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DR. MEYER DIES SUDDENLY.

President of State Normal College and Great Educational Leader—His Death a Great Loss to the State—His a Life of Unselfish Service.

Dr. Chas. D. Meyer died suddenly on the Bryan train Monday afternoon soon after leaving Durham. He was at Raleigh with the Bryan party and was in his usual good health. When the train reached Durham he was suffering with what he considered an attack of acute indigestion and did not go to the speaking place. He soon got better. After leaving Durham he was attacked again and died at once.

The following concerning him is taken from Tuesday's News and Observer:

The entire city of Raleigh was profoundly shocked yesterday afternoon when the news came of the sudden death of President Charles Duncan Meyer, on the Bryan special train between Durham and Hillsboro. Mr. Meyer had come down from Greensboro during the morning on the special train bringing to the city Hon. William J. Bryan and party. He was a member of the committee of escort representing the city of Greensboro. On the way to Raleigh and the return from Raleigh he had been the life of the party, filling everyone with happiness and good cheer by his apparently inexhaustible fund of humor, anecdote, human sympathy, and never-failing common sense. While in Raleigh he took a prominent part in all the exercises of the day, occupying a box in Metropolitan Hall, greatly enjoying the address of Mr. Bryan, and frequently applauding his striking hits.

It is a little remarkable that Dr. Meyer was the first man to introduce Mr. Bryan to North Carolina by selecting him as the commencement orator of the State Normal and Industrial College in May, 1894. On that occasion Mr. Bryan made a clear cut and eloquent speech on the money question, taking the position which he has since held. His speech attracted wide attention and produced a profound impression. Dr. Meyer has been since then an ardent friend, admirer and supporter of Mr. Bryan, and it is remarkable that his last public service, in fact his last earthly act, was in extending the State's hospitality to this eminent man.

STATE'S EDUCATIONAL LEADER.

Dr. Meyer was the recognized educational leader of the State, having won this enviable position by a life devoted most unselfishly and unceasingly to the great cause of education. First of all the educational thinkers in the State, he saw that the pivotal point in our educational system was the training of women of the State for educational service, and having once set his hand to the work, at great personal sacrifices he pressed the point for the attention of the people of the State until he convinced them of the correctness of his views. The State Normal and Industrial College is his work and will stand as a noble monument to his zeal, his eloquence, his earnestness of purpose, and his unselfish service. How unselfish this service has been only his most intimate friends realize, for they alone know that more than once he has steadily declined positions paying from twice to four times the meager salary paid by the State for his great service to her. Had he chosen to accept any of these places and to devote his talents in private enterprises, he could easily have left his widow and children in affluence, but choosing to serve the State rather than self, he leaves them the glory of his name.

In recent years Dr. Meyer has been the educational spokesman for the State to the nation. It is safe to say that no other man has done so much to extend the reputation of the State abroad and to elevate her to an enviable position in the eyes of the na-

tion. In the Southern Educational Association, in the National Educational Association, in the Conference for Education in the South, on the Southern Education Board, and dozens of platforms from Louisiana to Connecticut, he has ably and eloquently represented the new spirit of her people. Dr. Meyer came nearer than any other man of being a perfect personification of this new spirit which is thrilling and stirring the life of the State.

GREAT LOSS TO THE STATE

The State can ill afford to lose him. His boundless energy, his unflagging zeal, his earnestness of purpose, his exalted patriotism, his comprehensive love and knowledge of the State and her people, all combined to give him a place in the life of the State impossible to be filled, while his genial companionship, his kindly disposition, his warm heart won for him a place in the hearts of our people that will make his loss a personal sorrow in thousands of homes in North Carolina.

Hundreds of teachers have caught from his presence a spirit that has sent them to their trying work, from the college recitation room to the humble log cabin school house in the backwoods, with hearts afire and souls inspired to render great service to their country and to humanity, caring naught for the vast personal sacrifices frequently involved.

The death of such a man is nothing less than a public calamity.

Dr. Meyer would have been 46 years old had he lived until next Thursday, the 27th.

A Noble Requiem.

Seldom has a man had a grander requiem than Dr. Meyer.

The eyes of the State were on Greensboro last night. From near and far men and women had gathered to hear words of public import fall from the lips of one of the most remarkable men this country has ever produced.

