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CHARLES MARLY presided at the Southern Baptist Educational Convention at Nashville. Nearly all the Southern States were represented.

REMINISCENCES OF PUBLIC MEN.

BY EX-GOVERNOR B. F. FERRY.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

JOHN S. RICHARDSON.

I prepared a sketch of Judge Richardson for "the XIX Century," but unfortunately, that periodical was discontinued before its publication, and I have not been able to recover the manuscript.

Nor can I now reproduce the article from memory in its fullness and justice. But my great respect for the memory of this distinguished gentleman, will not permit me to omit him in my Reminiscences of public men.

Judge Richardson was well calculated to inspire feelings of kindness and friendship in all who were so fortunate as to become intimately acquainted with him. He was a man of high and pure character, warm and cordial in his feelings, disinterested and devoted in his friendship.

He had the courage of a true cavalier in his nature, with the polished manners of a Carolina gentleman of the old school. His talents and ability were of a high order, united with great practical good sense and wisdom.

I knew him intimately before our political party organizations in South Carolina, and had, for him, very great respect. He became a bold uncompromising Union man, and this increased our intimacy together.

How little did we then think it was possible for that Federal Union to become a foul and loathsome monster of tyranny and oppression. But it is not that grand Union of States, or that beautiful Republican system of government, under which we live, that has disgraced the civilization of the nineteenth century, legalized corruption, and established an odious, ignorant, polluted tyranny in the Southern States.

No! This has been the work of the corrupt and fiendish scoundrels into whose hands the administration of the government has fallen.

Judge Richardson was, for many years, a leading member of the House of Representatives of South Carolina, Speaker of the House, and Attorney General of the State.

He told me that he was elected Speaker very much against his feelings and wishes. He was at the time candidate for Attorney-General, and did not desire the Speakership.

As Attorney-General, his great powers of analysis in debate showed pre eminent. But as a Judge amongst his learned compeers and associates, he was not so conspicuous. He did not like the dull routine of labor on the bench, taking down testimony, ruling points of evidence, listening to long, dull arguments of counsel, making out reports of cases, &c.

This feeling and indisposition increased on him with age, and the bar became dissatisfied with his want of interest in the discharge of his judicial labors.

An effort was made a few years previous to his death, to remove him from the bench, for want of capacity and failure of physical strength to perform the arduous duties of a Circuit Judge.

He was called before the House of Representatives, and made an address in reply to the charges brought against him. His defence was a most triumphant one, and he showed that he had far more ability than any member of the House, who charged him with a want of capacity.

The impeachment was voted down by an overwhelming majority.

Judge Richardson had a very clear mind, and was very dexterous in debate. He was not only a wise man, but a far-seeing man, and one of extended views in politics.

He would have made a great Statesman, and a most successful politician. He had great tact, and was very adroit in management.

Whilst on the bench, he was elected a member of Congress, and it would have been well for his fame and distinction, had he accepted the position, and turned his attention exclusively to politics.

He could not have failed to make his mark in the history of his country. In speaking of Mexico, some years before his death, he expressed the hope that that whole of the country might be annexed to the United States.

He also desired to take Cuba and Canada into the American Union. "Then," said he, "we shall be the first power in the world."

Judge Richardson was a bold man morally and physically, as well as intellectually. It was once his unpleasant duty as a Judge, to pass sentence on Col. Bonham, a

gallant spirit, who afterwards fell like a knight of romance, at the Alamo, for an assault and battery on a brother lawyer, at Fickens Court House. In his written sentence, (the Colonel not being present) he made some withering remark about the want of chivalry, in attacking an unarmed man, with pistol and horse whip.

When the sentence was opened and read in Court, the Colonel was very much excited, and imprudently wrote the Judge a note stating that he was too old a man for him to pull his nose on sight.

The Judge replied in very polite terms, saying that he was altogether mistaken in supposing him too old to fight. He was just the right fighting age, and would be happy to accept his challenge, and give him that satisfaction which his wounded honor might demand.

This was a poser to the hot-headed Colonel, and he replied that he should pursue his own course in seeking redress.

Shortly after this the Judge came to Anderson to hold Court, where Colonel Bonham resided. Some one had written him a letter, stating that the Colonel would attack him on his arrival at that place.

