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## CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

### Grand Re-union and Gathering at New Orleans.

New Orleans, April 24.—New Orleans tonight is in gala attire, her buildings are draped with bright colors, her streets ablaze with bright bunting and fluttering from end to end with flags, in honor of the annual reunion of the Confederate Veterans' Association, which will commence tomorrow morning.

Every indication is for one of the most successful in the history of the association. About 30 special trains arrived last night and this morning and it is believed that when the time set for the opening has arrived, fully fifty trains additional, will have entered the city.

The United States government, too, is partaker of the festivities, the cruiser Columbia having been sent by the Navy Department especially to take part in the reunion as the direct representative of the Nation. The good people of New Orleans claim it is the first time that a real war ship has ever been sent to participate in a Confederate reunion.

The Columbia rests at anchor in the Mississippi, and is a source of much interest and pleasure, to the people at large, veterans in particular, who visit the boat in multitudes. Commander Bowyer, of the cruiser, has said the men of the Columbia will march in the parade on Friday if the authorities desire.

The Commander was the guest of honor to-night at dinner given by a number of prominent business men of the city. A huge temporary building at the corner of Royal and St. Louis streets, in the very heart of the city, has been erected for the reunion, much money having been expended in its preparation and adornment.

The reunion will be called to order to-morrow at 10 o'clock, by General Albert Estopinal, commander-in-chief of the Louisiana division of Confederate veterans, will deliver the opening address. He will be followed by Governor Blanchard in behalf of the State, while Mayor Behrman will speak for the city.

Charles Payne Fenner will make a short address as representative of the sons of Confederate veterans.

J. B. Simot, first vice president of the citizens executive committee will welcome the sons of veterans and will present the hall to Gen. Stephen D. Lee, Commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans who will accept it and deliver his formal address, as president of the reunion.

### RICHMOND NEXT.

New Orleans, April 26.—The formal business of the sixteenth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans came to a close this afternoon. One day of the reunion proper is left and that will be devoted to the parade of veterans.

Richmond, Va. was selected as the place for holding the next reunion, the choice being made by acclamation.

The fact that the monument of Jefferson Davis is to be unveiled in Richmond next year was a potent influence with many of the old soldiers.

The present officers of the organization were re-elected by acclamation, there being no nominations made against any of them.

Mr. Jake Goodman sustained fearful injuries at the Spencer brickyard in which he lost his left arm and barely escaped with his life. Mr. Goodman was working at the mill when he fell and his arm was caught in the machinery and fearfully mangled.—Salisbury Post, 26th.

## No Case Against Blackburn

Charlotte Observer.

That was indeed a poor showing made by the government in the prosecution of Representative E. Spencer Blackburn, of the eighth district, for taking fees for practicing before the Departments, and it was not a surprise that Judge Goff instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty. There was not in the evidence offered by the government, it seems to us sufficient testimony to have given a magistrate "probable cause", and why District Attorney Holten and his associates should go before the court with such a flimsy case is a mystery. The reports of our staff representative, Mr. Bryant, have indicated that the witnesses relied on by the prosecution were a disappointment; that their testimony was not near so damaging to the defendant as had been supposed that it would be, and indeed that their case was not at all well founded. In other words, it appears that the stories these witnesses told the prosecuting attorneys were not repeated on the stand—at least, not to the same effect, and same may, perhaps, be safely said regarding the evidence before the grand jury. At any rate, the prosecution has made exceedingly poor showing, and if the indictment, as has been alleged, were the outgrowth of the factional fight in the Republican party, the result of the trial will vastly strengthen the Blackburn wing, and it may change the opinion held at the White House regarding the eighth district Representative. As to his strength in his own party in the district he now represents, that will now be supreme—more so, indeed, than heretofore, if that be possible, for he has all along been very popular with the rank and file of the "mountain boys".

We are glad indeed that there was no proof of wrong-doing on Mr. Blackburn's part, and that the result of the trial marks his complete exoneration. But he will now be a hard candidate to defeat this fall, and it is up to the Democrats to put a strong man to oppose him.

### Rare Fun Well Done.

Alton B. Packard, who will appear on the Lenoir Lecture Course soon, "Original and Spontaneous,"—those are the words by which to characterize Mr. Alton Packard's genuine, wholesome fun. He sketches, he plays the piano, he sings, he recites, he lectures; it is a five-man show, given by one man, and the only question is, how he gets it all in in the time allowed.

Serving his apprenticeship as a newspaper cartoonist, he has now found congenial occupation on the lecture platform, where for 200 nights in the year he depicts the follies and vanities of mankind for that same mankind to chuckle over, and ponder upon afterwards. Will appear in Lenoir May 12th, 1906.

### Leg Broken

Today about noon as Roy Hice from North Catawba township was coming to town with a load of hay the team became unruly and he fell or was thrown off the wagon, the wheel passing over his left leg and breaking it. He was brought to Dr. Kent's Drug Store and received medical attention.

Mr. Will Henderson, a liveryman of Bessemer City, was killed last night near that place. He was out with a team and the team taking fright, he was thrown out and killed. He will be buried to-morrow at Bessemer by the Masonic order.—Gastonia Gazette.

