

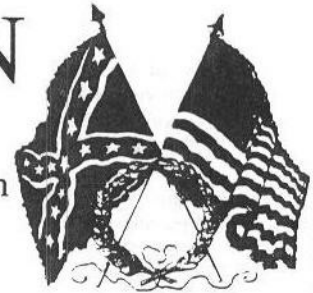
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"Poor is the nation that has no heroes; shameful is the nation that has them and forgets."

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President's Corner

by Pres. Dennis Loba

Spring greetings to everyone, and welcome to our new members! I hope all of you are now planning to attend our National Encampment coming up on May 1-3, 1992 in Ashland, Ohio. The Encampment will be held in conjunction with the annual Ohio Civil War Show. We are printing a tentative schedule of events, lodging, and other details elsewhere in "The VETERAN" for your convenience and planning. We will once again be holding our dinner/business meeting at the Surrey Inn as another suitable location could not be found.

Since this year marks the centennial of the G.A.R.'s 26 National Encampment held in Washington, D.C. (as some of you know, I have collected memorabilia relating to this particular encampment for a number of years), I have volunteered to present our "After Dinner" program on the 1892 Encampment. I offered my services to Don Williams (Chairman of the Ohio Civil War Show) last year to do a program on this encampment as well,

and lo and behold he took me up on my offer! I'm scheduled to do my program on Sunday, May 3rd, at noon there at the show. I mention this just to let you all know that if you can only come to Ashland on one day, a Veteran-related

or something else you wish to be discussed at our business meeting, please contact one of you association officers. We will make sure it's brought up! Good luck researching and collecting. I'll see you in Ashland.



G.A.R. Plaque, incise carved solid walnut. In bottom of seal: "1861-Veteran-1866." Prob. one-of-a-kind. 13 x 17. \$235.*

The above was recently noticed advertised for sale. Submitted by Dave Maloney.

program will be presented on Sunday too.

Remember, if you can't attend the encampment but you have an issue

This issue of "The VETERAN" marks the end of a era. CWVHA Secretary Marshall Brighenti is stepping down after several years of dedicated service to the Association. It is with great pride that I thank Marshall for his unselfish commitment to our organization. Marshall's long tenure has been highlighted by a rapidly growing membership and the change to a professional-looking newsletter. Our hats are off to you, Marshall!!!

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Beginning in 1836 U.S. patents were assigned a number beginning with the number "1". Prior to that time, patents were issued using the inventor's last name. Oftentimes an item's age can be determined by the information printed on the item itself. In the 19th century and continuing into the 20th century items were marked with the patent date, but beginning in the early part of this century, patented items were marked with the patent number rather than with the patent date.

David J. Maloney, Jr. of Collector's Information Clearinghouse and author of the *CIC Antiques & Collectibles Resource Directory* has announced that a bookmark-style U.S. Patent Number/Date Reference Table is now available free for the asking. Printed on heavy coated stock and mea-

suring 2½" x 8¼", the table lists invention patent numbers and the years in which they were issued beginning in 1836 with patent #1 and extending through 1981.

The patent reference table is ideal for quickly approximating the age of an item marked with a U.S. patent number. To receive your free U.S. Patent Number/Date Reference Table, send a long self-addressed and stamped envelope (LSASE) to CIC, P.O. Box 2049, Frederick, MD 21702-1049. Limit is one per person, but additional copies are available for \$1 each plus a LSASE. These reference tables make great gifts. Sorry, requests not accompanied by a LSASE cannot be honored. Please make checks payable to Collector's Information Clearinghouse. For more information call (301) 695-8544.

David, a former dealer in 19th century Americana, is a full-time professional personal property appraiser who specializes in antiques and collectibles. He serves on the Board of Counselors of the International Society of Appraisers and on the Board of Directors of the moving industry's Claims Prevention & Procedure Council. David is a member of the CWWHA and is Associate Editor of this newsletter, "The VETERAN".

