

AN AWAKENED CONSCIENCE.

Governor of South Dakota Recommends Return of Money Collected From North Carolina on Carpet-bag Bonds.

Pierre, S. D., Jan. 9.—The return to North Carolina of \$22,416 collected on bonds issued by that State during the carpetbag regime by South Dakota, which collected money by suit, is advocated by retiring Gov. S. H. Elrod. He declares that South Dakota has no moral right to the money and has recommended the legislature to make an appropriation returning the money to North Carolina.

FATE OF MARSHAL NEY.

A Subterranean Chapter in History, the Closing Pages of Which Lead to North Carolina.

In the Gardens of the Luxembourg, Paris, stands a stately monument announcing to the world that it is erected upon the spot where Marshal Ney, upon December 7, 1815, was shot for treason. And so history has handed the story down to us. But history is a jade. Wendell Phillips said that one-half of history is false and the other half largely conjecture. We are continually unlearning things which have for centuries been on the shelves of history as absolute verities. Marshall Ney was not shot. The monument does not cover his remains, nor do they rest in any soil of France. A great cry of horror went up from all the country when the announcement was made that the idol of the people had been selected as a victim by the wretched government, and tried, condemned, sentenced, shot, with unseemly haste—all done with an expedition that seemed to savor of fear that the great marshal might still overturn the Bourbon throne and place the Little Corporal at the head of the nation. Frenchmen would almost as soon stand to be themselves shot as to take part in the execution of the vindictive sentence. The deep sympathy of officers and men was on the alert to save their hero, whose only fault was that he had followed the star of destiny which had led them all to glory for the past twenty years.

Ney, the hero of Hohenlinden, Jena and Madgeburg, of Borodino and Moskova and Friedland, of Lutzen and Wagram, and who led the last grand charge of the Old Guard of Waterloo, where he had six horses killed under him—to be shot like a dog! Perish the thought! And so it was brought about that when the squad marched out and presented their guns to the prisoner's breast, those guns contained only blank cartridges. Ney fell and was duly confined, but there was no scratch upon him.

The public could not in the very nature of things be undecieved as to the marshal's death, and he was quietly shipped to Charleston, South Carolina. Europe could be no refuge for him. His commanding military figure was familiar to all the crowned heads and they trembled at the thought of him. Between the far-reaching spies of France and the condition of the relations between the United States and the French, it was not deemed prudent for him to make himself known even in America.

Napoleon himself has been a little jealous of the superb marshal's glory, and he evidenced it in trifling things; as, for instance, once in the library when the emperor wished a book from a shelf, a little above his head, the marshal, standing by, said, "Let me reach it, sire, I am higher than you," smiling; whereupon Napoleon answered, frowning very solemnly, "You are taller, marshal."

Ney was but a young man at the fall of the empire, born in the same year as Bonaparte, 1769, and his active mind found occupation in the Carolinas by teaching school and drilling young minds. But what dreams he must have had! He lived to be over 70, and was buried by the name of "M. Dey," and there are those yet among the inhabitants of the Palmetto State who were boys in the early forties and remember the tall, grim military schoolmaster.—Harper's Weekly.

OUTRAGE IN VIRGINIA.

Criminal Assault on Young Lady in Amherst County.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 10.—Miss Gladys Sheldon, who was the victim of a horrible assault in Amherst county, Monday afternoon, will be taken to Lynchburg today to identify her assailant. There is no doubt the right man is in custody. Precaution will be taken to prevent lynching after his identification is fully established.

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FIREMEN'S FUND IN EFFECT.

NINETEEN CITIES COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF THE ACT.

Comptroller General Jones Makes it Clear to Insurance Companies That the Law Will Be Carried Out—Believed the Companies Will Comply Without Protest.

Columbia, Jan. 6.—The Firemen's Pension Fund act has gone into effect and 19 cities of the State have complied with the provisions of the act. These cities have made the required returns as to the number of members in their fire department and the value of their equipment, as follows:

- Anderson 38 members, \$3,500. Barnwell 38 members, \$4,190. Charleston, 115 members, \$53,925. Darlington, 33 members, \$15,100. Georgetown, 35 members, \$6,752. Greenville, 14 members, \$7,541. Greenwood, 40 members, \$11,229. Conway, — members, \$1,000. Camden, 16 members, \$1,347. Bishopville, 16 members, \$1,025. Marion, 13 members, \$1,900. Newberry, 40 members, \$2,414. Orangeburg, 145 members, \$7,950. Columbia, 40 members, \$56,420. Spartanburg, 28 members, \$6,388. Sumter, 54 members, \$7,100. Union, 25 members, \$2,285. Rock Hill, — members, \$3,500.

Law Will Be Enforced.

Comptroller General Jones has sent out to all insurance companies a letter calling their attention to the law and its provisions, and making it plain that the act will be enforced. His letter is as follows:

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 1, 1907. To the Insurance Company: I beg to inclose herewith a copy of an Act, which passed the last session of the General Assembly and approved by his Excellency, the Governor, dated May 9, 1906, commonly known as "The Firemen's Pension Act."

By reference to its terms you will see that you are required to make a return within sixty days, after the 31st of December, 1906, of all business done by you in certain incorporated towns and cities and pay an amount of 2 per cent on such premiums. I enclose you herein the form of return, which has been prepared by this office, in compliance with the terms of the Act.

