

FRIENDS CELEBRATE THE 75TH BIRTHDAY OF MAJ. J. A. BLANCE

Cedartown, Ga., June 20.—(Special.) At an all-day gathering the friends of Major Joseph A. Blance, including the Polk County Bar association, the Confederate Veterans, Sons of the Confederacy, Daughters of the Confederacy, today celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday.

The celebration took place at "Rural Retreat," his beautiful country home, and the several hundred people present spent a day long to remember. Judge F. A. Irwin, of the city court of Cedartown, was master of ceremonies, and a beautiful loving cup was presented Judge Blance by the Polk County Bar association. One of the most enjoyable features of the day was an old-fashioned Georgia barbecue.

The address of the day was made by Dr. E. H. Richardson, of Cedartown, who, in closing, said:

"This splendid assembly, in this beautiful grove of the neighborhood, and friends of our gallant and cavalier friend, Major Joseph A. Blance, to honor him while living, in the flesh among us, surely is an inspiring spectacle, auguring that our noble friend is persona gratissima with his neighbors. What a man's neighbors think and say about him while living, is a knock-down and drag-out answer to the misrepresentations and slanders of all the world; obliquity and calumny uttered against him are as the frailest violet of the valley beneath the fatal crush of an avalanche descending from the summit of the towering Alps; or as chaff before the winds, and as a summer cloud which the storm bloweth away."

TWO MASKED WOMEN HOLD UP POSTMASTER WITH PNEUMATIC GUNS

Guthrie, Okla., June 20.—Two women wearing masks entered the postoffice at Guthrie, Okla., early today, covered Postmaster Holter with pneumatic guns and looted his till. They secured \$75 in currency, a bag containing two thousand pennies and two gold watches. The bandits then told the postmaster to sit down. "Now you keep quiet until we beat it from this burg or we will flog you," said one.

The women walked out, mounted horses and rode away. No attempt at pursuing was made.

INDICTMENT IS UNJUST, SAYS JAMES H. DODGEN

"The charge of larceny after trust made against me is absurd, and will be so shown by the court," says Attorney James H. Dodgen, in reference to the indictment found by the grand jury, charging him with taking money from and not representing John Wilson, a negro who was recently sentenced to eight months for gaming.

Mr. Dodgen states that the bill, based upon the evidence of this negro, has done him an injustice, but that he does not blame the grand jury for it, as the bill was returned on an ex-parte hearing and, as is usually done, without giving the defendant an opportunity to explain the true status of the case.

The indictment charges that the attorney obtained \$30 from the negro and then failed to represent him at the hearing, and in reply to this, Mr. Dodgen states that it is true that he represented this negro at one time in the criminal court, and after foreclosing a mortgage, succeeded in collecting one-tenth of the fee. He asserts that the money he did obtain was for the former action for the negro, and that the larceny charge is absurd.

POSTPONEMENT LIKELY IN LEO FRANK'S TRIAL

Doubt is expressed around the Fulton superior court that Leo M. Frank, superintendent of the National Pencil factory, now under indictment for the murder of Mary Phagan, an employee on the afternoon or night of April 26 will go to trial during June.

This date was the one upon which the solicitor had suggested that the trial might be held, but it is believed that if the state should prove to be ready at that time, that the defense would move to postpone the trial pending further investigation and preparation on their part.

Should the trial start on June 30 it would be less than two months since the commission of the crime with which Frank is charged and it is unusual in Georgia for a man to go to trial for his life within such a short time after the crime has been committed.

Solicitor Hugh M. Dorsey, who has spent the past week in New York, presumably on a recreation trip, is expected to return by Sunday or Monday, and following his arrival preparations will probably start for the trial, provided he intends to call it on that date.