

## BETHESDA,

### Sweetwater Grange -- Anniversary Exercises on the 20th—Three Thousand People Out— Address by Gen. Colquitt.

Sweetwater Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, had its anniversary on the 20th at Bethesda church, in Gwinnett county. There were between 3,000 and 3,500 people out. The "council" and members of the order assembled at their hall at nine o'clock, and at ten o'clock a procession was formed by Thomas E. Winn, chief marshal, assisted by Andrew J. Baugh, W. J. Born, H. W. Mills, Isaac J. Cruce, T. E. Daniel and B. F. Reynolds, deputies.

The procession was formed in the following order:

Stone Mountain brass band.

The gate keeper.

Committee of arrangements, E. J. McDaniel, Alston Martin, Sam Garner, S. S. Perdue, John Cain, with blue badges.

Male members of the order.

Steward and assistant.

Secretary and treasurer.

Overseer and lecturer.

Male members of the choir.

Female members of the choir.

Flora and Pomona.

Ceres and female assistant.

Orator and chaplain.

Master of the grange.

When the procession reached the platform, it was brought to open order and the master, followed by the others, passed through, all the male portion being uncovered.

The master, chaplain, orator and officers of the council, male and female, choir, committee of arrangements and chief marshal occupied seats on the platform.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the chaplain, after which the choir sang a song. After the announcement of the order of exercises and reading of the platform of principles, the Stone Mountain brass band discoursed elegant music.

Hon. Thos. E. Winn then introduced the orator of the day, Gen. A. H. Colquitt, who delivered an effective and stirring address. It was one of Gen. Colquitt's ablest and most telling efforts.

While the tables were being prepared for dinner the services of the brass band were again called into requisition. The "call beat" was sounded by the band, and the procession reformed and proceeded to the tables. The upper tables were occupied by the ladies and the other tables by the gentlemen. The chaplain and orators were placed at the head of the ladies' tables. The feast was a magnificent one, and such as the people of Gwinnett never fail to get up.

After dinner the procession was again reformed and marched back to the platform. The evening exercises were agreeably interspersed with songs by the choir, music by the band and brief addresses.

The grangers were decorated in full regalia. It was one of the most interesting meetings ever held in Gwinnett. The people were glad to meet their handsome senator, Sam. J. Winn, and their former and popular countyman, Alderman Jas. E. Cloud, of Stone Mountain.

The direct trade movement received a new impetus at this meeting. Quite an interest was developed on the subject.