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For A New Court House.

It may not be amiss to present briefly a few points in regard to the proposed new Court House.

The present building is antiquated, growing delapidated and has wellnigh served its day. It is out of reach, out of date and out of repair, unsafe for the records, cold, damp and unsafe for health of officials and attendants. So unsuited is it to present needs that up-town offices have to be rented for public use at an annual cost of \$384.

Our grand juries have repeatedly recommended a new Court House, and at their last session approved the proposition now before the people.

A handsome new building, such as some other counties have recently erected, placed in a convenient locality further up town, would be a great advantage in many ways and a pride to the whole county.

Darlington has this year provided for a \$50,000 Court House to be built by bond issue.

The question of the new location should be left for settlement after the election. Any place selected as a new site we are sure will be free of cost to the County Commissioners, so that all available funds may be devoted to the building, which should be of the most modern and approve type.

To the bonds, it may be observed for information of some who may not have inquired, that the act authorizing their issue provides also for sinking fund, to be raised by a small tax of one-fifth of one mill, and the amount of \$500 annually, out of fines and penalties collected which will pay the bonds when they mature, so that they will not be any legacy of debt to posterity.

We are glad to know that a settlement in favor of the new Court House seems to be prevalent.

Memorial Day.

The following well-written editorial appeared in the Augusta Chronicle:

"Memorial Day! The South, loyal to the flag as it floats to-day and proud of the present, turns, none the less, with tear-dimmed eyes to cover her dead heroes with flowers. The cause for which they fought and fell was lost, but they believed it just, and, so believing, died for home and country."

The story of that struggle has never been paralleled in martial epic. As the London Standard wrote the day after Lee's surrender:

"It is a nation's death-throes—yes, the agony is past."

The stoutest race that ever fought hath this day fought its last."

And hardly had the smoke of the conflict drifted from a desolate land when the women of the South, those white-faced heroines who had borne the hardest part of staying at home and ministering to the wounded while the ones they loved marched in ragged ranks—death and failure—and failure forever, banded together for the purpose of keeping green the graves of their soldiers.

The Women's Memorial Association was promptly formed, and ever since with each recurring year the Southland's perfumed wreaths of roses has been tenderly heaped above the Southland's heroic dead. Not one is neglected; from those of the leaders who stand in marble effigy on our monuments to the humble mound bearing that brief pathetic legend: "Unknown," the fair hands of our women will lovingly place the flowers to-day, while fitting services will be observed at every cemetery that holds a Confederate dead.

South has proved her loyalty to the United States in the

bond of blood, on the foremost fighting lines about Santiago and Manila and before the deadly Tientsin wall; our sons are ready to die for the flag to-day as were their fathers to lay down their lives for the Stars and Bars; but no true Southerner will ever admit that those who fell for the latter were wrong, nor will their graves ever go undecorated so long as the love and memory of true Southern women exist.

A cable expresses it: "And yet—and yet—we can never forget and we would not!"

Columbia State 3rd inst: Parker sentiment in many counties and harmony practically in all were the features of the Democratic conventions held yesterday. Delegates to the State convention were elected to the State convention and both were elected without instructions.

In Edgefield, Ex-Gov. Sheppard and United States Senator Tillman, founders of the two factions in 1892, each spoke declaring for Parker's nomination and both were elected delegates to the State convention.

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