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AWAY DOWN SOUTH IN DIXIE!

THE GREAT CONFEDERATE REUNION IN THE CRESCENT CITY.

New Orleans clad in holiday attire to welcome the heroes of the Southland—Thousand of visitors join with the people of the city to do honor to their aged and distinguished guests.

New Orleans, May 19.—The thirteenth annual Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans was opened in the great auditorium at the Fair grounds today at noon.

The weather was perfect and all the arrangements by the local entertainment committee most successful. There were thousands of veteran soldiers, hundreds of beautiful women, and around on every hand a profusion of flattering flags and waving streamers. There was martial music without limit and enthusiasm unbounded. Over the beauty and success of the day there was but a single shadow, and that promises to disappear before the morning. This was the illness of Gen. Gordon, the commander-in-chief of the organization. He was not well when he left his hotel for the auditorium and has not been in his usual health for several days. His strength was not in reality sufficient for the ordeal to which he subjected himself, and before the close of the opening session he was a greatly worried man. Nothing but his grim fighting spirit carried him through the day without something akin to a collapse. He was not able to attend the afternoon session at the auditorium and remained quietly in his room at the hotel, receiving no visitors. His condition is in no manner serious, but it is possible that he may not be able to preside at all the sessions at the auditorium between now and Friday noon. He expects, however, to be present to-morrow.

When the hour for opening the Convention arrived the platform was crowded with fair women and men whose names are household words throughout the South. Gen. Gordon was delayed somewhat in reaching the grounds and his entrance into the hall was an ovation. Cheer after cheer rang through the building as he came down the aisle leaning on the arm of Adj. Gen. Mickle. He was surrounded instantly by a group of friends as he mounted the rostrum and for a time he was unable to reach his chair.

A THEATRICAL KISS.

No sooner was he seated than a fair young woman, Miss Tarleton, of Waco, Texas, approached and, bending down, kissed the General. He sprang quickly to his feet to acknowledge the honor with repeated bows.

Gen. J. B. Levert, commander of the Louisiana division of the Confederate Veterans, called the assembly to order and introduced the chaplain, Gen. Rev. J. William Jones, who offered an earnest prayer. Then in succession came speeches of welcome to the Veterans from Paul Capdevielle, mayor of New Orleans; Lays Charbonnet, who spoke for the local organization of the Sons of Veterans; Mrs. William J. Behan, representing the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, and Governor W. W. Heard, who spoke for the people of the State of Louisiana.

GEN. GORDON'S ADDRESS.

When Gen. Gordon rose he was enthusiastically cheered. He said in part:

To my thought, it is most fitting that this proud and patriotic organization should meet again in this historic city, which gave it birth. The meeting of such men as you welcome to-day, whose past deeds will remain forever an inspiration to American valor and to future sacrifices for constitutional freedom, is an auspicious event in the country's history, whenever and wherever it may occur; but how peculiarly inspiring is this reunion in Louisiana, on this 100th anniversary of his birth into government alliance with the American States. A Roman eye would have discovered in a meeting of such men, at such

times, an omen of good to the cause of liberty and art, American eyes should see in it nothing but good to the whole Republic. It must, of necessity, be beneficent and only beneficent. We will not indulge on this centennial—this political millennial morning—nor at other times, in any bitterness. We feel none. We pity those who do. We have long since drawn the curtain of oblivion over the regretful and unseemly things of the past; and we cherish, as Americans, the valor and noble deeds of both armies and of all sections. We are satisfied with our record; and the powers that would attempt to make us blush for it, would be both stupid and blind. We are heirs, joint heirs, with the Republic's children in the inheritance of freedom left by our sires. We are proud of all the past. Moreover, we are now facing a future pregnant with tremendous possibilities; but we face it with a strength of hope and assurance, born of an unswerving purpose to discharge our every duty to all races, and to the whole country. We are growing older but we still stand firmly on the narrow strip of land which separates us from a boundless ocean.

And as we go hence, we will calmly drop our mantles on the shoulders of our sons, who will worthily wear them; and in no crisis of the Republic, whether in forum or field, will they be found wanting.

STONEWALL JACKSON'S WIFE.