Badge Descriptions

Drawing and Description by Pres.

Dennis Loba

The 1893 (27th) National Encampment Delegate's Badge, Indianapolis, Indiana (shown actual size.) The top pinback bar is of chocolate bronze and depicts the Indiana state seal flanked by the inscription "SEPT / 1893" and above a banner inscribed "INDIANAPOLIS". From the pin hangs a yellow ribbon embroidered with the intertwined letters "GAR" in red, white and blue (same as the 26th National Encampment ribbon.) Suspended from the ribbon is a chocolate

bronze bar centering the bust profile of Benjamin Harrison flanked by a sitting Indian chief to the left and a sitting woman holding child to the right. From the bar is suspended an oval chocolate bronze drop depicting the Indianapolis Soldiers/Sailors Monument of the front and inscribed "Presented to Members of the 27th National Encampment by Citizen's Executive Board".



Above. GAR 1893 (27th) National Encampment Delegate's Badge

ASHLAND ENCAMPMENT INFORMATION

Make plans now to attend the Ohio Civil War Show and our Association's National Encampment. Here is the schedule:

Friday, May 1, 1992

5-9 pm: Set up for the show table holders at the Ohio Civil War Show at the Ashland University Convocation Center (sorry, only table holders are admitted at this time.)

9-? pm: Informal get-together of whoever wants to or whoever happens to be present after table setup. We usually go somewhere close for refreshments, conversation and fellowship.

Saturday, May 2, 1992

7-9 am: Table holders setup (sorry, only table holders are admitted at this time.)

9 am - 5 pm: The Ohio Civil War Show open to the public.

6:30 pm: Dinner/business meeting at the Surrey Inn Large Banquet Room (1065 Claremont Ave., Ashland)

7 pm: Dinner. We will have about twelve different entrées from which to choose including chicken, beef and seafood.

Time TBA: Business meeting following the dinner. Bring your issues, ideas, etc. to discuss with the membership.

Time TBA: After Dinner program "The GAR and the 26th National Encampment 1892" presented by Pres. Dennis Loba.

Sunday, May 3, 1992

9 am - 3pm: The Ohio Civil War show open to the public. Informal fellowship and final good-byes.

12 noon: Program "The GAR and the 26th National Encampment 1892" presented by Pres. Dennis Loba.

LODGING, etc.

Ashland University does have a limited amount of dormitory housing available during the show weekend. These are dorm rooms and the bath facilities are down the hall. Rates are singles \$17.50,

doubles \$24.50. If interested, contact Lois White at 419-289-5252.

There are also motels in and around Ashland, but, again, space is limited. The following is a list of them:

Ashland:

L-K Motel (I-71/US 250) 419-281-0567

Holiday Inc. Motel (601 E. Main) 419-281-9691

Mansfield (10 miles from Ashland):

Holiday Inn (116 Park Ave. West) 419-525-6000

Travel Lodge (137 Park Ave. West) 419-522-5142 or 800-255-3050
Best Western (880 Laver Rd.) 419-589-2200 or 800-528-1234

Olde Towne Inn (1336 Ashland Rd.) 419-589-2500

Knight's Inn (Trimble Rd. & U.S. 30) 419-529-2100

Comfort Inn (Trimble Rd. & U.S. 30) 419-529-1000 or 800-228-2000


Ashland also has many eating places from fast food to family restaurants. Some members in the past have dined downstairs in the Convocation Center (where the show is held) student cafeteria during the hours that the show is open. Finding something to eat while visiting Ashland is not a problem.

Please make your lodging reservations now! This is a large show and many people come to Ashland to attend it!

From the Editor

by Marshall Brighenti

Since this is the last issue of "The VETERAN" that I will serve as Editor/Publisher, I would like to thank everyone who assisted me over the past five years, especially Pres. Dennis Loba, Tres. Howard Siglag, David Klinepeter, Richard Haussmann, Rance Hulshart and Assoc. Ed. Dave Maloney. A special thanks to my wife, Julieann, for all her help. The improvements to


"The VETERAN" during the last two years can be attributed to a large extent to the frequent contributions of Rance Hulshart and to the publication efforts of Dave Maloney. Thanks for all your help. It made my job a lot easier! 

