

DEFENDS COURSE OF GENERAL LEE

Judge Speer Lauds the Famous Warrior's Character.

Appeals to the North to Recognize His Genius and Personal Honor.

OXFORD, Ga., June 9.—Judge Emery Speer, of Macon, delivered to-day the annual commencement address at Emory College. His subject was "The Life and Character of General Robert E. Lee," and he gave a vivid and eloquent recital of the soldier's career, dwelling upon Lee's sublime self-poise and patience, both in victory and in defeat. Referring to Lee's motives in entering the service of the Confederacy, Judge Speer said:

"The time seems opportune for the American people to dispassionately inquire whether Robert E. Lee ever justified the reproaches of his most ardent advocates of our perpetual Union. Loving our country with all my heart, counting the long years I have spent in its service as my chief honor, I yet content myself with it in military glory, brilliant though the roll of its heroes, it can no longer be a source of pride to me. I am a Southerner, with all her acknowledged power, cannot fail to appreciate that warlike genius which gleamed on the bayonets and blazed in the serried ranks of the soldiers of the South. Nor do I see any reason for the least regret that I was one of our soldiers."

"To the constitution as he understood it it is demonstrable that Washington himself was not more devoted than Lee, and his written and spoken words in that day of unmanageable passion portray in the clearest light his inevitable aversion to disunion. Why, then, it may be asked, did Lee draw his sword in maintenance of a system which he declared revolution, which he pronounced anarchic and which he foresaw and declared would inflict untold calamities on the people? The reply is that he did so because his purpose was to restore the Union to his own. If the Union is dissolved and the Government disrupted I shall return to my native State and share the miseries of my people and my way in defense will draw my sword for none. In his peroration Judge Speer referred to the proposal by the State of Virginia to place a statue of General Lee in Statuary Hall in the Capitol at Washington. In this connection he said:

"Let Lee's place be Washington! Ah, is it not in the awful hour when the invading columns approached Virginia's soil, the winds of heaven swept back in the face of the foe, and the sun shone down on the walls of Mount Vernon by the re-entranced hand of the father of his country, the Confederate Lee, Washington would have gleamed beside the sword of Lee? Repel then, not my country, but the foreign invader, and I will stand with the children of their lot. Then honor him and in my need on those who love him and who shall not fail to stand with me. Let me shall fire their hearts and his bright sword shall point the charging columns of my sons."

CONFEDERATES THANK ROOT. Secretary's Roster Plan Pleases Former Wearers of the Gray.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—After the close of the Confederate reunion at New Orleans there was an exchange of letters between General John B. Gordon, president of the Confederate Veterans' Association, and Secretary Root. General Gordon wrote:

"My Dear Secretary—Please accept from me and the Confederate Veterans, whom I represent, the assurance of our sincere appreciation of your generous course in urging the provision of a roster of all Confederates, as well as of ex-Union soldiers. The readiness of all Confederates to co-operate with you was also fully expressed."

Secretary Root, under date of June 5, replied as follows:

"My Dear General Gordon—I thank you for your kind letter of May 25, advising me of the progress of your work in regard to the publication of a roster of ex-Confederate and ex-Union soldiers. I beg to assure you that I fully appreciate and highly prize this expression. I think next to the splendid fighting which was done on the battlefields of the Civil War, the re-establishment of friendly relations and common sympathy between the two sections is the greatest achievement of the century. I fought so desperately against each other in a high title to respect for Americans by all the world."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING. President Newhall Gets Leave of Absence and Much Important Business is Transacted.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held yesterday, George A. Newhall, president of the organization, was granted a six months' leave of absence in order that he may get married and enjoy his honeymoon without being harassed by business matters. William M. Bunker's labors in behalf of the chamber at the recent convention were approved, and it was unanimously decided to maintain the bureau in Washington for another year at least.

A letter was received from the Anglo-American Chamber of Commerce in Belgium requesting that the local organization use its influence toward securing the establishment of a system of parcels post of cellular and their own. The Chamber of Commerce of Boise City, Idaho, also wrote asking co-operation in the booming of the West generally. The members of the local body will send letters of assent to both propositions. Fifteen business firms were admitted to membership in the organization.

