

GRANT AMONG THE NEGROES

Mobbed with Admiration by the Colored People of New Orleans.

RUTHLESSLY CRUSHED HIS TALL HAT

Amusing and Exciting Experience During His Triumphant Tour of the South—Recollections of a Hot Time.

In the spring of 1890 General Grant, after his memorable tour of the north, visited the southern states and brought his triumphal journey to a close at New Orleans, where he remained a week or two. There I accompanied the general to what proved to be perhaps the most exciting demonstration of negroes of those times, a demonstration which General Grant called his most astonishing experience.

A new generation was entering on the scene, and although the men who had been conspicuous in the service of the confederate states had cordially welcomed Grant to the defeated section, there were people in the Crescent city who could not bring themselves to the point of taking part in the street demonstration in honor of the hero of the union army.

It passed, the black mass fell in behind, filling the street from curb to curb. Service at the hotels and restaurants where the negroes were employed was utterly inefficient. The blacks were absorbed in the one subject, too excited by a new-born hope to concern themselves about their usual business.

The general was disposed to be as quiet as possible without appearing inconspicuous. When first asked to receive a delegation of colored preachers of the Northern Methodist church he pleaded fatigue. After some persuasion he consented to meet them at Wesley chapel, with the stipulation that there should be no general negro demonstration.

Grant Tells Stories. It was a long drive and on the way Grant was more than ordinarily communicative, which is saying a good deal. It was well known that he was in all situations a reticent man. However self-contained he may have been in an official capacity, socially he was genial, cheerful and chatty.

As they shouted. Many of them did not know Grant's face and so we three were almost equally the object of adoration. A path was made at last from the carriage to the door, but at every step we were obstructed and crushed by the pressure of the crowd. Inside the chapel door we found matters hardly better. It took a long time to reach the altar.

It was hardly conceivable that any negro in the city were kept ignorant of the event, so thoroughly had the preachers beaten the generous notes of their must have worked all night to erect the platform and arrange the decorations.

It could not help noting that he took little interest in the scene and the speeches, but I learned the reason later. Occasionally a seat snapped under its heavy load. The pressure from the outside at one of the windows became so great that a dozen men and women were pushed into the room, falling with shrieks which were echoed by those upon whom they fell.

and the marshals soon restored quiet enough for his words to be heard. He spoke briefly, saying in effect that the colored people had their future in their own hands. He urged them to stick to the Bible and the spelling book, and they were bound to win the respect of all mankind, and enjoy their full share of material prosperity.

General Sherman," he explained, "had been the professor of mathematics in a college in Mississippi—and decided to give it up. He wrote to me at Galena, asking if I cared to take his place. I always liked mathematics; it was the study I had done best in and I thought I might enjoy the work. It was decided that I should go, but then the rumblings of impending war caused me to change my mind, and with some reluctance I finally declined it."

For nearly half an hour the scene was beyond graphic portrayal. These ignorant people, long deserted and neglected by their frightened leaders, sincerely believed Grant had come to New Orleans for the sole purpose of "leadin' us out ob de wilderness."

ring, a huge bouquet narrowly missing the general's bare head, for he had taken off his silk hat again, in a pitiful attempt to restore its respectability. The horses were not in their best gear.

No Hat Large Enough. At the most important hot store in the town there was not a hat of any fashion that was large enough for Grant's head. I have forgotten the size he wore, and it is likely that something was sold or its being as large as, or larger than, Webster's. Leaving an order for the hat he had to be content with such brushing and smoothing of the old one as the hat man could do.

CENSUS INQUIRERS. Questions They Will Fire at the People. The census schedules for 1900, says Leslie's Weekly, are under five heads: the individual, corporations, agriculture, mortality and special. The questions to be put to individuals are: Name, sex, race, color, date of birth, parents' birthplace, alien or naturalized, number of years in the United States, occupation, months employment, literacy, school attendance and ownership of property.

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SPANISH REPORTER'S WORK. He Gets the News, but Has Trouble. According to the Spanish reporter, relates the Times of Cuba, Havana's list of crimes and accidents is on the decrease. But the city editor suspects that yesterday was an off day for the reporter. However, he really begins the paper. The reporter, although he scarcely ever sees him, he usually sneaks into the office like a cat, looks cautiously about, and then drops his copy upon a desk or table and hurries away as though he were glad to get away alive.