Souvenir Badges - The Story Continues

by Pres. Dennis Loba

Recently, while collecting information on the GAR's 1892 26th National Encampment, I ran across a drawing (see next page) in a September 1892 issue of the "Washington Post" newspaper. The drawing confirms something that I had suspected for a number of years - the existence of the "Badge Vendor."

As much as I had studied other drawings, ads and many encampment photographs, I had never been able to find a trace of a street vendor of souvenir badges. Somehow, though, with literally hundreds of souvenir badges still in existence (the majority from 1882 - 1915), I remained convinced that there had to be someone out "selling" in the middle of the tremendous crowds that gathered for these events.

The sketch on page 4 shows a vendor (he also appears to be a veteran - note his kepi) with his badge display suitcase strapped on and "conducting business." Quite possibly he had a regular job with the badge company, or, perhaps, he was just earning extra money on the side. I have surrounded the drawing with eight souvenir-type badges from the GAR 1892 National Encampment. The badges are representative of the kinds of badges that vendors would have been selling at the time. 

Portland, Me., Oct 11th 1885.

To C. E. Amos Esq

Dear Comrade

The inclosed will explain to you who I am. I have received so many invitations from G. A. R. Posts, Church Societies, Temperance Lodges, Granges and other organizations, to take part in their Entertainments, that I have decided to make the Falmouth Hotel, in Portland, my head-quarters until Dec. 15th.

I have a number of engagements at present, and if you desire me to come to your place and take part in any entertainment, you should notify me a few days ahead, so that I can give you a date that will not conflict with the engagements I have made.

I always bring with me the original Silver Drum, presented to me by Horace Greeley in 1862, and the Garfield and Arthur Sticks of 1880. If you have not a good fifer I can furnish one from Portland. I always like to have one play with me.

All I charge you is my expenses, and just what your Committee feel pleased to give me. I have no agent, and any further information desired, address me in care of the Falmouth Hotel, Portland, Me.

I hope to hear from you, as I should like to visit your city before I return to my home in Dakota Territory. *I have never played to a failure.*

Yours Respectfully,



ROBERT HENRY HENDERSHOT,

Drummer Boy of the Rappahannock.

Ladies of the GAR Pioneer Club

by Rance Hulshart

Recently I acquired a small brass pin which should be of interest to all members, particularly the lady members. The pinback is shown to the right and is approximately 1/2" tall and 1/2" wide. The center of the badge features a five-point star within a dark blue enamel background. The center of the star itself is white enamel with the G.A.R. soldier-sailor motif. The points are red enamel, and each contains a symbol of the various branches of the service. The pin is circumscribed "PIONEER / L. of G.A.R." The pin is connected by a brass chain to a pinback numeral "40".



While researching another item in a copy of the 1936 Ladies of the G.A.R. National Proceedings Journal, I was fortunate to discover an article pertinent to this pin. It stated that in 1934 the "Pioneer Club" was formed. Eligibility to this club required membership in the L. of the G.A.R. for no less than 25 years. It is my theory that the lady who owned this pin (Alice M. James, Past Dept. of PA President from 1934-35) wore this pin when she had been a member of the L.G.A.R. for forty years. I figure the numerals which were attached by chain to the pin could be purchased in five-year increments. Anyone who owns a copy of the 1934 L.G.A.R. National Proceedings Journal is encouraged to look through it and send Marshall any additional information concerning the "Pioneer Club" for publication in our next newsletter. ✍

Union Veterans Corps

by Rance Hulshart

Within the last five months I have acquired four items (a letterhead, a lapel stud, and two photographs) con-

cerning an organization I was not previously familiar with - the Union Veteran Corps. One of the items, the Union Veteran Corps letterhead, is illustrated on the following page. Two of the items, the letterhead and the lapel stud, have direct connections with Washington, DC.