William Jennings Bryan, the trusted leader of millions of his fellow citizens, came to our city to speak. He had intended to talk on the important public questions of the day. But as a special train was bearing him swiftly to our city, Dr. Meyer, who was of the party, was suddenly stricken by the hand of death.

As if by common consent, the character of the journey was altered. The assembled multitude crowded the opera house, but over all, there was a hush as in the presence of death.

The great Nebraskan, who has so often swayed thousands by his eloquence, with a thoughtful consideration and tender courtesy that marks a kindly, generous heart, pushed aside the political questions with which his life has of late been crowded, and spoke only of him who lay cold in death.

Tenderly, touching and eloquently the words fell from his lips and those who heard knew they came from the heart.

The distinguished visitor and his hearers forgot those things which push men asunder and remembered the holy sorrow that draws all men together.

More than generous, more than gracious, truly noble, was Mr. Bryan's address—a great man's eulogy upon another great man, delivered before an audience that loved them both. —Greensboro Industrial News.

"To Cure a Felon"

says Sam. Kendall, of Phillipsburg, Kan., "just cover it over with Bucklen's Arnica Salve and the Salve will do the rest." Quickest cure for Burns, Boils, Sores, Scalds, Wounds, Piles, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Chapped Hands, Sore Feet and Sore Eyes. Only 25c. at Hood Bros' drug store. Guaranteed.

We are shaped and fashioned by what we love.—Goethe.

DEATHS IN POLENTA SECTION.

C. H. Holland and Mrs. Nancy Lee go to Their Long Home—Services at the Churches—Other Neighborhood News.

The cotton crop in this section will be at least one-third short of an average crop—it will be about the same as last year. There is plenty of weed but the fruit is not there.

Miss Mina Johnson left for the Greensboro Normal School Tuesday morning where she will pursue her studies. She is one of our best girls and we truly wish her success in her work.

There will be preaching at Oakland Sunday—two sermons—morning and afternoon, Pastor Souders is a preacher of great power, and always preaches to entertain and make better.

Preaching at Shiloh last Saturday and Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Hudson. Mr. Hudson always preaches good sermons and his Sunday morning sermon was up to the high water mark.

The hay ride recently given by some of our young people to Smithfield, was hugely enjoyed. They arrived in the city about 11 o'clock and made the welkin ring. It is a great pity, however, that our young pill driver lost in the foot race that took place on front street, being eclipsed in the contest by two beautiful young ladies whom he challenged to race with him. He consoled himself with the assertion that any other youngster would have been out run by two such fleet-footed ladies.

Mrs. Nancy Lee, wife of Mr. Zack Lee, after a lingering illness, died on Saturday night last. She was a woman of excellent qualities, a devoted wife, an affectionate and loving mother, and an excellent neighbor. She had been a member of the Primitive Baptist church for many years, and was counted as a faithful member. She leaves a husband and several children, besides a host of friends to mourn her demise. She was eighty-four years old, had lived a useful life and has simply been called up higher to enjoy the fruits of her life work whilst here below. Her remains were interred in the family burying ground of Mr. Wm. Lee, one of her sons, Sunday evening, a large concourse of friends and relatives being present to attest their esteem for the departed.

A truly good man has entered the better life. From service and labor to glory and rest may well be said of Mr. C. H. Holland, who departed this life Wednesday night of last week at the home of his son, Mr. D. H. Holland, who lives near Benson, whither he had gone on a visit. Mr. Holland was sick only a few days, having been taken with a chill before his arrival at his son's from which he never rallied, growing worse gradually until death came and relieved him of his suffering. He was sixty-three years old, having been born in Elevation township, in this county. During that time he had been for forty-five years a devoted Christian, being a member of Shiloh Baptist church, filling the office of deacon and clerk of said church for many years. The church has sustained a great loss, for truly a good man in Israel has been removed. He was faithful to his family, his friends, his church, and his country, dying without any enemy, having lived such a life as to merit the love and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He leaves a devoted wife and seven loving children to mourn their loss. His remains were laid to rest Thursday afternoon of last week near his home where he had lived most of his life, in the family cemetery of Mr. H. T. Garrard, where a large concourse of friends and relatives had gathered to pay due respect to the departed.

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on his gentle breast,
There by love overshadowed,
Sweetly his soul shall rest."
Sept. 19. T.Y.P.

BRYAN'S SPEECH AT RALEIGH.

