



WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 4 1902.

THE scenes at the Opera House last night were the most animating that have been witnessed heretofore for the past third of a century, and proved conclusively that while some affect to flatter themselves to be pro-recollectors of modern times, the recollections of 1861-1865 are as precious in the bosoms of nearly all of the survivors of the Southern army as when they first marched forth in the defense of their State.

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The House today, by a vote of 110 to 73, decided to lay on the table, the resolution calling for an accounting of the expenditures of General Leonard Wood, as Governor General of Cuba under American occupation.

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with the provision for government-belt warships stricken out. This provision was a democratic measure inserted in the bill by the House, but the shipbuilding trusts had sufficient influence in the State to have this provision stricken out of the bill.

FROM WASHINGTON. (Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Washington, D. C., June 4.

It was announced at the State Department today that Senor De Ojeda will succeed the Duke de Arcos, the present minister from Spain, who has been transferred to Belgium.

The President today sent the following appointments to the Senate: To be Consul of the United States: B. H. Bigelow, of Kentucky, at Nantes; J. I. Ritzell, of Ohio, at Kebi; R. K. Holdway, of Ohio, at Santiago de Cuba; M. E. Bush, of New York, at Genoa.

Chairman Cooper, of the House committee which passed the Senate yesterday will be promoted to the House. The committee will be called to determine whether it is recommended to the House that it consider the Senate bill or the House bill which reported some time ago as a substitute.

The little daughter of Pastor John Schick today learned the awful news of the death of her mother, Mrs. Grace Reformed Lutheran Church.

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A contract has been awarded for grading the new trolley line from Baltimore to Washington.

It is reported that the Morgan shipping syndicate has offered the Canard Company \$52,520,000 for its fleet.

All the American warships about in Atlantic waters will be assembled off Porto Rico during the coming winter for maneuvers.

President Kruger and the Boer delegates in Europe yesterday conferred on the subject in reference to the peace terms, but made no public statement.

committee, with a view of harmonizing the conflicting views of the republican Senators and getting an agreement upon a measure to be passed promptly.

The ladies of Stonewall Jackson Chapter, No. 20, United Daughters of the Confederacy, of Washington, last night presented crosses of honor to thirty one Confederate veterans in that city.

The presentation took place at the Confederate Veterans' Hall. An interesting program was rendered, including an address by Rev. R. H. McKim, and a quartet. The crosses were bestowed by Miss Mary Custis Lee, and were accepted by Mr. Findlay Harris in a pleasing speech on behalf of his comrades.

Charles W. Elminger, of Glendale, has been appointed an industrial teacher at Catonsville Indian School, Oklahoma.

The large new barn belonging to Hon. J. S. Eighorn, in Culpeper county, with contents, was destroyed by fire yesterday.

Mrs. Lovely Virginia Brown, wife of J. Tweegs Brown, and daughter of the late McKee's Beverley, of Front Royal, died in Richmond last night.

A vote in Culpeper county on Saturday on the proposed subscription of \$50,000 to the Fredericksburg, Culpeper and Rappahannock Railroad resulted in a majority of 29 for the subscription.

William Roan, colored, was arrested at Manassas yesterday on the charge of murdering Edward Smith, whose mysterious death, near Occoquan, a few weeks ago created much excitement. No day has yet been set for the trial.

Fred Cooper, of Catlets, was yesterday killed at Calverton, while attempting to cross the tracks by an extra Chesapeake and Ohio passenger train.

The directors of the Jefferson Davis Monument Association had two long secret sessions in Richmond yesterday at the former White House of the Confederacy. It is admitted that no design for the Jefferson Davis memorial was chosen.

The birthday of President Jefferson Davis was observed in many of the cities and towns of the State yesterday. At Richmond all the State offices were closed. At Petersburg the festival of the day was the unveiling in Chippewa Square of a bust statue to the memory of General Francis S. Bartow and Gen. Lafayette McLaws, gallant soldiers of the Confederate army.

Confederate memorial day was observed with appropriate ceremonies yesterday at Lexington. The tomb of General Lee was decorated. Many of the flowers and wreaths were sent from a distance.

Mrs. Rose M. Meredith, wife of Mr. E. C. Cootner Meredith, died at her home in Manassas yesterday afternoon, after an illness of a few days.

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The most interesting matter now before the convention is the selection of the registration boards under whose direction the new constitution is to be made.

The closing of the convention by Friday or Saturday still seems probable. The committee on revision last night agreed that the constitution should go into effect July 10 next and

that the legislature should be assembled on July 15.

It was also the sentiment of the committee that the convention should remain alive for at least another year. The object of this is to be ready to reassemble in event of any political disaster in the State.

The action taken by the committee is in conformity with the resolution introduced in the convention by Mr. E. Walton Moore, of Fairfax, on the subject. The object of that resolution was to secure a legislative recognition of the constitution before there could be any judicial recognition or action thereon.

It is not expected that the session of the General Assembly at that time will be long, indeed it will merely organize and apply the provisions of the new Constitution, as well as all the other officers of the State.

Shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Senate passed the Lodge Philippine government bill by a vote of 48 to 30. Three republicans—Messrs. Hoar, of Massachusetts; Mason, of Illinois, and Wellington, of Maryland—voted against the measure and Mr. McLaughlin, of South Carolina, who is soon to be appointed to the Court of Claims, voted with the republicans for the bill.

Mr. Hoar voted with his party, although it had been expected that he would join the republicans after his speech, generally in his favor, a few days ago. A number of democratic amendments, generally intended to express the intention of Congress not to hold the archipelago permanently, were lost and the majority substitute shared the same fate.

