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THE CONFEDERATE ROLLS.

Letter From the Government to Col. M. P. Tribble Explaining Exactly What Its Desired.

Columbia Cor. News and Courier.

Columbia, May 27.—Col. M. P. Tribble has begun work on the Confederate rolls, which the United States Government has asked for with a view to their publication. Col. Tribble invites and earnestly solicits co-operation in the work he has been designated to undertake and hopes very much that those having rolls or information such as is sought will communicate with him.

There has been a great deal written about the matter and a good deal of misunderstanding, and with a view of getting before the people the information that is sought he has given out one of the letters he has received from Washington, in which the exact information which the Government seeks and how it is to be obtained is given. It reads as follows:

Record and Pension Office, War Department, Washington City, March 28, 1903. Col. M. P. Tribble, Anderson, S. C.—Dear Sir: The department having been advised by Governor Hayward on the 25th instant that he will be glad to co-operate with it in the compilation of the recently authorized roster of the officers and men of the Union Confederate armies, and that he has designated you to confer with me relative to the details of the work, I beg leave to submit the following suggestions for your consideration:

A considerable collection of the rolls of South Carolina Confederate organizations is now in the possession of this department. While that collection does not by any means show all the names of the officers and men who were in the Confederate service from South Carolina, and while it does not show the complete military histories of those whose names it does show, it is hoped that the list of names and the histories of individual officers and men can be made much more nearly complete by record evidence obtainable from other original rolls that may now be in possession of the State of South Carolina or of historical societies, memorial associations and individuals of South Carolina and other States.

The legislation authorizing the compilation of the roster is construed by the department to restrict it, in making compilation, to the use of original records made during the war period, and to preclude the use of printed or manuscript copies of compilations made subsequently. For this reason and in order that there shall be no ground for doubt as to the accuracy of the proposed roster, the department will be unable to use in the compilation any of the rosters that have heretofore been published, but must in all cases seek the original records upon which those rosters were based.

You will readily see that, in order that the compilation now in progress shall be as nearly complete as it is possible to make it, it is essential that the war department shall obtain the temporary loan, for the purpose of copying, of any original official rolls, lists or other documents that show the names of Confederate officers and men, and that are now in the custody of State officials, historical or memorial associations, public or private libraries, or that are in the possession of private citizens.

It is impracticable for the war department to communicate with the various holders of these scattered records, and consequently the department must rely upon each State to collect, by loan or otherwise, such records of its own or other Confederate organizations as may be obtainable within the State, and to forward the collection when completed to this department, by which the records will be copied and returned to the State with the least possible delay. Of course, express charges incident to shipping records to and from the State will be defrayed by the department.

Permit me to suggest, if the plan

here outlined meets with your approval, that you take such steps, through the public press and otherwise, as you may deem to be advisable and proper to give the plan wide publicity and to enable you to gather together all original Confederate records that can be collected in your State by loan or otherwise.

If it occurs to you that a different plan from that indicated herein should be adopted, or if during the progress of the work you can make any suggestions tending to facilitate or improve it, you will confer a favor upon the department and myself by advising me freely and fully with regard to your views. Very respectfully,
F. L. Ainsworth,
Brigadier General, United States Army, Chief Record and Pension Office.

Col. Tribble has already received quite a number of original rolls and would like very much to hear from any one who may have such information as is sought.

PRESIDENT GOT WRATHY

Because His Wife's Handwriting Was Criticized—Roasted Postoffice and Ordered Investigation.

Tacoma, May 25.—There was a stormy scene in the president's private car just after the party left Portland, Ore., on the Western tour. The day before, it seems, a paper printed a scare-head article declaring that Seattle was temporarily the seat of the national government because the president's mail was arriving at the local office.

It went on to show how letters from Mrs. Roosevelt were addressed and commented on the handwriting intimating that she was careless inasmuch as the final "e" in her husband's name was but omitted. The addresses on other letters were also given.

