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of the funeral ceremonies in honor of
James Abram Garfield.*

A HISTORY
OF THE
PROCEEDINGS IN THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS,
ON THE OCCASION OF THE
FUNERAL CEREMONIES
IN HONOR OF
JAMES ABRAM GARFIELD,
LATE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 1881.

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"commanded our regiment at Camp Jackson, until the British retired from before New Orleans, January 12th, 1815. I was in all the battles, under General Jackson, in that campaign."

"Lively times, Jordan," said the Compiler. "Yes, sir," he replied; "and fine times for us; but"—and the old soldier's eyes twinkled,— "the British didn't like 'em."

In the Florida War, in 1836, Jordan volunteered in the First Louisiana Brigade, commanded by General Persifer F. Smith. In 1846, when the war with Mexico began, and General Taylor was in danger on the Rio Grande, Jordan again volunteered, joining Company H., Captain J. M. Vandegriff, in Colonel J. B. Walton's Louisiana Regiment.

In the civil war, Jordan served in the Federal Army, holding a Captain's commission in the Seventh Louisiana Colored Volunteers, in 1863, under General Emory. He holds honorable discharges from all his commanders; and still keeps, intact, the shell of the drum that he beat in 1812-15, in 1836, and 1846. It and its owner have been in four wars, and are therefore well deserving this special notice.

THE WASHINGTON ARTILLERY.

ITS EARLY DAYS AND FIRST COMMANDERS.

The First Company, Native American, was the name of an artillery company that, from 1838 or 1839 on, was well known in New Orleans, especially in what was then known as the American part of the city—that above Canal street, including the Second Municipality and the City of Lafayette; and with Samuel J. Peters, James A. Caldwell, Wagner, Recorder Baldwin, Leeds, Freret, Story, Heartt, Robb, Christy, Slark, Mudge, Hewlett, Avery, Rushton, Hodge, Peyton, Shaw, Bullitt, Winston, Freret, etc., among its leading spirits.

The Captain of this Artillery Company was Henry Forno, a natural born soldier, gifted with the genius of command,—as he showed in after years in Virginia, under Lee and Jackson. The Company was the forerunner of the WASHINGTON ARTILLERY, which had Captain Stockton as its first commander. He was succeeded by Captains Allen Hill, Ealer and R. O. Smith. Then General E. L. Tracy was for awhile acting Captain—the Company being in his Brigade;—then Captain Soria commanded, until he was accidentally killed. Lieutenant H. I. Hunting succeeded him; and then CAPTAIN J. B. WALTON was unanimously elected, and has been with the Washington Artillery ever since. Its name and his are indissolubly connected, in Southern military history.

IN 1861.

When the great civil war began, the WASHINGTON ARTILLERY prepared energetically and promptly to take the field. Four full Companies were organized, and a Battalion thoroughly drilled and thoroughly equipped. A Committee was sent to Montgomery to tender the services of the Corps to the Confederate Authorities, for the war. The offer was at once accepted; and on Sunday morning, May 26th, 1861, the Battalion, drawn up in Lafayette Square, was mustered into the

Confederate military service, by Lieutenant Phifer, mustering officer. The Battalion then marched to Christ Church, on Canal street, where their new flag was formally consecrated. The officers and men occupied the central pews, and were addressed by the Rector, Rev. Dr. Leacock, in a sermon still remembered as one of profound feeling and eloquence.

The flag alluded to,—a beautiful one,—had been presented to the Battalion the previous day, Saturday, May 25th, at the residence of Mr. T. C. Twichell, on St. Charles street, next door to where the Battalion's Arsenal now is. Mr. Twichell made the presentation for his wife and other ladies, and Colonel Walton received the flag in one of his brief but effective speeches.

THE MUSTER ROLL.

The following is the roll of the Battalion, as published in the city papers of Sunday, May 27th, 1861.

FIELD AND STAFF.—Major J. B. Walton; Adjutant, Lieutenant W. Miller Owen; Quartermaster, Lieutenant Cuthbert H. Slocomb; Surgeon, Dr. E. S. Drew.

NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF.—Sergeant-Major, C. L. C. Dupuy; Color Sergeant, Louis M. Montgomery; Quartermaster Sergeant, Stringer Kennedy.

COLOR GUARD.—Corporal George W. Wood; Corporal E. J. Jewell; Corporal A. H. Peale; Corporal J. H. Dearie.

FIRST COMPANY.—Captain, Harry M. Isaacson; First Lieutenant, G. W. Squires; First Lieutenant, Junior, J. B. Richardson; Second Lieutenant, H. G. Geiger.

First Detachment: First Sergeant, Edward Owen; First Corporal, F. D. Ruggles. Privates: W. Chambers, G. M. Judd, Edwin J. Kursesheet, J. W. Kearney, W. F. Perry, C. Rossiter, J. E. Rodd, T. S. Turner.—*Second Detachment:* Second Sergeant, J. M. Galbraith; Second Corporal, E. C. Payne. Privates: A. F. Coste, E. A. Cowen, H. Crammin, W. T. Hardie, J. M. Payne, J. R. McGaughey, F. A. St-Amant, R. M. K. Spearing.—*Third Detachment:* Third Sergeant, C. H. C. Brown; Third Corporal, W. Fellows, Sr. Privates: T. Y. Aby, C. Chambers, J. E. Jarraud, L. Labarre, G. W. Morse, P. A. J. Michel, M. Mount, J. A. Tarleton.—*Fourth Detachment:* Fourth Corporal, F. F. Case. Privates: G. B. DeRussey, C. A. Everett, W. R. Falconer, F. Lobrano, J. P. Manico, G. V. Wiltz, L. E. Zebal, H. L. Zebal.—*Artificers:* W. D. Holmes, S. G. Stewart, Israel Scott.—*Drivers:* Sergeant, Geo. Bernard; John Anderson, Matthew Burns, Jno. Charlesworth, W. R. Dirke, Jno. Escherman, Wm. Forest, Michael Hoch, Jno. L. Hoch, Jas. Hoffigh, Jno. Jacobs, Thos. Kerwin, Fred Lester, Pat Mooney, H. Meyer, David Nolan, R. Nicholas, Jno. O'Neil, Chas. Rush, John Wilson.

SECOND COMPANY.—First Lieutenant, C. C. Lewis, commanding; First Lieutenant, Junior, Samuel McPherson; Second Lieutenant, C. H. Slocomb.

First Detachment: First Sergeant, Jos. H. DeGrange; First Corporal, J. D. Edwards. Privates: Sam Hawes, H. M. Payne, J. S. Meyers, Tracy Twichell, J. J. Land, J. W. Emmett, J. A. Hall, G. Humphrey.—*Second Detachment:* Second Sergeant, Gustave Aime; Second Corporal, C. E. Leverich. Privates: J. D. Britton, —Randalph, W. E. Florance, J. W. Parsons, J. Howard Goodin, Thos. H. Suter, F. Allenal, F. O. Buckner.—*Third Detachment:* Third Ser-

geant, H. C. Wood; Third Corporal, Julius Freret. Privates: W. C. Giffen, L. C. Woodville, A. A. Brinsmade, E. L. Hall, R. Axson, Wm. Roth, E. D. Patton, A. C. Knight.—*Fourth Detachment*: Fourth Sergeant, C. Huhez; Fourth Corporal, B. V. L. Hutton. Privates: G. E. Strawbridge, A. R. Blakeley, R. Bannister, Jr., R. C. Lewis, H. B. Berthelot, W. J. Hare, J. H. Randolph, W. H. Wilkins.—*Artificers*: John Montgomery, Leonard Craig. *Drivers*: John Weber, Toney Hulby, John Fagant, Geo. Barr, Wm. Carey, B. B. F. McKesson, Wm. Little, Jas. Crilly, John Cannon, Jas. Leyden, Ed. Loflus, Edwin Lake, Jas. Brown, M. F. Lynch, Louis Rouch, Wm. Oliver, Cor'l Mc Gregor, Alexander Bucher.

