T. has called together the remnant of our Reg't. in order to afford those of us who are left an opportunity to meet once more and shake hands in social reunion. Be it resolved,

1st. That we hereby tender our old comrades of Co. A. our heartfelt thanks for their cordial hospitality and wish them one and all a long and prosperous career of usefulness and happiness which we can testify they have long ago earned by their faithfulness to trusts imposed upon them in times when the bravest of men might well have been pardoned for the lack of steadfastness.

2d. That we very sincerely regret the absence to-day of so many of our trusted leaders of the days gone by and while we think of each with affection we especially deplore the absence of him who so gallantly led us, first as Colonel and afterwards as Brigade Commander; General John E. Cooke, who, though a resident of a sister State, will always live in the hearts of North Carolinians and especially of the survivors of the old 27th Reg't. and their descendants, also Col. Gilmer.

3. That our thanks are also due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Goldsboro and Wayne county, and especially the ladies for the great interest they have manifested in our reunion, and for the hospitable manner in which they have provided for our entertainment.

4. That we consider it highly important that a truthful record of our command in the late war should be written and preserved for our children and therefore hope that the survivors will take some action looking to the gathering and collating the necessary data for a correct history of the same.

- R. W. Joyner, Company E.
Wooten Bizzell, " C.
J. J. Burgess, " F.
J. K. Rollins, " H.
S. S. Nash, " G.
H. S. Nunn, " D.
E. M. Foscoe, " I.
Wiley Thompson, " K.
E. A. Wright, " A.
A circular letter was read from John A. Sloan, late Capt. of Co.

B, now resident of Washington D. C., asking for historical data and data connected with the Regiment to be published in his book entitled "North Carolina in the War Between the States."

On motion, a committee of one from each company was appointed to confer with Capt. Sloan for the collection of matters of interest and report the same through T. W. Slocomb of Goldsboro, Chairman.

- T. W. Slocomb, Company A.
Col. J. A. Gilmer, " B.
Lewis Foss, " C.
H. S. Nunn, " D.
R. W. Joyner, " E.
Theo. White, " F.
J. A. Graham, " G.
J. K. Rollins, " H.
K. R. Jones, " I.
N. Smith, " K.

Resolved, That in remembrance of the trying scenes through which together we have passed, we regret that Lieut. Col. Webb has been compelled to make his residence in a distant State and hope he may at an early day return to live among us.

On motion, the following were elected permanent officers of the Association:

- J. A. Gilmer, Colonel; J. C. Webb, Lieut. Colonel; C. Her-ring, Major; T. E. Pittman, Ad't; Joshua White, Q. M.; Wm. Morrill, Com.; C. W. Westbrook, Chap.; C. J. Mattocks, Surgeon.
S. D. Phillips, Capt. Company A.
J. A. Sloan, " " B.
Wooten Bizzell, " " C.
G. W. Jones, " " D.
R. W. Joyner, " " E.
Wm. Nixon, " " F.
J. A. Graham, " " G.
H. F. Price, " " H.
K. R. Jones, " " I.
Shade Barnes, " " K.

Resolved, That these proceedings be published in the Goldsboro Messenger, New Berne JOURNAL and Wilson Advance.

The meeting then adjourned. T. W. SLOCUMB, Sec'y.

**Death of Senator Hill.**

(New York Sun.) ATLANTA, Aug. 16.—Senator Benjamin Hill died a few minutes after 6 o'clock this morning. For several hours before his death it was evident that the end was near.

Like a good many other prominent men in Georgia, he was bitterly opposed to the secession of that State from the Union, and voted against it in the convention, but he, with the others, followed the State after secession had been decided upon. He entered political rather than military life in the Confederacy beginning as a member of the Confederate Provisional Congress, and was subsequently one of the Senators from Georgia while the Confederacy lasted. He was in prison for a short time at Lafayette at the close of the Confederacy, and then returned to Georgia to practise law. Although he at once jumped into the largest practice in Georgia, the fascinations of political life were so great that he consented to run for Representative in the Forty-fourth Congress, and was elected, and re-elected to the Forty-fifth, and while a member was elected to the Senate and resigned from the House. His term as Senator would have expired next March.

He and Senator Brown were rival candidates twenty-five years ago for Governor, and were always upon opposite sides in Georgia politics up to the time of the secession of that State, and they were finally brought together when Brown was elected to the Senate in place of Gen. Gordon, who had resigned. When they met in the Senate their lifelong political differences seemed only to make more strong the attachment which was visible to all. Hill never made a speech to which Brown was not an attentive listener, nor did Brown ever speak unless Hill was present, excepting, indeed, when Hill was kept away by sickness.

Hill was a man of large brain and of rather quick temper. His personal encounter with a fellow Senator in the Confederate Congress was one of the tragic incidents of that body. He had, however, in his older years been able to control his temper, and had mellowed greatly. There was no man on the Democratic side for whom the Republicans had a higher personal regard, and while he grew day by day seemingly more radical in his Democracy, and came to be recognized as one of the leading men in the Senate of the so-called Bourbon faction, yet his personal relations with Senators on the Republican side were so kindly and pleasant that his bitter invective never left any personal sting. He even became pleasantly acquainted and associated with Mahone, a thing that at the time of their encounter on the floor of the Senate in the spring of 1861 would have seemed almost impossible. Hill's sudden discovery of the fatal disease last summer undoubtedly gave him for more concern than he ever exhibited. He took his seat in the Senate at the beginning of the session, as Matt Carpenter did

a year ago, knowing that he was a doomed man. Yet he betrayed no sign of fear or apprehension. His philosophy of life seemed to be broad enough to enable him, as it did Carpenter, not only to accept the inevitable without repining, but also with such large show of cheerfulness as to deceive his friends, even his family.

His death removes one of the most distinguished and familiar figures in Washington life. He was not a man who hid his talents or his frailties under a bushel, and his career had a human interest which attached to but few other members of the Senate. With his death there passes away another and almost the last of that extraordinary group of men which made the conflicts in the Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth Congresses so notable. A visitor to the Senate chamber now notices the absence of Conkling, Blaine, Thurman, Carpenter, Hamlin, and Hill all of whom took a conspicuous part in those controversies, but none a more brilliant and influential part than the sharp, emphatic Senator from Georgia. Of those leaders, Beck, Hoar, and Edmunds are now almost the only Senators of note who remain. Among Senators he was personally very popular, and the round robin letter of sympathy which they sent him, and in which tribute Senator Hoar took the initiative, expressed the sincere feelings of his colleagues. This letter gave Senator Hill the greatest pleasure, and did much to sustain him in his last illness.

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