

# BILL ARP'S WEEKLY LETTER.

## BARTOW SAGE MAKES A VISIT TO SOUTH CAROLINA.

## HIGHLY ELATED AT WHAT HE SAW.

People and Towns of Palmetto State Seem Prosperous—Many Cotton Mills Attract Attention.

"Rest on, embalmed and sainted dead, Dear as the blood you gave; No impious footsteps here shall tread, The herbage of your grave."

This is one of the verses on a beautiful monument I looked upon with tearful reverence while walking through Rosemont cemetery, at Newberry.

Calvin Crozier was a Texas confederate soldier, who shortly after the close of the war, was going home and had some ladies in his charge. When the train arrived at Newberry some lawless negro soldiers who were in camp near by went into the car and grossly insulted the ladies. Crozier and some others defended the ladies and in the melee one of the negroes was slightly wounded. Before the train left Colonel Trowbridge sent some of the negroes to arrest the man who did it. They made a mistake and seized Mr. Jacob Bowers, a railroad employee, and hurried him away to the colonel's quarters. Without trial he was summarily ordered to be shot. It was near midnight when Crozier was told of Bowers' arrest and condemnation; he promptly went forward and declared that he himself was the man who wounded the negro. Bowers was released and at sunrise next morning Crozier was shot to death, notwithstanding his demand for a trial and protest of Prince Bowers, an officer in Trowbridge's command. The negro soldiers danced with fiendish delight upon and around the shallow grave where they had laid him. Long after the war his bones were removed and this monument was erected by the good people of Newberry to his memory.

Does history record any nobler sacrifice? Damon was the friend of Pythias, but this man Bowers was a stranger to Crozier.

Much more of this pathetic story is recorded in the "Annals of Newberry," an interesting volume written by John Belton O'Neal, LL. D.

I was pleased to learn that other counties in Carolina were having their annals written and published in book form. How else can we hand down to posterity the good deeds of our ancestors? State histories cannot do it, for it would make many ponderous volumes, but even now it is not too late for someone of literary taste and fidelity in every county to confer with the old men and compile such a history. Such publications could be cheaply done and would be of inestimable value to the citizens. Mr. Chapman, a well-preserved veteran, a cultured scholar, a gentleman of the olden times, is now writing the annals of Edgefield. I was informed on good authority that this Mr. Chapman was the real author of the school history of the United States that was published in Columbia, S. C., as the work of Alex. H. Stephens. Mr. Chapman submitted his manuscript to Mr. Stephens and for the use and prestige of his name gave him an interest in the royalty. There was scarcely a change made in it from beginning to end.

Newberry is a gem of a city and its population is perhaps more cultured and refined than any city of South Carolina. The professors of her college and high school, her lawyers and doctors and preachers and editors are all gentlemen, not only in manners but at heart. The standard of good citizenship is high and the influence of her leading men pervades the entire community. Mr. Aull, the editor of the News-Herald, is perhaps the best all round man for his work to be found, for he is not only a man of high culture, but is eminently a practical newspaper man and is devoted to his calling. He has written the history of the state, and it is the standard in the schools. Two of his boys, aged ten and twelve, are at work in the printing room, and do good service. Mr. Aull is not at all reconciled to the modern system of grading the schools so that it takes eight years to go through their courses. If four years more are added for a college course there is no time left for a boy to acquire a knowledge of work or habits of work. From eight to twenty he is a non-producer, and when he graduates is fit only for the learned professions, if fit for anything. But his boys have to mingle study with labor and alternate the years of each. Mr. Aull is the president of the State Press Association.

Of course Newberry has a large cotton mill. Almost every Carolina town has one or more. As you travel from place to place they are in sight, and give employment to the poor. Five years ago Union had only 1,800 inhabitants, but during all these distressing years has continued to grow and prosper until now there are 5,000. One little mill, as they call it, started the boom and encouraged them to build another—a very large one, whose four floors cover a space equal to six acres. Next came an oil mill and a knitting mill and other industries, and now they are boring for artesian water, to supply a system of waterworks. Neither in the city nor near it are any people begging for work for employment is at hand.

Then go to Spartanburg and be amazed. When I was there a few years ago there was nothing to make

note of save a college, but now there are cotton mills near by that manufacture 140,000 bales annually, and it is claimed that no one county in the United States consumes as much. Not an acre of suburban land can be bought for less than \$30. Everything prospers and everybody seems happy. The taxable property has increased four-fold within eight years, and the population has more than doubled.

Where did all the money come from, I inquired.