The first photograph, slightly larger than a cabinet card, is identified as being of Charles Hartel. Regretfully, there is no photographer's imprint. Hartel is shown wearing a five-button fatigue-type jacket with collar and cuff trim similar to a Civil War frockcoat. On his left breast is a regular comrade G.A.R. membership badge along with two additional badges which, regretfully, are unclear. On his upper arm is a crossed flags insignia inside a "V"-shaped chevron of sergeant stripes. (The G.A.R. used this insignia to indicate "Color Sergeant".) Balanced across the front of his body is a large U.S. flag. Printed on the stripe portion of the flag is "PRESENTED TO / UNION VETERAN / CORPS BY FRIENDS / ———". The end of the inscription is hidden within the folds of the flag. Hartel is also wearing a kepi with unclear insignia on the front. A companion photo shows him wearing an officer's double-breasted jacket with fringed epaulets and with the same

three badges. In this second photo Hartel is balancing a sword in front of him. Written on the back of the photo is "Chas. Hartel / Lt. Union Veteran / Corps / Old Grand / 1881 to 1885."

The final item is a round brass lapel stud 15.5 mm in diameter. The center is inscribed "D.C." within black enamel. The stud is circumscribed within three equally divided section with the words "Union" on yellow enamel, "Veteran" on red enamel and "Corps" on blue enamel. Please note that this is the same color scheme used by the "Union Veteran's Union" which was organized in Washington, D.C. in 1886. Was the "Union Veteran Corps" the forerunner of the "Union Veterans' Union"? The similarity in their names, the UVC 1881-1885 dates (on the back of the second photo of Hartel) predate the founding of the UVU, the similarity in appearance of their lapel studs, and the fact that both headquarters were located in Washington, DC would seem to indicate a link. If anyone can either verify or disclaim this theory, or if anyone has additional information concerning the Union Veteran Corps, please contact Marshall Brighenti for future publication in this newsletter so our membership as a whole can be enlightened. ✍

Upcoming Events

APRIL

4 Virginia: The 20th Annual Civil War Memorabilia, Relic & Book Show will be held at the Kena Shrine Temple, 9001 Arlington Blvd. (US 50) in Fairfax. 250 tables. Open 9-5. For more information, contact: John Graham, 1056 N. Pegram St., Alexandria, VA 22304, (703) 823-1958.

25-26 Virginia: A Civil War Relic Show will be held at the Virginia State Fairgrounds in Richmond. For more information, contact Courtney Wilson (301) 465-6827.

MAY

2-3 Ohio: The 15th Annual Ohio Civil War Relic & Collectors Show will be held at the Ashland University Convocation Center on Claremont Ave. in Ashland, Ohio. 395 tables. Open Sat 9-5, Sun. 9-3. For more information, contact Don Williams, 1083 Oak Hill

Circle, Ashland, OH 44805, (419) 289-3120.

15-17 Virginia: The Winchester Civil War & Antique Arms Show will be held at the Travelodge (I-81 and Routes 17, 50 and 522). Open Fri. 3-8, Sat. 9-5, and Sun 9-2. For more information, contact: Courtney Wilson (301) 465-6827 or Howard Hoffman (215) 588-8853.

JUNE

6-7 Tennessee: The Sam Davis Home will present the 1st Annual Civil War Relic Show & Sale at the Old Fort Park Agriculture Building, Old Fort Parkway, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Open Sat. 9-6, Sun 9-3:30. For more information, contact: Bob Hammonds, 400 Terry Dr., Smyrna, TN 37167, (615) 355-1831 (nights) or Patsy Brown, 1399 Sam Davis Rd., Smyrna, TN 37167, (615) 459-2341 (days).