Dissects Shaw's Southern Speech—Calls Attention to the Fact that President is Popular Because he Advocates Democratic Policies.

Put in a nut shell the speech of Mr. Bryan in Metropolitan Hall yesterday was:

First—The dissection of the Southern speech of Secretary Shaw in the defense of the "stand pat policy" by which he demonstrated that the principle of the protective tariff as administered by the Republican party was solely for the manufacturer and only through sophistry for the protection of American labor.

Second—That the acts of President Roosevelt which have met with popular enthusiasm and have left him the only logical hope as a successful Republican candidate was none of them in accord with Republican principle, and none of them policies which were approved by the Republican platform. That, on the contrary, each and every important Presidential action with respect to his office or in aid of legislation was in accord with the repeated demand of the party of the opposition.

Third—That the Republican party, in the propagation of the idea that the trusts and monopolies are the natural growths of economic conditions, is through its refusal to prosecute trusts with the same vigor that the law prosecutes the ordinary criminal, by so much the most powerful incitement to anarchy; and, in its promotion thereby of monopolies and the abuses which follow therefrom: is the encouragement of the socialism of which it professes to stand most in dread.

Fourth—That, recognizing and for long believing in the remedy of governmental control of railroads, he himself, and speaking for himself alone as one Democrat subject to the will and the opinion of the majority, had been forced by the prevalence of railroad corruption of politics and legislation to conclude that the only adequate solution of the railroad problem would rest in the ultimate acquisition of the trunk lines by the government and of the State lines by the States.

He was particularly careful in his references to the question of government ownership to repeat his Madison Square Garden declaration that he did not know what his party would think of his views on that question. He emphasized the fact that he was speaking his opinion as a man who was too honest with himself to hope for adequate regulation without ownership, when he had no hope, and declared that he had a great patience with those who differed with him in that respect as one who had for long tried to hold differently from the view at which he had arrived.

Fifth—He touched lightly upon the issues of imperialism and colonialism characterizing the Republican administration of the Philippines as a failure which, in costing money where it had been expected to make riches, had dashed the Republican enthusiasm in the policy as a providential destiny.

The speech abounded in the Bryan epigrams, and was touched here and there with a fine Irish humor which only once went so far as to tell a joke, which, however, was so good as to bring down the house.

The entire speech was listened to by the packed house with a breathless interest. The crowd, which was dense on platform, floor, galleries and aisles, so far forgot itself as to stand motionless and, except at periods of applause, in an utter silence which the voice of the speaker dominated with absolute ease. At the conclusion of the rather lengthy speech, the interest of the audience had been kept at such an absolute notch of attention as to have misled the majority as to the period of time. This applied to women and children, of whom there were a considerable number in attendance,

equally with the men. It expressed the final touch of ability in public speaking. There was little of the Bryan "oratory," but the speech moved on with a sense of reserved power that was fascinating. Its grace was its distinguishing characteristic. It held less of action than formerly, yet was not cut and dried. It showed Mr. Bryan's growth as an orator to have well-nigh reached the point where he can be spoken of in this regard as consummate.—News and Observer, 18th.

Mr. Bryan spoke at Winston Tuesday morning to a crowd estimated at 10,000. He also spoke Tuesday at Kernersville, High Point, Lexington, Salisbury, Concord and Charlotte. At each place he was greeted by throngs of people who listened with rapt attention to every word. The speaker touched on the trusts in no uncertain tones and everywhere held up Democratic principles as only he can uphold them.

Ten Cents Cotton.

The Wake County Division of the Southern Cotton Association has perfected a plan whereby cotton growers may store their staple at 25 cents per bale per month, this sum covering the cost both of storage and of insurance, and the different cotton storage owners have agreed to make loans on the cotton up to three-fourths of the value of the cotton, charging six per cent. interest on the advances made. The business men are anxious to help the cotton farmers, and there is now no necessity for the farmer to place his cotton on the market at a price lower than the cost of production. The minimum price of ten cents per pound, fixed by the Central Executive Committee of the Southern Cotton Association at Little Rock, Ark., is fair both to the farmer and the manufacturer, and there should be no reason why the cotton grower should accept less than that for his cotton.—New and Observer.

Baptist Union Meeting.

The next Union Meeting of the Johnston County Association will be held with Blackman's Grove church Friday night, Saturday and Sunday, September 28th, 29th and 30th, 1906.