After supper Sunday evening, before Court, the Judge invited me to his room and told me what had been written to him. He then wished to know if I did not think "he could lick the Colonel in case the assault was made."

He said he would not carry a pistol or think of using one. He had a small walking stick which was the only weapon he desired. I told him, as to their relative manhood, in a fit of pique, I thought the Colonel would get the better of him.

This he doubted, and said that he was still very active and vigorous in a scuffle. But no attack was made on him, as I felt assured there would not be.

I heard a gentleman say, that a short time before this, he witnessed the Judge's vigor and activity in a scuffle at Sumter, when his son Maynard was attacked by a mob. The Judge rushed into the crowd and used his umbrella right and left most dexterously and effectually.

Judge Richardson once told me, that he had been elected a member of the Legislature, Speaker of the House, Attorney-General, Judge, and member of Congress, but that none of these elections had ever given him so much pleasure and heart-felt satisfaction as being elected ensign of a militia company in Charleston, when he was first settling out in life.

The election was contested, and they had three hard canvasses before the matter was finally settled. He said it gave him a relief for elections and electioneering, which he never lost in after-life.

In our Union and Nullification campaigns, the Judge was a great manager, and seemed really to delight in forming plans for our struggle in every District in the State.

He was a member of the State Convention in the days of Nullification, and had been stump speaking with Governor McDuffie the preceding summer. There had been some sparring between them, and in the convention the Governor, replied, not very courteously, to some remarks of the Judge. They did not strike me, however, as calling for any special notice.

I saw, however, the Judge was a good deal nettled, and he came to where I was sitting, and asked my counsel as to his noticing what had been said. I dissuaded him from replying.

He said, if your purpose is simply to keep me out of an altercation which may lead to a difficulty, I shall not heed your advice. But if you say upon your word as a true cavalier, that neither honor or duty to our party requires me to notice the remarks, I will be governed by your judgment.

Judge Richardson was a most sociable and charming companion. On the Circuit he delighted in chatting with the lawyers of an evening after the adjournment of court, and was always pleased to have a circle around him at the fireside in the hotis.

He talked well, and was a great dialectician. He could argue any question with great plausibility. The character of his mind was very much like that of Mr. Poinsett, and I think I have heard them say that they were distantly related.

He was a small man with thin features, and a bright beaming countenance. He was quite an old man at his death, was taken sick on the Circuit, and went to his son's in Charleston where he died. He was born in Sumter District, and lived in the same neighborhood with the first and second Governor Richardson, but was not related at all to that family.

He was, as I have heard Governor Manning say, a most kind and excellent neighbor, an indulgent master, and liberal and charitable.

How delightful it is to recall the memories of our public men in South Carolina, and review their high and pure characters and polished manners.

For nearly two hundred years previous to our late civil war, there was scarcely a spot or blemish on the escutcheon of a single public man in South Carolina. All were pure, highly gifted, educated, polished, and incorruptible.

The suspicion of bribery and corruption was unknown to the thousands and tens of thousands of Carolina gentlemen, who were honored with seats in our Legislature during the past two centuries.

The office of Governor, Judge, Senator, and Representative in Congress, was always bestowed on the wisest, best, and most talented of the land. They loved their State, and guarded her honor as they did that of a mother.

[CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.]

THE BILL TO REFUND THE COTTON TAX.—This bill of which there has been considerable talk, has been introduced in the House of Representatives, by Mr. McKee, who represents a large planting interest.

The bill provides for refunding in cash, or in bonds issued for the purpose, bearing five per cent interest, the cotton tax paid after the actual close of the war, in the years 1865, '66, '67 and '68. It does not include the tax paid in 1863 and '64, nor in 1865, before the proclamation of Andrew Johnson declaring the war ended.

The ground on which the bill will be urged chiefly is that the imposition of the tax was unconstitutional and utterly unlawful.

GOLDEN WORDS.—Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth.—Bible. Admiration is the daughter of ignorance.—Franklin.

How full of bribes is this working day world.—Shakespeare. There is no grace in a benefactor that sticks to the fingers.—Seneca. Know how subtle a thing it is to suffer and be strong.—Longfellow.

It matters not how the head lies if the heart is right.—Sir Walter Raleigh. Most men give advice by the bucket, but take it by the grain.—W. R. Alger.

Affection hides three times as many virtues as charity does sins.—Horace Mann.

