### NEW NEWS OF YESTERDAY

Earthworks That Gen. Joseph Johnston Forgot About.

Sherman's Great Opponent Constructed Excellent Fortifications at Fayetteville, N. C., Just to Keep His Army Busy.

BY E. J. EDWARDS. When Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, Sherman's great opponent both before and after he had reached Atlanta, was in congress in the seventies and early eighties, representing the Richmond (Va.) district, it was my very good fortune to become well acquainted with him. In the conversa tions between us, that usually forlowed when matters of business were attended to, he told me many interesting war stories, but the one that has stayed by me best relates to the earthworks that Gen. Johnston had forgotten that he had ever built.

"General," I said to him one day, "I have just returned from a trip to Fayetteville, N. C. While there I had to travel along a road that took me directly through some elaborate earthworks thrown up just outside of the town. From their very elaborateness, I judged that they had been planned in anticipation of fighting there a decisive battle, and when I asked who had built them I was told that you had done so."

"In Fayetteville, N. C.?" mused the general for a moment. Then a smile of recognition spread over his face. "Why, I declare, I had forgotten all about those fortifications," he confessed. "But now I can recall them vividly, and they are especially inter-esting to me, illustrating, as they do, one of the things I had in mind when I was waiting for Sherman to move north from Savannah.

"I reached Fayetteville fairly early in the winter and decided to go into winter quarters there. I knew that Sherman would not start north before late winter or early spring, and I also knew that it would be a very bad thing for my army to spend its days in complete idleness at Fayetteville, for idleness is very demoralizing to an army-much more so than it is among civilians. So, in order to keep my boys busy while they and I were awaiting the arrival of Sherman, I planned what I think was as perfect a system of earthwork defense as I built during the entire war.

"These earthworks commanded both sides of the road running from Fayetteville to Raleigh. With equal armies and equal generalship opposing, a great and, possibly, a decisive battle could have been fought in and before them. But they were not planned with such a possible contingency in mind-they were erected, as I have said, solely as a means of keeping my army busy-and I was the only one who knew that they would be aban-doned without a shot fired from them when the time came for me to move north. For, you know, my own pur pose in the last year of the war was delay and embarrass the enemy as much as passible with as little shedding of blood as I could manage. I realized in my heart that the war was already decided, and it seemed to me to be a waste of blood to shed any more of it.

"You say those old earthworks, after all these 18 years, are in a good state of preservation? I should surely like to see them again. Perhaps 1 shall run down there some time in the summer after congress adjourns, and maybe Gen. Sherman would like to go along with me; although, strange as it may seem, he and I, since we have become warm friends. do not talk much about the civil war. We are both of us at this time a great deal more interested in questions affecting the immediate welfare of the

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#### Centenarian Acrobat.

Henry Johnson, a veteran acrobat of Grantham, Lincolnshire, celebrated his 103d birthday on Christmas day. Johnson started as an acrobat at the age of about six, when he joined a circus. Eight years later he joined Hughes's circus and went with the 'show" to China.

On his return to England he went into partnership with a Chinese juggler called Mullabah, and the two performed before William IV. in 1830 at Aylesbury and at Buckingham palace. They also performed at Tunbridge Wells before Queen Victoria prior to her accession and her mother, the

After 30 years' partnership Johnson parted from the Chinaman and appeared before King Edward VII., then Prince of Wales. He received from the king a letter of congratulation on

his 100th birthday. The old man is not a teetotaler, and he still enjoys a pipe.-London Ex-

Found One Uncharted Route.

I have gone to the end of the world -the visible and invisible. I have traversed the radiant spheres of Plato. the ancient world; I have lived in all the ideal republics. I have gone everywhere and yet further. I even went around myself, which seldom happens to travelers. Liking travels, I knew not where to go, when one morning I thought of looking out of my window.--Arsene Houssaye.