At the conclusion of Gen. Gordon's address he turned to greet a lady dressed in black, who had come to the front of the rostrum during the latter portion of his address. Then, leading her to the front of the platform, he said:

"It was my fortune, and I will never cease to thank God that it was my fortune, to follow, to know well, and to love Stonewall Jackson. He is not here, but the best half of him is here in the person of his wife Comrade, I present to you Mrs. Stonewall Jackson."

"To your feet, boys, to your feet," was the cry of a Veteran in the Tennessee delegation, but swift as came his cry, it came too late. The "boys" were up, every man of them, and in the wild cheers that swept the hall the fair-faced lady from Virginia was made to know once more how Southern love remembers.

"And here's a young Jackson," called out the General, leading forward a very pretty girl, Miss Julia Jackson Christian, the granddaughter of the famous soldier. As he spoke he kissed her and the cheers were redoubled for the General and the girl.

TOO MUCH ENTHUSIASM.

Judge John Reagan, the sole surviving member of the Davis Cabinet, then spoke from one portion of the rostrum, while numbers of the old soldiers threw themselves upon Gen. Gordon at the other end. The reception was smothering. Mr. Reagan's voice and Gen. Gordon at the same time, when Gen. S. D. Lee interfered with the gavel, beseeching the crowd to be silent and to allow Gen. Gordon to rest.

Mr. Reagan spoke but briefly after this, and an adjournment was taken until afternoon. Immediately the mobbing of Gen. Gordon was resumed with redoubled energy. One old soldier, intoxicated by his enthusiasm, sank on his knees before the General and would have hugged him had not the bystanders interfered.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The oration of Judge Rogers summed the entire afternoon session. His address, which was remarkably well delivered, was a brilliant success.

The Sons of Veterans met at noon in the Crescent Theatre, but transacted no business beyond listening to a number of welcoming addresses and appointing various committees.

The chief feature of the evening was the ball given by the Washington Artillery at their armory. It was a select affair, in honor of the visiting sponsors and maids of honor, and was a distinct social success.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS RALLY.

Meeting of The State Grand Lodge in Orangeburg.

Special to News and Courier. Orangeburg, May 19.—The meeting of the State Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, convened at 10 o'clock this morning in Orangeburg. The meeting was held at the Court House, and Grand Chancellor George S. Mower of Newberry, called the meeting to order. Quite a large number of the visitors are junior past chancellors and the greater part of the morning was occupied in conferring upon them the Grand Lodge degrees.

The trains last night brought in the expected number of visitors, and the trains this morning had on board numerous Knights from Charleston and the lower portion of the State, while some came from the upper Carolina on the morning train from Columbia. The early Atlantic Coast Line train also brought a contingent from the Pee Dee section.

The regular meeting of Orange Lodge, No. 34, was held last night at the regular hall and there were a large number of the visitors in attendance. Several candidates were on hand for degrees in the ranks of Esquire and Knight, and these degrees were conferred in the presence of a full attendance of the local membership as well as the visitors. To-night there are several candidates for degrees and the Amplified Degree Team from Charleston will have charge. This meeting will be held at the Court House.

Extensive preparations are being made for the banquet to-morrow evening and the Orangeburg ladies, who have it in charge, are making arrangements to give the expected large gathering an elegant repast. The banquet will be held in Barton's Hall.

The people of Orangeburg generally are pleased to have so representative a set of South Carolinians in their city, and are doing what they can to make them feel at home and give them the best accommodation that is possible under the circumstances.

It is an unusually selected gathering of men. From all portions of South Carolina are gathered here the representative men of the State. Some leaders and prominent only in local affairs, while many of the State leaders are active representatives in the Grand Lodge. The leading men of the various professions and branches of business life are here. The younger leaders, who are here, are, many of them, the coming men of the State, and in the future will exercise large influence in the State's history. Several of the younger and able leaders of the General Assembly are here. Senator George S. Mower, representing the upper branch, while Speaker M. L. Smith, of Camden; Chairman of Committee on Education B. A. Morgan, of Greenville; Chairman of Ways and Means Committee Altamont Moses, of Sumter; Col. E. H. Aull, of Newberry; Dr. E. C. Doyle, of Oconee; the Hon. J. W. Doar, of Georgetown, are members of the lower house. Mayor J. B. Park, of Greenwood, is here.

