

### STEPHEN LEE MADE CHIEF

#### The Mantle of Gordon Falls to Man of Worth and Honor

Nashville, June 16.—The United Confederate Veterans today elected the following officers:

Commander-in-chief, Lieutenant General Stephen D. Lee, Commander of the Department of Northern Virginia; General C. Irvin Walker, of Greenville, S. C., Commander of the Department of Tennessee; General Clement A. Evans, of Atlanta, Commander of the Trans-Mississippi Department, General W. L. Cabell, of Dallas, Texas.

The meeting this morning was opened with prayer by Bishop Fitzgerald, of Nashville. The report of the committee on credentials was read and adopted. Chaplain-General Jones read the report of the trustees of Battle Abbey, which dealt with the financial conditions and the Underwood suit, substantially as given out by the committee Monday. General Evans read the report of the historical committee which said the South is now assured of fair treatment in history and that the youth of the country would not gain a false impression the committee on resolutions then presented the report. It disposed of the permanent reunion city question by recommending that reunion meet from place to place yearly as heretofore. The announcement was received with cheers and the amendment making New Orleans the permanent place, was greeted with a storm of protest. Part of the report favoring medals for women of the South was received with cheering and adopted unanimously.

The resolution favoring the election at Richmond of a home for needy Confederate women was adopted with cheers.

The hour for the election of officers arriving General West of Atlanta, nominated General Stephen D. Lee, for Commander-in-chief. It was seconded by Gen. Cabell, of Texas. This was loudly cheered as General Cabell was considered a candidate for the office. General Lee was then elected by acclamation which was re-inforced by terrific cheering and genuine rebel yells. When quiet was restored General Lee acknowledged its honor in a brief speech. Department commanders were then nominated by acclamation and each accepted in a brief speech.

#### ANNUAL MEMORIAL

Nashville, June 15.—The annual memorial service for the Confederate dead inaugurated by the late General Gordon, were held this afternoon. All the dead were devoted especially to the memory of General Gordon. The address was delivered by Federal Judge and former Governor Thomas G. Jones, of Montgomery, who served on the staff of General Gordon during the war.

### Newspaper Man Desperate

Our friend wolf, of the Kingstree County Record, is in a quandary. He has discovered that he can't run a paper to suit everybody. A great many people think they know a great deal better than the editor how a paper ought to be conducted. Most of them if they were put in the editor's place, would run a paper into the ground in two months. If everybody edited his own paper, still there would be kickers. The Record says: "It is impossible to please everybody even all the subscribers to a weekly newspaper. Some of our readers have complained that the Record devoted entirely too much space to 'personals' and that nobody cared to read such squibs as, Jim Jones came to town one day last week and was included in our list of morning callers, with the possible exception of the gentleman referred to. Out of deference to the opinion of this class of critics, we admitted the personal column last week and some of our friends declared that we left off the only feature of the paper that is worth anything. So here we have it. Whatever a newspaper does or doesn't do there's always one gifted with superior wisdom to point out its mistakes and imperfections."—Florence Times.

### A Morbid Suggestion

The condition of Rev. George C. S. Haas, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church New York, many of whose members lost their lives in the steamboat disaster, is indeed pitiful. All during Wednesday night he tossed about on his bed moaning, "Why was my church stricken in this awful manner? My God, what did we do? What have we done to deserve this?" "Poor man, we are not surprised to hear that he has partially lost his reason, for no reasonable preacher who believes in the tender mercies of God could entertain the thought to which he has given expression. This question was raised in the days of our Lord, and He promptly and emphatically rebuked those who suggested it. "There were present at that season some that told them of the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus, answering, said unto them: Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans because they suffered such things? I tell you nay, but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish. Of those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Silam fell and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwell in Jerusalem? I tell you nay, but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

### COMBINE V. PARKER

#### The Field is Against the Favorite of Empire State.

(O. O. Stealey, in Louisville Courier-Journal.)

While the outlook is favorable to the nomination of Judge Parker at St. Louis, it is by no means assured. In order to verify this belief, it is only necessary to briefly scan the table of the voting power of the States, the many questions which will come up for consideration in the convention, and the attitude of the prominent leaders in the assemblage.