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**Constitutional Amendments** 

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION, BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Number One.
A JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing an ament to article nine, section four of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the improvement of the highways of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met. That the following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That section four of article nine, which reads as follows:

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"Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiency in revenue shall never exceed, in the aggregate at any one time, one million of dollars," be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay exciencies of revenue, repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiencies in revenue shall never exceed, in the aggregate at any one time, one million of dollars. Provided, however, That the General Assembly, irrespective of any debt, may authorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the purpose of improving and rebuilding the highways of the Commonwealth.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1.

ROBERT McAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwea

Number Two.
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section seven, article three of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, so as to permit special legislation regulating labor. Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof.

Amendment to Article Three, Section Seven.
Section 2. Amend section seven, article three of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:—

of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:

"Section 7. The General Assembly shall not pass any local or special law authorizing the creation, extension, or impairing of liens:

"Regulating the affairs of counties, cities, townships, wards, boroughs, or school districts:

"Changing the names of persons or places:

"Changing the venue in civil or criminal cases:

"Authorizing the laying out, opening, altering or maintaining roads, highways, streets or alleys:

"Relating to ferries or bridges, or incorporating ferry or bridge companies, except for the erection of bridges crossing streams which form boundaries between this and any other State:

"Vacating roads, town plats, streets or alleys:

"Relating to cemeteries, graveyards, or public grounds not of the State:

"Authorizing the adoption or legitimation of children:

Proposing an amendment to section one of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, relating to taxation.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met. That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:—

Section 2. Amend section one of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:

"All taxes shall be uniform, upon the same class of subjects, within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and shall be levied and collected under general laws; but the General Assembly may, by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes, actual places of religious worship, places of burial not used or held for private or corporate profit, and institutions of purely public charity," so as to read as follows:

All taxes shall be uniform upon the same class of subjects, within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and shall be levied and collected under general laws, and the subjects of taxation may be classified for the purpose of laying graded or progressive taxes; but the General Assembly may, by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes, actual places of religious worship, places of burial not used or held for private or corporate profit, and institutions of purely public charity.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 4.

ROBERT.McAFEE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth Authorizing the adoption children:

"Locating or changing county-seats, erecting new counties, or changing county lines:

"Incorporating cities, towns. or villages, or changing their charters:

"For the opening and conducting of elections, or fixing or changing the place of voting:

"Granting divorces:

"Erecting new townships or boroughs, changing township lines, borough limits or school districts.

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"Creating offices, or prescribing the powers and duties of officers in counties, cities, boroughs, townships, election or school districts:

"Changing the law of descent or succession:
"Regulating the practice or jurisdiction of, or changing the rules of evidence in, any judicial proceeding or inquiry before courts, aldermen, justices of the peace, sheriffs, commissioners, arbitrators, auditors, masters in chancery, or other tribunals, or providing or changing methods for the collection of debts, or the enforcing of judgments, or prescribing the effect of judicial sales of real estate:

"Regulating the fees, or extending the powers and duties of aldermen, justices of the peace, magistrates or constables:

"Regulating the management of public schools, the building or repairing of school houses and the raising of money for such purposes:

"Fixing the rate of interest:

"Affecting the estates of minors or persons under disability, except after due notice to all parties in interest, to be recited in the special enactment:

"Remitting fines, penalties and forfeitures, or

Article IX.

Section 15. No obligations which have been heretofore issued, or which may hereafter be issued, by any county or municipality, other than Philadelphia, to provide for the construction or acquisition of waterworks, subways, underground railways or street railways, or the appurtenances thereof, shall be considered as a debt of a municipality, within the meaning of section eight of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania or of this amendment, if the net revenue derived from said property for a period of fiveyears, either before or after the acquisition thereof, or, where the same is constructed by the county or municipality, after the completion thereof, shall have been sufficient to pay interest and sinkingfund charges during said period upon said obligations, or if the said obligations shall be secured by liens upon the respective properties, and shall impose no municipal liability. Where municipalities or counties shall issue obligations to provide for the construction of property, as herein provided, said municipalities or counties may also issue obligations to provide for the interest and sinking-fund charges accruing thereon until said properties shall have been completed and in operation for a period of one year; and said municipalities and counties shall not be required to levy a tax to pay said interest and sinking-fund charges, as required by section ten of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, until after said properties shall have been operated by said counties or municipalities during said period of one year. Any of the said municipalities or counties may incur indebtedness in excess of seven per centum, and not exceeding ten per centum, of the assessed valuation of the taxable property therein, if said increase of indebtedness shall have been assented to by three-fifths of the electors voting at a public election, in such manner as shall be provided by law.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 5.

