



Death of Judge W. T. Crawford

THE END OF A USEFUL CAREER

All Business Houses and Schools Close During The Funeral Services.

In the death of William Thomas Crawford on February 22, 1904, Martin county lost one of her most honored and best beloved citizens. Born on June 24th, 1833, he lived out man's allotted time and died in the full fruition of honest manhood. He was the only son of William and Maria Coffield Crawford, and first saw the light of the world near the old Coffield homestead in the Flat Swamp section of the county. His early days were those of a simple country boy; but 'twas then he laid the foundation of a character which prepared him for the burdensome duties of life. At an early age he was left fatherless. Later, his mother having married Major Wata, of Williamston, the scene of his life was changed from the country to the town where he has since resided. He acquired the necessary rudiments of an education and grew to manhood—strong, ambitious, full of energetic force, he soon became a leading spirit in the affairs of the town and county. In the year 1860 he was appointed sheriff to fill the unexpired term of William Ward. All during the perilous days of the Civil War he served, as few men have, his country's best interest. His honest adjustment of the affairs of the office still remain in the memory of the older inhabitants. Truly he served them fairly and well.



THE ABOVE CUT IS FROM A PHOTOGRAPH OF JUDGE W. T. CRAWFORD AT THE AGE OF 55.

On December 20th, 1865, at Tarboro, N. C., he married Martha Cotten, daughter of Judge Asa Biggs. Eight children were given to him, five of whom are living.

Coming down to the year 1876, when the constitution of the state and county made a change of administration necessary, one found him in the front of the fight, leading the Democratic forces to victory. He was elected Clerk of the Superior Court in this campaign and, perhaps, in this capacity he was best known. Honest, capable, careful of the interests of others, a sympathetic friend to the orphan, he soon became the idol of his constituents. We trust was too great to be left in his hands. Rich and poor of whatever race knew him as a friend and helper, as far as was consistent with the duty as an officer and fairly to the principles which he advocated. Justly might he be termed a man of the people—plain in manner, bright with the cheerfulness born of a warm heart, he was a welcome guest at the fireside of every man who knew him. In 1893 he resigned the office of Clerk of the Court and devoted himself steadily to his farming interests. But much business still remained in his hands, the people being both to give his splendid services up. No man ever retired from an office with stronger friends who felt that they were benefited and that his place could not be filled. Of splendid health and physique,

he withstood the ravages of age until about two years ago when he suffered a slight stroke of paralysis. The effects of that apparently passed off, and he went about his farm and other duties with some of his old time energy—ever busy, though contrary to the wishes of his family. But for sometime his failing health has been noticeable, and he gave up his work to a great extent. Yet in his home life he was still the same thoughtful husband and father, giving personal attention to everything as in former days. In December last he was attacked with congestion of the lungs and but for his wonderful vitality and will-power might have fallen then. Recovering somewhat from that attack he passed out among his friends once more. But six weeks ago weakness overcame him and he was compelled to seek his bed. Ever patient, never wearisome, he awaited the end which came suddenly but quietly, despite the tender and skillful ministrations of physicians and loved ones—

"Faith's journeys end in welcome to the weary, And Heaven, the heart's true home, will come at last."

Out of respect to his memory, all business houses and schools closed and an immense throng followed his remains to Oakdale Cemetery, where after appropriate services by Elder Sylvester Hassell, of the Primitive Baptist Church, they were interred in the family plot. Active pall-bearers were: W. C. Manning, H. W. Stubbs, Wheeler Martin, J. D. Simpson, W. J. Harrison, S. R. Biggs, N. S. Peel and J. C. Crawford.

Another Case of Rheumatism Cured by Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The efficacy of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the relief of rheumatism is being demonstrated daily. Parker Triplett, of Grigsby, Va., says that Chamberlain's Pain Balm gave him permanent relief from rheumatism in the back when everything else failed, and he would not be without it. For sale by S. R. Biggs.

JANESVILLE February 23, 1904. Rev. J. J. Harper, of Smithfield, was in town Sunday.

Misses Maybelle Savage and Dora Hassell went to Washington Tuesday.

Mr. F. H. Brown and Miss Mayte Nooney went to Williamston Sunday.

Mr. W. W. Walters and Miss May Mizell went to Robersonville Sunday.

The death of Rev. J. L. Burns was quite a sad affair to his host of friends. He was pastor of three or four churches, and preached at Poplar Chapel church on the 14th of February, and was taken sick on Monday after Sunday; departed this life Saturday, February 20th, aged seventy-eight years. He lost an arm in the civil war. There was one very remarkable thing about Mr. Burns, his physician could not get him to take any whiskey. Suppose we were all like him, there would be no rum shops. This man was a faithful worker for his Master's cause, and tried hard to get the people to do better. His remains were carried to Robersonville and laid to rest in the cemetery there beside those of his wife.