The above are only a few of the many prominent Pythians in attendance upon the Grand Lodge sessions. Charleston has sent up a large delegation of enthusiastic and representative citizens and Pythians, many of them being young men of exceptional ability and attainments.

Newberry College Commencement Programme

June 7, 11 o'clock, baccalaureate sermon, by Rev. C. E. Weltner of Augusta, Ga.; 8:30, address to the students by Rev. D. M. Ramsay, D. D., of Charleston, S. C.

June 9, 3:30, annual meeting of Board of Trustees; 8:30, Junior contest for medal in oratory.

June 9, 11 o'clock, address before the Alumni Association. 8:30, address before the Literary Societies by President Henry L. Smith, of Davidson College, N. C.

June 10, 10 o'clock, annual commencement.

LACE CURTAINS NEXT 30 DAYS per Window 25 cents a window at The Newberry Steam Laundry.

STATE CAPITOL A DEATH TRAP.

Sewer Gas Has Been Escaping into Officials' Quarters.

Columbia, May 18.—An investigation of the presence of smoke in the attorney general's office yesterday developed the startling fact that the State capitol is infested with sewer gas.

After the morning had been spent in looking for the cause of the smoke it was discovered that a plank in the basement was on fire, having been ignited by means of combustion of lime, which had been sprinkled over the old sewer main far down in the basement of the building. The condition of affairs which was thus uncovered or made apparent was really more alarming than if the entire State capitol had been on fire, for the lives of its occupants are endangered by sewer gas.

All of the poisonous gas from the rotting mains in the basement was escaping into the chimney which led to the office of the attorney general and to the other offices on that side of the first floor of the capitol.

Owing to the fact that of the eight men who have been employed as watchmen at the capitol in the last thirteen years five have died, one is a confirmed invalid and two others have suffered from intestinal fevers.

The State house officials were very much alarmed by the conditions of affairs made apparent yesterday.

VERIFIABLE DEATH TRAP.

The State 20th.

The secretary of state has for the past two or three days had a number of plumbers and sanitary experts to inspect the sewerage arrangements in the State house, which caused so much alarm last week. Some of the sanitary inspectors say that they never saw such conditions as they found at the State capitol and they express great surprise that the matter had been allowed to run along as it has been. They call this a veritable death trap and insist that it should be corrected at once.

FEARFUL ACCIDENT IN CLINTON.

Little Orphan Girl Killed by Bursting of a Wringer in the Laundry. Cause Unknown.

Special to The State.

Columbia, May 19.—The Thornwell orphanage is now in need of the tender sympathy which the good people of the State have always been so ready to show it. One of those unforeseen and unavoidable accidents which sometimes happen occurred here today. While one of the girls was passing by the wringer in the steam laundry it suddenly went to pieces with the noise of a pistol explosion. Miss Anna Anderson was struck by a flying piece and was dead within 20 minutes. The whole institution is in tears. It was a merciful Providence that saved the lives of the other girls, some of whom were near by. Anna was one of the sweetest, purest, most lovable girls in the institution.

There is no blame to be attached to any one in connection with the accident.

The wringer was running at its usual speed. There was evidently a flaw in the iron or workmanship.

The 200 children at the orphanage need the sympathy of God's people now in their loss of one of their dearest sisters.

IN LIFE AND IN DEATH.

These Two Soldiers Were Comrades, Fried and Trac.

Special to The State.

Cheraw, May 17.—A most remarkable coincidence occurred in our town today. At 8:30 o'clock this morning Mr. A. G. Bright, a private in Boykin's Rangers, aged 73 years, was buried. At 4 o'clock this afternoon Mr. J. Fletcher Grant, a private in the First regiment, Heavy Artillery, S. C. V., aged 65 years, was buried. These gentlemen were once copartners in business, both members of Cheraw lodge, No. 15, A. F. M., both buried with Masonic honors, and both died with paralysis.

THE RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

A Great Increase in the Service and Unlimited Extension Ahead.

Washington Letter in Chicago Chronicle.