The article was shown the president. He promptly called Secretary Loeb to him and denounced the officers of the Seattle postoffice who had made his correspondence a matter of public comment and said he would at once order the postmaster general to make a rigid examination in order to ascertain what officer was responsible for a gross breach of trust. It is reported the president is very much excited over the criticism of his wife's chirography.

DEATH AT SODA FOUNTAIN.

A Greenville Man Killed By Explosion Of A Drum Recharging A Fountain In Union.

The State.
G. R. Russell, a plumber of Walhalla, was accidentally killed at Union Monday afternoon by the explosion of a drum which was being recharged preparatory to being replaced in the soda fountain of H. F. Seafie & Son.

Mr. Russell died instantly, a hole some six or eight inches having been torn in the left side of his skull and the left eye cavity fractured. The ceiling of the store was damaged, a window shattered, the soda fountain damaged and a hole knocked in the floor of the building.

The deceased was a man who came to Union representing the Barr Hardware Co. of Greenville, and was to do some plumbing in the residence of H. F. Seafie on Main street, and just happened to be at the store before going to work. While there Mr. Eugene Seafie started to refill the drum while Mr. Russell was simply looking on, when without the least warning or fuss the drum exploded, knocking Mr. Seafie over but not hurting him, and killed Mr. Russell.

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.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed Outside the State.

As the investigation proceeds, the scandals in the postoffice grow. It is now said that the Postmaster General is seriously thinking of tendering his resignation.

A passenger on the Chesapeake and Ohio was wrecked by spreading of the rails near Charlottesville on Tuesday and the engineer and fireman were both killed.

The Reliance, the new boat which will defend the Americas' cup against Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger Shamrock III has been placed against the old champions, the Constitution and Columbia, several times, and each time has won by a good margin. A bet of \$1,500 to \$1,000 has been placed that the British boat will not win a single race of the three.

The Attorney General of Texas has brought suit against insurance companies doing business in the State which have combined to keep up the rates.

Judge Frank P. Bonifay, after delivering a heated address in the city campaign at Pensacola, Fla., Tuesday night, dropped dead just as he was about to leave the platform. Excitement caused his death.

B. J. Shirley, of Monroe County, Ala., was killed on Tuesday by his two brothers in law, David and James Smith. More than twenty killings have occurred in this county during the past eighteen months.

A large factory for the manufacture of all kinds of tobacco, to be constructed and operated exclusively by negroes, is to be started in Richmond at an early date. It is reported that Andrew Carnegie is furnishing the financial backing, and that Booker Washington is furnishing the policy of which this enterprise is the outcome.

Four men were killed and two injured in an explosion in a Pennsylvania coal mine on Tuesday.

M. C. Wilson was shot and killed by a man eighty years old, Benjamin Davis, at Rincon, Ga., on Tuesday.

Automo Triolo, who shot and killed a child actress two years ago, was electrocuted in Ossining, N. Y., this week. Five shocks were required to produce death.

Postmaster General Payne has summarily dismissed Daniel V. Miller, assistant attorney in the office of Assistant Attorney General, for accepting a bribe in connection with the case of a company charged with fraudulent use of the mails. The investigation still continues.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the M. E. Church South, in session at Memphis, appropriated \$30,000 for missionary work in Mexico. This is about one-third of the amount appropriated for this work in all lands.

Terrific details of suffering and death have been reported as a result of a famine in Kwangsi, China. Owing to three successive failures of crops, people are dying by the hundreds. During March and April it is said 30,000 people sold themselves.

Henry L. Owens, member of a prominent Kentucky family, committed suicide in a hotel at Memphis last week. He weighed four hundred pounds.

It is reported that 150 Macedonian insurgents were massacred in Salonica by the Turks on May 21. The fighting lasted thirty hours, dynamite being the principal projectile used.

By special order of President Roosevelt, an American squadron will attend the ceremonies attendant upon regatta week at Kiel, beginning on June 25. Emperor William is making special preparations for their reception, and they will be guests of honor, "because sent by special order of the President."

