

# THE HEROES WHO WORE THE GRAY.

The Reunion at Dallas a Great Success.  
MORE THAN A HUNDRED THOUSAND VISITORS IN CITY.

The 14th annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans' association began at the auditorium in the Fair Grounds adjacent to the city of Dallas, Texas, on the 22nd of April. The grounds had been converted into a camp named after Albert Sydney Johnston, the dashing leader who fell at Shiloh, and the tents were crowded to the limit on the first day.

The great mess shed, seating 12,000, was opened at 10 o'clock. An army of cooks and waiters worked like beavers, while the veterans, with a hunger born of a night in the open, did their best in an able manner to keep the cooks busy. Beans, coffee and milk by the barrels; meat, hard tack and necessities by the wagon load disappeared in marvellous fashion. "The boys are eatin' as if they'd been separated from the wagon train for about three days," is the way one Louisianian put it.

The convention was compelled to open with General Gordon, the commander in chief, absent. General Gordon, accompanied by Chaplain General Jones, was delayed.

Among those on the stage were Judge John H. Reagan, the only surviving member of the Davis cabinet; W. L. Cabell; General Stephen D. Lee, a cousin of R. E. Lee; Governor Heard, of Louisiana; Mayor Capdevielle, of New Orleans; Colonel Lee Crandall, who was on "Stonewall" Jackson's staff; Miss Lucy Lee Hill, of Chicago, the sponsor in chief of the U. C. V. and Miss Virginia Padlock, of Fort Worth, Texas, the chief maid of honor.

Louisville and New Orleans are both candidates for the next reunion. As Louisville had the reunion two years ago it is expected that the honor will go to New Orleans.

When the convention opened, the veterans, many of them comparing the bounteous plenty of their breakfasts with the starvation they were often called upon to endure during the war, were in high good humor. The building, seating 8,000 people, was filled to the topmost row soon after the convention was called to order by General K. M. Vanzandt, president of the Texas reunion association. From pillar and post hung bunting and flags and pictures of old Confederate chiefs. Electric lights in profusion gave a perfect light and added materially to the ornamentation of the interior. The crowds were composed not alone of veterans, but of their sons and wives and daughters. Maids of honor and sponsors, some—namely those from Louisiana—in brass buttons and Confederate gray, but the majority in cool white—lent an air of ornamentation to the scene. No applause was more enthusiastic than theirs, and no sympathy more apparent, as they were familiar with the heroic sufferings of the old men they had come to honor.

Following the opening of the meeting by General Vanzandt, Chaplain Young, of Texas, delivered a touching invocation. Governor Joseph D. Sayers, on behalf of Texas, then welcomed the visitors to the State. Governor Sayers said in part:

"Today this mighty gathering, after so many years, from every part of the Southland, attests with convincing emphasis the enduring affection for them among the living. Of our dead it may in all truth be said:

"How sleep the brave who sink to rest,  
By all their country's wishes blest!  
When spring, with dewy fingers, cold,  
Returns to deck their lowly mould,  
She there shall dress a sweeter sod  
Than fancy's feet have ever trod.

"By fairy hands their knell is rung,  
By forms unseen their dirge is sung;  
There honor comes a pilgrim gray,  
To bless the turf that wraps their clay;  
And freedom shall awhile repair  
To dwell a weeping hermit there."

"But magnificent beyond all description as was the exhibition of American genius, courage and steadfastness to duty in this great conflict of arms, the reconciliation that has taken place between the States, that had warred so fiercely and so long, will give to history a theme with which to adorn its brightest and fairest pages. To its accomplishment it is gratifying to recall the ex-president of the Confederacy contributed in no small degree. In one of his latest public utterances to the people of the South he said:

"Men in whose hands the destiny of our Southland lies, for love of her I break my silence and speak now a few words of respectful admonition. The past is dead. Let it bury its dead with its hopes and aspirations. Let me beseech you to lay aside all rancor, all bitter sectional feeling and take your place in the rank of those who will bring a consummation devoutly to be wished—a reunited people."

In welcoming the veterans on behalf of the Confederate veterans of Texas, Hon. C. B. Gerald, of Waco, paid a tribute to the Confederate soldier, both in war and in peace; condemned imperialism and opposed the admission of Confederate veterans to homes for Union soldiers, though he said he honored President McKinley for his expressions upon this subject, adding that "he thought he voiced the sentiment of the South when he said that McKinley's death was the greatest calamity this land has known since the death of Lincoln."