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BEGGED THEM TO KILL HIM.

Melvin Harne Frightfully Burned by a Live Wire.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 22.—Melvin Harne, white, a lamp trimmer for the electric lighting company here, was perhaps fatally burned by coming in contact with a live wire on Front street today at noon. One of his hands was burned partially off and he suffered serious burns about the body before he could be taken down from a pole which he had climbed. In his agony he begged those about him to kill him to end the sufferings. He was sent to the hospital, where his injuries are being treated.

HOBGOOD.

February, 24.

There was a beautiful marriage solemnized in the Baptist church of this place at half past 2 o'clock today. The contracting parties being Mr. Julian Powell, of Newport News, Va. and Miss Maggie Bell, of this place. The ushers were: Arthur Ruffin and Murry Whitehead, Mary Gordy and Helen White were flower girls.

The bride a rare gem of loveliness, attired in a green traveling suit, accompanied by the groom, entered the church to the sweet strains of the wedding march rendered by the nimble fingers of the accomplished Miss Alma Murchison. Rev. Mr. Powell, of Greenville, brother of the groom performed the ceremony. The church was handsomely decorated. The color scheme was green and white. There was a large crowd present to witness the marriage. The bridal party left on the 3 o'clock train for Newport News their future home. They were the recipients of many presents, congratulations and a shower of rice.

The Quarterly Conference met at the M. E. Church of this place last Saturday and Sunday and was presided over by Rev. Mr. Smith presiding elder for this district. The attendance was small on Saturday owing to the inclemency of the weather, but there was a good crowd out Sunday and heard a grand and forcible sermon delivered by the presiding elder.

Our farmers are still farming by the fireside, no field operations going on yet, but if planning and forming resolutions count for any thing they will be thoroughly prepared to make a brave fight for a big harvest this fall.

Mr. J. R. Ellison that clever, genial and courteous agent formerly of Paralese is now holding the agency at this place (a good one he is to).

Rev. G. L. Merrell preached at Eagles last Sunday owing to the bad weather and roads, he did not drive over but went on the train.

Mrs. M. Bell and daughter Lillian, of Roanoke Rapids, came down yesterday to be present at the wedding today.

W. B. Parker, who has been spending some time with his parents at Jackson returned to our town last Monday.

Miss Mattie Murchison is visiting her aunt Mrs. G. L. Merrell.

Perfect Confidence. Where there used to be a feeling of uneasiness and worry in the household when a child showed symptoms of croup, there is now perfect confidence. This is owing to the uniform success of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the treatment of that disease. Mrs. M. I. Beasford, of Pooleville, Md., in speaking of her experience in the use of that remedy says: "I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success. My child Garland is subject to severe attacks of croup and it always gives him prompt relief." For sale by S. R. Biggs.

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SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI.

Annual Session in Raleigh—Officers Chosen.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 22.—The North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati held its annual session here this afternoon. Present: Bishop Chesbire, Julian S. Carr, Samuel A. Aale, Haywood L. Clark, Walter E. Carstarphen, William L. Sanders and Benchan Cameron. This evening Col. Benchan Cameron gave the annual banquet to the society, at which W. J. Bryan was the guest of honor, other guests, not members of the society, being Secretary of State Grimes, Josephus Daniels, Dr. George T. Winston, Robert T. Gray, W. B. Shepard, Joseph Graham and Charles Root.

At the meeting of the society of the Cincinnati here today the following officers were elected: Willson G. Lamb, president; Collin Daves, (of Baltimore) vice president G. R.; Marshall DeLancey Haywood, assistant secretary; Walter D. Carstarphen, treasurer; Benchan Cameron, assistant treasurer; Bishop Chesbire, chaplain.

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Ross-Hassell.

The marriage of Mr. Stephen L. Ross and Miss Neva Hassell was solemnized at the home of Mr. W. A. Everetts last Sunday morning.

The beautiful and impressive marriage rights were performed by the Rev. M. F. Smith who in his popular and characteristic manner pronounced them man and wife. The ceremony was attended by a number of friends and relatives and the event was a most pleasing and enjoyable one.

Miss Hassell is one of our most popular young ladies and was one of the teachers in Robersonville High School. She has hosts of relatives and friends who wish her much happiness and joy.

Mr. Stephen L. Ross is one of our most promising business men and is held in high esteem by all who know him, and many congratulations for future prosperity and long life have been expressed.

This marriage was to have occurred on the 20th, but owing to the sickness of the groom it was postponed.

