

GREAT MILITARY PARK.

Report of Chickamauga and Chattanooga Park Commission.

Satisfactory Progress Made in the Work-Interest in the Park Rapidly Increasing Throughout the Country.

Gen. Henry V. Boynton, as chairman of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga national park commission, has submitted to the secretary of war the annual report of the commission, showing that satisfactory progress has been made in the establishment of the park in accordance with existing laws and the plan heretofore adopted by the war department. No change seems to the park commission to be advisable. No new legislation is suggested and no increase of the current fiscal year is needed for the current fiscal year is needed. The battle field of Lookout mountain has been added to the park during the past year at a cost of \$25,000, and it is hoped that ten or twelve acres on the top of the mountain at its north point may be acquired during the coming year, thus completing the purchase of land for the Chattanooga section of the park with the exception of small tracts on Missionary ridge. Interest in the park throughout the country is rapidly increasing. Most of the 26 state commissions cooperating with the national commission have been active in providing for the erection of monuments on the field. Many of the states which have erected regimental and battle monuments throughout the park are now engaged in putting up costly state monuments of imposing design. The state authorities of Tennessee and Georgia and the Tennessee and Georgia authorities of Tennessee and Georgia have been prompt and liberal in affording every legal facility for prosecuting the work of the commission.

Gen. Boynton says that the care taken in ascertaining lines of battle and the success attending the same, appears from the fact that every brigade line on each side has been established upon seven distinct fields, namely, Chickamauga, Wauhatchie, Lookout Mountain, Orchard Knob, Missionary Ridge, Tunnel Hill and Ringgold, and that no difference has arisen in regard to any of these, with a single exception—in the case of a line specifically and definitely located by Gen. Grant upon his official map of the battle of Chattanooga. In the location of the great multitude of regimental and battery positions in only one case has there been a difference between the national commission and the state commission, and no difficulty is anticipated in the settlement of the same.

During the past summer the Lookout Mountain fields have been cleared of underbrush, paths constructed to reach every portion of its rugged topography, and complete historical tablets cast for every brigade and division engaged. The eight artesian wells on the Chickamauga field have been tested by the unprecedented drought of the past season, and have been found abundantly able to supply water for camping and maneuvering troops. The use of the park as a refuge for southern coast and gulf garrisons during the period of yellow fever visitation has been demonstrated by the presence of the garrison from New Orleans upon the park. The appropriation for the present year was \$75,000, out of which there remains a balance of \$57,800, which is considered sufficient to carry on the work until the end of the year.

THE SUPPLY OF EGGS. Few Are Exported and Not Many Are Imported. Not many American eggs are exported, and not many eggs are imported; none except in seasons when eggs here run very high. The imported eggs come from Sweden, Germany and Austria. They come in boxes containing hundreds of dozens each, packed in chopped straw. A few eggs in this country are still packed in straw in barrels, but the new well-known commonly used American egg package is a box containing 30 or 36 dozen. The eggs are packed in the new familiar strawboard racks, which are called fillers. The eggs are stored on each in a pigeon hole by itself, six dozen eggs in a layer. There are sheets of strawboard between the layers, and eggs are packed some five and some six layers to the box. Eggs are most costly in winter, but cold storage has done much to equalize the price of eggs the year round.

GERMANY'S EXHIBITION. Making Plans for a Big Display at Paris in 1900. Consul Monaghan, at Chemnitz, has sent to the state department a report of the plans made by Germany for its exhibition in Paris in 1900. Dr. Richter, who took a prominent part in the world's fair at Chicago, has returned to Germany from Paris well satisfied with the space allotted for the exhibition of German industries and manufactures. Mr. Monaghan says that the Germans will make every effort to have a splendid showing, and are completing arrangements for that purpose as fast as possible. Germany will have an industrial palace 700 meters square on the banks of the Seine near the Quai d'Orsay.

Oxford. Oxford university has a freshman class of 725 this year. Of these only 300 come from the great public schools, Eton sending 48; Winchester, 30; Rugby, Charterhouse, Harrow and Marlborough, over 20 each, and 11 other schools over 10 each. The rest come from small grammar schools, only 20 having been educated by private tutors. There are only 29 students from the British colonies and a few from American and German universities.

Bombay. Bombay is the second largest town in the British empire.

HIS MIND IS CLEAR.

St. Louis Man Turning to Chalk Talks of His Infamy.