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed In the State.

Oarey Styles, who shot and killed Walter McCarrell, both white, at one of the county campaign meetings in Greenwood last summer, has been convicted in the court at Greenwood of manslaughter.

City council of Anderson has imposed a license of \$500 on immigration agents. The immediate cause of this action was the presence in the city of an immigration agent who had induced about forty negroes to go to York county for work. Many of these were under contract with Anderson people, who have suffered by their removal.

In a wreck on the Main line of the Southern between Belmont and Lowell, N. C., on Monday night, caused by a string of freight cars rushing down grade into a passenger, the engineer of the passenger was seriously injured and a number of cars were demolished.

Spain Kelly, who shot and killed W. F. Creech in Lee county, and who has surrendered to the sheriff of Sumter, says that he was fully justified and is willing to leave his case to a jury of his countrymen.

Burglars made a general tour of the little town of Chapin on Monday night, but secured little booty. The most valuable article secured was the watch of a minister, Rev. Mr. Anderson, who is conducting a protracted meeting in the Methodist church. Mr. Anderson's room was entered and the watch taken from his clothes.

Posey Davids, an aged negro, was struck by lightning and instantly killed while sitting at the window of her shanty on St. Helena Island, near Beaufort, on Monday night.

The store of Wm. F. Furtick, in Columbia, was broken open on Monday night, and a small amount taken from the money drawer. There have been a number of daring attempts at robbery in Columbia recently.

At the first meeting of the stockholders of the City Bank of Greenwood after its recent failure it was approximated that if the bank were to be liquidated at once the stockholders would get 85 per cent. after depositors and creditors had been paid in full. The bank will be reorganized.

Marion is installing a system of water works, circulating a petition to vote bonds for sewerage, going into an early election to vote bonds for graded school purposes, extending a railroad, and has about enough in hand to secure one of the Carnegie libraries.

Governor Hayward delivered the annual address before the graded schools in Summerton last week.

Ex Governor Chamberlain, who has been invalided in Columbia for the past eight months, will leave next week for New York, whence he intends to sail for London to spend the summer.

Sapin Kelley, who shot and killed W. F. Creech, at Bishopville on the 6th, it is said because Creech had wronged Kelley's sister, has surrendered to the sheriff.

The last of the claims of the Charleston Exposition Company, for labor, articles, services, etc. rendered to that company, aggregating \$50,743, has been paid by the government. The last Congress appropriated \$160,000 for that purpose.

W. C. Clifton, who murdered his neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Church, at Gillette, Col., was lynched by a mob on Tuesday night.

In a wreck resulting from a collision of two freight trains on the Southern near Bryan, on Wednesday morning, eight men were killed, two injured, and both trains burned.

In a collision on the British Channel on Wednesday evening twenty-two Austrian and Italian immigrants lost their lives.

SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

General Superintendent of Free Delivery Service Arrested on Charge of Accepting "Rake Offs."

Washington, May 27.—By far the most sensational development of the postoffice investigation up to this time occurred today, when August W. Machen, the general superintendent of the free delivery service, was arrested on a warrant issued upon the information of postoffice inspectors charging him with having received "rake offs" from contractors made with the local firm of Goff Brothers for a patent postal box fastener. The warrant specifically charges him with receiving \$18,981.78 since August 8, 1900. It is alleged, however, at the department that this amount does not represent all that Machen obtained in connection with these contracts, it being charged that he profited by them for several years prior to the date of the first contract mentioned in the warrant. Other arrests are to follow.

Immediately after Mr. Machen was taken into custody the Postmaster general issued an order removing him from office. He had been practically under suspicion for a fortnight pending the investigation into his bureau. The discovery of Machen's alleged interests in the contracts was made quite accidentally by the inspectors some three weeks ago, and since then their energies had been directed toward making out a case. Last night, after the authorities had become convinced that they were in possession of the necessary evidence, Mr. Machen was not ticed to appear at the department this morning. He did so and was subjected to a "sweating" process by the inspectors and Mr. Bristow for three hours, but no admission that he had profited by the contract could be obtained from him. He declined to answer many questions on the ground that they related to his private business, but insisted to the end that he had not received a cent improperly.