The Laurensville Herald says Mr. Lewis Robertson, of that place, was robbed of \$800 a few days since. The robbery was committed by a little boy, under the instructions of an old colored woman servant, who furnished him with a key. The trunk from which the money was taken contained \$7,000, but the boy had received his instructions to take but a little at a time.

The London Times' Berlin special of March 4th, says Count Von Arnim, Minister to France, is ordered to Berlin to give his opinion regarding the stability of the present government of France. The same special says it is thought that Williams' decision will be adverse to England on the San Juan Arbitration between the United States and England.

The stone cutters engaged on the Federal Post office in Columbia struck the other day, in consequence of ten hours' work being exacted from them by Superintendent Kinsley, whereas, as they maintain, eight hours is the usual time called for on government work.

In taking down a beautiful painted canvas ceiling at All Soul's College, Oxford, England, recently, fifteen ancient paintings were discovered, attached to the roof, where they had been unknown for two centuries.

A ST. LOUIS woman, over six feet in height, recently married a man who is but four feet nine.—When she wishes to kiss him she has to stand him on a chair.

A MAN was acquitted of the charge of murder recently in Switzerland because "he had always fulfilled his religious duties." He killed his wife.

Gov. HOFFMAN, of New York, is the clamorous vetoer. In three years he has vetoed 391 bills, and every veto, with one exception, has been sustained by the Legislature.

It is said that there are more good people than bad in the world, but the bad get the upper hand merely because they are bolder.

The Pope was born on the 18th of May, in the year 1792, so that he is on the eve of the completion of the eightieth year of his age.

POPULATION of the State of Texas, 818,579, namely: native born 756,168, foreign born 62,411.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CHERRY LAKE FIRE ENGINE COMPANY AS A PART OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF CHERRY LAKE.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same: That Theodore F. Malloy, Thos. W. Boucher, James A. McCreight, and W. L. Reid, and their successors in office, be, and they are hereby, constituted a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of the "Cherry Lake Fire Engine Company," with a capital stock not exceeding the sum of five thousand dollars, with the right to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, in any Court of competent jurisdiction; to have and use a common seal, and the same to alter at will and pleasure, and with all other rights, privileges and immunities, that are now secured by law to like incorporated bodies.

Sec. 2. This Act shall be deemed a public Act, and shall remain in force for the term of fourteen years.

Approved February 15th, 1872.

AN ACT TO RENEW, AMEND AND EXTEND THE CHARTER OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SMYRNA, IN NEWBERRY COUNTY.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same: That David B. Piester, George W. Senn, Henry Hedrick, Henry D. Booser and Thomas N. Booser, Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Smyrna, in Newberry County, and their successors in office, be, and the same are hereby, declared a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Smyrna, in Newberry County, with all the rights, powers and privileges heretofore granted to the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Smyrna, in Newberry County, by an Act of the General Assembly, passed December 11, A. D. 1857; and the charter of the same, is hereby renewed and extended for the term of twenty-five years.

Approved February 27, 1872.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same: That the members of the said Society be and are hereby, incorporated, and are hereby declared to be a body corporate, by the name and style of the Springfield Baptist Church, and by that name and style shall have a succession of officers and members, and shall have a common seal, and the same to alter at will and pleasure.

Sec. 2. That the said corporation shall have power to purchase, receive and hold any real or personal estate, not exceeding in value fifty thousand dollars, and to sell, convey and dispose of the same; and by its corporate name may sue and be sued, in any Court of competent jurisdiction in this State; and make such rules and by-laws, not repugnant to the laws thereof, as they may deem necessary and expedient.

Sec. 3. That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a public Act, and shall continue in force until repealed.

Approved February 27, 1872.

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF WM. NATHANIEL MARTIN, AND TO MAKE HIM ONE OF THE LEGAL HEIRS OF HIS FATHER.

Whereas Wm. B. Davis, a citizen of Williamsburg County, is the father of an illegitimate child, a boy, now going by the name of Wm. Nathaniel Martin, and whereas said Wm. B. Davis is desirous of having the name of said child changed to that of Wm. Nathaniel Davis, and to have conferred upon him all the rights of legitimacy; therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same: That the name of Wm. Nathaniel Martin be changed to that of Wm. Nathaniel Davis.