THIRD COMPANY.—Captain, M. Buck Miller; First Lieutenant, J. B. Whittington; Second Lieutenant, L. A. Adam.—First Sergeant, Frank McElroy; Second Sergeant, A. V. Hero; Third Sergeant, L. Prados; Fourth Sergeant, J. T. Handy.—First Corporal, E. J. Jewell; Second Corporal, A. H. Peale; Third Corporal, W. H. Ellis; Fourth Corporal, —Collins.—Privates: Napier Bartlett, H. D. Summers, J. H. Moore, W. Mills, Robert Bruce, J. J. Holmes, T. H. Fuqua, O. N. DeBlanc, A. W. Morgan, P. W. Pettis, E. Rivière, F. Kremelburg, Chas. Hart, Samuel C. Boush, Geo. McNeil, J. H. Collis, Frank Shaw, W. S. Toledano, E. Toledano, P. O. Fazende, Fred Hubbard, Jos. De Meza, L. E. Guyot, J. F. Randolph, S. Dehalaron, J. T. Breuford, C. W. Deacon, Stringer Kennedy, Howard Tully, Wm. Leefe, J. W. Brown, C. H. Stocker, J. R. Porter, S. G. Sanders, B. L. Braselman, —Plutigne, C. E. Fortier, E. Maxwell, Emile Anvil, Ernest Charpuian, T. M. McFall, M. W. Cloney, Ed. Duncan, C. A. Falconer, H. J. Phelps, T. Valentine, Samuel W. Noyes, M. W. Chapman, W. R. Noble, W. C. Coyle, F. A. Coyle, L. P. Forshe, J. C. Bloomfield.—*Artificers*: Jos. Blanchard, Jas. Keating.

FOURTH COMPANY.—Captain, B. F. Eschleman; First Lieutenant, Joe. Norcom; Second Lieutenant, Harry A. Battles.—Second Sergeant, W. J. Behan; Third Sergeant, Geo. E. Apps; Fourth Sergeant, J. D. Reynolds.—First Corporal, George Wood; Second Corporal, J. H. Dearie.—Privates: A. D. Augustus, B. F. Wridler, J. R. McGowan, J. M. Rohbock, H. F. Wilson, C. C. Bier, J. C. Wood, Jno. S. Finch, F. A. Brodie, Bernard Huffe, G. L. Cratcher, J. F. Lilly, T. G. Stewart, Samuel A. Knox, Wm. Palfrey, L. C. Lewis, J. H. Smith, G. Montgomery, Isaac Jessup, A. F. Vass, W. W. Jones, P. C. Lane, T. Carey, W. P. S. Creary, W. C. Morrell, W. T. O'Neil, A. Banksmith, Frank Williams, E. Lauer, G. Beck, R. F. F. Moore, Henry H. Baker, J. W. Burke, Jno. Meux, J. V. Valentine, Phil. Vancolun, T. B. White, H. H. White, Jno. B. Chastant, W. J. Sneed, H. D. Seaman, Jr., E. H. Bee, C. W. Marston, C. A. Deval, E. A. Mellard, J. W. Wilcox, V. D. Terrebonne, E. T. Reichart, Thos. H. Cummings, R. H. Gray, J. T. Hale, W. J. Leese, E. Toubert, Chas. Hardenburg, J. C. Purdy.—*Artificers*: Levy Callahan, Jno. McDonnell.

Battalion Band: J. V. Gessner, leader; T. Gutzler, Ch. W. Struve, J. Arnold, John Deutsche, Jno. Gches, Peter Trum, Jno. Lorbs, Thos. Kostmel, J. H. Sporer, Chas. Meier.

Buglers: F. P. Villasana, William Fletcher.

DEPARTURE FOR VIRGINIA.

It was announced in the papers of Monday morning, May 27th, that the Battalion would take their departure for Richmond, Va., that afternoon, by the Jackson Railroad, and the whole city was aroused by

the news. Lieutenant W. Irving Hodgson, commanding the active members—reserves—who remained in the city, published an order to them and the honorary members to meet at the Arsenal, on Girod street, in the afternoon, to act as an escort to the Battalion.

