

CONFEDERATE REVELATIONS.

Interesting Statements by the Southern Provisional Congress.

St. Louis Republic.

In a comfortable frame house at Woodland, a pretty suburb on the Washash railroad, live one of the only two survivors of the provisional congress of the southern Confederacy.

Dr. Ford is 82 years old. For more than 50 years he has edited the Christian Repository, one of the foremost Baptist periodicals of the country.

"I was astonished to learn that I had been elected by the legislature a commissioner for the State of Kentucky to get that State into the Confederacy, and that I was a member of the provisional congress from the Louisville district.

"It is a fact not generally known that a number of the men in the provisional congress were not originally secessionists. Alexander H. Stephens, the vice president, was not, neither was Ben Hill of Georgia, nor Rives of Virginia, and I was not, with many others.

"There is one thing I would like to mention, which is known to but few, which is, that a motion was made in the provisional congress, whose doings were in secret, to confiscate all the debts due in the south to northern creditors.

"There was a great deal of discussion just at that time in regard to the failure of an advance on Washington after the battle of Manassas. I was sent by Mr. Davis with a member from South Carolina, Boyce, to see Beauregard in regard to his going to Kentucky to co-operate with Sydney Johnston, which he consented to do.

"J. L. M. Curry, then of Alabama, now of Washington City, is the only one left, besides myself, who served in that original provisional congress. Senator Vest, from this State, became a member afterward and was in the permanent congress.

"Wigfall of Texas, one of the most effective speakers, and a devoted champion of Davis, passed at once out of sight. No one has ever known what his end was. Reagan of Texas, a member of the administration, still lives.

"My opinion is that if Toombs had been president of the Confederacy the whole thing would have been decided in three months. Toombs would have been President instead of Davis, if, on the day of the election, he had not been the worse for liquor. He was a man of great decision, and unquestionably one of the first orators, but at the same time inclined to quarrel even with his best friends.

"The representatives of these border States, including John G. Breckinridge, held a consultation and decided to propose to the government at Wash-

ington a complete surrender of the Confederacy as a whole, with all its arms and general assets, on terms that should be agreed upon. It was believed to be the only way to save the south from ruin. Davis was approached in regard to this proposition, but opposed it. So did the men from extreme points of the south, and especially opposed to it was Wigfall. I was not present at this consultation, but Senator Vest was, and had this been accomplished, guided by the diplomacy of Breckinridge, all the evils of reconstruction would have been avoided. It would have been the best thing for the south, and saved a great deal of bloodshed.

"The first floral decoration that occurred was in Memphis. The ladies decided to raise funds to erect a monument to the Confederate dead and adorn their graves with flowers. That was in May, 1866. They selected me to deliver an oration in Elmwood cemetery. Some time before the event the mayor of the city called on me and informed me that the military authorities, who then occupied Memphis, had come to him, ordering him to forbid the assemblage and the address, but as the cemetery was outside the city, he had declined to take any part in the matter. A few days later an orderly brought me a letter from the commander, telling me that it was announced I was going to speak in memory of the enemies of the country, and forbidding me to do it. I sent word back that I had not been a soldier; that I was a denizen, if not a citizen, under Tennessee laws, and that I was asked by the ladies to deliver what would really be a semi-sermon in memory of the dead, and that I would certainly do it, unless prevented by force, in which case the responsibility of what might occur would rest with me. The matter was published in the Memphis papers, and created great excitement. The commander telegraphed my answer to Gen. Thomas at Nashville, and he sent it on to President Johnson at Washington.

"At midnight, preceding the day appointed for the memorial (the middle of May) an officer knocked at my door. I looked out of the window—we were rather cautious those days—to see who it was. The officer informed me that liberty had been granted by the military authorities at Washington for me to make the address. I asked him if he had communicated it to the papers, and he said he had.

"The next morning at about 10 o'clock the whole city turned out. More than 30,000 people repaired to Elmwood cemetery. The ladies were seated on the grass around the platform amid the graves of the Confederate dead. Many Federal officers in uniform were in the throng. I looked up the address to that hushed throng by saying:

"When the beauty of Israel was slain on some high places, David took up the lamentation in imitable strains that have drifted down to us with a peculiar pathos. 'Let there be no dew on Gilead, nor rain, nor fields of offering,' and so on down to the conclusion of the ode.

"If David could have taken up these strains of sadness and eulogy, I continued, 'over the death of his life-long foe, Saul, why shall we not utter the same words of tenderness over our own loved friends who sleep around us in silent, unmarked graves? Of them I can say:

"No battle banner o'er them waves, No battle trumpets sounded; They've reached the citadel of graves, And here their arms are grounded!"

"It was my own composition and expressed with tears. And then I exclaimed somewhere in the address:

"Mistaken they may have been, but traitors, never! A thousand women, with tears streaming down from tender eyes, responded: 'Never! Never!'

