

RANKING OFFICER OF THE VETERANS

Sole Surviving Major General of the War.

General E. M. Law's Record is Notable For Its Achievements.

Tampa, during the Confederate Veterans' reunion has had the honor of entertaining the ranking officer at the Confederate Veterans of the United States, General E. M. Law, of Barrow, who holds a higher title than any living survivor of the southern forces in the war of the sixties. General Law is rightly proud of his position and rank. Only recently he refused the support of his comrades to fill the position of commander-in-chief of the national body.

In a short and impressive speech General Law said, "I have become possessed of a greater honor than this, one of which any man might well feel proud. It is this—that wherever I go among veterans of the Confederate states army, I know that I am the ranking officer. I could ask no greater honor."

General Law is a native of South Carolina. He was born in Darlington, in 1836, and after his boyhood days graduated from the South Carolina State Military college. In 1860 he went to Tuskegee to establish a military school.

This distinguished old gentleman and soldier was one of the first in the south to answer the call to the colors and when Florida seceded in 1861 he was on the ground at Pensacola at the head of a company of Alabama volunteers. After the Confederacy was formed and after Sumner had fallen, General Law, then a captain, reorganized his troops and was elected lieutenant-colonel of the Fourth Alabama regiment and proceeded to Harper's Ferry under the command of Col. T. J. Jackson, none other than the famous "Stonewall."

Later General Law's regiment became a part of Lee's brigade, and General Law played an important part in the battle in which General Bee was killed. He was painfully wounded in the engagement, and after his recovery was elected colonel of the regiment and went through many a hard day in the great peninsula campaign. In the engagement at Seven Pines he was made senior colonel of his brigade and was in the thick of things in the seven days' fight around Richmond from Gaines Mill to Malvern Hill.

In 1862 during the fierce campaign against Pope, Col. Law was at the head of his forces in the battle of Manassas, later taking part in the invasion into Maryland, and finding a place in the center of things in the battles of Boonesboro and Sharpsburg. In October, 1862, he was made brigadier-general and during that year was engaged in the battle of Fredericksburg.

In the Longstreet-Suffolk campaign in 1863, General Law played an important part, and later in the same year took a position at Gettysburg. When General Hood was wounded, General Law took command of the entire division, and for his splendid, heroic and efficient work was complimented by General Longstreet. In the famous attack on the "Round Tops" and in the repulse of Kilpatrick's Federal cavalry division, he earned special mention for his bravery.

Later in that year, General Law was transferred to the western army, and commanded a division in the battle of Chickamauga. General Longstreet once more commending him for distinguished conduct in the command of the division.

In the night battle at Wauchatchie and other strenuous engagements, General Law was usually in the thick of the shot and shell. During Longstreet's East Tennessee campaign, he rejoined the army of northern Virginia under the famous Robert E. Lee in 1864, at the beginning of the Wilderness campaign. In the battles of the Wilderness General Law played an important part. In the last big battle of the campaign on June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor, General Law at the head of two brigades, repulsed the fierce attack of the entire Federal corps of General F. W. Smith with a hideous loss. He was painfully and seriously wounded in the fray and for several long months was unable to

leave his bed. After his recovery he asked to be transferred to a cavalry command and in February, 1865, was assigned to General Hampton's cavalry corps in the Carolinas and later went under the command of General Joe Johnson in North Carolina. Just previous to the battle of Bentonville he was assigned to duty on General Johnson's staff, and during the first part of the battle directed the movement of the entire army. General Hampton had become ill and asked for the immediate assignment and promotion of General Law to the command of the entire division. The president of the war department of the Confederate states confirmed the order.—Tampa Times.

MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.

What a world this would be if everybody in it did exactly what he ought to do.

The only troubles that could arise then would come from differing individual conceptions of what ought to be, and so civil courts would still be necessary to decide the meaning of duty toward others. Unfortunately individual consciences are modeled after about as many patterns as the physical bodies that carry them around.

At the risk of a wearying repetition, the subject of the relations of the citizen to the public is brought up again, under the suggestive idea that if every one in every Florida community would consider that he is a part of that community, if he would do his part to make it attractive and keep it clean, to make himself a desirable citizen and not a menace, Florida would increase in population and prosperity far more rapidly than the fifty per cent growth that has marked the last several decades. The idea is Utopian but perhaps not impossible.

First impressions are the lasting ones. They are hard to wear away. The new comer to Florida forms his ideas of the city, town or village from the appearances of things about the station where he leaves the railroad train. If the unpaved streets are deep in sand, where an empty wagon is an overload for the toll-marked mule, if the buildings are dilapidated, if he wishes he had stayed on the train. It requires many blocks of neat homes and big shade trees and flowers to remove the first depressing illusions, or they may be delusions.

Fresh paint, well kept lawns, choice flowers and trees, substantial pavements and clean sidewalks with well dressed people on the streets, activity in the business sections and suggestions of refinement about the homes, invite the stranger to get acquainted and spend his money. They make him hunt the real estate offices and ask questions, and if he discovers that the community is living up to its appearance, he is likely to stay, for he has found his kind of people.