From a small beginning—from one little mill, and it did so well that others soon followed. Northern manufacturers of machinery were attracted there and took one-third of the stock and paid for it in spindles and looms—and have made good money and are content. Some Charleston money is there, too. These mills have made from 10 to 20 per cent for several years and keep on making it, and these machinery men up north will do the same thing for the people of Cartersville or any other southern town that is healthy and well situated. They only wait to be invited. The Piedmont region of South Carolina is now the New England of the south. Even the young men and young ladies of good families in their towns are not too proud to take positions in the factories. They are bookkeepers, typewriters, correspondents and superintend in some of the departments and earn good honest money. Just think of it, what a revolution. For many years we have supposed that the state was nearly worn and her young men would have to accept Greely's maxim, "Go west, young man, go west," but not so. Northern South Carolina is richer today and more prosperous than any portion of Georgia. Anderson has nearly doubled her population during the last five years. New stores, new dwellings, new churches, parsonages and a fine public school building have gone up, a new courthouse is projected and all this comes from the cotton mills. It does seem as though the cotton we grow should be spun and woven at home.

My last visit was to the old historic town of Edgefield—a town almost retired from the public gaze but one that has always felt proud of its prestige as the domicile of more great men than any in the state. McDuffie lived here and Governor Pickens and the Butlers and Rhett and Gays and many others. The Tillmans live here and I was the honored guest of one of them. The nobility have no better manners than mine host and hostess and it is rare to find a handsomer couple.—BILL ARP in Atlanta Constitution.

### FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

Report of the Proceedings from Day to Day. SENATE.

MONDAY—Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, and Morgan, of Alabama, had quite a hot debate in the Senate during the consideration of the "free homestead bill." Morgan got ruffled and appealed to the chairman.

Among the bills introduced was one by Chandler, (Rep.) of New Hampshire, for the issue of certificates of indebtedness up to \$50,000,000 to meet the deficiencies in the revenue. The bill was referred to the finance committee. The Vest resolution, directing the committee on commerce to investigate and report on the cause of the Mississippi floods was favorably reported on the committee on contingent expenses. Hale and Morgan again quarrelled over the Cuban resolution.

TUESDAY.—In the Senate the tariff bill was reported, and Aldrich gave notice that it would be called upon the 18th inst. The Morgan Cuban resolution again went over. The homestead bill was passed, after which the sundry civil bill was considered, but was not completed up to the time of adjournment. Gorman and Foraker indulged in a lively tilt during the consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill.

WEDNESDAY.—The Senate by a vote of 43 to 36 refused to ratify the general arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain, negotiated by Secretary Olney and Ambassador Julian Pauncefote. The rules of the Senate require a majority of two-thirds for the ratification of treaties. Hence, four more affirmative votes would have been required to secure a favorable result. The Senate refused to authorize the publication of the details.

THURSDAY.—In the Senate an agreement was reached on the sundry civil bill and passed. It carries an aggregate of \$53,000,000. Bacon, of Georgia, introduced a joint resolution on peace and arbitration which was referred to the committee on foreign relations. The Senate then adjourned until Monday.

### HOUSE.

MONDAY.—In the House Simpson, of Kansas, was voted down by an attack on the Speaker which moved Reed to challenge him to propose a resolution instructing the Speaker to appoint the committees. There was an ineffectual attempt by Mr. Bailey, of Texas, to secure an agreement for the consideration of the Nelson bankruptcy bill on May 10. Cannon, Rep., of Illinois, called up the Senate resolution to appropriate \$50,000 for the expenses of the Congress of the Universal Postal Union which convenes in Washington this week and it was adopted. At 3:28 p. m., the House adjourned until Thursday.

THURSDAY.—The House adopted a resolution for bi-weekly sessions to be held on Mondays and Thursdays until further action. The Democrats and Populists allied against it, and Bailey, of Texas, says that its only aim was to prevent the consideration of the bankruptcy bill. The House adjourned until Monday, after King (Dem.), of Utah, read a Hawaiian resolution.

A New York doctor says that frog's legs are good for people suffering from tuberculosis. The batria-chophagous element of our population have long known that frog's legs were good for consumption.—Dallas News.

### SUGGESTIONS BY FURMAN.

Let Confederate Soldiers Write Sketches of Their War Records for Their Families.

The memory of the Confederate war is fast fading away. Many who glance at this issue of the State will live to see notices like this in the paper: "died on the—inst. He was one of the last surviving soldiers who fought in the Confederate army." It is to be regretted that so much history relating to a cause which was fought for so grandly should utterly perish. How much do the school children of South Carolina know of "Fighting Dick" Anderson, one of the bravest men who ever drew a sword, and who received warm thanks from Robert E. Lee, one of the noblest men who ever lived. Yet "Fighting Dick" Anderson was a soldier who would have been an honor to any country or any time, and I am proud indeed to tell the school children of Sumter county that he belonged to our county. If I were able, I would publish, in monographic form, succinct biographical sketches of every ex-confederate soldier now living in Privateer township. I would have each sketch accompanied by a likeness, and would entitle the volume "Sketches of Confederate Soldiers Living in Privateer Township, Sumter county, South Carolina, in 1897." I would not compile such a volume because I hoped to reap pecuniary reward, for I know only too well how little interest our people take in historical or biographical works relating to our State, and such a work as I have described would not even pay the expense of publication; on the contrary, it would be a most costly undertaking. Still, I wish that such a volume could be compiled about the living Confederate soldiers of every county in South Carolina. Volumes like these would not only be of interest and great value to the future historian, but also as genealogical matter. I am truly glad that South Carolina is doing the part she is in preserving Confederate records. Money spent for this purpose is well spent.