The full voting power of the convention is 994, the vote of each State and Territory being as follows:

Alabama.....	22
Arkansas.....	18
California.....	20
Colorado.....	10
Connecticut.....	14
Delaware.....	6
Florida.....	10
Georgia.....	26
Idaho.....	6
Illinois.....	54
Indiana.....	30
Iowa.....	28
Kansas.....	20
Kentucky.....	28
Louisiana.....	18
Maine.....	12
Maryland.....	16
Massachusetts.....	32
Michigan.....	28
Minnesota.....	22
Mississippi.....	20
Missouri.....	38
Montana.....	6
Nebraska.....	16
Nevada.....	6
New Hampshire.....	8
New Jersey.....	24
New York.....	78
North Carolina.....	24
North Dakota.....	8
Ohio.....	46
Oregon.....	8
Pennsylvania.....	68
Rhode Island.....	8
South Carolina.....	18
South Dakota.....	8
Tennessee.....	24
Texas.....	36
Utah.....	6
Vermont.....	8
Virginia.....	24
Washington.....	10
West Virginia.....	14
Wisconsin.....	26
Wyoming.....	6
District of Columbia.....	6
Hawaii.....	6
Arizona.....	6
New Mexico.....	6
Alaska.....	6
Oklahoma.....	6
Indian Territory.....	6
Total.....	994

Under the two-thirds rule it will require 663 votes to effect a nomination; therefore, 333 votes can defeat a nomination.

All of the States have held their conventions but Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, Texas and Vermont. Thus it will be seen that 834 votes have been selected. Of these 444 have been instructed as follows: For Parker—New York, Indiana, Connecticut, Tennessee, Georgia, Alaska, Mississippi and Arkansas—216.

For Hearst—Iowa, Nevada, New Mexico, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Washington, California, Florida (4), Arizona, Wyoming, Hawaii, Idaho and Illinois—164.

For Olney—Massachusetts—32.

For Wall—Wisconsin—28.

For Gray—Delaware—6.

Total instructed vote 444, or over 100 less than a majority of the convention.

The uninstructed vote comes from the following States:

South Carolina, Montana, West Virginia, Maine, Pennsylvania, Oregon, New Jersey, Florida (6), Kansas, Ohio, District of Columbia, Utah, Virginia and Indian Territory—380.

The total instructed vote for all candidates is now sixty-four greater than the uninstructed vote.

#### Precoious.

"Oh, yes, we were a very young couple—mere children, in fact. I was but a stammering schoolgirl in short skirts, and George was just a boy in jackets. I remember how pleased he was when he cast his first vote."

"But he didn't vote until he was twenty-one?"

"George was very precoious. He voted much earlier than they usually do."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

#### Motherhood Up to Date.

"Think of a woman with her social responsibilities having a child!" "Disgraceful! But they say she is fond of it."

"That's the strange part. She is almost like a mother to it."—Town Topics.

### COURT SUPERINTENDENTS.

#### Program for Meeting of Western District, to Be held in Asheville.

Following is the program for the meeting of the western district, of the Association of County Superintendents, to be held in the office of the county superintendent of Buncombe county, Asheville, July 6-7:

10 a. m. Enroll names of County Superintendents.

10:15 a. m. Report from each county superintendent: (a) No. Schools. (b) No. children of school age (c) No. enrolled. (d.) Average attendance. (e.) No. not in any school ages of 13 and 20 years. (g.) No. teachers of different grades.

(h.) No. schools having more than one teacher, (i.) Maximum salary and the average salary of teachers. (j.) No. rural libraries.

10:30. Cause of non-attendance. By each county superintendent.

2:00 p. m. How to increase attendance. State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner.

3:00 p. m. Paper by Superintendent T. J. Johnson, of Franklin, N. C., on practical workings of Compulsory School Law in Macon County, General Discussion.

THURSDAY—Second Day.

10:00 a. m. Opening exercises.

10:15 a. m. Importance and Method of Grading and Classifying our Schools, by Superintendent J. J. Keagan, of Buncombe county. Discussion.

11:00 a. m. Importance of Supplementary Reading in Our Schools, by Superintendent R. L. Moore, of Mars Hill. Discussion.