The News joins the host in wishing this happy couple a long, happy and prosperous life.—Robersonville News.

Our congratulations and good wishes are a little tardy, but they are, nevertheless, just as hearty and sincere.

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Forty Thousand Japs Land at Chemulpo

NATIVES ARE PANIC-STRIKEN

Many Miles of Railroad Between Harbin and Vladivostock Destroyed.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—"The war will end in August or September, in the complete defeat of the Japanese," said to the Associated Press, a high authority in intimate touch with the Russian war plans, whose opinion can be taken faithfully to reflect the belief in the highest official quarters. He added: "How the Japanese can hope to succeed when our army in the East is strengthened to a point equal or superior in numbers to that of our adversary's we are honestly unable to comprehend. It will not be difficult to place two, four or even six hundred thousand additional men in the field if necessary. When our forces are concentrated and ready they will finish by driving the Japanese in the sea. Frankly, it seems to us that the Japanese either have utterly failed to appreciate Russia's resources, or have counted on the aid of Great Britain or the United States, neither of which ever contemplated becoming involved. So far as Great Britain is concerned we don't believe any hallucinations existed there. We think the British statesmen who did so much to push Japan into war, realized that with Japan's defeat they would accomplish two things for Great Britain—first, to give Russia a check—for, of course the war must impede our progress temporarily; second, to cripple Japan's maritime power, which was beginning to be greatly felt in the Pacific."

It can be said with the utmost positiveness that Russia will bide her time. She will act on the defensive until she feels confident that her weight of numbers will leave no doubt as to the result. Reinforcements are going forward at the rate of 3,000 per day. Probably some time will elapse before Russia feels fully prepared to assume the offensive.

A FIGHT LAST SATURDAY.

Berlin, Feb. 23.—The Lokal Anzeiger to-day in a dispatch from Tokio says:

"A fresh engagement took place at Port Arthur Saturday last. The details have not been announced by the government."

Seoul, Feb. 23.—A telegram received here from a foreigner at Ping Yang says that the report that Russian scouts are at Anju, is authentic. The telegram also says that the natives in Ping Yang are panic-stricken but foreigners are not threatened.

Yokohama, Feb. 23.—Palace and other officials and interpreters have left Tokio for Miyake Island, southeast of the Izu Peninsula, where twelve Russians recently landed from two boats, declaring they had been shipwrecked, but carrying arms and photographic cameras.

COSSACKS CROSS THE YALU.

London, Feb. 24.—(Wednesday)—In a dispatch from Tokio a correspondent of the Times says some hundreds of Cossacks reached Chouju, thirty miles south of the Yalu River, on the afternoon of February 20th. Thirty troops crossed the river Kasian, the same evening thus arriving within forty-five miles of Ping Yang, Korea.

The rumor that the Russian Vladivostock squadron has again put to sea lacks confirmation.

London, Feb. 24.—(Tuesday.)—Cabling from Chefoo on February 24, a correspondent of the Morning Post says forty thousand more Japanese troops have landed at Chemulpo, and that he has received confirmation of the report that some Japanese have landed at Pigeon Bay, others at Taliwan and that an engagement occurred the night of February 12th.

The correspondent at Seoul of the Daily Mail reports a panic at Ping Yang, Korea, which is regarded as heralding the approach of the opposing armies.

According to the Standard's correspondent at Seoul the Japanese bombarded Port Arthur at intervals between the 8th and the 14th of February, causing, however, only slight damage.

The report is confirmed, this correspondent continues, that seventy miles of railroad track and some important bridges have been destroyed between Harbin and Vladivostock.

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Nearly a Tragedy.

Washington, N. C., Feb. 22.—There came near being a serious shooting affair at Belhaven Saturday night, Lonnie and Calvin Hodges, brothers, became involved in a dispute in T. C. Bishop's oyster restaurant. They had several cross words and Lonnie Hodges drew his revolver and fired. The ball just grazed the face of Calvin Hodges. Lonnie Hodges was tried before the mayor at Belhaven and bound over to the next term of court. He was brought to this city yesterday and lodged in jail.

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W. T. HARRISON SHOT.

Sam and Richard Stancil are in jail at Wilson.

Wilson, N. C., Feb. 22.—W. T. Harrison, of Elm City, was shot last night at nine o'clock at his farm near Stantonburg, this county by Sam and Richard Stancil, and died this morning at eight o'clock. Deputy Sheriff John Dildy went to Stantonburg this afternoon and made the arrests. The men are now in jail here.

The fatal shot, it is thought, was fired by Sam, who used a shot gun.

The corner's inquest will be held to-morrow.

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