Mr. Gerald's welcome to the veterans was in the following words:

"Comrades, Ladies and Visitors: An old time Greek has said, 'Build monuments of imperishable marble to commemorate victories over foreign foes, but only those of decaying wood to perpetuate the memories of civil strife.' Perhaps it would have been better had this sentiment taken deep root in this land of ours, but it has not done so, and the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic and its Sons of Veterans naturally produced the Confederate Veterans and Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy. The men in blue light their annual camp fires, tell the stories of the past, and rejoice in the victory won, so, the men

in a small space than any other country in the world. As proof, I point you to little Spindle Top where a few acres can pour out of the greasy throats of boiling, thundering gushers, oil enough to light every hamlet in the land, and at the same time, if government experiments are successful, enough oil to kill all the mosquitoes from the Jersey shore to the Mexican border.

"Again, Texas has the biggest cities of their size in all the universe. Shall I illustrate by name one? The throbbing heart of every veteran in this assembly has already answered with the name of Dallas—beautiful Dallas, holding now in her loving embrace more people from the outside than she has population inside. And who are these men whom she so tenderly and so lovingly embraces? Why this outpouring of her people? Is some princely lineage passing in her streets? There are no Prince Ikonys here—no brother, nor other kin of the great to your thought are greater than princes, grander than potentates. Here are men of the purest and most royal lineage—men in whose veins runs the blood of the founders of this mighty republic whose mission it is to light up for struggling humanity the highway to freedom. Here are the veterans of the proudest of armies—hoary with age and ennobled by sacrifice, who by their own individual heroism in the bloodiest of wars, by their self-control and self-reliance through the long crucifixion which followed, have won the admiration of all men who honor manhood and love liberty. In a word, my fellow countrymen of Texas, believe, and you have a right to believe that every soldier who bravely fought in the Confederate army and remained loyal to its principles, as well as loyal to the republic, is a prince in his own right and by his own achievement. You believe, and have a right to believe, that every gray cap that ever sheltered the head of a faithful Confederate private is a nobler crown than that worn by any potentate on earth. But I am trespassing and must close with the affectionate greetings of these soldiers to this great State and glorious city. Our hats are off to both, and so long as life lasts we will hold you in loving embrace."

The applause which met the conclusion of General Gordon's speech was terrific.

**THE SECOND DAY'S REUNION**  
Gen. Gordon Re-Elected Commander and New Orleans Next Place of Meeting.

The Confederate Veterans' reunion in Dallas transacted important business on the second day. Gen. John B. Gordon was re-elected commander of the U. C. V. by acclamation amid the greatest enthusiasm. Gen. Stephen D. Lee was elected for the Army of the Tennessee; Gen. W. L. Cabell for the Trans-Mississippi, and Gen. C. Irvine Walker, of South Carolina, to succeed the late Gen. Wade Hampton as commander of the Army of Northern Virginia. New Orleans was selected as the place for the next reunion.

The election of officers took place unexpectedly at the close of the day's session, and in each case the choice was unanimous by a rising vote.

When Gen. Gordon called the convention to order in the morning, memorial services were held in honor of the late Gen. Wade Hampton. Chaplain General Jones delivered the invocation, and General Stephen D. Lee followed with an eulogy of the late Gen. Hampton, who was a lieutenant, a lieutenant colonel and a colonel of artillery. His associations with the famous soldier had been intimate and there were tears in his eyes as he spoke of Hampton's recent death.

General Gordon spoke briefly of the dead soldier. "With his death," said the general, "a great light went out. No; did I say the light went out. The light of such a life can never go out—but will burn forever, a light to guide our footsteps to the highest pinnacle of glory."

"Nearer, My God, to Thee," was then sung by the audience, following which the several resolutions for General Hampton were adopted.

When the afternoon meeting was called to order Chairman J. Taylor

**INDUSTRIAL AND GENERAL**

President Roosevelt has decided that the neutrality laws are not violated by the shipment of horses from this country to South Africa.