I want to make this suggestion to the Confederate soldiers of South Carolina: Write succinct sketches of yourself and give all of your descendants a copy. If you are unable to write the sketch yourself, get some one to write it for you. Nothing elaborate need be written, a form like this could be used:

—son of—. He was born at — on —. Attended school at —. Belonged to Company —, and served in the Confederate army — years. Was present at the following battles —. Married —, and has the following children —. This sketch is written by him for his descendants.

Such a sketch as this could be easily written, and in future days would be of inestimable historical value. But this is not all; children would feel more veneration for a father who would give in tangible shape an account of his war record, and when that father was dead and gone, how much they would prize the sketch.

Perhaps this suggestion will not be followed by a single sketch, but I do no harm in making it, and I make it for the cause of history.—McDonald Furman in Columbia State.

### HISTORY MIXED IN JAW JAW.

Worth Did Not Lead the United States Army Into Mexico and It Was the Palmetto Flag that Held the Place of Honor.

The Atlanta Constitution devotes three columns in a recent issue to writing up the wire grass region of Georgia, which is described as a land of plentiful promise. It is said that immigrants are pouring in and that agriculture and horticulture flourish.

At the Atlanta Exposition we saw a sign in the Georgia building which read as follows: "Cedartown welcomes Northern settlers." We presume no Southern or Western men are wanted in that section. Foulard, the new settlement, does not seem to be so exclusive as Cedartown, for we see that Col. John G. McPhaul, a genuine Tar Heel, figured conspicuously in the ceremonies attending the laying of the corner stone of this new enterprise, which is in Worth county. The Tar Heel raised the stars and stripes and, according to the correspondent, his "place as the developer of this section must now become a matter of history."

Speaking of this flag business the correspondent says: "A significant part of the days proceedings was the unfurling of the old flag to the breeze. It was fitting that in a county named for the gallant man under whom the American army entered Mexico, and who carried that flag to its first victory in a foreign war, should assemble her people under its folds as the protection under which it is possible for individualism to accomplish its best results. While there were in the assemblage many new citizens from north of the Ohio, who may have felt that it was to them that this act was due, yet when they looked around them and saw some of the identical veterans who had followed the stars and stripes all the way down until it floated over the Chapultepec, must have abated somewhat their sense of proprietorship and yielded the prior claim to the men who fought under Worth in Mexico and gave his name to their home upon their return.

The Georgians get their historical facts mixed. Gen. Worth did not lead an American army into Mexico. Just before hostilities commenced, in 1846, he became miffed about some point of military etiquette, handed in his resignation and went to Washington. While he was there the victories of Palo Alto and Resaca-de-la-Palma were gained. As soon as he heard the news in Washington he withdrew his resignation, but did not get to the seat of war until these two battles were gained and the city of Matamoros was taken. From that time on Worth did good service, but the flag that floated over Chapultepec and Mexico was a Palmetto standard. Gen. Worth was a merchant's clerk when he entered the army and was not a West Pointer.—Abbeville Medium.

First Thesplan—Have a warm reception in the last town you played, old man? Second Thesplan—Well, rather. Papers roasted me, hotel burnt down with all my clothes, and eleven creditors were hot after me all the while.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

### An Old Alligator Terrapin.

Some of the antiquities of this country which find their way into museums are rivalled in age by a living creature at the Zoo. It is an alligator terrapin, or Mississippi snapper, whose 150 pounds of substance have been accumulated in a lifetime of five centuries or more. At least, that is what the scientists calculate, and they say that there is no reason to doubt that it was paddling around as a little turtle in the Mississippi when De Soto first gazed upon that river.

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The fact is that modern fighting tends more and more to become a game of long bowls. This was the cause of the small execution done at Krugersdorp. On the other hand, our forefathers at Fontenoy and elsewhere held their fire till they were within twenty or thirty paces, and the officers passed their canes along the musket barrels to make sure they were not aimed too high before the volley was delivered. Moreover, the men were formed in solid column or square, and every shot told. It looks as if the greater range of the rifle would be followed by less loss of men, and certainly the rapidity of the discharge of the magazine rifle tends to encourage wild and careless shooting, and is against cool and accurate workmanship.—Saturday Review.

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### Nerve.

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