## The Railroads and the Lawyers.

Newton Enterprise.

When the new train is put on this division of the Southern and a mail car is put on the new train on the C. & N. W. road, Newton people will almost feel that they have become a suburb of Charlotte. We will get the morning paper here for breakfast and the evening papers for supper. Say what you will against the railroads, they are contributing more to the comforts and pleasures of the people in general and more towards placing the people of the small towns and the rural districts on an equality with the people of the cities than any other business organization in this country.

And this calls to mind that an effort is being made in some quarters, as it has been in other campaign years, to put railroads and lawyers under a common ban. One of the leading daily papers, in almost every issue is saying: "Don't send lawyers to the State Senate. They are either the attorneys of the railroads or can be made so by retainers after they are nominated or elected." This is a most unjust imputation. The history of North Carolina from the beginning, will show that the lawyers as legislators have had as high a sense of honor and as high a sense of duty to their constituents as any other class of citizens. In every emergency in time of war or of peace—calling for the most exalted patriotism, the lawyers have always been found in the forefront.

This war on lawyers is unjust, and much of the war on railroads is without reason.

### Municipal Tickets.

The following tickets for town officers have been suggested: Mayor—M. E. Shell. Commissioners—J. B. Atkinson, J. A. Allen, L. L. Munday. Another, mayor—M. E. Shell. Commissioners—R. G. Munday, J. J. Gall, J. L. Nelson.

### Peculiar Accident.

Wednesday a valuable mule belonging to Mr. Geo. C. Winkler, of this place, took fright during the severe wind storm and in its efforts to get away dislocated or broke its hip. The mule is a valuable one but at present it is in a pitiable condition and may have to be killed to relieve its sufferings.

### Honored in The House.

Washington, April 23.—Congressman Blackburn returned to the capital shortly after noon today. It is safe to say that Spence easily had the biggest time of his life. He had no sooner entered the House chamber, wearing a new red tie and a white carnation, than the members began to crowd about his desk to offer congratulations. Nearly everybody in the House shook his hand and then, as if to transform the happiness of the returned Tar Heel member into a sensation of unalloyed bliss, Speaker Cannon, who has been consistently his friend in this hour of trouble, did the nice thing by calling him to the Speaker's chair, where, for an hour or more, he presided over the deliberations. The compliment was a pointed one and, of course, it was fully appreciated by Mr. Blackburn and his friends.

### New Advertisements.

We call your attention to the following new advertisements in this issue: J. W. Self, Dry Goods Clothing, etc.; Bernhardt-Seagle Hdw. & Fur Co., Asternore mattresses; O. P. Lutz, Trustee Mortgage Sale of Lenoir Topic.

## I. A. Starnes' Family Reunion

On the 22, it was a favored privilege of the writer to be present at a memorable as well as remarkable occasion, that of a family reunion of the I. A. Starnes family, at the old homestead near Petra. Mr. Starnes now lives in the thriving little town of Granite Falls, some 5 miles from the old home, situated in a most picturesque section of country as well as a fine agricultural one, judging from all appearances and what you find to eat.

This was the celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Starnes 61, birthday, she being 61 on the 18. They are the parents of 11 children, 8 boys and 3 girls, all of whom were present, but 2,—with their posterity amounting to a considerable audience, to say the least. They have 58 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild, all living no great distance from the old home, with its sacred and cherished memories.

The occasion was a remarkable one, in that it was just forty years to a day, that Mr. Starnes got home from the war, on which he well remembered he took dinner and a turkey one at that, with his mother in law, one Mrs. Williams.

And Mr. Editor we would like to say some large worded things about that dinner, but you must excuse us, as we find our vocabulary fails to be adequate to do it justice. Suffice it to say it was one of the most bounteous feasts, we have attended and of a regular Methodist tendency as it was chicken chicken, chicken and then some of the finest old ham you ever heard of, for the baptist brethren.

Mr. Starnes, long may you live and many more such occasions may you all enjoy, is the wish and sincere desire of "ye scribbler".

We forgot to say, that thirty two of the grand children were present, and Ramsour made a photo of the entire crowd. C. V. Saw Mills, April 24th.

### Improvement Society.

The Ladies' Town Improvement Society has gotten down to work in earnest and are having dirt put on the square for the purpose of making a grass plot.

The idea is to curb in a circle with concrete and put an iron fence around it, filling the circle with nice grass and flowers.

They are holding regular meetings and assessing monthly dues on themselves to accumulate a fund with which to work. Such organizations are working well in other towns and we see no reason why it should not do so here and add much to the beauty and cleanliness of our town.

### Excursion to Mortimer.

We understand the schools of the town are planning an excursion to Mortimer on May 11th. The idea is to combine and have a big pic-nic up there at that time.

Capt. P. J. Johnson is said to be at the head of the undertaking.

Water has been turned on and Marion now has as fine a system of water and sewerage as any town in the State. The water is obtained from a bored well 700 feet deep. A test of the pressure was made last week by Gild & Company and water was turned on. It was thrown over the large dome on top of the First National Bank building, the highest building in town.—Ex.