JULY

3-5 Pennsylvania: The 18th Annual Civil War Collectors Show will be held at the Ramada Inn Gettysburg, four miles south of the town on Business Route 11. Over 250 tables. Open Fri. 10-5, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-2. Sponsored by the Mason-Dixon Civil War Collectors Assoc. For more information, contact: The Gettysburg Travel Council, 35 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, PA 17325, (717) 334-6274.



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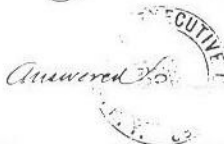
Washington, D. C., February 8th, 1882

Hon A.B. Cornell
Governor of New York
Albany NY
Governor

My Commission as
Commissioner for New York State will expire in March
next. I write to make application for a renewal of the
same.

I have held the office continuously for 12 years and
would be much gratified at a re-appointment

Very Respectfully
James Nichol. Ballou
P.O. Box 711



Above. Union Veteran Corps letterhead. See article on preceding page.

"The South's Last Boys in Gray"


by Jay S. Hoar

"The South's Last Boys in Gray" is an epic elegy in American Studies. This collectible biography warmly delineates some 170 centenarian lives among the nation's last remnant of Confederate Veterans of the 1940s and after. Heavily genealogical, this monumental 15-year study answers ambitious questions its author wanted to know about the last survivors of the War Between the States - who were they, how old did they live to be, where were they from, in what order did they die, how did they retain such great age, what were their values, what message do they have for today's Americans.

Prof. Hoar has captured the drama of their survival with a nostalgic closeness and human interest made possible through narrative testimonials from their windows, sons, daughters, grandchildren and neighbors. Homely truths of the four-year ordeal, an intimate understanding of those who wore Gray, why youngsters avidly fought for the Old South - these considerations surface with clarity. With great dedication, Prof. Hoar tells his epic tale, confident that he has salvaged much of what may surely be termed "The Last Living Chapter." An area of study hitherto unexplored, this deep study is a must-include in the Civil War buff's library, South or North."

616 pgs. 85 illustrations, \$39.95 clothbound, \$19.95 paperback. Add \$2.50 postage & handling. Available from U.M.F. Bookstore, C/O John Burnham, Manager, University of Maine, Farmington, ME 04938.


Hoar is a recognized authority on the nation's last and eldest Civil War veterans living in 1940-1959. For information on Jay Hoar's book "New England's Last Civil War Veterans" (1976) contact the author at Star Route 75 Box 9, Farmington, ME 04938. Prof. Hoar's book, "The North's Last Boys in Blue", is nearing completion. Other books "in the works" by Prof. Hoar include "Youngest Soldierboys of American's Saddest War" and "Evening Twilight of the Boy's of '98".

- Ed. 

Confederate Veteran Membership Badge

by David Klinepeter

The badge illustrated below is inscribed "CONFEDERATE VETERAN / 1861-1865". I do not believe that this was a universally used, issued

badge. I think its use might have been restricted to a particular geographic area. I would like anyone's input as to the correct identification and use of this badge. I would also like to know if anyone has any printed material about this badge. Please send any replies to Marshall Brighenti for publication in "The VETERAN". 




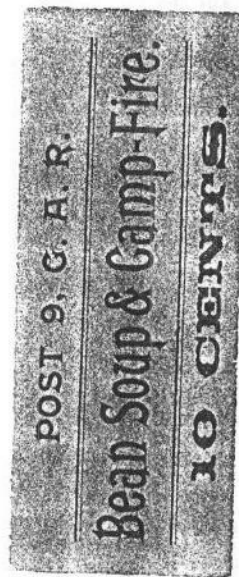
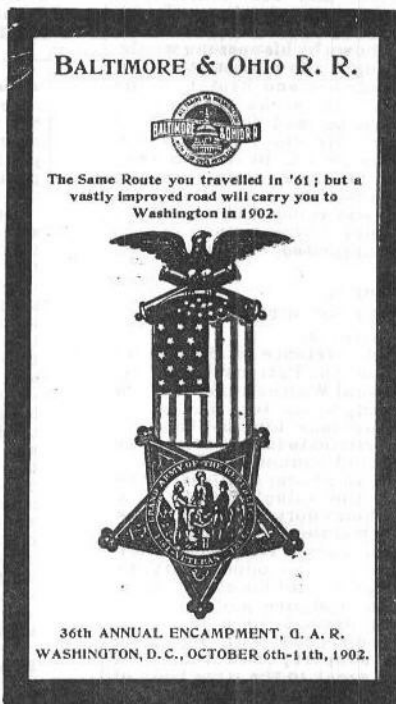
Welcome to Our New Members

