

REMINISCENCES OF BILL ARP

Stories of the Genial Philosopher, Showing That His Sunny Wit Was Ever Bubbling Over.

The Atlanta Constitution of last Sunday published the following reminiscences of Bill Arp by Melville D. Landon (Eli Perkins):

The whole life of Bill Arp has been humorous and no man will stop work quicker and more cheerfully than he to hear a good joke. When I asked him one day if he really ever killed many Yankees, he said:

"Well, I don't want to boast about myself, but I killed as many of them as they did of me."

Speaking of pensions one day, Mr. Arp said every Yankee soldier ought to have a pension.

"But they were not all injured in the army, were they?" I asked.

"Yes, they all did so much hard lying about us poor rebels that they strained their consciences."

Bill Arp told of an occurrence in New York when he went there to lecture in Chickering Hall. He said he was standing on the steps of the Astor House one afternoon with a friend, when a man with a decidedly military bearing hobbled up. He greeted my friend as he passed.

"That's a fine soldierly looking chap," I said.

"Yes; he's a veteran—Colonel Jones, of the Grand Army of the Republic."

"Did he lose his leg on the battlefield?"

"Yes; at Gettysburg."

"Ah! Repelling Pickett's charge, I suppose."

"No; a monument fell on it."

They tell this story in Rome, Ga., about the Major. They say that in the summer

see what terms can be secured in case I surrender."

"Haven't you surrendered yet?" I inquired.

"No, sir! Not by a dog-on sight! I said I'd die in the last ditch, and I've kept my word."

"Whose company did you belong to?"

"Belong! Belong! Thunderation! I didn't belong to any one's company! Why, sir, I fought on my own hook."

"Where was it?"

"No matter, sir; no matter. I can't be crushed. I can be insulted, but not crushed. Good day, sir; I'll see the United States weep tears of blood before I'll surrender. Haven't a card, but my name is Arp—Bill Arp."

"He went off, but in about a week he returned and began:

"As the impression seems to be general that the Southern Confederacy has been crushed, I call to see what terms would be granted me in case I concluded to lay down my sword."

"Unconditional surrender," I briefly replied.

"Then, doggone it, sir, I'll never lay it down while life is left. The cause is lost, but principle remains. You can inform General Sheridan that Bill Arp refuses to surrender."

"Arp returned two weeks later. He seemed to have had a hard time of it, as his uniform was in rags and his pockets empty. 'Look a-here, Captain,' he said as he came in, 'I don't want to prolong this bloody strife, but I am forced to do so by honor. If accorded reasonable terms

I might surrender. What do you say?"

"The same as before."

"Then you are determined to grind us to powder, eh? Sooner than submit I'll shed the rest of my blood! Send on your armies, Captain, I am ready for 'em."

"Just a week from that day Arp came in again, said he'd like to surrender, drew his rations with the rest and went off in great good humor to his Cartersville farm."

Athletic Record of Oak Ridge.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Oak Ridge, N. C., Aug. 29.—The specialty of Oak Ridge Institute is not athletics, but in base ball and foot ball as well as in track athletics it has been able to hold its own with the best teams of the colleges and preparatory schools of this State and other States put out.

Among the players developed here are such men as George Stephens, who for a long time was the equal of any college ball pitcher in the country, and who made a record at Chapel Hill both in baseball and football, which has never been surpassed; Robert Stafford now captain of the Atlanta Southern League team, who at one time played on the National League at Louisville, and whose reputation is national; Clarence Brake, the well known catcher of North Carolina; J. T. Bennett, third baseman on Atlanta team; Robert Wicker, who is making such great reputation this year as a pitcher on the Chicago National League team; R. L. Carter, the brilliant left fielder on the Omaha team of the Western League; Cabell Cooke, who was a prominent player on the North Carolina League last year, and who was this year captain and pitcher for the Madison (Fla.) team; Robert Wright, who was captain on the University Foot Ball team in 1899, one of the brainiest foot ball men the University ever had, at present professor of English and History in Baltimore City College; Earle Holt, who has been first baseman for the University of North Carolina for four years, and captain of that team of 1902, who was the all Southern full-back of 1902, and captain of the August, Ga., team this year; George Suggs, one of the most brilliant pitchers on the North Carolina League last year, and one of the successful pitchers in the Columbia, S. C., team this year, and many others.

Indeed, it has been said that if all the brilliant players, who began their work at Oak Ridge Institute, were to get upon the same team, it would hold its own in all probability, with most of the major league teams of the country. It will be observed in this connection that nearly every one of these players was developed on the Oak Ridge athletic grounds; that it is contrary to the plans of this institution to import players for the occasion, indeed, such is the sentiment now at Oak Ridge among the boys themselves that if the manager of the athletic association was to undertake to import a man for the weak point, as some

do, there would be general rebellion among the student body. The boys claim the right to do their own playing. I challenge comparison with this record.

LAWYER SPEAKS OUT.

Defends His Profession by Example of Gamaliel, a Doctor of Law.
(Charlotte News.)

Appropos of the general abuse of the legal profession throughout the country a Charlotte lawyer said in a talk this morning:

"Some years ago, at a gathering in the eastern part of the country, a well known preacher and lawyer were the principal speakers. The preacher spoke first and in closing he said that he would be followed by a lawyer whom he had great respect for but did not have that same respect for his profession. The lawyer in opening his remarks said: 'Next to the profession of the ministry of the gospel he thought no profession higher or nobler than that of the lawyer. It was the doctor of the law who quieted those who did not want Peter and John to teach in the temple; and when those in authority and others were about to slay these ministers the great Gamaliel arose and quieted the lawless mob, and told them if what they preached, be of God you cannot overthrow it.' They listened to him, and from that day to this the lawyers have been the conservators of peace and through their influence and advice in calming the turbid tumults and wild passions of men, the ministers have been able to preach the gospel of peace, repentance and forgiveness of sin."

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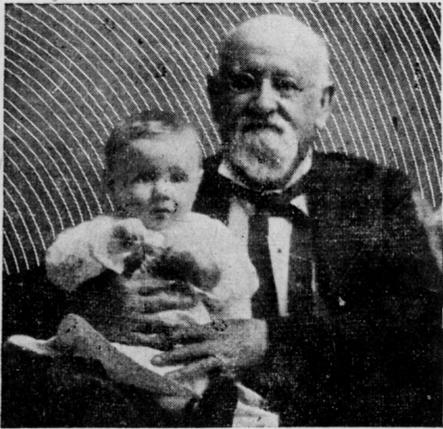
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