The four Companies of the Battalion formed in Lafayette Square, the Drivers composing a fifth Company. The escort was composed of the Company under Lieutenant Hodgson, the Louisiana Cadets, the Orleans Guards, some four hundred strong, and the Orleans Light Horse, Captain Leeds. Then the Battalion drew up in front of the City Hall, and were addressed by Rev. Dr. Palmer, in most impressive style. The five Companies responded by three cheers for the "Southern Confederacy," and three more for the "Old Dominion," to which the multitude of enthusiastic spectators replied by cheer upon cheer for the Artillery. The column marched down St. Charles to Canal street, down Canal to Camp; up Camp to Calliope, and thence out to the Jackson Railroad Depot. Thousands accompanied them—the ladies numbering hundreds upon hundreds—and even after the long train started, the excited multitude followed as far out as the swamp.—It was a memorable event even in those memorable days.

The Battalion took with them their own uniforms, equipments and arms complete, including their field pieces and the harness. The horses were obtained in Virginia.—Their journey to Richmond was a series of ovations.

They went under fire, for the first time, at Bull Run, followed by the First Manassas, and at once established their reputation, beyond controversy, as unsurpassable artillerists. From that date to the surrender at Appomattox, the record of the BATTALION is historical.

ANOTHER COMPANY.

Not satisfied with the quota furnished to the Army of Virginia, the active members at home—the reserves alluded to—determined that the Battalion should be also represented in the Army of Tennessee. Accordingly, a full Company—known as the Fifth—well armed, drilled and equipped, was organized, and, under the command of Captain W. Irving Hodgson, proceeded to join Beauregard and Albert Sidney Johnston. They were put under fire at Shiloh, by Beauregard himself; distinguished themselves there; and—Captain C. H. Slocomb succeeding Captain Hodgson later on—earned a brilliant reputation, remaining under arms until General Dick Taylor surrendered.

HOME AGAIN.

On their return to New Orleans, the surviving members organized an Association for benevolent purposes. The ranks of the five Companies had been sadly depleted during four years of active service, but the old comrades were true to each other, despite all adversities. Mr. Thos. L. Bayne was chosen president of the Association. The amount disbursed by it for the wounded, sick, and necessitous has been very large.

A NEW BIRTH.

In July, 1875, with a view, first, to reorganizing the old Battalion on a military basis, and then, in a body, to visit the great Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, in 1876, a number of the Veterans assembled in preliminary meeting at Hawkins' Club Rooms. Colonel J. B. Walton presided, and seventy-nine names were signed to the roll.

At the second meeting, fifty-four more names, all of veterans, were

signed. It was determined to organize three Companies, and that none should be received in them who had not served in the army.

Colonel J. B. Walton was then, amidst great enthusiasm, unanimously elected to command the Battalion. His reply was brief, but to the point; and, referring to the proposed visit to the Centennial, he said: "They were to go among men against whom they had fought in battle, and great good, he thought, would result from the visit. He had never known a move that seemed to give more general satisfaction in the community."

W. J. Behan was then elected Major; and M. Buck Miller, J. A. Chalaron and John B. Richardson Captains of Companies A, B and C respectively.

THE THREE COMPANIES.

The drawing for membership of the three companies was next in order, and resulted as follows:

COMPANY A:—Geo. E. Apps, O. S. Babcock, T. L. Bayne, Ben Bridges, S. A. Bryan, M. J. Bebee, C. H. C. Brown, J. P. Benton, J. S. Bradley, John Bradley, Napier Bartlett, Wm. A. Collins, E. A. Clark, A. S. Cowan, Chas. Cotting, Mike Cloney, T. Carter, H. Dudley Coleman, Henry Carey, S. W. Dempsey, Geo. W. Dupré, J. D. Edwards, P. O. Fazende, H. Guillotte, Andrew Hero, Jr., Charles A. Harris, W. D. Henderson, Minor Kenner, Dan Kelley, Pat Leahy, Chas. Leverich, A. Luria, A. G. Lobdell, R. McMillan, Peter Michel, J. J. Madden, E. Peychaud, W. T. O'Neal, J. Rousseau, C. McC. Selph, C. Stocker, W. Tynan, Frank Ulrich, L. E. Zebal, and H. L. Zebal.

