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INCIDENTS OF INTEREST

His Part in the Spanish-American War in Cuba.

DIXIE RANGERS IN HOT PLACE

Their Captain Ordered to Form an Awkward Squad for Drill Purposes.

The death of Gen. Joseph Wheeler, the noted confederate cavalry leader, has recalled several interesting incidents of his long and eventful career.

An army officer who served with Gen. Wheeler in the Santiago campaign, and who was in close touch with the doughty little southern fighter, said to a Star reporter last night that the death of the general from a very strong position they would expect another attack from our forces, and that, therefore, there was no danger of their attacking our lines.

Such a recommendation was furthermost from his mind, added the officer. "As a matter of fact, Gen. Wheeler said to me that as we had just driven the Spaniards from a very strong position they would expect another attack from our forces, and that, therefore, there was no danger of their attacking our lines.

While Gen. Wheeler's cavalry was on a raiding expedition in the southwest in the fall of 1861, he was followed by a motley array of about sixty mounted men from Arkansas, who had given themselves the name of the "Dixie Rangers."

At a certain place where Wheeler's cavalry was attacked by an infantry force backed by a battery of artillery it became necessary to make a rather quick retrograde movement, and a part of the cavalry went back in some confusion.

"After we get into camp, captain, you will constitute your troop an awkward squad and I will detail a competent officer to give you and your men instructions in the cavalry drill, otherwise some of these days you and your rangers will get into a fight with the Yankees and you will be wiped out in a jiffy."

After a former employe of the Capitol told a Star reporter an anecdote of the noted confederate general which occurred while he was a member of Congress, a tall and thin man, accompanied by his wife and son—a boy of about ten years of age—were passing through one of the corridors on the House side of the Capitol.

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KENTUCKIAN TO SPEAK

REPRESENTATIVE MILLER TO DELIVER ADDRESS OF EVENING.

At Annual Visitation of the Grand Chapter to Lafayette Chapter

Next Tuesday.

Richard W. Miller of Richmond, Madison county, Ky., a member of the house of representatives of his state and a candidate for Congress to succeed Representative Gilbert, will deliver the address of the evening on the occasion of the annual visitation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia to Lafayette Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M., next Tuesday.

Mr. Miller is a lawyer and member of the Kentucky house of representatives from Madison county, now serving his second term in the legislature. He has been twice nominated and elected without opposition.

GEN. LEE'S ORDER.

Eulogizes Military Achievements of His Friend.

NEW ORLEANS, January 27.—Gen. Stephen D. Lee, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, has issued general orders on the death of Lieut. Gen. Joseph Wheeler. After enumerating many of the engagements in which Gen. Wheeler took part in the civil war, the order says: "The brilliancy of his movements and his wonderful aptness to command directed attention to his fitness for a position in the regular army of the United States and he was commissioned a major general of volunteers in the war with Spain. His coolness in action, his skill and dash at San Juan Hill are now a part of history. With a heart void of hard feeling, kind and generous in disposition, courteous to all, a consistent member of the church, he has passed from earth with a good record; and as a soldier, statesman, orator, author and citizen he measured up to a high standard and is mourned not by the south alone but by the whole country."

ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS

CHARGE AGAINST MEEKS AND FOSTER DISMISSED.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., January 27, 1906. After occupying the attention of Justice Harry B. Catton in the police court for the past two days and attracting interest throughout the city, the hearing of the case of Harry Meeks and Herbert Foster came to an end rather suddenly late this afternoon when the charge against both defendants of murdering George R. Curtin was dismissed.

After the evidence had been closed Attorney Brent, for the commonwealth, addressed the court. He reviewed the evidence from the time Curtin was seen in company with Foster buying a Christmas tree, and traced him to the Tompkins Hotel, where he was with both Foster and Meeks.

Next, he said, he found them at the house of Mammie Wood. Meeks, he added, left first, not to go home, however, for he was later seen in a crowd engaging in an altercation with Leroy Beach. The trio were later seen endeavoring to enter a number of houses on Lee street, but as the inmates objected to the presence of Curtin the accused would not leave him. A man wearing a light overcoat was seen standing over Curtin as he was sitting on Eva Baker's steps at 2 o'clock. The speaker concluded by saying that he had thus placed Curtin in the hands of Meeks, Foster and the unknown man wearing a light overcoat, and that no accounting for the latter had been made.

The court was asked to hold the defendants for the grand jury. Justice Catton replied that after listening carefully to the evidence furnished by more than sixty witnesses he did not see any ground for continuing the case, and that the killing of Curtin, and hence could not conscientiously hold them on the charge mentioned.

General Happenings.

A telephone exchange is being installed in the new Rosslyn Bank building. It will probably be ready for operation at the end of this week. The exchange is a part of the Chesapeake and Potomac system. Connections to the larger towns of the surrounding country are to be arranged.