"This speech was published all over the United States. It was the first Decoration Day speech, and inaugurated the solemn custom we observe at the present day in memory of the 'Blue and the Gray.'

"Statistics show that more money is spent in the United States for eggs than for flour. Farmers want to look after their poultry and improve it by getting better stock.

"Milling—How did you become acquainted with your wife? Dilling—I married her.

"Last fall I sprained my left hip while handling some heavy boxes. The doctor I called on said at first it was a slight strain and would soon be well, but it grew worse and the doctor then said I had rheumatism. It continued to grow worse and I could hardly get around to work. I went to a drug store and the druggist recommended me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I tried it and one-half of a 50-cent bottle cured me entirely. I now recommend it to all my friends. It is for sale by Hill, Orr Drug Co.

W. C. T. U. DEPARTMENT.

Conducted by the Ladies of the W. C. T. U. of Anderson, S. C.

Nerveless Drinkers.

"I take a drink when I feel like it," said a Canal Street business man, "and can't see that it has ever done me any harm, but I witnessed a little episode this morning that has haunted me ever since and has forced me to do a whole lot of thinking.

"I had stepped into a bar very early to get a cocktail, and while it was being compounded a middle-aged gentleman came and asked one of the attendants to pour him out a little plain whiskey. He was carefully dressed, and had all the marks of refinement and good breeding, and his request was so unusual that I turned involuntarily to look at him. The bartender exhibited no surprise, and placed half of a small glass of whiskey at his elbow, but the instant he stretched out his hand I saw that the man was on the verge of nervous collapse. He shook like an aspen, and when he finally managed to seize the tumbler, its contents flew in every direction. 'Let me assist you, Colonel,' said the bartender quietly, and pouring out another drink, he leaned over and held it to his lips. The man said nothing, but gave him a haggard look that went into my heart like a knife. My God! what a look! Shame, humiliation, and abject animal terror. It started the sweat on me like water. Well, he drank his whiskey, stood still for a minute as if gathering himself together, and sauntered out as cool as ever.

"I asked the bartender if he had many such customers, and he laughed. 'Lots of em,' he said. 'There isn't a first-class bar in town,' he went on, 'that don't patch up a few old boys like that every morning. They are not drunkards, but they've been at it so many years that their nerves are gone, and although they don't know it, they are working on absolutely nothing but whiskey. As soon as they get a little fresh fuel in the morning they are all right, but they come in soared and out of their wits and thinking they're going to drop dead every minute. I'll bet that gentleman you saw can sign his name now without a quiver.' I walked out reflecting."—Exchange.

The Cost of One Drink.

Some men are so made that the mere taste of liquor will kindle in them a raging thirst for more.

A doctor and his friend were once talking together in front of a saloon when a master mechanic, a man of amiable and excellent character, a first-class workman, full of business, with an interesting family, respected by everybody, and bidden fair to be one of the leading men of the city, came up to him and laughingly said: "Well, I have just done what I never did before in my life."

"Ah, what was that?" "Why, Mr. — has owed me a bill for work for a long time, and I dunned him for the money till I was tired, but a minute ago I caught him out here and asked him for the money. 'Well,' he said, 'I'll pay it to you if you'll step in here and get a drink with me.' 'No,' said I, 'I never drink—never drank in my life.' 'Well,' he replied, 'do as you please; if you won't drink with me, I won't pay your bill—that's all!' But I told him I could not do that. However, finding he would not pay the bill, rather than lose the money, I just went in and got a drink." And he laughed at the strange occurrence as he concluded.

"As soon as he had finished the story, the physician's companion, an old, discreet, shrewd man, turned to him and in a most impressive tone said: "Sir, that was the dearest drink that ever crossed your lips, and the worst bill you ever collected."

And terribly did time verify that prediction. In less than twelve months he was a confirmed, disgraced sot, a vagabond in society, a curse to those who loved him, a loathing and a shame wherever he went. At last, he died a horrible death in an infirmary from a disease produced solely by intoxication.—Chester County Times.

W. S. Musser, Millheim, Pa., saved the life of his little girl by giving her One Minute Cough Cure when she was dying from croup. It is the only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. Evans Pharmacy.

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D. J. Moore, Millbrook, Ala., says, "DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the finest pills I ever used in all my life." They quickly cure all liver and bowel troubles. Evans Pharmacy.

If a man is wealthy enough he can't have to trust to luck.

Sugar Gives Strength.

Every one knows that people are eating more sugar than ever before, and if they don't know it, statistics prove it, says the New York Press. The average consumption for each person in the United States has increased from thirty-five pounds in the years 1870-75 to sixty-two pounds in 1897. In the same time British consumption jumped from forty-nine pounds to eighty-five pounds; French from seventeen to twenty-eight, and German from fourteen to twenty-six. It is one of the new beliefs of this age that sugar maketh a strong man, and so sugar is being given to soldiers in the Philippines, in South Africa and in various other armies.