One indolent, don't-care neighbor is actually a detriment in the block or streets. His presence puts down the price of real estate and it's a money saving proposition to buy him out and get rid of him. But if each one does his part, if he minds his own business in the sense that he does what he ought, the block, the street, the community is a moving picture advertisement of prosperity.

But it is quite essential that the appearances shall be a true reflection of the things that don't show on the surface. It's important that the back yard shall be as clean and sanitary as the front lawn. And it's very important that these appearances are backed up by low sick and death rates. Good clothes don't necessarily go with personal cleanliness and hygienic living, but they ought to, for both are the mark of intelligence and common sense.

Florida cities and chambers of commerce are preparing to repeat the investment of last season, by buying large spaces in northern periodicals, to set forth the advantages of homes and farms and investments in this state. But it will be ill-spent money if we haven't the goods to show. The surface of things must reflect the actual conditions underneath. The final test—and it is one that Florida has to meet fair and square—is the healthfulness summer and winter, that makes or mars any section. The climate is all right—hard to improve on—but are all Florida communities living up to their climate? Are they using intelligence in adopting sanitary appliances, private and public? Are they doing all possible to make their spots on the map attractive and healthful?

SAVES DAUGHTER

Advice of Mother no Doubt Prevents Daughter's Untimely End.

Ready, Ky.—"I was not able to do anything for nearly six months," writes Mrs. Laura Bratcher, of this place, "and was down in bed for three months. I cannot tell you how I suffered with my head, and with nervousness and womanly troubles. Our family doctor told my husband he could not do me any good, and he had to give it up. We tried another doctor, but he did not help me. At last, my mother advised me to take Cardui, the woman's tonic. I thought it was no use for I was nearly dead and nothing seemed to do me any good. But I took eleven bottles, and now I am able to do all of my work and my own washing. I think Cardui is the best medicine in the world. My weight has increased, and I look the picture of health."

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SWEATING FRUIT MAY VIOLATE LAW.

Food and Drugs Act Prevents Interstate Shipment of Sweated Immature Oranges and Grapefruit.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 25.—Growers and shippers of oranges and grapefruit are making many inquiries of the United States Department of Agriculture in reference to what action will be taken by the Department during the coming season toward preventing the shipment into interstate commerce of immature citrus fruits which have been artificially colored by sweating. The officials in charge of the enforcement of the Food and Drugs Act state they will be guided in their action by the position of the Department previously announced, to the effect that the shipment in interstate commerce of immature oranges and grapefruit, which are sweated either before shipment or en route, is a violation of the Food and Drugs Act when the sweating conceals inferiority by making unripe fruit appear to be ripe. The sweating process turns the green color of the unripe fruit to yellow, and fruit so treated has the appearance of being ripe. However, extensive investigations by the Department have shown that the sweating process does not ripen the immature fruit.

One of the tests to determine whether or not an orange is mature is the so-called "eight-to-one test." This test is based on the ratio of the soluble solids to the acid contained in the juice of the orange. The soluble solids increase as the oranges ripen, while the acid decreases. The oranges are considered immature until the juice contains soluble solids equal to, or in excess of, parts to each part of acid contained in the juice. The amount of soluble solids in orange juice is about equivalent to the amount of sugar it contains. The ratio of the sugar to the acid in the juice determines the sweetness of the orange. In the case of grapefruit, maturity is indicated by a ratio of seven parts of soluble solids in the juice to one part of acid. The United States Department of Agriculture will send to any grower or shipper, upon request, specific directions for making the eight-to-one test.

If oranges do not meet this test they are considered immature, and if colored by sweating then it is considered that inferiority is concealed. The position of the United States Department of Agriculture in reference to the sweating of immature citrus fruit is stated in Food Inspection Decision 133, and in Service and Regulatory Announcements of the Bureau of Chemistry numbered 11 and 15, which will be furnished upon application to the Department.

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SOLITUDE.

It is good, as often as we can within reason, to get away from people, away from the sight and sound of things, to be alone with nature for a season and get acquainted with ourselves.—Bruce Calvert.

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WHY W. V. KNOTT IS HIS CANDIDATE.

Hon. Albert Williamson, Brilliant Editor of Floridian, Gives Reasons.

We are now fully convinced that William V. Knott has been fairly nominated by the Democratic voters for Governor of Florida.

We have hesitated or temporized only on account of the so-called certificate (?) signed by the Honorable H. Clay Crawford, secretary of State. But as a plain matter of fact, the only instrument of writing that can properly be termed a certificate is the one mailed to each Board of County Commissioners in Florida certifying to the names of the various candidates entitled under the law to be printed on the official ballots to be voted at the general election in November.