All the amendments offered by the committee to perfect the bill were adopted. One amendment offered by Mr. Teller, promising the Philippines freedom in explicit terms, obtained the vote of Senator Hale in its favor, along with Messrs. Wellington, Hoar and Mason, but it, too, was lost.

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Large Gathering at the Opera House - Thrilling Speeches - Vocal and Instrumental Music - Great Enthusiasm.

There was a notable gathering at the Opera House last night, and the occasion was one of the most interesting that has been witnessed heretofore for a long time. In fact it was an assemblage when each member of the audience felt it was good for him or her to be there and when each individual drew inspiration from the scene.

The stage had been beautifully and tastefully decorated. It was the anniversary of the birth of President Jefferson Davis, and the picture of the executive of the Southern Confederacy was a prominent object, while Confederate flags and other emblems of the Lost Cause were in profusion.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the General reached the hall in charge of the committee who had been awaiting the coming of a train from Washington bearing him, and with the presidents of the Virginia Regiment Chapters, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Mr. John M. Johnson, another of the orators; Commander Graham, Capt. K. Kemper and others, made their way to the stage amid much applause and entrancing music.

The Confederate Veterans occupied the front orchestra seats of the house, and in the rear were the members of the Seventeenth Virginia Regiment and Mary Custis Lee Chapters, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Commander Graham then advanced and in a succinct manner explained the object of the gathering—the bestowal of crosses of honor upon worthy ex-Confederates.

He said the Daughters of the Confederacy had thought it a proper thing to bestow such tributes of appreciation to the services of those who had survived the four years' conflict, and he proceeded to read the rules governing their bestowal.

Each worthy ex-Confederate was entitled to one; he was to have but one which could not be replaced if lost, nor be worn by any one else; they were to be distributed on the anniversary of the births of President Davis and General Lee and not be worn by any descendant of an ex-Confederate.

At the conclusion of Commander Graham's remarks, Mr. John H. Oulbey, of Washington, sang "Virginia" in a very creditable manner. The old song had probably not been heard by many present for nearly a third of a century.

Mr. Duffey was followed by a quartette, composed of gentlemen from Washington, who rendered "Tentative Thoughts on the Old Camp Ground," which sent thrills through the audience, especially those who had heard it sung or probably sung it themselves nearly forty years ago.

Captain Kemper, who was to introduce the speakers, subsequently advanced. He stated the object of the gathering and spoke eloquently of the late President of the Confederacy, the anniversary of whose birth was being celebrated.

At the conclusion of the bestowal of the crosses of honor which was to be a feature of the occasion, he referred to it as the pious duty of the two chapters of the Daughters of the Confederacy, and one which would only have originated in the hearts and brains of Southern women.

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Most of the above were present, and while the band was playing soft music they advanced in single file to the stage where Mrs. Dabney Herndon and Mrs. W. A. Smoot, presidents of the two chapters of Daughters of the Confederacy, pinned the crosses upon the lapels of the coats of those entitled to them.

After the ex-Confederates had been vested with the emblems Mr. John M. Johnson advanced and in a very interesting, credible and earnest manner returned the thanks of himself and other ex-Confederates present to the ladies for the honor conferred.

Mr. Johnson began by paying a glowing and just tribute to the speaker who had preceded him and who had so enthused his hearers. Among other things he said the crosses with which he and his comrades had been vested would ever be highly prized by them.

He referred to the ladies as precious workmates of their bestowal. He spoke patriotically of the fact that the speaker was a man who had been a member of the ranks of those who in 1865 emerged from the conflict between the States. As year follows year the number becomes fewer and fewer, and in that other world the reunion of those entitled to wear the crosses of honor would be a happy scene.

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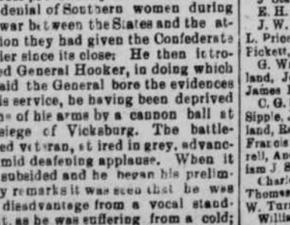
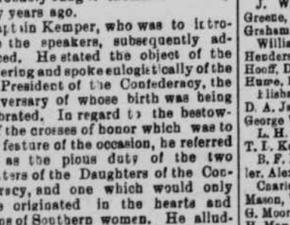
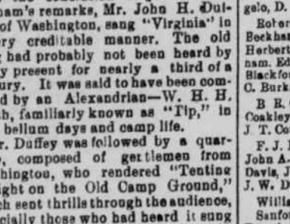
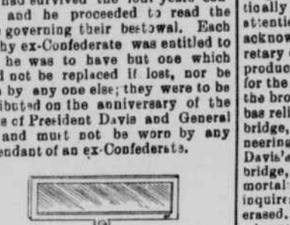
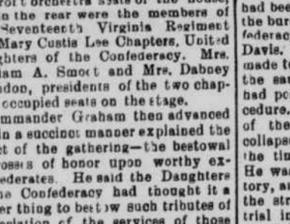
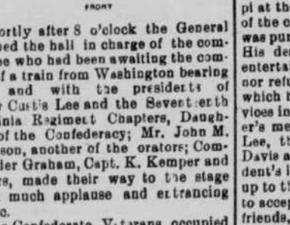
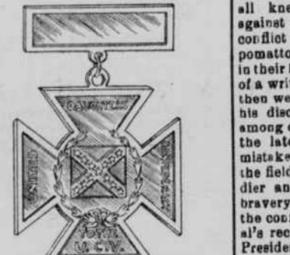
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AS ANTICIPATED the naval appropriation bill was reported to the Senate yesterday

NEWS OF THE DAY

CONFEDERATE VETERANS

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL

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