

FACTS ABOUT TULSA AND BIG REUNION

FINANCIAL STRENGTH IS EQUAL TO ANY UNDERTAKING

BANK STATISTIC SHOW WEALTH

Ready to Entertain Old Confederates
September 24-27 Inclusive—
A Solid Week of Pleasure.

Tulsa, Okla., August.—When the ex-Confederate soldiers, and their allied organizations, select a city in which to hold a reunion, if they have never met in that city before, desire for information concerning the new meeting place is widespread throughout the southern states. The Confederates last year in Washington city selected Tulsa, Okla., as the place for the reunion of 1918. It was the first time an Oklahoma city had been selected as a reunion city, and the interest already mentioned attaches to Tulsa first, to Oklahoma second.

The first and most important consideration among the very large number of people interested in reunions, is the matter of ability of a reunion city to finance the meeting. It is well known that, to properly entertain a Confederate reunion, from \$75,000 to \$100,000 is necessary. The question, therefore, in the minds of the people of the south is, "Can Tulsa furnish the money?"

No Confederate reunion city has more money, population considered, than Tulsa. Few of them have as much, with no consideration as to the population. A brief statement of Tulsa's financial strength should dispel any doubt that may have arisen on this score. In fact, the fund for entertaining the reunion is already subscribed and assured. One hundred thousand dollars, if necessary, will be expended to entertain the reunion.

A consolidated bank statement reveals the strength of the community in money. Under the comptroller's call for bank statements of the date of May 10, 1918, the banks of Tulsa showed the following wealth:

Total capital and surplus, \$3,080,000.
Total undivided profits, \$490,159.23.
Total deposits, \$52,336,215.57.
Total resources, \$59,682,974.02.

Examine now the table of bank clearings. In the month of June, 1918, the total clearings, as shown by the report of the clearinghouse association were \$47,082,045.17. Taking these figures as a monthly average for the year, the total clearings for 1918 will be \$564,984,540. This statement is under, rather than above, the figures for the year, because the clearings are increasing every month. It is safe to estimate the total bank clearings for 1918 at six hundred millions. The clearings in June, 1918, were 60.8 per cent above those of the same month of 1917.

While Tulsa is the great money center of the southwest, her people are patriotic also. They are giving and lending their money to the government for war purposes in large volume. At the close of the campaign for the third liberty loan, the community had donated and loaned to war purposes \$18,607,900. This statement includes three or four comparatively small donations to educational and charitable institutions, altogether amounting to less than a million dollars. So, Tulsa has contributed more than \$17,000,000 to the various war loans and straight donation funds. Her quota of \$4,600,000 in the third liberty loan, was subscribed in less than a week.

A community that enjoys the financial strength that these figures indicate, can finance any undertaking it may invite. Tulsa invited the Confederates to come here with their 1918 reunion, fully understanding what it would cost. And Tulsa will pay the reunion bill.

Tulsa will not only pay the reunion bill, but she will pay it ungrudgingly. She will also extend the glad hand to all reunion visitors. The dates of the reunion are Sept. 24-27 inclusive. The railroads have granted a rate of one cent a mile each way, tickets to go on sale September 19, good for returning home as late as October 31.

HEAD OF THE VETERANS



Gen. George P. Harrison, of Opelika, Ala., Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans' Association.

TULSA'S REUNION CAUSES INTEREST

MANY INQUIRIES CONCERNING ORIGIN OF THAT CITY'S NAME

FACT OF HISTORY BRIEFLY TOLD

Reunion Visitors In September Will Be Surprised and Entertained By Historic Surroundings of the City.

Tulsa, Okla., Aug.—In view of the fact that people all over the south are beginning to talk about Tulsa, and the Confederate reunion, it is not surprising that interest is attached to the name and that people of an investigating turn of mind should make inquiries about it.

Some years ago Dr. Fred S. Clinton published a pamphlet on this subject and a copy of it has been preserved in the public library. From this pamphlet it appears that the word "Tulsa" is not descriptive of man or beast. It means nothing in itself. It is simply the name of a former clan of the Creek Indians. Dr. Clinton says:

"Anciently, clans, or secret societies, existed among the Creek Indians out of which, in the march of progress, a constitutional form of government was framed, and these clans sent their representatives to the councils of the Creeks. There was a time when this oligarchic government was very strongly established among the Creeks, or Muscogees, because the members of the clans were not allowed to intermarry and representatives were hereditary. One of these clans was known by the name of Tulsa, and in this manner the settlement took its name."

The first settler within the present limits of the city of Tulsa was Archie Yahola, a full-blooded Creek Indian. He was a man of fine physique and possessed a superior mind. He came here from Georgia in 1836, and was selected town chief of the Tulsa Lochapokas. His followers idolized him, and when he died, in 1850, he was buried in the southern part of the city near the amphitheatre erected by the clan for the practice of their religious rites.