Some idea of the magnitude of the rural free delivery service was given by Postmaster General Payne the other day during the course of one of his afternoon chats with newspaper correspondents. At the present time there are 15,000 routes scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Canadian border to the Mexican frontier. Within two years this number will be increased to 38,000 and thereafter the increases will be made steadily in practically every county in the United States. Ultimately it is expected and hoped that there will be not fewer than 50,000 rural free delivery routes. The effect of the rural free delivery service upon postal revenues is to stimulate them tremendously. Taking Carroll County, Maryland, where rural free delivery received its first test, as an example, there has been a steady annual increase of more than 10 per cent in local postal revenues. Previous to the introduction of the country mail carrier the annual increase averaged less than 2 per cent. Carroll County, while admitted to be a fair specimen of the value of the service, does not begin to approach the records of hundreds of Western counties, where annual increases of 20 and 30 per cent have been recorded. Mr. Payne estimates that within seven years the postal service will pay its way and that thereafter instead of an annual deficit in the revenues there will be a constantly increasing surplus.

ONE-HALF SUBSCRIBED.

About \$5,000 in Hand for the Hampton Monument—There May Be Smaller Sums Subscribed—Reports Wanted.

Columbia Record, 18th.

The Hampton monument fund was the theme of nearly every speech at the recent reunion, and the interest shown in it leads to the belief that the requisite amount will soon be raised.

The Hampton monument commission undertook to raise the popular amount required and appointed various prominent gentlemen in the several counties to take charge of raising the fund. Some of them have been actively at work and about \$5,000 is now in hand, deposited in banks in Columbia, Charleston, Sumter and elsewhere. This is the total amount reported so far, but there may be various smaller sums in hand which have not been reported. The commission is very desirous that this matter be brought to a close at once and, therefore, requests all gentlemen who have had the matter in charge to report at once so that the commission can understand exactly where it stands, in order that further systematic effort may be made to raise the necessary \$10,000. With the matter brought out so prominently at the reunion the commission believes there will be little trouble in raising the money.

TICKET OFFICE LOOTED.

Burglars Make Haul of \$7,000 at Birmingham, Ala.

Birmingham, Ala., May 18.—Burglars entered the private office of Jack W. Johnson, ticket agent at the union passenger station, at an early hour Saturday morning and abstracted \$7,000 from the safe.

Several railroad detectives and three or four special men from the Birmingham police force were put to work on the case.

The stolen property consisted of \$1,500 in indorsed checks, greenbacks and coin.

The thief was evidently familiar with the office as he opened the safe by the regular combination and did not disturb the clerk who was sleeping a few feet from him.

The loss is shared by the various railroads entering Birmingham and each of them now has a special detective working on the case.

A TALK WITH TILLMAN.

WHO WILL BE THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT.

Senator Tillman Declines to Specify Further Than to Say It Will Be Neither Cleveland nor Bryan.

Special to News and Courier.

Washington, May 19.—"Neither Cleveland nor Bryan are Presidential possibilities on the Democratic ticket," remarked Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, today, while discussing the political situation from his point of view.

"There are over six million Democratic voters who would not support Mr. Cleveland if an attempt was made to nominate him on the Democratic ticket. My opinion of Mr. Cleveland," continued the Senator, "is so well known to Mr. Cleveland and the whole country that it is a waste of time for me to discuss him in connection with the Presidency. Mr. Bryan has the good sense and judgment to realize that he is not a possibility, having had two tries for the prize. He is sincere, however, in demanding that the principles of the Democratic party shall be adhered to, and he will use the influence he unquestionably possesses in the Democratic party to prevent the nomination going to anyone who has tried to disorganize and disrupt the party simply to gratify personal ambition."

BYRAN KNOWS HIS WEAKNESS.

"Mr. Bryan knows that he cannot be a candidate, and he and those who believe with him will go to any extreme to prevent such a man as Grover Cleveland masquerading as a Simon Pure Democrat. Mr. Bryan is not disposed to forego the free silver question upon the Democratic party in view of existing conditions, but he has the right to insist that the Democratic standard bearer shall be a man whom the rank and file of the party can trust to carry out the fundamental principles of the regular organization."

GOOD DEMOCRATS ARE PLENTY.

