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STATE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

After a week's rest we return, not with an inclination to work, but rather with a desire to go back to mingle with friends with whom we come in contact only once a year, and with whom we always enjoy the relaxation of a few days away from care.

The State Press Association held its twenty-fifth annual meeting at Harris' Lithia Springs, and so delighted were the members with this beautiful place and health-giving resort, that they decided to return there next year.

Nature and energy have made Harris' an ideal place for a convention or an association meeting. The hotel is commodious and clean; the management is under the care of Mr. R. L. Fox, who sees to it that guests are shown every attention, and their pleasures are looked after so that not a minute is left for home-sickness; the table is as good as any of the best hotels in the country and the service is excellent. But after all, people go to this resort for health, and it is here to be found. Under our personal observation we saw a lady who, when she arrived at the hotel, was unable to walk a step, she had to be carried about in the arms of her devoted son. The day before we left for home, it was our pleasure to meet this lady walking up a hill from the spring and complaining of hunger. Another case is a man who had been to the famous Buffalo Lithia Springs and, after giving the waters a fair test, came away without derriving any benefit. He was induced to go to Harris', and after a two weeks' stay he told the writer he was being greatly benefited and would remain at the springs for some time yet.

We have no hesitancy in advising our readers, if their health is impaired, or if they want a few weeks of real pleasure, go to Harris' Lithia Springs. There is another and very important advantage at this place, the people of the neighborhood take a warm interest in the hotel, and they render the management great aid in the entertainment of guests, making people away from home feel perfectly comfortable and happy. The guests, too, seem to be organized into one great big happy family with Col. J. T. Bacon as the paternal head, and the children are permitted to go unrestrained. Every afternoon and evening there is dancing; the music is furnished by a band of fine musicians and the concerts they give, are alone worth a trip to hear.

We said that this is an ideal place for the gathering of a convention or an association, and it is; away from the hotel a short distance is a large hall well ventilated which is placed at disposal for such occasions, and when the time comes to call a meeting those interested can always be counted on being present, whereas, if the meeting took place in a city or town the members would be out sightseeing and the meetings would be poorly attended.

The press gang have never had a pleasanter gathering; everybody enjoyed themselves and some of the papers read, not only did credit to the writers, but to the association.

Mr. August Kohn read a paper on "How to Get News" that should appear in every paper in South Carolina; it would give newspaper readers an idea what newspapers are, and how they should be appreciated, in other words Mr. Kohn's paper was devoid of "fills," and it was filled with good, sound and logical information.

Mrs. Virginia D. Young read a paper which was deservedly well received, and it, too, was full of valuable information and did great credit to the writer and to her sex.

There were other papers listened to with much interest, and the discussions showed that editors could talk as well as write.

Among the courtesies extended was a cask of "Belle of Carolina" beer from the Augusta Brewing Co., Augusta, Ga. Upon receiving the information that the South Carolina Press Association had swooped down on Harris' springs, and would remain for a few days, and having some knowledge of the tastes of our honored president, Major E. H. Aull, and also, knowing that Mrs. Virginia D. Young would be safely looked after by Mr. N. G. Gonzales, editor of the State, they sent the "Belle of Carolina" with their compliments and a further expression that the association would find pleasure in the gift. It was very nice and thoughtful, for our president to inform the Augusta Brewery of our presence at the springs, and it was a very grateful compliment the Augusta Brewery paid us in making the gift, for it was greatly enjoyed by the whole gang, including all of the ladies. Notwithstanding the fact that some were blessed with a toast was offered that "Here's to the health of the Belle of Carolina,' may she live long and prosper," not a soul responded silling and to make it more impressive the toast was repeated as often as the cask held the supply. The "Belle of Carolina" is a good beer, clear, sparkling and light, and the Augusta Brewing Company could not have found a more appreciative set to make a gift to and one that could appreciate it more.

It was our pleasure to listen to the address of Col. Pleasant Stovall of Savannah, and to say it was a treat would not be doing justice to an address which in our opinion could not have been prepared in a short space of time. Colonel Stovall's address was a gem of oratory, a revelation of thought, and a word picture of Mexico which fastened itself upon the brain more effectively than a three months tour through that republic would have done. Editor Hook of Augusta was with us too, and while he enjoyed the sight of South Carolina editors drinking Augusta's "Belle of Carolina," he would not join us but continued himself with the sparkling water of the Lithia Spring and the pleasantries of the "boys." It was decided to take a trip to Cuba next February, and a special committee which will hereafter be known as the "Cuban Junta" was appointed to make all necessary arrangements. This committee is composed of Major E. H. Aull, News and Herald, August Kohn, News and Courier, N. G. Gonzales, State, and being located in Columbia and together, they will be able to get up a fine trip at a very small expense. Colonel Stovall and Editor Hook are to accompany our association to Cuba. And we hope that President Aull will not fail to keep the Augusta Brewing company posted as to time we are start.

Harris Lithia Springs is splendidly situated, on the crest of the hill is the spacious hotel, and down in a valley are several springs, Lithia, sulphur, and iron. The lithia is of course, the one most sought after, but we are told that the other springs have good medicinal properties. In front of the hotel the landscape is a beautiful natural scenery that would throw an artist into ecstacies, the atmosphere is mild and its nights are cool. The hotel is within two miles of two railroad station Cross Hill on the Southern, and Waterloo on the Charleston and Western Carolina; the trains are neat with neat riding carriages and fine teams. Mr. Harris Bristow who has charge of this department relieves the guests of the trouble of bothering with baggage and every thing is delivered at once. The South Carolina Press Association showed their appreciation of a good thing when they voted to return to Harris Lithia Springs next year, and this, in the face of many invitations from various other points.

CONCEALED WEAPONS.

The Supreme Court, through Justice Gary, has recently handed down a very important decision regarding the carrying of concealed weapons. In short the decision means that no officer, including sheriff, deputies, or State constables, are allowed to carry weapons concealed. The decision is clearly the result of conflicting legislation, one Statute having been passed in 1880 forbidding the carrying of concealed weapons, except by officers while in actual discharge of their duties and by persons while on their own premises, and another act in 1897 upon the same subject, practically repeating the language of the former act, with the important exception that no exception was made for officers carrying weapons while in the discharge of their official duties. The court holds that the latter act repeals the former, and that under this construction all persons whatever, including constables and other officers, are prohibited from carry weapons without having them exposed.

Under the present rulings of the court it is indeed a bad law, and the next session of the Legislature should wipe out all former Legislation upon the subject and pass an act setting out in no uncertainable terms just what the law is, and who should be allowed to carry weapons, and at the same time giving sheriffs, deputies, and constables, the right to carry weapons in whatever manner they see fit while in the discharge of their official duties. A sheriff or his deputy, for instance, is supposed to be armed all the time. He is the chief guardian of the peace, and no man is in position to command the peace unless he is in position to enforce his commands, with arrest if necessary. The respect which rowdies and disturbers of the peace give to an officer of the law is usually the fear they have of being arrested, and this arises out of a knowledge of the fact that he

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