Nevertheless he was arrested on the warrant which had been prepared and was taken before a United States commissioner, where his attorney immediately demanded a full hearing. Assistant District Attorney Taggart, however, was not ready to proceed with the case and the hearing was set for June 5. Mr. Machen gave a \$20,000 bond, furnished by a Philadelphia bonding company, for his appearance, declining to accept the proffer of friends to go on his bond. After his release he declined to make any statement beyond the single declaration that the whole thing was a grand stand play and would come out all right.

MR. PAYNE'S EYES OPENED AT LAST.

Postmaster General Payne says that the evidence against Machen was of the most conclusive character. "It is a very sad affair," Mr. Payne added: "it is very serious business. The probabilities are that the end is not yet."

The Postmaster General said that the department was running down all of the charges that have been made concerning postal administration; that many charges had been made which are not known to the public, and that where a few were substantiated great numbers of the allegations proved without foundation.

He made the significant suggestion that there were many other charges of irregularities in the free delivery office now being investigated. Commenting on the arrest of Daniel V. Miller, the assistant attorney, which preceded by forty-eight hours that of Mr. Machen, Mr. Payne said that he had asked Assistant Attorney General Robb whether the Ryan decision, which Mr. Christinney signed at the instance of Miller, was proper under the law and under the facts. Mr. Robb's answer has not been received.

WATCHING ANOTHER SUSPECT.

Mr. Payne was asked whether the department was keeping in touch with George W. Beavers, the former superintendent of the division of

salaries and allowances of the department, who suddenly resigned some weeks ago. He replied affirmatively. "I have no doubt," he said, "that the department is keeping track of him."

HUMOR FOUND IN ERRORS.

Typographical Blunders are Often Exceedingly Amusing.

(From the Golden Penny.)

Charles Kingsley is said to have expressed his surprise that the Newgate Calendar does not appear to record the case of any writer having been hanged for murdering his printer. Authors who are fortunate enough in having to regularly correct proofs will appreciate Kingsley's feeling in the matter. It would seem at times as if Erasmus were right when he stated his belief that Satan himself presided over the composing room.

We can readily understand that the Bishop who was reported as having stated that "he had been on the drink for some time," instead of "brink," would be in cordial sympathy with this sentiment. So would the company promoter, who must have been startled when he saw his new venture described in a leading London daily as "the issue of 100,000 new snares of one pound each." A cute member of the Stock Exchange remarked that the printer had unconsciously spoken the plain truth. Of course, the natural enemy of the spirit of mischief, who at times presides over the destinies of the composing room, is the proof reader, and a large part of the humor is strangled by him at birth, but it is surprising what does get through.

Often so small a thing as a comma gives a ludicrous turn to the sentence. A Scotch divine whose sermons are eagerly looked for must have had his Christian forbearance put to a strong test when he found that he was responsible for the following utterance: "Only last Sabbath, my dear friends, a young woman died in this parish very suddenly, while I was endeavoring to preach the word of God to a beasty intoxication." It is in provincial papers that we find the choicest bits of humor. A piece of writing always considered sacred is an editorial comment. He would be a bold compositor or proof reader who dared to interfere with it, so we must not blame them for the following choice comment added to a poem which appeared in the Post's Corner of a Yorkshire weekly: "These lines were written fifty years ago by a man who has for many years lain in his grave for his own amusement."

The printer and the advertiser share the blame for the following advertisement: "Wanted—A youth to attend poultry of a religious turn of mind." The addition of a mark of punctuation will often cause as much amusement as the omission. A New York society journal a short time ago had a strange story of a ball at the White House. The reporter was describing the dress and, it would appear, was rather hazy that a certain lady who usually supplied special copy by her originality and excellence was evidently to be dismissed in the few words: "Mrs Nesbit wore nothing in the nature of a dress that was remarkable," but the demon of the printing house was loose that night and next morning New York was horrified to see: "Mrs Nesbit wore nothing in the nature of a dress. That was remarkable."

