

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

The Instructive Folder.

C. A. Benscoter, A. G. P. A. of Southern Railway, says:

"If you want to get acquainted with Macon get the reunion folder for 1912 of the Southern Railway. The booklet is five inches wide, ten inches long, has twenty-two pages, printed on fine, coated paper; with a map, nine by twelve inches, of the many states over which its lines extend, and backed up by a fine map of the city of Macon. Its magnificent engravings include on the covers bust pictures of Lee and Jackson, and on some of the inner pages Gen. Lee on Traveler, the capitol of Georgia, the United States government building at Macon, the Wesleyan Female College, and many other buildings.

"All visitors to the reunion should get one of these folders before visiting Macon.

"Send two-cent stamp to C. A. Benscoter, A. G. P. A., Southern Railroad, Chattanooga, and get one."

Vegetables About Ready for Market.

W. R. Thaxton is a Confederate Veteran who enjoys life on a truck farm. He says: "After I was 53 years of age I concluded to engage in truck farming and sell vegetables to my Macon friends.

"I bought a small farm near Macon, just this side of Cross Keys, and went to truck farming. The study of how to raise vegetables was interesting to me. I became enamored of the business. The experiments were attractive. How to prepare the land, what manures and fertilizers suited best—how to plant and when to plant—all these interested me, and I enjoyed the work.

"My peas are blooming, Irish potatoes growing nicely, and salad ready for the market, and so are my shallots. I will soon have them on the market, and I find no trouble in disposing of them.

"People eat more vegetables than formerly. It is a healthy diet. And so few people in the cities and towns are prepared to raise vegetables. Hence the consumers are many, and the producers few. I find great demand for turnip salads. Indeed, I sell all my vegetables as fast as I bring them to market. The weather conditions have made mine a little late; but they are now growing finely. I use nitrate of soda as a top dressing, but I am just now lacking that.

"I hope to raise a large lot of vegetables so as to help supply the demand during the reunion. Fresh vegetables will taste good along the 7th, 8th, 9th of May.

"I am one of the boys myself, and will enjoy the reunion. I see the crowd will be very large. The railroads have sent their folders all out west, and excited a curiosity to visit the reunion. We must meet expectations, else it had been better not to have advertised so extensively. But I suppose the Macon housekeepers will entertain strangers and do the proper thing. The Richmond people always opened their homes. They took great pride in it. And so with New Orleans. They wanted everyone pleased. Lodging and meals will be your two problems.

"Reunions mean work, labor, sacrifice of time; but the rewards follow. Macon will be well advertised. The whole country will know she is on the map.

"The Sons of Veterans have organized many camps and their attendance will be large.

"I am so near town I hope to take some old Veteran friends out with me at night. The ride is short. Weather conditions are perfect now, and we all hope they will remain so."

A Gentle Rain Needed.

Jere Willis, the well-known farmer of Walden, was a visitor yesterday, and said:

"The long continued and hard rains had packed the soil, and this April shower came in well to soften the crust and prevent clods in plowing. We longed for dry weather, but under the circumstances this shower came in very well. Gardens will grow off quicker, and crops will come up. After all, things may turn out all right.

"We worked on double-quick time for past ten days and accomplished wonders on the farms."

Dixie Has a Kentucky Home.

All Veterans, indeed all southern people will rejoice to know this from the Confederate Veteran:

"Kentucky has done the patriotic and liberal thing for the Jefferson Davis Home Association by an appropriation of \$7,500, of which \$500 goes to pay the remaining debt on the property, \$1,800 for a fence, and the balance to a monument or memorial. This great commonwealth always reveres and honors the memory of its sons. Her people claim Jefferson Davis as one of the greatest men this country has ever produced, one who reflects luster and renown not only on the state of

his nativity, Kentucky, and on Mississippi, which was so long his home, but upon the great republic for which he fought and for the principles of which he made great sacrifice.

The friends of the Confederate cause everywhere will rejoice that his birth state makes this liberal appropriation, declaring to the ages yet to come her appreciation of Jefferson Davis and his unselfish, courageous and spotless life.

It now behoves all the people for whom and with whom he suffered to show their appreciation of Kentucky by contribution of funds which will make Fairview, Ky., one of the fairest spots on the American continent."

Solution of Cotton Tax.

The following paper was submitted by the adjutant of Camp Gracie, U. C. V., Luverne, Ala., and was adopted:

"Whereas the federal government for three years succeeding the war of the states levied and collected as a tax from the cotton raisers of the south the sum of three dollars per bale, aggregating over sixty millions of dollars; and whereas the collection of this cotton tax from the cotton raisers of the south was by the supreme court of the United States declared unconstitutional and illegal; and whereas the federal government has failed to pay back this illegally collected tax to the individuals from whom it was collected; therefore be it

"Resolved; That these resolutions be published in the county newspapers; in the Confederate Veteran; and copies be sent to our United States senators, Johnston and Bankhead; and to each of the congressmen from Alabama; with a most respectful petition that they bring this matter before congress to the end that legislation may be enacted to donate the amount of said cotton tax to the Confederate Veterans and their widows of the south, and thus relieve the southern states from the expense of pensioning and maintaining them."

The paper was signed by J. L. Hawkins, commander; G. N. Buchanan, adjutant.

"This is the best solution for disposition of that cotton tax ever suggested. The whole south will applaud congress for voting it to the old Confederate Veterans and their widows.

Why not camp R. A. Smith bring it before the general reunion for favorable action, and thus get the united effort of every southern senator?"