The following officers to serve during the ensuing quarter were elected by Rescue Lodge, I. O. O. F., at a meeting held last evening: Chief Templar, A. Sullivan; past chief templar, Ernest Mankin; vice templar, Miss Etta Lyles; chaplain, T. Eberhardt; secretary, T. F. Johnson; financial secretary, R. Sullivan; treasurer, Minnie Scrivener; trustees, J. T. O'Connell, J. W. Smith, Michael T. Glasgow; deputy marshal, Sadie Sullivan; pianist, Miss Etta Lyles. The officers will be installed next Friday evening.

Rev. Leroy Gresham of the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va., will preach at both services at the Presbyterian church here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baader, Jr., have returned from a tour including the northern cities. Miss Rosa Peake entertained a number of her friends at a birthday party at her home at Braddock Heights this afternoon.

PROPOSED RAILWAY MERGER.

Application Filed at Richmond by Railway Authorities.

RICHMOND, Va., January 27.—An application was filed this afternoon with the corporation commission for permission to merge the Virginia and Carolina Coast Railroad Company, Suffolk and Carolina Railroad Company and the Carolina Coast Railroad Company under the head of the Carolina Coast Railroad Company, with the principal offices in Norfolk.

This merger is one of the largest that has been proposed in this state in many years, as the capital stock of the merged company is to be \$7,500,000. The president of the company will be J. T. O'Connell, who formerly connected with the steel trust and immense lumber interests throughout the eastern states.

Back of the merger are plans for the opening up of large iron deposits in North Carolina, building immense puddling furnaces and conveying the same to the coast by steel in or near Norfolk, the terminus of the lines merged.

Thomas W. Shelton of Norfolk, counsel for the Baltimore and Ohio and other large railroad, telegraph and transportation companies, filed the application.

FOOLED HER PARENTS.

Williamsport Girl Married the Man of Her Choice.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., January 27.—Despite the strenuous objection on the part of her parents, Miss Mammie McKelvey of Williamsport and Mr. Robert Swain of Sharpsburg were married tonight at the parsonage of the Memorial Lutheran Church, Sharpsburg, by Rev. A. A. Kerlin.

The bride, who is twenty-eight years old, went to Sharpsburg, presumably to visit friends. When her relatives learned today that a marriage license had been secured they immediately set out to prevent the wedding, but to no avail. The groom is twenty-five years old and, with his bride, will reside for the present at Sharpsburg.

THOUGHT TO FREE POLAND.

Emigrants Return From America and Are in Serious Condition.

WARSAW, January 27.—The recent troubles in Poland have brought to light one strange movement in a population. At a time when thousands of Russians are seeking refuge in other countries from the horrors of revolution, many Poles are returning from America with the avowed intention of helping in the present struggle for Polish independence.

Delegates who have visited the United States have apparently succeeded in inspiring their countrymen with a sense of bringing matters to a successful issue. At any rate many of the ship bring back a number of enthusiastic revolutionists.

Some of these Poles are men who have made money in America, but naturally they have not brought much money with them. On the other hand, most of the Poles returning have not made any provision for taking care of themselves. Nearly all are landing in Poland penniless, and inasmuch as the revolution is not going forward, no one who may be said to be a future prospect, those who hoped to profit by reason of a war are in a bad way. Most of them are not only penniless, but they have no prospect of employment.

VIRGINIANS ARE HOSTILE.

Richmond's Mayor and a Lawyer Tried to Fight.

RICHMOND, Va., January 27.—Mayor Carlton McCarthy was today denounced as a liar and also as acting like a crazy man when he got mad. The arraignment was made by Attorney Harry M. Smith and grew out of remarks made by the mayor that the lawyer would resort to dishonorable methods and manufacture evidence in order to win cases in which he was counsel.

The trouble grew out of exhibition of penny-in-the-slot picture machines, the mayor intimating that pictures had been removed before the machines could be examined by the officials. These pictures had been taken out and carried to the police court.

When the lawyer said the mayor acted like a crazy man the mayor replied that if he was in the mayor's shoes he would sue the lawyer, asking: "Have you got any money? I would like to know that before I sue."

The lawyer retorted that it was none of the mayor's business and to go ahead and sue, adding: "You have been calling people liars around the city pretty freely, but you will not call me one."

THE KAISER'S BIRTHDAY.

Celebrated in Berlin With Usual Observances.

BERLIN, January 27.—Emperor William's birthday was celebrated today with the usual observances. The princely personages present in Berlin including the kings of Saxony and Wurttemberg, and the Grand Dukes of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

Mecklenburg-Schwerin congratulated his majesty at 10 o'clock in the morning. Later religious services were held in the Castle Chapel, Dr. Driander, the court chaplain, preaching on the seriousness of the times. After the services, which were attended by the ambassadors and ministers from foreign countries, the latter tendered their congratulations. Ambassador Tower was present.