2:00 p. m. Rules and Regulations for Governing Our Schools. (a.) As to the Teacher, by Supt. A. C. Reynolds, of Rutherford College. (b.) As to Pupils, by Superintendent E. E. Sams, of McDowell county.

3:00 p. m. Business Details: 1. Committeesmen, Their Record and Contract with Teachers. 2. Superintendent's Record. 3. Treasurer's Record. 4. Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties, and How to Secure Their Prompt Payment.

Officers—Superintendent R. A. Sentinel, of Haywood, president; Superintendent W. M. Justice of Polk, vice president; Superintendent R. L. Moore, of Madison, secretary.

Committee on Program—W. T. R. Bell, Chairman, Rutherford county; G. M. Fleming, Clay county; J. W. Morgan Henderson county.

The Western District embraces the counties of Mitchell, Burke, McDowell, Yancey, Madison, Haywood, Buncombe, Rutherford, Polk, Henderson, Transylvania, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Graham, Clay, Cherokee.

### Saving the Constitution.

A story of a sharp justice of the peace was told at the Galt House recently by J. L. Powhatan, of Chicago, says the Louisville (Ky.) Herald. "It chanced," said Mr. Powhatan, "that this justice of the peace lived in a little town in a far recess of Tennessee. He was the only Republican in the district, yet he happened by some trick of fortune to hold office.

"At length, when political excitement had reached an unwonted pitch a project was formed to oust him from his office and put in a Democrat.

"The election was held in an old distillery, and the ballot box was a large gourd. The squire was early on the scene, clad in the roughest of clothes.

"Fellow citizens," he said, "I want to make you a short speech."

"The audience having agreed, he accordingly mounted a barrel—magnanimously determined to rise above all party issues and appeal to state pride and patriotism."

"Fellow citizens," he said, "I've been alookin' round here to see plain enough what you want. I've been justice of the peace here goin' on twenty years, an' a good many times I've saved many of you from goin' to the penitentiary, an now you're tryin' to put me out of office.

"But I just want to tell you something. I've got the constitution and the laws of the state of Tennessee in my pocket, and just as you turn me out of office I'll burn 'em up—blame me if I don't—and you may all go to ruin together."

"The effect of the speech was overwhelming. The ruin threatener was elected by a handsome majority. To be in a state without a constitution and laws was too great a calamity to be thought of."

### TOTAL VOTE IS 1249

#### Will Take 625 to Nominate a Governor This Week

There seems to be some misunderstanding as to the exact number of votes which will be cast at the Democratic State Convention this week. It has been noticed that parties interested in giving estimates upon the strength of various candidates for governorship have given the total vote at differing figures.

Shortly before the last State Convention, the News and Observer on July 16th 1902, gave the total vote as 1,244, this being based upon the vote for Governor in 1900. But the last convention, on account of some irregularities, allowed the following additional votes; Wilkes 2 Chatham 1, Randolph 1, Moore 1. This makes the total 1,249, instead of 1,244. Thus 625 will be necessary to choose for Governor.

The vote by counties will be as follows:

Counties.	Votes
Adams.....	17
Alexander.....	6
Alleghany.....	5
Anson.....	18
Ashe.....	11
Beaufort.....	20
Bertie.....	1
Bladen.....	11
Brunswick.....	6
Buncombe.....	29
Burke.....	10
Cabarrus.....	13
Caldwell.....	8
Camden.....	4
Carteret.....	9
Caswell.....	9
Catawba.....	13
Chatham.....	13
Chester.....	5
Chowan.....	7
Clay.....	3
Cleveland.....	18
Columbus.....	15
Craven.....	17
Cumberland.....	18
Currituck.....	7
Dare.....	8
Darlington.....	16
Davie.....	6
Duplin.....	14
Durham.....	18
Edgecombe.....	25
Forsyth.....	26
Franklin.....	20
Gaston.....	17
Gates.....	8
Graham.....	17
Granville.....	10
Greene.....	10
Guilford.....	27
Halifax.....	44
Harnett.....	12
Haywood.....	10
Henderson.....	7
Hertford.....	9
Hyde.....	6
Iredell.....	19
Jackson.....	7
Johnston.....	26
Jones.....	6
Lenoir.....	14
Lincoln.....	9
Macon.....	7
Madison.....	13
Martin.....	8
McDowell.....	8
Mecklenburg.....	34
Mitchell.....	3
Montgomery.....	9
Moore.....	20
Robeson.....	14
New Hanover.....	20
Northampton.....	16
Onslow.....	10
Orange.....	10
Pamlico.....	4
Pasquotank.....	4
Pender.....	8
Perquimans.....	6
Person.....	11
Pitt.....	23
Polk.....	4
Randolph.....	17
Richmond.....	14
Rockingham.....	22
Rocky Mount.....	19
Rowan.....	21
Rutherford.....	16
Sampson.....	9
Scotland.....	7
Stanly.....	10
Stokes.....	10
Surry.....	14
Swain.....	4
Transylvania.....	4
Tyrrell.....	4
Union.....	16
Vance.....	9
Wake.....	28
Warren.....	14
Washington.....	7
Watauga.....	7
Wayne.....	26
Wilkes.....	12
Wilson.....	19
Yadkin.....	7
Yancey.....	7