The cities and towns which have incorporated their fire departments, and in which, therefore, you are liable to pay the 2 per cent on your gross premiums, are:

- Anderson, Anderson County. Beaufort, Beaufort County. Charleston, Charleston County. Darlington, Darlington County. Florence, Florence County. Georgetown, Georgetown County. Greenville, Greenville County. Greenwood, Greenwood County. Conway, Horry County. Camden, Kershaw County. Bishopville, Lee County. Marion, Marion County. Newberry, Newberry County. Orangeburg, Orangeburg County. Columbia, Richland County. Spartanburg, Spartanburg County. Sumter, Sumter County. Union, Union County. Rock Hill, York County.

The money so collected, according to the terms of the Act, is to be paid over for the benefit of Firemen's Relief Associations, and to be used as a fund for the relief of any member of the fire department of such city or town who may be injured or disabled, and for the relief or the payment of gratuities to the widow of those dependant who may be killed; for the payment of necessary funeral expenses of every member of such fire department, and for the purchase of accident insurance upon the members of such fire department: Provided, that the board of trustees of such cities having pension funds may also use said money for pensions of superannuated and disabled firemen. Provided, also, that the fire department of such city or town shall also be a member of the State Firemen's Association of this State.

You will note in the Act that every insurance company who shall make default in payment of the amount so levied, or in case of failure to pay and satisfy and forfeiture, shall, for each offense, forfeit \$300 for the use and benefit of such fire department of such city or town, and in addition it is made my duty, by the Act, to revoke any certificate of authority or license previously issued, and thereafter it shall be unlawful for any such company to do further business until reinstated by the Comptroller General. I sincerely trust that a strict and prompt compliance with the terms of the Act will avoid the necessity of my revoking your license and depriving you from doing business in the State of South Carolina.

Yours respectfully, A. W. Jones, Comptroller General. Attitude of the Companies. It is not yet certain what the insurance companies intend to do about the tax, as they have 60 days from December 31 to file their returns. It was at one time thought that the

companies might contest the validity of the act, but it is suggested that they may comply with the law and raise their rates in the towns mentioned, thus passing the taxalogue to the people who insure.

LEE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Confederate Veterans to Hold Exercises in Celebration of Robert E. Lee's Hundredth Birthday.

Headquarters South Carolina Division United Confederate Veterans.

Greenville, S. C., Jan. 7, 1907. General Order No. 17.

As instructed by General Orders No. 58 from General Stephen D. Lee, the Major Generals of this department are advised that it is the wish of the general commanding that orders be at once sent down to the brigades united in a special celebration in honor of Gen. Robert E. Lee on January 19th, 1907, that day being the one hundredth anniversary of the birthday of our late illustrious leader.

No suggestion is made as to the form of memorial exercises to be held, but it is desired and requested that the hour for the celebration be 12 o'clock m. on Saturday, January 19, and that the hymns "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord," and "For all the saints who from their labors rest," be used.

By command of Thos. W. Carwile, Major General, Commanding S. C. Division, U. C. V. J. M. Jordan, Adj. Gen. and Chief of Staff.

Christian Science and Alcoholism.

H. P. Silder in New York Sun.

The myriads of those seeking relief from the curse of alcoholism need go no farther than to the nearest Christian Science practitioner. Faith is not even necessary, beyond the amount required to ask the practitioner for help. It seems pitiful that this fact should not be widely known.

I am a member of an orthodox church and have never joined the ranks of the Christian Scientists, but for several years I have known of wonderful cures made by these earnest people. There has never yet to my knowledge, been a case of alcoholism not permanently cured when the person has asked in the proper spirit for help, and has at the same time tried to assist the Scientist by an ordinary amount of self-control.

The desire to reform must be there, and if then the subject will put himself unreservedly in the hands of the Scientist the appetite will disappear. There will be a moral regeneration, a physical betterment, and life will put on a new aspect. To those who say they have no faith in it I will urge that no faith is required beyond the amount necessary to make one seek a practitioner.

WORK WEAKENS THE KIDNEYS.

Doan's Kidney Pills Have Done Great Service for People Who Work in Sumter.

Most Sumter people work every day in some strained, unnatural position—bending constantly over a desk—riding on jolting wagons or cars—doing laborious housework; lifting, reaching or pulling, or trying the back in a hundred and one other ways. All these strains tend to wear, weaken and injure the kidneys until they fall behind in their work of filtering the poisons from the blood. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys, put new strength in bad backs.

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Delicate, weak, nervous women should especially shun the use of alcoholic medicines which, from their stimulating and exhilarating effects may seem, for a time, to do good, but which from the inevitable effects of the alcohol in shrinking up the red corpuscles of the blood are sure to do great and lasting harm in the long run. Besides, they beget a craving for stimulants which is most deplorable.

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If a woman has bearing down, or dragging pains, low down in the abdomen, or pelvis, backache, frequent headaches, dizzy or fainting spells, is nervous and easily startled, has gnawing feeling in stomach, sees imaginary floating specks, or spots before her eyes, has melancholia, or "blues," or a weakening disagreeable drain from pelvic organs, she can make no mistake by resorting to the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It will invigorate and tone up the whole system and especially the pelvic organs.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

Office of County Supervisor. Sumter, S. C., Dec. 18, 1906. The annual meeting of the County Board of Commissioners for Sumter County, S. C., will take place at this office on Thursday, the 10th day of January, 1907. All persons holding demands of any kind against this county, not previously presented, are required by law to file same with the Clerk of this Board on or before the first day of January in order that they may be examined and passed upon by the Board at the annual meeting. W. H. SEALE, County Supervisor. THOS. E. RICHARDSON, Acting Clerk. 12-19-4t