COMPANY B: E. D. Augustus, Charles M. Byrne, Robert Bruce, James Bloomfield, W. W. Charleton, E. O. Cook, Frank Case, W. H. Cantzan, E. A. Conan, Geo. W. Charleton, J. D. Carpenter, C. T. Cowand, C. C. Dupuy, Joseph DeGrange, Pat Eagan, B. F. Eschleman, J. Farrell, G. J. Freret, W. C. Giffen, John Garrity, L. M. Girard, E. L. Hews, W. H. Holmes, John Holmes, G. R. P. Jones, A. M. Laffington, Gus. Leefe, C. C. Lewis, R. A. McDonough, Gus. Micou, L. L. Miller, John Metzler, John Meux, John B. Marsh, John Miller, W. Miller Owen, Wm. Oliver, J. R. Porter, Wm. Palfrey, Chas. Palfrey, A. H. Peale, Lewis Roache, Will Steven, J. M. Seixas, Frank Shaw, A. Schnexaydre, E. P. Villasana, and J. B. Whittington.

COMPANY C: L. A. Adam, F. M. Andrews, A. A. Brinsmade, Frank A. Bartlett, J. A. Blaffer, W. P. Brewer, F. A. Behan, John Bozant, Henry H. Baker, W. G. Coyle, Ed. Collins, Denis Cronan, Geo. Crawford, G. B. DeRussey, H. Deitz, E. S. Drew, Jno. W. Emmett, W. H. Ellis, J. Fagan, Bernard Hoft, H. M. Isaacson, J. H. Jagot, A. C. Jones, Edwin J. Kursaedt, A. M. Kelley, Douglas M. Kilpatrick, L. B. Labarre, Frank Lobrano, C. L. Layman, Edgar Mayhan, J. McCormack, Frank McElroy, Henry Miller, H. H. Marks, John R. McGaughy, — McCarthy, W. F. Pinkard, O. F. Peck, John N. Payne, T. G. Roebuck, N. A. Randolph, F. L. Richardson, Anthony Sambola, L. Schneider, B. Strong, E. S. Turpin, Fred N. Thayer, H. F. Wilson, and B. T. Walshe.—A total of one hundred and forty-one names.

Not all these men had served in the Washington Artillery during the war,—some having served in other Louisiana commands; but, though the greater majority of them were young men, all had been often under fire, and quite a number could count up several scores of battles in which they had been engaged.

COMPANY OFFICERS.

At the next meeting, thirty more members were enrolled. The Company officers were then elected, as follows: *Company A*: First Lieutenant, A. Hero, Jr.; Junior First Lieutenant, Frank McElroy; Second Lieutenant, Geo. E. Apps.—*Company B*: First Lieutenant, Eugene May; Junior First Lieutenant, Wm. Palfrey; Second Lieutenant, Wm. T. Hardie.—*Company C*: First Lieutenant, C. H. C. Brown; Junior First Lieutenant, Geo. B. DeRussey; Second Lieutenant, D. M. Kilpatrick; Orderly Sergeant, Harry M. Isaacson.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS.

Lt. Col. Walton then announced the following staff appointments, commissioned and non-commissioned: Adjutant, W. Miller Owen; Quartermaster, John M. Payne; Commissary, John Holmes; Ordnance Officer, W. B. Krumbhaar; Surgeon, Dr. Thos. Y. Aby.—Sergeant Major, E. J. Kursheedt; Quartermaster Sergeant, Wm. H. Ellis; Commissary Sergeant, Mike Cloney; Ordnance Sergeant, O. F. Peck; Artificer and Armorer, J. W. Dempsey.—Color Corporals: H. J. Wilson, W. C. Giffen, Gus. J. Freret.—Color Guard: J. W. Parsons, C. C. Lewis, Alex. H. Peale, Geo. W. Dupré.—Lt. Col. Walton issued his first general order, August 4th, 1875.