When the vote was canvassed by the State canvassing board last June Sidney J. Catts unquestionably had a plurality of the first choice votes over W. V. Knott. But this SECOND CHOICE vote has made the difference in the final count, and Mr. Knott is clearly proven to be nominee of the Democratic party.

Had there been no second choice votes, Mr. Catts would have been the nominee but thereby hangs a tale. That second choice now takes the place of the second primary. There is a vast difference between a plurality and a majority.

The late Governor Broward when he first ran for the Senate, had in the first primary a large plurality over Senator Fletcher, but Senator Fletcher won out in the second, by a

majority that exceeded Governor Broward's plurality.

It will also be recalled that Hon. William A. Blount, led Senator Bryson in the first primary, six years ago, but all of us know the result of that second race.

Now as to the part played in this drama by the Circuit and Supreme courts of Florida: Errors and omissions in the counting of these ballots by the various inspectors and clerks conducting these primaries were palpable. Thereupon these courts only ordered a recount. The courts did not assume the roles of clerks and inspectors. They simply forced the same men who counted them originally, to count them again.

In this final count it is plainly proven that those second choice votes cast for Knott added to his first choice, gives him the nomination, and this fact certified by the State canvassing board to the proper authorities under the law, is the one and only one CERTIFICATE ever given.

Here is the point we meant to make plain: No instrument of writing given by H. Clay Crawford, secretary of State, to any candidate is of any value of import whatsoever. He might hold it the balance of his life, and it would never get his name printed on the official ballots according to law.

Now, we hear terrific squalls and lamentations going up from this Catts tribe about 66 votes cast for Catts that remain uncounted. But what about those 88 that still lie dormant for Knott?

In substance, the Supreme court of Florida has only said to the original counters of these ballots: "The State has already paid you for your work!—Go and correct your own errors!" This has been done, and W. V. Knott is the duly authenticated and certified nominee of the Democratic party of Florida, and it is the duty of every Democrat to go to the polls and cast his vote for Knott, as he swore he would do before he voted in the primary.

We can only pity the man who imagines that the Supreme court has done anything wrong in this connection. The most charitable thing to say of him is that this is but the outburst of ignorance.

Again, let us say that after mature study and deliberation, we have determined to support Mr. Knott for the reasons above given. We are going to say also that we have a limited knowledge of chemistry and of the many singular features imbibed from that study.

Now, just as an illustration, neither nitric nor muriatic acid will have any effect when applied to gold. But the two combined, making Nitro-Muriatic acid, will dissolve that precious metal.

We have also learned in the study of human nature, that a preacher is all right, and so is many a politician, but combine the two in one, and we invariably find the most consummate and infernal scoundrel that ever afflicted decent men or women with his presence.

Our compliments were paid to one of these shortly after a certain tirade made over here in Morocco Temple. The people of Gainesville will certify to still another delivered in that city; and while it may be unjust to say that no gentleman will vote for this creature, Sidney J. Catts, we do say that no gentleman has a right to vote for him.

We have an abiding faith in those precepts of the Bible, "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh!" and we would hate very much to be forced to print in cold

ELUDED CAPTURE ON TAMPA WATERS

Gen. Judah P. Benjamin Posed as Cook When Schooner Was Boarded

The meeting of the Florida Confederate Veterans in Tampa last week brought out many interesting stories of the war and the men prominent in leadership of the South in those days of civil strife. Here is one of them taken from The Tampa Times of Thursday:

Among the many interesting exhibits in the windows downtown, in connection with the reunion, is one which is of particular local interest. It is the sword of General Judah P. Benjamin, who was at one time attorney-general, and later secretary of state in Jefferson Davis' cabinet, and who escaped from the United States at the close of the war through this city.

General Benjamin was helped to escape by old Captain James McKay, a war-time mayor of Tampa, and he gave his sword to Captain McKay, Charles H. Spencer has the sword and arranged the exhibit in the window of Henry Giddens Clothing Co., Franklin and Lafayette streets.

From Tampa he went to Bradenton, living at the Gamble house now known as the Judah P. Benjamin house. Union soldiers learned of his presence and endeavored to capture him, according to a local tale. He was put in the boat with one man when a boat containing soldiers overtook it. As it approached, General Benjamin donned cooks' clothes, and ducked into the galley.

"Who's on board?" the Union commander asked. "No one but me and the cook," the skipper replied.

They went on, and by schooner reached the Bahama islands. From the Bahama General Benjamin went to England, and later became queen's counsel.

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Jack Sheppard as a Text. Jack Sheppard had a great hold upon the imagination of the people of his time. The fact that 200,000 people witnessed his execution at Tyburn on Nov. 18, 1724, is some witness to his grim popularity. But one of the strangest tributes ever paid him was the sermon preached upon him in a London church.

"Oh, that ye were all like Jack Sheppard!" began the preacher, to the stupefaction of his flock. He went on to draw a parallel between things of the flesh and those of the soul and to point out that the genius shown in house-breaking might have been bestowed upon "picking the locks of the heart with the nail of repentance."

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