Tulsa's growth has been very rapid of recent years. It is now a modern city with an estimated population of 80,000. It has bank deposits of \$53,000,000, with total resources of \$60,000,000. The monthly bank clearings are approximately \$50,000,000. The greater part of this wealth comes from the oil industry, total daily shipments of oil from the city being 300,000 barrels. It may be of interest to make note of the fact that Tulsa is the center of the Mid-Continent Oil belt from which the nation is receiving a large per cent of the oil necessary to the prosecution of the European war.

Tulsa is also a patriotic city. At the close of the drive for the third Liberty Loan, the community had invested \$18,607,900 in various war funds. Every demand on the community for war purposes has been promptly met. Tulsa's quota of the third Liberty Loan was subscribed in less than a week.

The community will redeem its pledge to the ex-Confederates like it redeems all of its obligations and meets its responsibilities. That the reunion here Sept. 24-27 inclusive will be one of the best in the history of the United Confederate Veterans' association, is assured. It is believed that the attendance will reach 100,000 and arrangements are being perfected to entertain that large number of people.

Tulsa has an interesting historical background. A corner of the Cherokee, Creek and Osage nations was within a few hundred yards of the center of the business section of the city. The Albert Pike highway, and the historic Ozark trail cross each other here. Washington Irving stopped here in 1832 while making his American tour. Sam Houston, the celebrated warrior-statesman left records of his wanderings around the city. Some of the old frontier forts that figured conspicuously in the early history of the southwest, were located near the present site of the city and their remains are yet to be seen. All along the Arkansas river, there are points of historic interest that visitors to the reunion will see with pleasure and profit.

But it is modern Tulsa that will interest the visitor most, because it is a marvel of enterprise and thrift. The new portion of the city rivals in beauty and magnificence anything on the continent. The most modern skyscrapers west of the Mississippi river are to be seen in Tulsa, and its skyline is ever changing. Development of the oil industry has made it possible for these modern buildings to be erected. Vast fortunes have been made in this one industry. Yet, there are a variety of industries here that generously repay those who have their money invested in them.

Reunion visitors will find the surroundings at Tulsa entirely different from any place where reunions have been held in the past. It will be a new world to many. Oklahoma is a wonderful section of the country, and its development of late years has been marvelous. Reunion visitors will be surprised at the growth of Tulsa and the development of the oil industry hereabouts.

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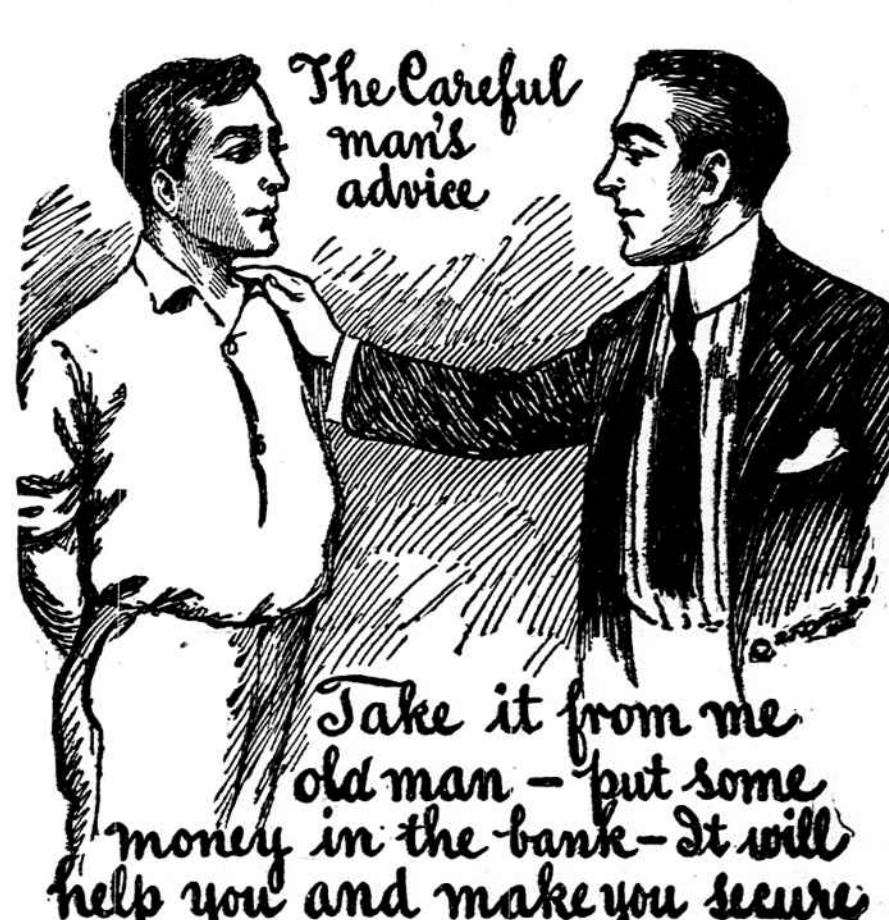
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