ON PARADE AGAIN.

The first public parade of the new Battalion took place on the 8th of January, 1876,—the same day that the "Continentials" made their first appearance on the streets since the war. It was fifteen years since the old Companies had taken their departure for the battle fields of Virginia and Tennessee. What terrible scenes those veteran soldiers,—now marching quietly and steadily along—had gone through! what sights witnessed! what trials and sufferings endured!—Perhaps the years that had elapsed since they surrendered their arms, had tried them more than war's fiercest contests. To scores of spectators—the older ones—the sight of the serried ranks and the familiar grey, recalled faces and forms that had once marched gaily along under the flag of the Washington Artillery—the same flag that now floated proudly over the glittering bayonets—but look eagerly as they might, from front to rear, the faces and forms were not there! They would not be there again; never again!

ARMORIES.

The first armory of the new Battalion was in a large building on Perdido street, just back of the Masonic Hall, on St. Charles street. Then quarters were found on Common street, in the rear of the Gas Company's building, corner of Baronne.

An interesting event there was their first inspection by General Bearegard, lately appointed Adjutant General of the State. Lt. Colonel W. M. Owen was in command; and as the General, with him, passed slowly along the ranks, it was evident, despite his characteristic calm demeanor, that the close proximity—face to face, as it were—to so many of his old soldiers, affected the General. The scene was a quiet one; but it was watched with intense interest by a large number of invited guests, among them the officers of a Mexican war vessel, then in the river. What the veterans of over sixty battles themselves thought and felt, as they thus met the hero of Manassas for the first time, in this military array and ceremony, after seventeen or eighteen years

separation—must be left to the imagination. They stood, under rigid discipline, like statues: silent, motionless, immovable.

THE NEW ARSENAL.

About, or over a year ago, the Battalion succeeded in purchasing their present spacious Arsenal, already mentioned in this book. Three stories in height, very wide, and extending from St. Charles to Carondelet street, it affords them ample accommodations for their own purposes; also for social entertainments, balls and concerts, and rooms and halls to be used by other military commands.

The Artillery Armory proper is on the ground floor, entrance on St. Charles street. The guns, seven in number, of different kinds, with limbers, caissons, etc., are near the entrance. The small arms are in racks, against the walls, to the rear, thus leaving an unencumbered area for the movements of a full Regiment.

On the rear wall, over the desk of the officer presiding at meetings, is suspended the celebrated oil painting of the lamented artist, Julio, that represents the last interview of Lee and Jackson, just as the latter was receiving his final instructions from his leader, ere beginning the famous flank march against Hooker. The incident is historically correct, and the painter has depicted it admirably.

THE DAUGHTERS OF LEE AND JACKSON.

This picture was the object of close inspection by Miss Mildred Lee, the daughter of General Robert E. Lee, when she was formally received by the Battalion, during a brief visit here. It was also examined with deep interest by the widow and daughter of Stonewall Jackson, last Spring, at a reception given them in the Arsenal, when the officers and men of the Artillery were introduced to the two ladies. Both receptions, with such illustrious guests for subjects, would have furnished happy illustrations for the painter's brush.

OTHER INTERESTING OBJECTS.

In the officers' or headquarters' room of the Battalion, is a large case, containing many war relics: the beautiful flag, already noted as having been presented in May, 1861, by Mrs. Twichell; a Confederate battle flag presented to the Battalion in Virginia by Beauregard; an old and beautiful flag, of heavy red silk ground, with the arms of Louisiana embroidered in the centre in white silk, and on both sides, near the edges, the names of over sixty battles that the five Companies were in; and a fragment of the Battalion guidon flag, used in Virginia. The flag of the Fifth Company, if we mistake not, is in the possession of the widow of the late Captain C. H. Slocomb.—In the reception room, opposite the officers' room, are oil paintings, portraits of Gen. Beauregard and Col. Owen; a portrait of Col. Walton; a large medallion portrait in marble, relief, of Adjutant Kursheedt; and a number of war maps, and other relics of interest.

A VETERAN.