### Shaking Hands at French Funerals.

A most painful custom at French funerals is the posing at the exit door of the church wherein the ceremonies take place of the male head of the deceased person's family, the widower or the eldest son or brother, whose duty it is to shake hands with every person who has been present at the obsequies when once they are over and people are going away. It is not etiquette for the gentleman to speak to anybody, but if he is moved to tears his weeping is considered a most appropriate action.

### TO PROTECT WOMANHOOD.

#### J. M. Ferguson Wants Wife's Insult Dealt with.

Winston-Salem, N. C., June 17. J. M. Ferguson, whose wife was insulted in the Phoenix hotel here Wednesday, has filed and open letter with the Winston-Salem Journal and state Press, addressed to Hollowell, grand keeper of records and seals of the Pythians, renewing his charge against one Garwood of Burlington, who was attending the Grand Lodge of the Pythians which has just adjourned. Mrs. Ferguson was called by the investigation committee of the Grand Lodge and identified Garwood whom the Lodge whitewashed as her insulter. Mr. Ferguson is the member of Hope Ark., Lodge No. 14. His wife is a sister and a daughter of a Pythian and Knights and Masons to protect the womanhood of the country.

### MR. GORDAN GALLAMORE DROWNED.

#### Goes to Watery Grave in Lake of Hendersonville Park and Amusement Co.

Our community was shocked Thursday evening by the announcement that Gordon Gallamore, a well known and popular young man of this city, had met a tragic death while bathing in the lake on the grounds of the Park & Amusement Company. He went out late in the afternoon with Messrs. Homer and Cleveland Hawkins, Frank Edwards and others to enjoy a swim in the lake and Mr. Gallamore preceded the others in making his way out into the water. He had gone about half way across the lake when his companions noticed him acting strangely and swam to his assistance. But too late. He went down for the last time before help could reach him. It is supposed the young man's heart became inactive or he suffered an attack of cramp, which so often ends the lives of people under kindred circumstances. Mr. Gallamore had become heated from riding a wheel out to the lake, a distance of about a mile, and went into the cool water while in that condition.

The water at the point where the young man went down was about twenty feet deep and the question of rescuing the body was a perplexing one. The people of the city flocked to the lake to render every assistance possible and the search was continued until 4 o'clock Friday morning. A boat was brought from Flat Rock, the company having placed one on the lake, which was completed only a short while since. Locating the body proved a difficult matter and the effort to recover it by the use of hooks proved futile. An attempt to draw the lake met with slow progress, but finally a sufficiency of water was discharged to enable the boatmen to reach the bottom with long poles and after hours of waiting the lifeless body of the unfortunate young man was located by Messrs Jesse and Walter Reese, who brought it to the shore.

The remains were borne by friends to the home of the deceased young man's father, Mr. G. W. Gallamore, half a mile away, where it was prepared for burial, which took place in Oakdale cemetery the day following. During the day Friday, scores of people visited the home and gave the bereaved family every needed assistance. Gordon was the third son of a family of four brothers. His death is a distinct loss to the community and a great shock to the family. Seldom has the writer witnessed a more distressing scene than the separation of father, mother, brothers and friends on Friday afternoon from the one they had known so well and loved so much.