German scientists have decided that the amount of sugar used by individuals can be increased without hesitation, as sugar has many valuable characteristics. Its value lies not alone in its sweetness, but in the fact that it is a valuable dietetic remedy and an excellent article of food. Sugar is an easily soluble carbon hydrate, and as such is assimilated quickly in human and animal bodies, producing warmth and force. It is also fattening. As a developer of strength it has long been used, especially by mountain climbers. Various experiments have been made to learn whether or sugar can be used advantageously for fattening animals. The results have proved favorable as far as hogs are concerned. Molasses, which contains about 50 per cent of sugar, and mixed with palm flour or peat, as cattle food, already is used a good deal.

The principal object of the experiments in Germany has been to learn positively whether, as alleged, sugar possesses the power of quickly increasing or restoring strength and thereby making men fit for unusual exertion. This point has been investigated carefully, the scientist not watching the entire muscular action of a man because that would have been too difficult, but confining himself to observing a single finger through an instrument called an ergograph—"work measurer." He allowed the middle finger of the right hand to lift a weight and then registered the degree of the lifting force. The experimenter found that after sugar had been eaten the lifting force was stronger than before, and he therefore concluded that sugar is a strength-producing material.

Other investigators say, however, that sugar has merely an exciting effect through its sweet taste, and that a dulcine solution, which contains no carbon hydrate and, accordingly, cannot be nourishing, has the same effect as sugar water. The inference from this is that the assertion that sugar produces strength is a fallacy.

This disappointing experiment has, however, been repeated by two scientists, and the same result was reached when the man experimented upon had his full strength, but the effect of eating sugar was found to be entirely different when the man had first tired himself by turning the heavy wheel of the ergostat. The eating of sugar brought to the exhausted man new strength, and the ergograph registered increased force, which was not the case when dulcine was eaten. Accordingly, it is accepted in Germany as satisfactorily proven that sugar can renew the strength of a wearied man through giving his tired muscles carbon hydrate as a strengthening material. Extensive experiments since 1898 have been made upon German soldiers at the maneuvers, with modern success. It is believed that, by eating half a dozen cubes of sugar rather than usual in a day, a soldier's power of endurance is increased. The Germans, at any rate, think it worth while to continue to experiment to learn positively whether sugar can give renewed strength to exhausted troops, thereby increasing their value in moments of emergency.

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The weather office records in Chicago shows that the 25th of April has been clear in that city for twenty-five years past, not a drop of rain having fallen there on that day since 1875.

"After suffering from piles for fifteen years I was cured by using two boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve," writes W. J. Baxter, North Beach, N. C. It also cures all skin diseases. Evans Pharmacy.

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Since 1868 the corn production of this country has increased more than 152 per cent., while the production of wheat has increased nearly 35 per cent.

This country last year exported more meat products, leaving out sheep and mutton, than all the rest of the world combined. The amount was nearly \$200,000,000, and the great crops of Indian corn are the foundation of the trade.

In Trenton, N. J., Harry Tidd, a young druggist, attended the service in the Bethany Presbyterian church and went to sleep. While he was asleep he stood up and removed his coat and waistcoat. Two women who sat in the same pew with him moved to the far corner. Then he unbuttoned his collar and took off his cravat and next his shirt came over his head. He was about to slide out of his trousers when several women shrieked and he awoke with a start. His trousers were dangling about his feet as he ran down the aisle to the vestry. An usher handed him his clothing and he put them on and went home.

When you are going to sweep a dusty floor take a shallow pan and put in enough coal oil to dampen the broom an inch or two up, and no dust will rise and the floor will look beautifully clean. A carpeted room may be treated in the same way, taking care not to use too much coal oil. A clerk in a dry goods store first told me this and since then I have proved it for myself. The odor of the coal oil will soon leave the room if you leave the door open awhile.

Conjugal affection depends largely upon mutual confidence. "I make it a rule," said a wisecracker to a friend, "to tell my wife everything that happens. In this way we avoid any misunderstandings." Not to be outdone in generosity the good friend replied, "Well, sir, you are not so open and frank as I am, for I tell my wife a great many things that never happen."

The Chinese are the most lightly taxed people in the world. They have no chancellor of the exchequer worried over budget-making. All the land there belongs to the state, and a trifling sum per acre, never altered through long centuries, is paid as rent. This is the only tax in the country, and it amounts to about \$5 per head yearly.

"Simon, my boy, you are now going to set up in business on your own account, and I wish to give you a bit of practical advice." "Well, father?" "When customers don't see what they want, teach them to want what they see!"

At a flower show recently held in London a vine was exhibited that was said to have been grown from seeds taken from the tomb of an Egyptian mummy 2,000 years old. The vine is of a variety much like the sweet pea.

When Lincoln was elected president less than 4,000,000 votes were cast; when Garfield, nearly 10,000,000; but this year it will reach 15,000,000 or more.

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