"Exempting property from taxation:
"Regulating labor, trade, mining or manufacturing:
"Creating corporations, or amending, renewing or extending the charters thereof:
"Granting to any corporation, association or individual any special or exclusive privilege or immunity, or to any corporation, association or individual the right to lay down a railroad track:
"Nor shall the General Assembly indirectly enact such special or local law by the partial repeal of a general law; but laws repealing local or special acts may be passed:
"Nor shall any law be passed granting powers and privileges in any case where the granting of such powers and privileges shall have been provided for by general law, nor where the courts have jurisdiction to grant the same or give the relief asked for,"—so as to read as follows:—
Section. 7. The General Assembly shall not pass any local or special law authorizing the creation, extension or impairing of liens:
Regulating the affairs of counties, cities, townships, wards, boroughs, or school districts:
Changing the names of persons or places:
Changing the venue in civil or criminal cases:
Authorizing the laying out, opening, altering, or maintaining roads, highways, streets or alleys:

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Regulating the management of public schools,
the building or repairing of school houses and
the raising of money for such purposes:
Fixing the rate of interest:
Affecting the estates of minors or persons
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enactment:
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parties in interest, to be recited in the special enactment:
Remitting fines, penalties and forfeitures, or refunding moneys legally paid into the treasury:
Exempting property from taxation:
Regulating labor, trade, mining or manufacturing; but the Legislature may regulate and fix the wages or salaries, the hours of work or labor, and make provision for the protection, welfare and safety of persons employed by the State, or by any county, city, borough, town, township, school district, village, or other civil division of the State or by any contractor or sub-contractor performing work, labor or services for the State, or for any county, city, borough, town, township, school district, village or other civil division thereof:

school district, village or other civil division thereof:

Creating corporations, or amending, renewing or extending the charters thereof:

Granting to any corporation, association or individual any special or exclusive privilege or immunity, or to any corporation, association, or individual the right to lay down a railroad track:

Nor shall the General Assembly indirectly enact such special or local law by the partial repeal of a general law; but laws repealing local or special acts may be passed:

Nor shall any law be passed granting powers or privileges in any case where the granting of such powers and privileges shall have been provided for by general law, nor where the courts have jurisdiction to grant the same or give the relief asked for.

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A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 2. ROBERT McAFEE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth

> Number Three. A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to section three of article eight of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (if the Senate concur). That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:—

Section 2. Amend section three of article eight, which reads as follows: "All judges elected by the electors of the State at large may be elected at either a general or municipal election, as circumstances may require. All the elections for judges of the courts for the several judicial districts, and for county, city, ward, borough, and township officers, for regular terms of service, shall be held on the municipal election day: namely, the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November in each odd-numbered year, but the General Assembly may by law fix a different day, two-thirds of all the members of each House consenting thereto: Provided, That such elections shall always be held in an odd-numbered year," so as to read:

Section 3. All judges elected by the electors of the State at large may be elected at either a general or municipal election, as circumstances may require. All elections for judges of the courts for the several judicial districts, and for county, city, ward, borough, and township officers, for regular terms of service, shall be held on the municipal election day; namely, the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November in each odd-numbered year, but the General Assembly may by law fix a different day, two-thirds of all the members of each

Number Four.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

ROBERT:McAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Five.
A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:—

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