The deceased was twenty six years of age—a fine specimen of young manhood. He had been an assistant in Hunter's Pharmacy for a long while and recently assumed the management of the Idol-Pressing Club. It is hard to realize that he is gone never to return. But "in the midst of life we are in death."

The funeral service was conducted from the home by Rev. D. M. Litaker. Undertaker Thomas Shepherd directed the procession to the grave where a large concourse of people had assembled to witness the last sad rites and pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of this departed friend.

The entire community deeply sympathizes with the bereaved family and sorrowing friends. It is difficult to conceive of a more deplorable incident, than the untimely death of this excellent young man in the manner recited.—Hendersonville Hustler.

### THE N. Y. DISASTER

#### Over One Thousand Die on the Ill Fated Excursion Boat General Slocum.

### CROWD WAS PANIC STRICKEN

#### The Steamer Sinks While Fire Rages and Excursionists Are Lost—Police Boats and Tugs Rush to Scene

New York, June 15.—The burning and sinking of the steamer General Slocum, with a Sunday school excursion aboard in Hell Gate today, probably 1,000 persons, mostly women and children, lost their lives.

Already 500 burned bodies have been recovered.

The steamer was loaded with 1,600 people from St. Marks church, East Sixth street, crowded upon the decks and cabins, and just nosing her way through the narrow channel when she first started forward. A loud explosion followed immediately. The boat was at the time close to the shore, but the captain in his excitement steered for the open water off Long Island Sound. The steamer was not beached until it reached North Brother Island, three miles distant. Meanwhile the fire was making rapid progress. In a few minutes the flames had enveloped the craft from stem to stern.

The passengers became panic stricken and those on the lower deck rushed in a body for the stairs, many being crushed and trampled on the narrow companion ways. Before the crowd of women and children could gain the top, flames caught the rear-most and forced them back. Terror-stricken the crowd poured out on the hurricane deck, where, screaming and clutching at the railing, many were pushed into the water. The men in the crowd struck at the women and children in an effort to reach the side. Scores were thrown into the water by the breaking of the rail where the mob was thickest.

With burning passengers dropping from the scorching decks, the boat made but slow progress. Engineer, firemen, sailors and the crew were driven from their posts by the heat. Many jumped into the water and swam ashore. At North Brother Island, the boat was blazing from the water line to the mast head and while rapidly sinking was beached.

Police boats, tugs, skiffs and all sorts of river craft put out to the rescue. Scores of burned and unconscious bodies were picked up by these. Many will die from injuries. A majority of the bodies recovered were taken on board of these small craft and landed on the island. Pitiful scenes attended the identification of the dead, which were stretched in rows on the beach. Several persons have gone insane as a result of the horror.

Ambulances from all the city hospitals were ordered to the scene. A number of them were carried over on ferries. The captain of the General Slocum has been arrested on the charge of homicide. He is held awaiting investigation. It is said that carelessness is responsible for the great loss of life by drowning. Life preservers were so old that they crumbled under the touch. When tied about women and children the straps broke and the cork fell apart.

The boat was inspected officially only a month ago.

New York, June 16.—"The death list of the burned steamboat General Slocum will include between thirteen and fourteen hundred persons."

This statement was made by the coroner's physician, Ohanlan, tonight. He said also that the extent of the horror had hitherto been underestimated, because it was of such terrible magnitude that even the officials who have charge of the recovery of the victims were unable to comprehend its scope.

"There were sixteen hundred persons aboard," said Dr. Ohanlan, "and only two hundred have been accounted for." Simultaneously came the announcement of a diver, who when he came to the surface tonight with the headless bodies of a boy and a girl, said that he could see at least two hundred bodies in the side of the hull. At present they cannot be reached.

The latest police figures give the list of bodies recovered at five hundred and seventy-two.

#### Talk of a Dark Horse

Raleigh, June 19.—The talk here to day among some leading Democrats is that they do not think either Stedman or Glenn can win at Greensboro, owing to bitter words of some of their foolish friends. One leader said: "If there is no nomination by the fifth ballot watch out for Justice, Doughton L. Banks Holt, or Davidson, to come in. The Hoke men would like to get the unanimous vote for him for the associate Judgeship, and Justice's friends would like to see him Governor. The lawyers in Hoke's and Justice's districts see that Hoke for Associate Justice for Governor, would mean two Superior Court Judgeships."