Among the appointments announced on the occasion of his majesty's birthday is the transfer of the crown prince from the captaincy of the company in the 1st Guard regiment of infantry to a squadron of cavalry in the Guard Corps. Among the political appointments is Dr. Von Hollen, the former German ambassador to the United States, to a life seat in the Prussian house of lords.

Emperor William was born January 27, 1859, and became the German emperor June 15, 1888.

ARRIVALS AT THE ZOO

NEW CONSIGNMENT OF RARE BIRDS AND LIZARDS.

Visitors to the Zoo today will be treated to a view of a consignment of rare birds and lizards which arrived from far-away New Zealand yesterday.

This collection of rare birds and reptiles is a present to the National Zoological Park from the government of New Zealand in return for some American animals recently furnished that country through the efforts of this government.

The collection consists of four kiwis, four Maori hens, four kea parrots and four tenatars lizards. The consignment reached San Francisco the 18th instant, but there was some delay in the arrival here.

The kiwi is a wingless and tailless bird whose feathers are used in making mantles worn by the Maori chiefs.

The Maori hen, known in New Zealand as the weka, is a brown bird, much larger than the American hen.

The kea parrot is a bird weighing five pounds and is such a pest in its native country that a reward is offered by the government to induce its extirpation.

The tenatars lizard is about thirty inches long and is the only known survival of its race in the world.

The kea parrot, once a harmless, chattering bird of gay plumage feeding upon fruits and vegetables, has been gradually transformed into a vicious bird of prey. It is a big greenish-black member of the parrot family and is said to be very destructive to sheep. Several of these birds will alight upon the back of a luckless sheep and, fastening their talons in the animal's wool, cling on while they pluck a hole through its back and eat the fat from about the kidneys. The parrots do not eat any other part of the sheep's flesh. In this way they kill many of the animals. The kea parrot was tempted to forsake its fruit and vegetable diet, it is said, by getting the taste of sheep's fat, which adhered to sheepskins that had been hung on lines in the open to dry. The parrots thus acquired the meat habit and became birds of prey.

The hooteria or tenatars lizard is an ancient type of the great lizard family. It is said to stand in a family by itself and is found on the rocky islands of the New Zealand coast. Its near relatives are all extinct and are only found as fossils.

The queer looking birds known as kiwis, pronounced "keewees," are scientifically known as apteryx. There are three species, and all are very much alike. In size they are as large as a big Plymouth Rock rooster. It has a compact body and modified feathers, much like hair, being soot what like the emu. It has very stout legs and a long bill, with which it burrows into earth, the burrow holes being its home.

The whole will form one of the most remarkable collections in America.

The Zoo authorities expect the arrival of a male Abyssinian lion in a few days.

POST OFFICE ROBBED.

Safe Blown and \$500 in Stamps and Cash Taken.

Special Dispatch to the Star.

QUEENS, L. I., January 27.—The post office here was entered by robbers last night, the safe was blown open and about \$500 in stamps and cash was stolen. The way in which the robbery was committed, in the opinion of the police, shows that it was the work of professionals.

The thieves obtained entrance by forcing a front window and then went to work at the safe. A hole was bored just above the combination, and in this way inserted a charge of dynamite just sufficient to blow open the door, but not to wreck the safe or to do any other damage. Before the explosive was set off mail sacks were wrapped around the safe to deaden the noise.

As a result of these precautions no one in the neighborhood heard the explosion.

The post office is on the ground floor of a two-story frame building, and the upper floor is used for a library. The building is directly opposite the Long Island railroad station, and although the stationmaster was there all night, he did not hear a sound. There are dwellings close to the post office, but no one seems to have been

REICHSTAG SALARY QUESTION.

Members to Be Paid Per Diem for Actual Attendance.

BERLIN, January 27.—According to the Cologne Gazette, the imperial government has at last decided to meet the long-standing desire of the reichstag to pay members per diem for actual attendance. The proposition has been discussed numerous times, the reichstag each time passing a resolution asking for the government's acquiescence, but the latter has steadily ignored the request.

This week another debate occurred in which the fact developed that many conservatives are now convinced that it is necessary to compensate members of the reichstag in order to maintain a quorum.

The debate brought out some sharp and direct criticism of the emperor, who was described as being the only man in Germany standing out against the wishes of the reichstag. Another speaker quoted a remark attributed to the emperor, indignantly exclaiming: "Give these fellows a per diem, too!"

It is understood that the government's decision to yield is due to the visible irritation manifested by the reichstag toward the government for ignoring its various notes in favor of compensation to members.

Mrs. Brown Potter Bankruptcy.

Special Telegram to the Star.

LONDON, January 27.—The bankruptcy court has granted Mrs. Brown Potter her discharge.

A receiving order in bankruptcy was made against Mrs. Brown Potter on her petition July 7, her financial reverse being due to a disastrous session with "Du Barry" at the Imperial Theater.

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