

### The Late Tom Childerson.

Tom Childerson died in Pensacola last week. He was a Confederate veteran, a warm hearted man and a stutterer. During the war Tom and Jot Elston, another Talladega man, were in Richmond and wanted to go outside the lines. They borrowed the passes of Dr. William Taylor, still living at Talladega, and then a division surgeon, and of the late M. H. Cruikshank, a member of congress from the Talladega district. Tom and Jot spent the day outside and did not look like congressmen or surgeons when they got to the sentries on their return. It happened the officer of the day met them as they came up and presented their passes. The officer took Tom's pass and looked at it long and steadily and then looked at Tom and said:

"What is your name?"

Now Tom had forgotten which pass he had and was in distress. But he was bold. He looked back in the officer's eyes and said:

"D'd'dang it, can't you read?"—  
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