POSTUM CEREAL. LACK OF MONEY Was a Godsend in This Case.

It is not always that lack of money is a benefit. A lady of the Green Forest, Ark., owes her health to the fact that she could not pay in advance the fee demanded by a specialist to treat her for stomach trouble; she quit coffee and took on Postum. In telling of her case she says: "I had been treated by four different physicians during ten years of stomach trouble. 'Lately I called on another, who told me he could not cure me—that I had neuralgia of the stomach. Then I went to a specialist, who told me I had catarrh of the stomach and said he could cure me in four months but would have to have his money down. I could not raise the necessary sum, and in my extremity I determined to quit coffee and try Postum Food Coffee. 'So I gave up coffee and gave Postum a thorough trial and the results have been magical. I now sleep well at night, something I have not done for a long time, the pain in my stomach is gone and I am a different woman. I decided to quit coffee, because every time I had tried to stop it I suffered from severe headaches, so I continued to drink it, although I knew it was injurious to me, being the cause of my stomach trouble and extreme nervousness. But when I had Postum to shift to it was different. 'And to my surprise I did not miss coffee when I began to drink Postum. Coffee had been steadily and surely killing me, and I didn't realize what was doing it until I quit.' Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

FEATHERED SONGSTERS WILL AIR ORCHARDISTS OF STATE Ornithological Branch of the Department of Agriculture Throws Birds in Fighting Line Down at Watsonville in Battle Against Codlin Moth

Method now being employed by the scientists from the State University in trying to find a bird that will exterminate the codlin moth. A fruit tree. Into them it is proposed to put thirty varieties of California birds, including canaries, blue jays and linnets, and then to watch them closely to discover upon what they feast most. At certain times the birds will be killed and their stomachs exhaustively scrutinized by the ornithologists. In this way it can be determined accurately what the insects they consume, and then from this it will be determined what birds are most destructive to the codlin moth and the other destroyers of plant life. If the experimenters are lucky enough they will find a bird that makes the codlin moth its prey that species will be propagated in large numbers and distributed over the State. It is thought they can be kept in the orchards by attractive baits.

LOUBET MAY NOT "TWIRLY WHIRLY" ASK TO SEE EO A MEERY SHOW

ROME, June 9.—The negotiations between the Vatican and France regarding the attitude to be assumed by President Loubet toward the Pope during the President's coming visit to Rome are at a standstill. The Vatican hopes a change will occur through France modifying the situation. If no change takes place the present status of the relations between the church and the French republic will be maintained. The Pope to-day received 200 pilgrims, who are returning to their homes from the Holy Land. They were mostly French. The audience lasted twenty minutes. Only a dozen leaders of the pilgrimage were permitted to kiss the hand of the Pope, who addressed a few words to them and gave the apostolic benediction to all. The Pontiff urged the French pilgrims to "pray fervently for dear France, which needs it so much."

CELLARS MUST NOT BE USED AS LODGINGS Health Board Declares That Practice in Chinatown Is a Constant Menace to Health.

The Board of Health yesterday adopted a resolution providing that no cellar or other apartment below the level of the street throughout the various districts of the city be used as lodgings, living apartments or places of manufacture and production. The Health Officer is directed to enforce the resolution to the extent of his power and to obtain such legislation as may be necessary to its further and more complete enforcement. The observation of the Health Department has demonstrated through years of experience that throughout the Chinese district the use and occupation of cellars as lodgings, living rooms, places for the production and manufacture of various articles, is a constant and increasing menace to the health of this community owing to the constant unsanitary conditions prevailing therein arising from the overcrowding of dark and ill ventilated quarters and the incalculable ill usage of the occupants. Six airways in different parts of Chinatown were condemned by the board and the structures therein ordered destroyed as a menace to health. Secretary Emery was instructed to appear before the Board of Supervisors this afternoon regarding the reduction in the appropriation recommended by the Mayor. Charles Boudreau was appointed night watchman at the City and County Hospital.

Police Commissioners. Haas Has Disappeared.