Preaching Friday night by Rev. B. G. Early.

Saturday—9:30 A. M.—Devotional services conducted by Rev. N. H. Gibbs.

Protracted meetings and the best time to hold them—J. M. Beaty.

Are we as Baptist people doing what we can and ought to supply the Gospel to the world at large? If not, how may we bring our people up to their duty on this point?—Rev. B. G. Early.

2:00 P. M.—A general discussion on forming more compact pastorates and the questions of pastoral support. To be led by Rev. D. F. Putnam.

What is meant by the word Church in the Bible, and what its mission according to Bible teachings—Rev. C. W. Blanchard.

Preaching Saturday night.

Sunday—9:30 A. M.—How to conduct a Sunday School—M. A. Allen.

How to teach a Sunday School lesson—Prof. J. P. Canaday.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. C. W. Blanchard.

Starving to Death.

Because her stomach was so weakened by useless drugging that she could not eat. Mrs. Mary H. Walters, of St. Clair St., Columbus, O., was literally starving to death. She writes: "My stomach was so weak from useless drugs that I could not eat, and my nerves so wrecked that I could not sleep; and not before I was given up to die was I induced to try Electric Bitters; with the wonderful result that improvement began at once, and a complete cure followed." Best health Tonic on earth. 50c. Guaranteed by Hood Bros., druggists.

CLAYTON'S NEWS BUDGET.

Events of the week in the Thriving Little City—Movements of the People—Some Coming, Some Going.

Miss Margaret Austin, of Sanford, is visiting relatives in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. George King and children spent Sunday in the country with relatives.

Pastor Blanchard preached two splendid sermons at the Baptist church last Sunday.

Miss Cora Hocutt, of the Emit section, has accepted a position in the store of Messrs. Barbour & Soua.

Mr. B. Robertson left Tuesday evening for Richmond where he will buy several nice horses for his firm.

The Rural Delivery Inspector was here for several days this week and went over several of the routes.

Cotton is coming in in grand style now, and all the merchants have opened the big blade for fall business.

We regret to chronicle the sickness of Mr. Charley Eason and sincerely hope it will be of short duration.

Mrs. Etta V. Johnson has returned from northern markets where she has recently purchased her fall stock of millinery goods.

Mr. Sid Stephenson caught an O'possum Tuesday night which weighed 18½ pounds gross. This is one of the biggest O'possums we have heard of.

Mr. Loomis D. Debnam, of the Bank of Selma, was in town for a short while Wednesday evening. He says Selma is coming right along to the front.

Miss Bessie Pulliams, one of the teachers of Clayton High School, was called to Troy, N. C., Wednesday on account of the sudden death of her sister.

Pupils continue to come to Clayton High School. Several new ones registered Monday morning. There is still room for more and a hearty welcome.

Hon. Ashley Horne will address the farmers and Southern Cotton Association at Scotland Neck September 20th. The News and Observer says quite a rally is expected.

Mr. N. B. Hales, who has been with Mr. J. A. Vinson for a long time, has accepted a position with the Pine Level Oil Mill Co., and will move his family to that place next week.

Mrs. Chas. W. Horne has returned home from New York where she has been receiving treatment for the last few weeks. The Clayton people are glad to see her so much improved.

Messrs. Frank L. Jones, Quint F. Pool, and D. L. Barbour spent a part of last week fishing at Slocum's creek below New Berne. They report a splendid time and brought back the fish to prove that they had good luck.

Mr. C. Vernon Williams will leave Monday for Henderson where he takes a position with Mr. Edgar Stallings on the merry-go-round. Mr. Foster Barnes who has been with Mr. Stallings since he left here will come home to work in his father's store.

There was another real estate deal here this week when Mr. J. D. Eason bought Mr. Ransom Penny's pretty building lot. Clayton is a most desirable place to live and when a thinking man sees a chance to buy real estate here, he generally buys it. There's not much risk in Clayton real estate, except to the man who doesn't own it.

Clayton's "Fire Eaters" after a series of defeats, managed to do the Shotwell boys a job last Saturday. Although it was a poorly played game considering the standard the "Fire Eaters" generally have, they beat the Shotwell boys 12 to 8. If the Clayton boys don't practice up and do better, we are going to cut 'em out entirely.

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