

Diss, of course, about two weeks ago, Bill admitted. Diss told him that she was hundreds of years old and that long ago she had associated with Cervantes and Tom Moore. Bill considered her a very bright woman, he said.

Later in the evening Mrs. French said that Bill had written the verses to A-Diva Veed-Ya in the institute magazine. Furthermore, she said, Bill had written them offhand "under inspiration."

"There is no hell but the grave," began Sister Frances in the course of this second visit. "He who seeks immortality—"

"Oh, don't start that all over again!" cried Sister Lillian, placing her hand to her brow wearily. "I've talked all day now. I'll get up at 3 o'clock any morning to talk, but there's a limit."

Several pretty young girls were on hand when the institute was revisited in the evening, but Mrs. French shooed them out of the hall as the door bell rang. They were friends and students of hers who had just dropped in to express their sympathy and their regret, it was explained, over the unfortunate publicity that has visited the institute.

### "COLONEL" STERRETT A Fine Little Fellow

At the present writing the local executive committee who have had in charge the G. A. R. encampment are supposedly investigating or deciding whether or not they will investigate the late lamented "Colonel" Sterrett.

To us this seems entirely unnecessary for those who have been unfortunate enough in the past six or eight months to be almost in daily touch with this satellite, should know enough about him for all practical purposes without any further investigation.

It seems to us that the advice of former Governor Wells to the effect that it would be better for the committee to forget him is worth taking.

From the time of the arrival of the awe-inspir-

ing hero last winter it was very apparent that his first ambition was to impress the benighted westerners with his importance. As a poseur he was in the front rank and distanced all comers. For a few days he had that faculty which has gained a reputation for wisdom among so many four flushers, that of keeping his mouth shut and looking as wise as a tree full of owls. Then in rap'd succession came profound advice and covert threats, and the intimation that unless more attention was paid to what he said and more concessions were made in accordance with his demands that it was in his power to switch the coming of the veterans from this to some other city.

In detail a rehearsal of his petty acts would fill a large volume. To those who in any way had anything to do with him or his high-priced staff, their memories will serve without any fresh reminders.

As early as March and April the rumblings of discontent began to be heard, and even then every paper in the city was ready to sit upon this prodigy, but all were held off both by the members of the committee who knew that something should be said as well as by a spirit of patriotism and loyalty to the city, for with the first shot the the management knew the whole thing would burst into flame, and so much dissatisfaction and discord would be stirred up that the ultimate success of the great convention would be in imminent danger.

Week in and week out Brother Sterrett whined and caviled and threatened and made himself obnoxious, and sucked up enough high-balls on the Commercial Club to give him a pension for a thousand years, had there been any chance of the government allowing one for a veteran who was half shot.

His parting volley was to be expected. Whenever he had anything to say he did it surreptitiously in spite of his statement that he was a

fighter and would not stand for any adverse criticism. That he shot and ran with'n the hour of his departure was to be expected and leads one to believe that if he was ever under fire in the war that that is where he learned such tactics.

But all the time he was here he was working hard—working everybody that he could—and it was not until the Herald published a picture of the "Colonel" "resting" that the layman who had not realized the extent of the "Colonel's" labors was made fully aware of what he was doing.

Coincident with the publication of the picture of "rest," Judge O'Neal appeared on the scene in order to assist the "Colonel" in his arduous duties. In fact, most of the committee did not know that Judge O'Neal had been invited to participate in the perquisites until the auditing committee discovered a voucher in favor of the Judge.

Coincident also with the arrival of Judge O'Neal both Perry and Phil began to be worked overtime in converting strong things to drink into palatable libations for the two heroes and the waiters in the dining room and the staff in the cuisine were doing a composite hot foot in making it pleasant for the workmen, who smacked their overworked lips and rubbed with glee the proud flesh that covered the places where the delicacies seemed to do most good. "Colonel" Sterrett, it might be mentioned, when asked in what capacity the judge had been employed, stated that he had consented to attend to the legal department of the G. A. R. Just why the G. A. R. should have a legal department was not quite clear, but in view of subsequent developments, it is surprising that the local committee did not provide for a legal department in the beginning.

If our recollection serves us correctly, Troy was the name of the ancient city to which the Greeks wheeled the wooden horse laden with soldiers, and by the same token the modern Troy (Ohio) wheeled us some wooden soldiers with a very live horse, but it was on us. It was simply a

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