Accident—The black man Eusebio Oña Garcia suffered various accidental bruises on the left hand and arm, caused by the unloading of hay at Regla. Bull Seizes—A bull from the cattle yard of Don Teodoro Cajal escaped yesterday, badly damaging the seat of the black man Federico Gonzalez, who was in the act of attentively watching a game of base ball. The police sergeant Senor Baldomero Gargallo killed the bull with great skill, emptying his revolver into it in order to prevent greater disasters. The man whose seat was badly damaged was able to sit down for some time.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS. Survivors of the Civil War Remembered by the General Government. WASHINGTON, April 22.—(Special.)—The following western pensions have been granted: Issue of April 19, 1899. Nebraska—Original widow, Ansel Lawrence, Lincoln, \$8. Original widow, Alma E. Glover, Gordon, \$8. Iowa—Original John K. Clark, Webster City, \$8. Addl. Original, Thomas S. Smith, Fort Madison, \$8. Increase, Special April 11, Martin Hollingsworth, Corvado, \$4 to \$5; Patrick Scully, Fairfield, \$6 to \$7; Harrison C. Skel, Arlington, \$5 to \$10; Charles C. Lowe, Blinn Hills, \$5 to \$8. South Dakota—Increase, Joseph B. Bohler, Keystone, \$4 to \$10; Charles C. Lowe, Blinn Hills, \$5 to \$8. North Dakota—Increase, Special, April 11, Norman Billington, Dickinson, \$2 to \$5. Colorado—Original, Thomas S. Smith, Boulder, \$8. Increase, John B. Cook, Aspen, \$5 to \$8.

POSSIBILITIES OF INVENTION

Surprising Results Achieved During the Past Fifty Years.

APPLYING THE LAWS OF SCIENCE

How the Public is Imposed Upon by Visionaries—Exploited Theories Revived and Branded as Wholly New.

The application of science to the arts of life during the last fifty years, writes Prof. Simon Newcomb, L. L. D., in the Indianapolis Record, is a surprising thing that we are apt to look upon almost as a claim made by an inventor as possible. When scientific men maintain that certain things cannot be done, or at least cannot be done in the way proposed, the public is very apt to receive their words with impatience. Have not things apparently impossible been done in the past? Why then should they not be done in the future?

The public sometimes forgets a very necessary distinction between the scientific investigator and the inventor. These two professions, though often confused, are really quite distinct. The investigator properly so called is concerned solely with the laws of nature, and the consequences of the infinite variety of conditions which these laws operate. All he aims at is to predict the result of every possible experiment, to show how the course of nature goes on under all circumstances.

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The Rainmakers. A few years ago public attention was widely called to certain men who claimed that they could produce rain. Some including the better class, proposed to do it by making a great noise, especially by exploding bombs in the air. One of them went so far as to write a book proving that rains followed great battles. The mode of proof was by firing bombs, and it was a great battle that had rained somewhere, either in the neighborhood where the battle was fought or some other part of the continent.

An Ancient Idea. On another occasion an inventor appeared at the Navy department with a proposal for a new engine which was to utilize steam power, not by burning coal, but by burning oil, instead of wasting eight or nine parts out of ten, as every steam engine must do. Such a result could not have been otherwise than tempting, and the claims put forth seemed very plausible to one who did not add to a knowledge of steam engines that common sense appreciation of new conditions which scientific attainments do not always bring.

Disrespect—The gray man Francisco Nogul was arrested for not respecting the police. He was seen making faces at an officer of the law on a corner when his back was turned. Disobedience—The colored lady Amabelle Guigol was detained and taken to the Vivac for refusing to live in the arsenal ward set apart for ladies of her distinction.

Alabama Democrats Active. MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 22.—The democratic state executive committee met here today to outline a plan of campaign for a constitutional convention. A resolution was adopted instructing the chairman of the executive committee to appoint a campaign committee, of which he shall be chairman, to take charge of and conduct a campaign for a call of the constitutional convention, and the election of the democratic nominees of state and county. The committee placed itself on record as opposed to the repeal of the act calling the constitutional convention.

APRIL SALE

Closing out all the odd pieces of elegant Flemish Furniture. We bought these goods in complete suits and now offer the odd pieces at a fraction of their value because the sets are not complete. They have already been reduced to a special price for our April Sale, but haven't gone fast enough to suit us, and to make trading on these odd pieces more lively we make this tremendous cut in price. No one that uses or wants to use Flemish Furniture can afford to miss seeing these goods. We also offer a few fine pieces of Parlor Furniture at from one-third to one-half value.