Sec. 2. That all rights of legitimacy are hereby conferred upon the said Wm. N. Martin, and that he be considered one of the legal heirs of his father, Wm. B. Davis, as if born in lawful wedlock.

Approved February 27, 1872.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN OF COKEBURG."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same: That Section seventy-six (76) be so amended, in the second line, by striking out the word "ten," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "four," so as to read as follows: The said Town Council shall be governed by an Intendant and four Wardens.

Sec. 2. That Section eighty-four (84) be so amended, in the seventh line, by striking out the word "ten," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "five," so as to read, No tax shall be imposed in any one year, to exceed the rate of five cents, on each hundred dollars of such assessed property.

Approved February 27, 1872.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO REMOVE IMBECILES FROM THE LUNATIC ASYLUM TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTY POOR HOUSES.

Whereas, experience has established the fact that imbeciles should not be confined in the same building with the insane; and whereas, the insane—who, as a class, require special treatment—have frequently to be refused admission into the Asylum for want of room; therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same: That from and after the passage of this Act the County Commissioners of the various

Counties in the State shall remove their imbeciles from the State Lunatic Asylum upon due notice, from the Superintendent of the said County, Commissioners as to the number of imbeciles contained in the institution from their respective counties: And they shall hereafter take care of all such persons in their respective County Poor Houses.

Sec. 2. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved February 27, 1872.

Mr. JOHN GRAHAM, a citizen of Camden, recently died, aged 101 years.

It is believed the Pope meditates an early departure from Rome.

The youngest mother chronicled in history is a Boston girl aged eight.

"HERE lies a man who never had an enemy!" Then here lies a man who never had an idea.

The largest Protestant Sunday School in Philadelphia contains about eighteen hundred scholars, the smallest ten.

BOSTON CORBET, the man who once enjoyed notoriety as the killer of Booth, President Lincoln's assassin, is dead.

The carriages, horses, etc., belonging to the late Jim Fisk have been sold at auction, bringing about \$50,000.

"HUSBAND! if an honest man is God's noblest work, what is an honest woman?" "His rarest, best!" was the uncivil reply.

A HEART-BROKEN Syracuse maiden recently demonstrated her view of breach of promise, by whipping her fickle lover soundly.

If you wish success, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counsellor, caution your elder brother, and hope your guardian genius.

The Legislature of Ohio has passed a bill restricting the amount which may be recovered from railroad companies as compensation for causing death to \$10,000.

It is stated that the answer to Earle Granville is pacific, but firmly insists upon the reference of indirect damages to the Geneva Arbitration.

Two missionaries in Umzambi, South Africa, have recently built a school house with their own hands, laying over 20,000 brick, and doing the carpenter work themselves.

Mr. WASH. CALMER, of Newberry County, recently died from the result of a cut on the hand from opening a sardine box. His hand and arm began to swell, and from the effects of this he died.

A BILL was recently brought before the Pennsylvania Legislature which contemplates making it an offense punishable by fine and imprisonment for persons to engage in what is popularly known as the "prize candy trade."

A LETTER says the Spanish authorities are gratified by the turn of American and English affairs, claiming that Spain has a better case against America than America has against England for neglect of neutral duties.

A DUTCHMAN who was elected to his State Legislature, thus gives his opinion of it: "Ven I went to Legislature, I thought I vould find dem all Solomons dere, but I soon found dere vas some as pick fools dere as I vas."

A VERA CRUZ letter says: "It is generally believed, in Mexican circles, that William Cullen Bryant, who has recently been on a visit to that country, bears a proposition for an American protectorate over Mexico."

The Second Baptist Church at Atlanta, Ga., having four ordained ministers in its membership who are without a pastoral charge, has formally recognized them as elders of the church authorized to act as counsellors and assistants of the pastor and deacons.

A FARMER, named Willis Williamson, near Maurice, Indiana, followed his daughter to Daleville, whither she went for matrimonial purposes, found her at the house of a relative and cut her throat fatally; then shot himself with a revolver fatally. Williamson had a large family.

The New Orleans Times of the 1st inst., says: "The body called the General Assembly of Louisiana, terminated last night, its career of unparalleled infamy. It would be a trite phrase to say that the history of modern times furnished no such example of the gross abuse of power, of such flagrant immorality, corruption and indelicacy as has marked the career of this disgraceful assemblage."