"I am not prepared, nor am I authorized, to select a candidate who is qualified to lead the Democratic party to victory. There are thousands of good Democrats who are as well qualified to occupy the White House as President Roosevelt, and I hope at the proper time the Democratic party will be wise enough to select a man who will command the united strength of the entire party. I fully appreciate that absolute harmony in Democratic ranks is a somewhat difficult result to achieve, but there seems to be a growing desire on the part of all good Democrats to get together and take advantage of what seems to me the opportunities which our Republican brethren are, unwillingly perhaps, offering us."

Without intending to discourage the Democracy or in any way throw a blight upon the cheerful anticipations with which some of the leaders of the party are now regarding themselves, Senator Tillman frankly declared that Democratic success depended upon getting rid of some of the rascals who now control the affairs of the government.

BIG GAME INVESTIGATIONS.

"If we could get a working majority in the House of Senate and appoint a good stiff backed committee to go through the departments and make a thorough investigation of the way the people's business is being transacted, the people would at once realize the immediate necessity for a change in the administration. We cannot turn the rascals out as long as they are permitted to investigate themselves. The pending investigation of the postal service and all the other investigations which are supposed to be going on in various branches of the service are of little value, because they are being conducted by the party in power. If we could turn some of our own people in the departments with authority to make a rigid investigation of the business affairs of the Government some practical result might be obtained. Similar conditions might be found to exist if the Democrats

had been in power for a period of many years. An investigation of a Democratic administration by Democratic investigators would be as idle and perhaps as fruitless as the so-called investigation now in progress under the present Administration.

MUST LOOK AT THE BOOKS!

"We must have a look at the books and report the findings before we can turn the rascals out. In my judgment the time is ripe for a change, and if the Democratic party, without sacrificing its principles, take a bold stand against the corrupt influences which now control the Republican party we can command the support of a majority of the voters who are thoroughly disgusted with the Republican misrule."

"Whom would you select to lead this great political crusade?" I asked the Senator.

WILL NOT NAME A MAN.

"Oh, I am not going into speculating on names of men. There are plenty of good Democrats in this world. What we want to do first is to reach a harmonious understanding as to the true definition of Democratic principles. After we get lined up on that proposition we will have no difficulty in selecting a man to carry the banner. The great difficulty is in getting the Democrats rounded up. They are a pretty hard set to manage, besides there are so many men who want to be leaders, who have but very few followers. But I did not come to Washington to talk politics. I ran on here to do a little work for my constituents in the departments. I finished up my work and am going back home for a short rest before I start out to keep a few lecture engagements."

The South Carolina Senator was closely questioned as to the names of numerous Presidential possibilities, but he positively declined to commit himself further than to say that the next Democratic candidate would be neither Mr. Cleveland nor Mr. Bryan. On that subject his opinion was fixed.

CAROLINA IN NEW ORLEANS.

Several Hundred Delegates Present from the Palmetto State Under Gen. Carville.

Special to News and Courier.

New Orleans, May 19.—With the city attired in the white and red of the Southern Confederacy, and the "Rebel" yell and the strains of "Dixie" mingling in one grand chorus, the general Reunion has begun.

The convention was called to order at 12 o'clock today, and the address of welcome and the responses were made. Gen. Gordon was accorded a great ovation.

There are several hundred South Carolinians here, but most of them arrived late in the day and as yet they have not come together to take any prominent place in the picture. They will be heard from tomorrow.

Gen. Thomas B. Carville, commander of the South Carolina Division, has furnished headquarters at the St. Charles Hotel. He is attended by four members of his staff—Col. J. N. Jordan, chief of staff; E. H. Gasque, M. Cardwell and Major P. W. Farrell. John K. Aull.

BONFIRE OF SLOT MACHINES.

Thirteen Hundred, Valued at \$125,000, Burned in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, May 19.—Thirteen hundred slot machines valued at about \$125,000 were publicly burned today by order of director of Public Safety Smyth. Seven hundred of the machines were captured in raids conducted by the Law and Order society and 600 were confiscated by the police authorities. The raids have extended over a period of five months. Director Smyth has in his custody 250 pounds of nickels and pennies which have not been counted. Secretary G. A. Boney of the Law and Order society has nearly \$1,000 taken from the machines captured by his agents. This money will be turned over to the city treasurer.

During the burning of the machines two fire companies guarded the surrounding property.