- Flemish Sideboard, exquisite design, hand carved and polished, large pattern French plate, bevel mirror, swell top, April sale price \$29.90, now reduced to \$26.50. Handsome Flemish Sideboard, canopy top, very ornamental and attractive, large top, bevel mirror, construction the best, the best Flemish bargain yet offered, April sale price \$44, now reduced to \$28. Large Elegant Sideboard, china closet, heavy and massive Flemish piece, richly hand carved and finished. This handsome piece of furniture 6 feet wide, china closet has mirror back. One of the finest pieces in our store—April sale price \$85.50, now reduced to \$60. Elegant Solid Mahogany Round Table, handsomely carved and polished, a very choice article, and the April sale price is \$46.50, slightly imperfect and now reduced to \$46.50. Flemish China Closet, large, roomy and handsome rich carving, has mirror back. This is a double cabinet, has two drawers between upper and lower china closet—April sale price \$30, \$45—now reduced to \$30. Set Flemish Dining Chairs, leather seat and leather back, correct Flemish design; set consists of one large arm chair and six regular chairs, April sale price \$38.50, now reduced to \$24.75. Set Flemish Chairs, full box frame, one large arm chair, 6 regular chairs, nicely carved and finished, April sale price \$23, now reduced to \$15.60.

- Genuine French Flemish Dining Table, one of the improved kind, work and carving fine by hand—This choice mahogany table April sale price \$22—now reduced to \$10. Dining Table, Flemish oak, has rope turned legs, banister brace, a correct Flemish design, extends 10 feet long, handsomely finished, April sale price \$22.75, now reduced to \$15.75. A very rich, handsome Flemish 10-foot Table, double rope, turned legs, true Flemish pattern, 48-inch top, oval groove rim, the best of make, April sale price \$40, now reduced to \$26.50. Flemish Dining Table in a pillar extension, 10 feet long, has 48-inch elegant finish and carving, great value at our April sale price \$23, value of \$45.00, now reduced to \$23. Here we have a correct representation of the Original Antique Flemish Dining Room Cabinet, handsomely hand carved, some of the best that can be fully appreciated by the lover of the genuine antique designs. This sale at \$69—now reduced to \$46.50. Flemish China Closet, large, roomy and handsome rich carving, has mirror back. This is a double cabinet, has two drawers between upper and lower china closet—April sale price \$30, \$45—now reduced to \$30. Set Flemish Dining Chairs, leather seat and leather back, correct Flemish design; set consists of one large arm chair and six regular chairs, April sale price \$38.50, now reduced to \$24.75. Set Flemish Chairs, full box frame, one large arm chair, 6 regular chairs, nicely carved and finished, April sale price \$23, now reduced to \$15.60.

- Mahogany Sideboard, serpentine front and ends, hand carved and handsomely polished, has large French bevel mirror—April sale price \$48—now reduced to \$36. Another and a very fine one—Mahogany Sideboard, tall swell front and ends, French bevel mirror, solid brass trimmings—April sale price \$42.00—now reduced to \$31. Handsome massive 3-piece mahogany frame Parlor or Library Suit, upholstered in choice silk tapestry, very substantial and rich—April sale price \$108—now reduced to \$73.50. A Bargain—Four Parlor Pieces left from suit—Rocker, Arm Chair, Parlor Chair and Reception Chair—handsomely upholstered in silk velour, with silk embroidery back, handsomely polished and carved mahogany frame—the price for four pieces \$18—April sale price \$32. A very choice 3-piece Parlor Suit, exquisite design, frame solid mahogany, back neatly inlaid; the features in this suit are brought out in the rich, artistic lines and handsome design; upholstered in silk damask, slightly soiled—the suit is special at \$88.50—but at this closer April sale 3 pieces, a great bargain at \$57. Here we have a two-piece mahogany frame Suit, divan and arm chair hand carved and polished, rich plain design, inlaid lines—price on this two-piece suit is \$42—now for a bargain—at \$27.50. A very handsome three-piece Suit, upholstered in an artistic damask, the finest work made, full upholstered and tufted—this is something extraordinary fine and notice the price—\$25—do you want a bargain? April sale price only—\$139.

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CHICAGO Great Rockwell Route Best Dining Car Service. Only Depot in Chicago on the Elevated Road. Facing Judge Kills Himself. MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 22.—Colonel M. Lewis Clark, of Louisville, the well known racing judge, committed suicide here today in his room at the Gaston hotel.