The active and intelligent Armorer of the BATTALION, DANIEL KELLEY, served through the Mexican war, and became a member of the Washington Artillery in February, 1852. He has been with it ever since, and naturally takes a deep interest in every incident and individual connected with its history.

Before the civil war, Armorer Kelley was "No. 1" of a piece put in

position on the Levee, at the foot of Canal street, to fire a salute in honor of a British war vessel, on her taking her departure. The salute, "a royal one," was fired in the fastest time on record; and it was the subject of comment and praise in the military journals of the day, in this country and in Europe.

THE LAST CAMP.

The BATTALION has erected a large and very handsome Tomb in the Metairie Cemetery, which attracts the eye of every visitor to that picturesque spot. Above the Tomb stands, at ease, guarding the rest of his comrades below, a Confederate artilleryman, in uniform. The accuracy of the costume, natural attitude of the figure, and simple yet profound feeling it symbolizes, are happy examples of the sculptor's chisel. Upon the tomb tablets is the muster roll of the Dead of the WASHINGTON ARTILLERY: "dead on the field of honor."

MISCELLANEOUS.

Colonel Walton withdrawing from active command in 1877, was elected "Honorary Colonel," and Captain W. Miller Owen was chosen Lieutenant Colonel. He commanded until December, 1879, with J. B. Richardson as Major, and E. J. Kursheedt as Adjutant. He then tendered his resignation to take effect February 23d, 1880. Major John B. Richardson took command in the interim and was elected Lieutenant Colonel in February, 1880, and Captain Eugene May, of Company B, was unanimously elected Major. See pages 70 and 71 for a list of the Staff and Line Officers in September last.

The Battalion was mustered into the Louisiana State National Guard in December, 1879, Gov. Nicholls, Gen. Beauregard, Gen. W. J. Behan, and Col. Walton assisting at the ceremony.

Adjutant Kursheedt was promoted to Adjutant of Gen. Meyer's Brigade, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. The Battalion parted with this efficient officer and old comrade with sincere regret.

The "Veterans" of the Battalion some three years ago formed a special company under Captain C. C. Dupuy. They appear on parade with drawn sabres, instead of muskets.

The Company Officers have undergone a number of changes since 1875, and many new recruits—young men—have been added to the ranks. One special feature of the command is, that when a man joins, he joins the Battalion as a whole, and not any one Company. This identifies every individual with the entire command, and ensures an active *esprit de corps*.

The good feeling that suggested to the Battalion, on its reorganization in 1875, a trip to the Centennial Exhibition in 1876—an excursion that they were compelled to forego, much to their regret—has governed them ever since in their intercourse with the ex-Federal officers and soldiers. It is thus that the true soldiers on both sides have given a noble lesson worthy of example.

THE ARTILLERY TO GARFIELD.

The Battalion, at their regular monthly meeting, two evenings after President Garfield's death, authorized Colonel Richardson to appoint a committee, with Colonel J. B. Walton as chairman, to prepare memorial resolutions. The Committee's report, as follows, was unanimously adopted:

HEADQUARTERS BATTALION WASHINGTON ARTILLERY, }
NEW ORLEANS, September 22, 1881. }

"The Battalion Washington Artillery, of New Orleans, whilst bowing in humble submission to the mysterious will of God, at this solemn moment, in common with their fellow-citizens in every part of this sorrowing nation, are desirous of giving expression of their horror of the awful crime which has deprived this great republic of its chosen constitutional head, and of their sincere and heartfelt grief, that a brave soldier, a wise ruler and a good man in all the walks of life, should have been stricken down by the red hand of an assassin, while yet upon the threshold of his manhood and usefulness; Therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, By the Battalion Washington Artillery, in meeting assembled, that they recognize in the assassination of President James A. Garfield the country has lost a true friend to the constitution and laws, a just and unprejudiced ruler, a valorous and conscientious soldier, whose heroic bearing during the long period of his confinement, to the hour of his death, challenges the highest admiration and attests the greatness of the man.

"*Resolved*, That we deplore the loss the country has sustained; that we contemplate with loathing and horror the act of the assassin, which has in a time of profound peace and unexampled prosperity plunged fifty million people in mourning, and arrested the attention and sincere condolence, in an unexampled measure, of all civilized countries.