- #145 Douglas K. Baggs
RR 1 Box 213 J
Alfred, ME 04002
GAR
- #146 Ronald T. Clemmons
P.O. Box 1641
Murfreesboro, TN 37122-1641
UCV, post-war publications - Southern Bivouac, Land We Love, etc.
- #147 Amy Knall
CORPS D'ELITE
P.O. Box 6221
Alexandria, VA 22306
GAR, army nurses, war service of GAR vets
- #148 Michael J. Leach
12 Roosevelt Ave.
Morganville, NJ 07751
GAR, Civil War testimonials & soldiers memorials
- #149 Dennis Keese
13409 Bevelheimer Rd.
Westerville, OH 43081
GAR, ex-POW, Loyal Legion

Query

by Rance Hulshart

I recently purchased a round, brass pinback badge 23.5 mm in diameter. The center of the badge has an applied disc with the standard G.A.R. soldier-sailor motif, and circumscribed around this within blue enamel are the words "Daughters/Of The/GAR." (This organization is listed in a 1930 L.G.A.R. national proceedings journal.) "Daughters of the GAR" is a separate organization and should not be confused with "Daughters of Union Veterans". Does anyone know the membership requirements, years of formation, years of existence, or any other information regarding the "Daughters of the GAR"? Please submit your replies to "The VETERAN." 

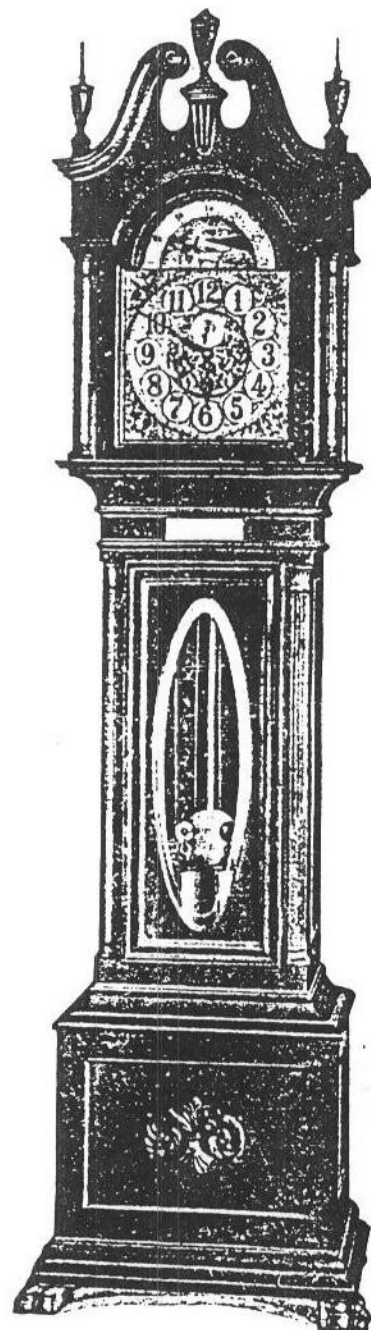


The clock to the right was submitted by David Klinepeter. It was accompanied by a caption that read "The Grand Army of the Republic / To General Louis Wagner / "Primus inler pares" / On the Twenty-sixth Anniversary of his Election as Commander-in-Chief / Minneapolis, Minn., August, 1906"

Sutler's Corner

Wanted: Printed material, original or copies, on Civil War Nurses Associations and on Civil War Musicians Association. Especially organization dates, rules and regulations. Please reply to David Klinepeter, 4740 Count St., Harrisburg, PA 171090-3038.