Frank Ritter, the St. Louis saloon-keeper who is turning into chalk, doesn't let his prospective fate sour his disposition. He said recently: "Yes, I am content. What's the use of being any other way? It can't be helped so we might as well make the best of it. I am glad that I'm alive; there are a whole lot dead, and I'm only half dead," and Ritter laughed at his own joke. "Yes, if these pieces of chalk were taken from my hand now and exposed while to the air you could readily write your name on a blackboard. What brought it? I don't know. The doctors don't know, and I guess it doesn't make much difference anyway. I never think about it. I have got plenty of friends, and I am getting along in life when a man hasn't many more years to live. "I was born in 1831, and came to St. Louis from Paducah, Ky., in 1845. From that date until 1866 I was on the river, working up from a cabin boy to steward. I was at the battle of Vicksburg—that is, on a steamer, and didn't take part in it. This disease of mine began about 15 years ago. It didn't amount to much at first, but it grew right along. I have had my leg cut eight times, and then the doctor shook his head, one day. "I told him I knew what he was talking about. It was about taking the leg off. He said yes, and I told him to go ahead. So there you are. It came off. Oh, yes, it goes right along. I don't know what it will amount to. Come around some time and take lunch with me."

Ritter is now in a condition that prevents him from moving around without assistance, but is still jovial and is glad that he is living.

MADE STARTLING DISCOVERIES.

Bulletin of Astronomical Work at Flagstaff, Ariz. Published. Prof. J. J. Zeb, who has been in charge of the Lowell observatory at Flagstaff, A. T., since Mr. Lowell went east, passed through Albuquerque, N. M., the other night on his way to Boston, accompanied by S. L. Boothroy, who has been associated with him in astronomical work. The gentlemen are taking the records of the observatory to Boston to consult with Mr. Lowell and the astronomers of the observatory. It is hinted that Dora had met and become infatuated with a young man from Valley View, but this cannot be verified, and is probably the idle story of gossips. Gen. Clay has provided every comfort for his young wife. He buys the most expensive clothing for her, has her dresses made by an experienced dressmaker, has carefully looked after her education, both in the English branches and in music, and has been more like a father to her than a husband. She is an excellent cook, and the general never tires in extolling her ability to prepare a tempting meal.

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TRADE WITH HONG KONG. Americans Have the Reputation of Practicing Fraud. Consul Wildeman, at Hong Kong, informs the state department that the largest items of import from the United States to that place are flour and petroleum. Regarding lumber he says there would be no trouble in selling if shipped subject to approval. Americans, he adds, have the reputation of practicing frauds in selling goods, and especially is this true of whisky of American manufacture that is sold in Hong Kong. The exports from Hong Kong to the United States for the year ended June 30, 1897, amounted in value to \$1,950,785, the principal items being rice, \$427,995; refined sugar, \$321,260; tea, \$105,795; "chinese" provisions, \$136,850; "peanut" oil, \$103,315.

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MAY LOSE CHILD WIFE.

Gen. Clay Now Alone in His Kentucky Mansion.

Young Mrs. Cassius M. Clay Goes to Home of Her Brother on a Visit and May Forget to Return.

Gen. Cassius Marcellus Clay's young wife left the Clay mansion, Whitehall, ten days ago and went to the home of her brother, "Clell" Richardson, at Valley View, Ky., ten miles away, on the Kentucky river. "Clell" worked for Gen. Clay several years and was his overseer when the general married the little 14-year-old Dora two years ago. He acted as one of the general's guards during the time the old man kept his place under martial law when he was getting married, but he and Clay did not get along well together and six months ago "Clell" left and went back to his former home at Valley View.

The child wife seemed well contented as long as her brother and his family lived on the place, but since then has shown signs of being displeased with her peculiar life, and the neighbors were at all surprised when she left home two weeks ago and went to her brother's.

She had not quarreled with Gen. Clay when she left, but said she wished to pay her brother a visit. The general has always tried to gratify her every wish and so told her she could go. She is staying longer, however, than he expected, and those who have been to his house say he is uneasy lest she should not return. Dora has grown into a strong woman and weighs more than 140 pounds. She is good looking and will soon be 17 years old. Her distinguished husband is just 70 years her senior. No heir has come to bless their union, much to the disappointment of the venerable husband. It is hinted that Dora had met and become infatuated with a young man from Valley View, but this cannot be verified, and is probably the idle story of gossips. Gen. Clay has provided every comfort for his young wife. He buys the most expensive clothing for her, has her dresses made by an experienced dressmaker, has carefully looked after her education, both in the English branches and in music, and has been more like a father to her than a husband. She is an excellent cook, and the general never tires in extolling her ability to prepare a tempting meal.

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