Most men would rather be whipped than match a spool of thread for their wives, but when it comes to matching for the drinks—oh, well, that is different.

## Forest Fires.

Damaging forest fires have been raging for several days in different parts of the county. Wednesday the fire was very fierce in the Mulberry section, destroying the dwelling of Andy Hollers with its contents and also 70,000 feet of lumber belonging to J. M. Bernhardt. A large extent of territory was burned over and much young timber was destroyed. These fires are usually caused by carelessness and if some of the parties who allow the fires to get out were made to pay the damages, the example might make others more careful.

### County Ticket Suggested.

Legislator—J. M. Bernhardt. For Sheriff—J. K. Moore. Clerk of Superior Court—W. H. Cloyd. Register of Deeds—W. L. Greer. For Treasurer—S. M. Clarke. For Coroner—R. G. Thompson. County Commissioner—T. B. Lenoir, A. M. Powell, and H. L. Houck. Surveyor—John L. Kirby. ICHABOD.

### Congressional Convention.

The Democratic Congressional Committee for this district met at Wilkesboro Wednesday and decided upon May 12th at Statesville as time and place for holding the Congressional Convention for this the 8th district.

### Unconscious From a Blow.

One night recently S. J. Holland, a Livery man of Statesville, had some words with a drunken man named Reavis and hit Reavis on the head with a whip.

The injured man walked a few steps and fell and was found in an unconscious condition, he was cared for but remained unconscious. Holland was arrested and placed under a \$5,000 bond.

Reavis is still unconscious most of the time, the doctors say there is a clot on the brain.

The Southern Railway depot and the postoffice at Clemons, Forsyth county, were robbed Monday night. Six quarts of whiskey and a double-barrel shotgun was stolen from the depot, while three or four dollars in change, some stamped envelopes and several pairs of shoes were secured from the postoffice.

At Pomona, near Greensboro, yesterday morning, as train No. 33, of the Southern Railway, pulled into the yards, the engine jumped the track and turned over killing Fireman Davis and breaking the left leg of Engineer Wingate in 2 places.

Carl T. Eattison, 44 years old, mate on the schooner Victor C. Reynolds, loading lumber for the Cape Fear Lumber Company, was found dead on the wharf in Wilmington, near his vessel, Monday night.

A petition has been circulated at North Wilkesboro against a proposed Sunday train from Greensboro to that place.

The Landmark is advocating a \$300,000 bond issue for good roads in Iredell. It is the only way to get them.

Statesville has organized a strong independent Telephone Co. in opposition to the Bell Company.

The Chatham Manufacturing Co., at Elkin sent 100 pairs of blankets to San Francisco sufferers.

## NEWS ITEMS.

Insurance men figure the losses by fire and earthquake at San Francisco all the way from \$200,000,000 to \$500,000,000.

The people of Greensboro think they have a good prospect for another railroad.

The Cone Export and Commission Co., of Greensboro, gave a thousand dollars to the San Francisco sufferers. This is the largest single subscription we have noticed being made in North Carolina.

J. M. Pruitt, of Trap Hill, Wilkes County was arrested last week for making counterfeit money. He is father of the Mrs. Smoot who was recently tried, convicted and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for passing counterfeit money. Pruitt was placed in jail in default of \$1,000 bond.

Much suffering was caused in San Francisco last Monday among the homeless people by a cold rain which fell at intervals through the day.

Mrs. Bernard, wife of C. M. Bernard, of Raleigh, former district attorney, died Thursday night in a hospital in Richmond.

A new and modern hotel is in course of construction in Charlotte and it is now stated that another one, to have 125 rooms and to cost \$150,000, is assured.

Rev. H. H. Hulten, of Kansas City, Mo., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Charlotte, made vacant by the death, some months ago, of Dr. Barron.

Some time ago S. T. Mills, a white man of Caswell County, shot and killed one Whitt Mills. The slayer was released on a \$300 bond and it is not surprising to learn that he has run away.

In Wilmington Friday the Masonic fraternity laid the corner stone of a monument which is to be erected by the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames to the memory of Cornelius Harnett and other Revolutionary patriots.

At Whitney, Stanley county, Saturday, Fannie Ray, a colored woman, and her 5-year-old child were burned to death by the explosion of an oil can. The can ignited from the attempt to pour oil upon the fire. Exploding it threw the burning oil over the mother and the child.

Blockaders in Pitt county have adopted the usual method of attacking those charged with reporting. Recently S. A. Manning was taken from his home in that county and whipped. Later the door of W. J. Teel's house was broken down and an attempt made to drag Teel from bed. Teel had a weapon handy and fired on the intruders and resisted so vigorously that he was left alone.

The Landmark says ten solid car loads of chickens passed through Statesville last Sunday for the Northern markets.

The Southern Express Co. gave \$5,000 to the San Francisco sufferers.

The latest reports indicate that at least 1000 persons were killed by the earthquake and fire at San Francisco last week.

Another slight earthquake visited San Francisco Tuesday, one woman was killed by a falling chimney.

Ammunition is still going to the Philippines.—Sixty-seven car loads of bottled beer were shipped there last week.