Will Trade: U.C.V. badges for 45th and 79th Pa. reunion badges and Pa. post badges. Please reply to Richard Abel, 1537 Country Squire Rd., Elizabeth -- town, Pa 17022



SOLDIERS' DAY.
July 29 1889
Eleventh Reunion of the Farmers of Mississippi.

Enthusiastic Welcome of Senator
 Walthall.

A Grand Address From the Old
 Commauder.

Practical Views of a Lover of His
 Country and Leader of
 His People.



General Edward Cary Walthall, United
 States Senator of Mississippi.

LAKE, Miss., July 29.—[Special.]—This was soldiers' day at the encampment of the Patrons' Union and there was an immense crowd present.

After the formal opening of the day's proceedings, President Bailey of the union turned the meeting over to the old soldiers who were present in large numbers and who at once proceeded to

A PERMANENT ORGANIZATION, which was christened the Patrons' Union Commandery, and elected the following officers: President, Colonel T. B. Graham; vice presidents, Irvin Miller, Captain Bassett and Major Berry; secretary, J. J. Crane; treasurer, Captain J. S. Lewis; committee on by-laws to act as an executive committee, C. L. Anderson, C. A. Huddleston, W. A. Thornton, Irvin Miller and J. C. Allen.

The president was authorized to appoint delegates to the national reunion of confederate veterans and have all the necessary steps taken to put the organization on a permanent footing, and it was decided that this should be the annual meeting place.

This done the old soldiers formed in line behind the Ellisville Brass Band, and keeping step to the tune of "Dixie" marched

TO MEET GENERAL WALTHALL, the orator of the day, who had just arrived, and greeted him with the wildest cheers. Placing him in front they drilled in line and were photographed, and then proceeded to the immense tabernacle, where the general was introduced to the assembled thousands by Judge T. B. Graham

Attempting to come to speak he could not proceed until the enthusiasm of the old veterans was vented in three times "Three Cheers for Walthall!" The entire audience joined in this grand ovation, and the orator was deeply moved by the glowing welcome accorded him by his companions in arms as was shown by his opening words. At once he caught the closest attention of his vast audience and held it till his closing words. He spoke without referring to a note, and in a rich, full voice, was grandly eloquent. He was frequently interrupted by outbursts of applause and at other times brought tears to the eyes of his old soldiers.

His speech was concise, clear, strong, devoid of fancy phrases, and, as was clearly demonstrated, captured his audience.

The following is

A BRIEF OUTLINE

of its main features:

After a brief reference to the objects and purposes of the Patrons' Union Association General Walthall offered them his acknowledgments for the triple favors they had done him by their invitation to participate in the ceremonies of "Confederate Reunion Day."

They had enabled him to witness the evidences of the valuable work they had done in their efforts to advance the interests of the state in its business, intellectual and social relations; they had afforded him an opportunity to meet a large number of his constituents in this section of Mississippi, to whom he had long desired to express his thanks for their good will, and confidence and support; and they had asked him to speak to the large body of confederate soldiers assembled here, to whom he knew all others present would pardon him for saying his heart went out in such affection and devotion as none but a soldier can feel for those with whom he has shared the hardships of war, the dangers of the field and the bitterness of defeat.

He proceeded then briefly and temperately to discuss the causes of the war, vindicating the motives and conduct of the southern people and showing from their standpoint at the time that it was inevitable and unavoidable.

He reviewed the conduct of the war with an array of facts and figures, drawn from official sources, showing the odds and disadvantages against which the southern people contended to have been greater than generally supposed.