At a meeting of the Police Commissioners held last evening Policeman George Brown was fined \$100 for visiting a saloon while on duty and Policeman James Gill \$100 for being intoxicated while on duty. The charges against Patrolman Charles F. Jenkins were dismissed. The case of Horace G. White, charged with permitting a prisoner to escape, was continued for one week. The evidence against White was very weak.

English Polo Team Will Not Come.

Information comes from the East that the champion English polo team, as originally arranged, will not come to this country to play in the International tournament scheduled for August and September. The injury to Walter Buckmaster, the English crack, upset all arrangements. It is possible a second team, made up of Captain Miller and the three Nickells brothers, may come.

BUCKMASTER TO WED A PRETTY ENGLISH BELLE His Engagement to a Daughter of Lord Justice Mathew Will Be Announced Shortly.

NEW YORK, June 9.—The world has been following from London, Bourke Cockran's engagement to Kathleen, the youngest daughter of Lord Justice Mathew of the English Supreme Court, will, according to the World's Informant, be formally announced shortly. Miss Mathew is about 22 years of age and is extremely bright and clever, as well as exceptionally pretty. Bourke Cockran is an old-time friend of the family. Lord Justice Mathew is a nephew of the historic apostle of temperance, Father Mathew. His eldest daughter is the wife of John Dillon, M. P. The American orator will be entertained at a banquet by the Irish party in the House of Commons Saturday. He is at present traveling in Ireland.

Are Admitted to Practice.

The following named applicants were admitted to the bar of the State by order of the Justices of the Supreme Court yesterday: A. C. Skaffe, C. H. S. Bidwell, L. S. Helsted, Com. Board, W. C. Stevens, L. J. Allen, E. E. Nichols, P. W. Owen, G. J. Beavers, H. W. Husbey, E. E. Coffey, E. B. Sowell, S. K. Bittenbender, B. P. Oakford, C. W. Hutton, T. E. Adams, C. G. McCormick, J. H. Morris, C. G. Adams, C. F. Reinhold, J. A. Stevens, R. L. Alderman, L. L. Greene, A. G. Aiken, A. E. Cooley, P. B. Mitchener, A. J. Harwood and T. S. Louttut.

Marriage Licenses.

OAKLAND, June 9.—The following marriage licenses were issued to-day: Henry F. Gallardo, 38, and Louisa Reichert, 22, both of Centerville; William J. Tobin, 34, and Helen F. Dolan, 34, both of Oakland; Ernest Allen, 28, Oregon, and Magdalena Glasser, 28, Oakland; Joseph Atwell, 34, and Emma Wiley, 25, both of Oakland; Frank E. Carmichael, 23, Eureka, and Julia R. Gallagher, 22, Los Angeles; Bernard J. Gallagher, 25, and Madeline De Reemer, 21, both of San Francisco; Edwin B. Moore, 28, San Pedro, and Annie L. Larsen, 28, Alameda; James H. Thomas, 28, and Mary Borden, 21, both of Oakland.

CONTEST MOTHER'S WILL.

Mary Hanlon and Nellie McGee, daughters of the late Catherine Smallman, filed a contest of their mother's will yesterday. They allege that at the time the testament was executed Mrs. Smallman was under the influence of Lillian and Mary Smallman, Alice Drayton and Susan Sanders, sisters of the contestants.

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Another club woman, Mrs. Hauke, of Edgerton, Wis., tells how she was cured of irregularities and uterine trouble, terrible pains and backache by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"A while ago my health began to fail because of female troubles. The doctor did not help me. I remembered that my mother had used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound on many occasions for irregularities and uterine troubles, and I felt sure that it could not harm me at any rate to give it a trial. 'I was certainly glad to find that within a week I felt much better, the terrible pains in my back and side were beginning to cease, and at the time of menstruation I did not have nearly as serious a time as heretofore, so I continued its use for two months, and at the end of that time I was like a new woman. I really have never felt better in my life, have not had a sick headache since, and weigh 20 pounds more than I ever did, so I unhesitatingly recommend Vegetable Compound.'—Mrs. MAY HAULE, Edgerton, Wis., President Household Economics Club.—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuine.

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