"*Resolved*, That with the greatest admiration and respect we tender to the noble lady, now the widow of our murdered President, our heartfelt and sincere condolence in her great sorrow and affliction, commending her to the Father of all good, who, in His wise Providence 'giveth and taketh away.'

"*Resolved*, That a copy of the foregoing be transmitted to the Secretary of State of the United States for such disposition as may be given to other similar resolutions."

J. B. Walton, Honorary Colonel, Chairman; H. M. Isaacson, Captain; Frank McElroy, Captain; D. M. Kilpatrick, First Lieutenant; J. S. Richards, First Lieutenant; A. Hero, Jr., Staff; Wm. Palfrey, Private: Committee.

THE REPLY.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, October 5th, 1881. }

Lieutenant Colonel John B. Richardson, Battalion Washington Artillery, New Orleans, La.:

"Sir:—Now that the onerous cares of public work permit due acknowledgment of the countless heartfelt tributes of sympathy for the family of President Garfield, and of respect for the memory of the dead which come from every quarter of our common country, I hasten to respond to your letter of the 22d ult., enclosing the feeling resolutions of condolence adopted on that day, at a meeting of the members of your organization.

"The spontaneity of this eloquent message is but in keeping with the universal voice of our common country in its brotherhood of keen sorrow; and carries its fitting share of consolation to the bereaved widow and fatherless children in their deep anguish.

"In their name, and expressing the common sentiment of the

" American people in this hour of widespread mourning, I return to
 " you and your generous-hearted comrades most sincere thanks.

" I am, Sir,

" Your obedient servant,

JAMES G. BLAINE.

THE CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS.

THE NEW ORLEANS LIEDERTAFEL.

This Society was organized in the month of February, 1872, at No. 20 Exchange Alley under the name of " DEUTSCHER MAENNER GESANGVEREIN," or the German Male Singing Society. It had a membership of about thirty, officered as follows: President, Dr. F. Wilhoft; Vice President, M. F. Sibilsky; Recording Secretary, J. P. Hand; Financial Secretary, R. H. Benners; Treasurer, Reinhardt Wirth; Librarian, Heinrich Sporer; Musical Director, Otto Weber.

The numbers soon increased to over one hundred, and the Society's career was one of the most genial, social amusement and pleasure.

In the month of December, 1878, the " Maenner Gesangverein " and the " New Orleans Liederkrantz," a singing society which had its place of meeting at the corner of Chippewa and Philip streets, agreed to combine and form but one Society. This was effected, and it was determined to name the new organization the NEW ORLEANS LIEDERTAFEL.

The Carnival season of 1879 brought a great many new names to the roll of members, which has ever since been steadily increasing. Also came with them a good many lady singers; and, of late, there has been enrolled a large number of scholars, both boys and girls, who receive a musical education at the expense of the Society.

The LIEDERTAFEL celebrated in October, 1880, the opening of the New Orleans and Texas Railroad, by inviting the Texas Singing Societies and holding a three days' festival, in which were given two grand vocal and instrumental concerts—one at the Spanish Fort Park, and one at the West End,—winding up with a grand torchlight procession, and a brilliant evening entertainment on the third day at Grunewald Hall, in which the New Orleans German-Turners, the German Battalion and the German Guards also participated.

The LIEDERTAFEL has now over nine hundred members, and a Chorus of about one hundred excellent and well-trained voices. It is the only German Singing Society in this city, and its beneficial and wholesome influence is widely felt.

Its entertainments are of the choicest kind, and whilst thoroughly recherché are, at the same time, gleeful and joyous.

The LIEDERTAFEL members, however, are not alone found where mirth and merriment reign supreme. They also devote themselves to charitable purposes, and are not missing at festivals given for the suffering, the widow and the fatherless.

When the sad news of President Garfield's death was received, the LIEDERTAFEL at once ceased their musical and social gatherings for amusement and recreation; and, mourning sincerely the great loss their country had sustained, determined to attend, in a body, the