In the manipulation of type a letter often gets loose and drops out. It usually happens that the defaulting letter is the only one that could alter the sense of the word or passage. In a Northern university a year or so ago the members of a class in Hebrew decided on making a presentation to their lecturer. In replying to the reverend professor was duly credited by a daily with the following utterance: "Dr. X, in responding, said he was never so happy as when he was with his lass," etc.—a sentiment which must have shocked the unco' guid until it was explained that the "e" had been omitted in "class."

MAJOR J. M. CROSSON.

Announcement of His 55th Marriage Anniversary Calls Forth an Interesting Letter.

The following is from the Houston (Tex.) Chronicle of a recent date. Major Crosson is well known in Newberry. He was at one time editor of the paper to which The Herald and News is successor, and spent a good portion of his life in Newberry. The article from the Houston Chronicle, publishing an interesting letter written Major Crosson upon the announcement of the fifty-fifth anniversary of his marriage, follows:

"The Chronicle of some days ago announced that on April 19 Major and Mrs. J. M. Crosson of No. 303 Milan street would celebrate the fifty fifth anniversary of their marriage.

"This announcement brought forth the following letter, which will be found full of historical interest. It is also rich in sentiment, and its personal will doubtless strike a responsive chord among the old soldiers in general:

"Longview, Texas, April 8.—Major J. M. Crosson.—Dear Old Comrade: I have just found your address in the Houston Chronicle and hasten to salute you once more in passing. I am glad to know you still live, and that you are about to celebrate the fifty fifth anniversary of your marriage. Accept my hearty handshake and congratulations for that occasion, which I hope will be one of much pleasure to you, and also the good woman who has borne with you and your ways for 55 years.

"As soon as I read of you I began the old campaign of four years over again. I have fought over our battles again—laying, wounded, in the hospital—I see you at the battle of Franklin, where we lost the gallant and noble Reilly; I see you leading the charge, with your old white hat rolled up and carried in the hand in lieu of a sabre; I see the retreat across the narrow causeway—the only escape for our artillery and baggage; I leave the strip of woods the very last living man, and before I have, I send a courier (I was aid to Colonel Reilly that day) to Lieutenant Smith, who had run his gunboat up almost opposite us. I send a courier to him with orders to shell that strip of woods furiously until the advancing enemy is near him, and then to blow up his boat. All of which he did, and kept Bainbridge from pressing through that strip of woods and charging our rear, until we were in position to receive him later in the day. I ought to have had a captain's commission for that strategic move, but I got nothing.

"And then how we did annoy the Banks. At last we lost Green, the idol of the army, on west side of the river. Finally Mansfield. Don't you remember the two days picket work, and skirmishes, to bring on this fight? And what we did for Banks that day was a plenty, as we demolished his fifth army corps. And at a terrible cost of brave Louisianians. General Monton and his men were mowed down in plain view of us, but never faltered. Brave, noble men. Then at Pleasant Hill. Oh! the roar of musketry and how our own brave boys caught it that day. Forty years have almost gone since that time, but I cannot forget it.

Excuse my rehearsal of these things, and know that I am now a good reconstructed citizen of the grandest, the noblest and the most favored country on earth—the United States of America.

"Write me when you can. I have the old morning report of Company F '01; made out on brown paper, the best we could do then. I sometimes get it out and call the roll, but not many of the boys could answer now. The few that are left are scattered here and there all over the State. I met Tip and John Maury and Harvey not long since. They all live in Trinity. I meet others occasionally in my travels.

"But lost I weary you, I close. I wish you and your good lady many happy returns of the anniversary you are about to celebrate. Your friend and comrade, "John T. Poe."