He enlorged the southern people for that devotion to a cherished sentiment and sincere conviction which sustained them in their desperate struggle to maintain the principles which their conscience approved. Their constancy, the sacrifices which they made without complaint, their cheerful submission to discipline and their marvelous achievements against untold odds, and in spite of their restricted means of action cannot be accounted for without resort to something higher than mere physical courage and ordinary endurance.

He described the horrors and sorrows of the reconstruction era and the strain to which the masses of our people were subjected—the temptations offered them through their necessities and the attempts to bribe our public men by the offers of promotion which our alien rulers had the power to bestow, to break their faith with those who had honored them and followed them. The

manner in which our noble people withstood all and endured all during these dismal years is more to their credit than even the unequalled and unrivaled record which they made for themselves while the war was raging.

He referred to the manner in which our people had dealt with the endless race problem which the war left us to solve and which now hangs like a black cloud over the hopes and prospects of the south. This problem is full of difficulties and dangers, but the courage and the care, the patience and the constancy of the southern people have made the best of their trying situation of which it is susceptible. The same lofty attributes of southern character which sustained our people through the reconstruction period, as they had done amid the dangers of the field, saved them while they contended with the grave problem of the races.

That the white man maintains his proud position of social and intellectual superiority which Mr. Lincoln said belonged to him is due to that self-respecting quality in southern men which chooses death before the dishonor of negro equality; and that the black man is secure and respected in his sphere, and

all but a few restless politicians of his race contented also, is due to the southern white man's fidelity to his pledges, his respect for the law and his sense of justice to an ignorant and dependent population among us belonging to an inferior race.

Passing from this subject he said, some speakers and writers, underestimating our people and allowing nothing for the adverse fortunes with which they had to contend, point us to our northern neighbors as patterns for our imitation; they make better use of their opportunities than we do, we are told; they are practical in all things and we are sentimental, and we are exhorted to put the past behind us and keep abreast of the progressive spirit of the age. He discussed the drawbacks and the disadvantages that had held the southern people down, none of which he said was due to any fault of infirmity of their own. Some of them were political, some resulted from a resolution in the southern labor system, some from the extreme poverty of the people just after the war, which made it impossible for them to utilize advantages which seemed to others to be in their reach.

He said the southern people suited him just as they are and just as they always have been, and he challenged those who find fault with them to point to any other community in America, or in the world, who, in the face of such difficulties and in the same time, by hard work and economy and good management, have brought as much prosperity out of as much poverty as these people have done in the last twelve years.

He defended the southern people warmly against the charge so often brought against them that they were not practical. He said they did not sink all sentiment in mere practicality, and he hoped they never would; that sentiment had been their strength in the past, and on it their prosperity and safety must depend. There is nothing disloyal in it, for it is the very essence of patriotism; there is nothing impracticable or non-progressive in it, and it must be the handmaid of all progress and improvement here among us.

He referred to the peculiar surroundings of the people in these southern states and closed with an appeal to the men and women of Mississippi to stimulate and intensify, to foster and cherish that elevation of thought, that spirit of pride, that instinct of honor which have hitherto sustained them in all their struggles and trials and which it would be a crime to stifle or repress.

The above is barely an outline of the subjects discussed in a speech which occupied more than an hour in its delivery—without undertaking to give the substance of all that was said on any of the points referred to.

Congressman Anderson, State Treasurer Hemingway, Auditor Stone and many other prominent citizens were present to-day. This is the eleventh year of the encampment of the union, which is in fact a rendezvous for the representative farmers to assemble annually after they have finished their crops and discuss methods and interchange ideas generally. Its good work is apparent on every hand and it is gratifying to know that it is improving financially and broadening its good work and scope in every way.

President Bailey and his able coadjutors deserve the thanks of the state for building up one of the greatest institutions in it.

During the afternoon Senator Walthall was called upon and escorted to the platform, where hundreds of people, men, ladies and children, came and shook hands with him and expressed their approbation of the sentiments expressed in his speech.