During the past year the Kaiser has decorated no fewer than 2,473 persons with either a star or a ribbon—a greater number than any year since Wilhelm II ascended the throne.

Admiral Dewey has been invited to Denver as a guest of honor at a banquet which the First Regiment of the Colorado National Guard will give to General Frederick Funston, commander of the department of Colorado, on May 1, the anniversary of the battle of Manila Bay.

The musket used by Major John Buttrick at the North Bridge in Concord, on April 19, 1775, has been presented by his two great-grandchildren, the only remaining members of the family, to the State of Massachusetts, and it is to be deposited in the State House in Boston for permanent preservation.

John Sineox, of Sterling, Kan., has eleven children and fifty-one grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In his family there has been but one death, that of his wife, in more than fifty years. He never lost a child nor a grandchild in fifty years a doctor



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Stratton, of the resolutions committee, reported. Among the resolutions adopted was one withdrawing the support of all Confederate Veterans from Grant University, Tennessee, on account of an alleged disparaging article concerning the Southern women, which, it was stated, had been made by a professor of that university.

The resolutions called forth an eloquent tribute to Southern womanhood. The report of the historical committee, headed by Gen. Lee, was adopted. It recommends:

1. The compilation of material that will help the historian and the student to understand the civil war, its causes and its results.

2. The preparation of a book for collateral use and reference in schools and libraries.

3. The preparation of brief biographies and school histories that will do justice to Southern leadership. Southern character, Southern environment and Southern development.

The greater part of the report was devoted to the consideration of these recommendations:

A proposition to change the Confederate Memorial Day from May 26 to June 3, the birthday of Jefferson Davis, precipitated considerable discussion.

The present plan, which was fixed upon by Southern women and which gives the States the right to set their own State day, had many supporters. The resolutions were amended to fix on June 3, but to allow any State desiring a different date to take individual action, and in this form were passed.

The credentials committee reported that 707 camps had paid their per capita tax of 40 cents, entitled to 2,828 votes. Seven hundred and forty-eight camps were reported in arrears. The report of the Davis monument committee showed slow progress. It showed that there was \$3,500 on hand and \$10,000 more was needed. Department commanders were urged to prosecute the work of collecting funds. The work towards securing funds for the proposed Southern women's monument was also reported to be progressing slowly. The report appealed to Southern chivalry to see that this monument should become a fact.

The report of the committee on Battle Abbey, of which Gen. Clement A. Evans is chairman, consumed the rest of the afternoon session. It was very voluminous and was supplemented by a history of the movement even more voluminous. The report showed that of the \$200,000 necessary for the reconstruction of the Museum the treasury now holds \$175,050.

One of the touching incidents of the day was the presentation of Judge John H. Reagan, the last survivor of the Davis Cabinet, to the Veterans.

"It may be the last time for many of us to see this venerable man. His health is frail and we ourselves are getting along in years," said Gen. Gordon as he half-supported the former Postmaster General with his arm.

The white-haired survivor of that historic Cabinet bowed repeatedly, but did not speak.

A vote of thanks to Wm. H. Knuss, of Columbus, Ohio, was adopted. Mr. Knuss, at his own expense, has erected a monument to the Confederate dead who are buried at Columbus.

never crossed his doorstep on professional business but once.

The recent visit to Washington of former United States Senator William A. Washburn brings to mind the fact that his family is the only one that ever had three brothers in Congress at the same time. They were Elihu B. Washburn, of Illinois, Cadwallader Colden Washburn, of Wisconsin, and Israel Washburn, of Maine. They are all brothers of the former Senator from Maine.

A Paris dispatch says that M. Cadet, an oculist of Bordeaux, has been successful in the treatment of cataract without operations, by the application of baths of salicylate of soda. He has arrested the progress of the cataract in numerous cases, and is sanguine of success if the treatment is begun at an early stage.

A new portrait of President Buchanan, painted by William Chase, of New York, has just been hung in the Green Room at the White House, and the old portrait, which became discolored, has been removed at the request of Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnson, President Buchanan's niece, who replaced it with the new likeness.

Governor Frank White, of North Dakota, has appointed Friday, May 9, as Arbor Day for the State, and especially recommends that "an elm tree be lovingly planted and tenderly cared for upon the ground of every school and public institution of the State in memory of our martyred President, William McKinley."

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