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WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

(By Felix E. Alley.)

Much has been said and much has been written about William Jennings Bryan since he fell, last Sunday, in the noontide of his mental vigor and experience, after having won what he deemed the greatest victory of his life. But the half has not yet been told. He has been and will continue to be eulogized by tongue and pen as no other private citizen of this country has ever been eulogized.

Whether he be measured by his political influence or his moral force, impartial history will accord him a place among the greatest men the world has ever known.

He was pre-eminently the greatest reformer of the age in which he lived; but like all real reformers, his far-seeing vision penetrated the veil which obscures the future from the average man, and his thought was always in advance of the times. He was as the voice of one crying in the wilderness, saying to the people of his country, "Prepare ye the way" for the many reforms for which he so fearlessly and unceasingly fought. But he was more fortunate than most reformers, for while most of the reforms he advocated were at first bitterly assailed by men of smaller vision, he was permitted to live to see his theories result in achievement and the principles for which he battled enacted into law.

He was among the first, and was the most ardent advocate of the income tax system—a principle which no party at this time dares oppose.

National prohibition would have been impossible without his support, and woman suffrage found in him its staunchest and ablest friend and advocate.

President Wilson and Senator Glass are accredited with the authorship of the Federal Reserve Law, but as far back as February, 1904, Mr. Bryan made a speech in New York City to an audience composed chiefly of bankers, in which he set forth and elaborated every principle of the Federal Reserve system, and Mr. Tumulty, in his Life of Wilson, tells us that before this act was introduced in Congress it was submitted to Mr. Bryan and received his endorsement.

It would require volumes to tell in detail the influence he wrought upon the legislation of the country after he became a national figure. He was sufficiently powerful to force his views on the opposing party, and during Roosevelt's administration, it was often said that he had "stolen" Bryan's platform and converted it to his own personal use.

All who are familiar with the political history of the period agree that it was Bryan's wonderful influence at Baltimore that made possible the nomination of Woodrow Wilson in 1912, and it is equally well known that Wilson, in large measure, owed his election in 1916 to the matchless campaign which Bryan waged in twenty-three western states.

The ability to be elected President of the United States is not always a test of true greatness. If this were so, Clay, Calhoun, Webster, Blaine and Tilden could not be considered great, for all of them aspired to the presidency and failed to reach the goal. Bryan could not be president, but he was honored as no other private citizen of this nation has ever been honored. He was thrice the unanimous choice of his party for the presidency of this Republic. Circumstances decreed that he should not be president; but for thirty years he was everywhere acclaimed the uncrowned chieftain of the American Democracy.

As a mere private citizen, in the course of a trip around the world, he was entertained in the courts of kings and the crowned heads of the greatest nations of the earth delighted to do him honor. For thirty years,

with the rights of man for his theme, his audience the entire world, countless millions of people of his own and other lands, with ears attuned to the matchless force of his eloquence, have hung in breathless attention on his impassioned words, and their souls were uplifted at the very sight of his inspired and noble face.

Now, his eloquent lips are closed with the seal of the eternal silence but his masterful speeches will live on to instruct, to uplift and inspire.

The influence of such a life can never end. It cannot be confined within the narrow portals of the tomb. Every mind and heart leave their impress upon the minds and hearts of others, and this is the average of human influence, on which mankind has been borne gradually and steadily forward in its mighty career of development and progress.

Bryan was oftentimes criticized and sometimes maligned and misrepresented by men of smaller calibre, but long years after his enemies shall have been forgotten and countless centuries after his slanderers and traducers shall have been sleeping "in tongueless silence of the dreamless dust," the burning words and world-wide influence of William Jennings Bryan will live on and on, from age to age, for he devoted his great life to the preaching of the Gospel of the Prince of Peace and the Universal Brotherhood of Man.

HORNEY BROTHERS WILL SELL PISGAH PARK AT AUCTION.

An interesting real estate event scheduled for next Wednesday afternoon, August 12th, is the auction sale of beautiful Pisgah Park, Edwards estate in Waynesville, by the famous twin auctioneers, Horney Brothers, of Asheville and Lakeland.

This property is cut into regulation lots, and has modern improvements, such as lights, water, sewerage, and top surfaced streets. It should prove an attractive and appealing proposition to both homefolks and tourists, for either homestead or investment. This is the first chance the public has had to buy this fine property the auction way, and no doubt the lots will find ready sale when put up before the folks who attend this sale. Recent real estate activity in and around Waynesville is sure proof of the growth that is bound to come.

Besides being a business proposition, this auction sale will attract attention and respect on account of the character of the people handling it—the Horney Brothers, well known here and in Florida. They are long experienced in the business and are unique in the methods of auctioning. They are the only twin auctioneers in the world to cry the same bid at the same time, speaking exactly the same words. Their organization is reputed to be the largest in the world on a full time salary, including a band, ground salesmen, bookkeepers, engineers, advertising crew, sign painter, and several advance representatives. Their operations in the past ten years have carried them into more than twenty states. They have many records to their credit. Last month in Asheville they sold 57 lots in the record time of 62 minutes. In July last year on Park Square they disposed of \$2,000,000 worth of business property in forty-five minutes. The entire organization is highly trained, and those attending the sale will be able to see some real action when the rapid fire auction experts unlimber.

J. T. Horney, General Sales Manager, is widely known for his pronounced success in high class developments in Asheville and Lakeland, Florida. At one time Mr. Horney was practicing law, with success, in this country.

On August 11th, next Tuesday morning, Horney Brothers will sell a large boundary of fine Haywood county land belonging to the Edwards heirs, located in Pigeon Valley. The estate of 600 acres has been subdivided into smaller tracts, each one well watered, and same with houses and barns. This tract has been in the Edwards family for generations, and it is likely a good many will be interested in buying a portion of it. The farm lies just off the hard surfaced Waynesville-Woodrow highway.

A Free Ford will be given away. C. Frank Smith and W. E. Smith, special representatives for Horney Brothers, declare that Waynesville is headed into a real wide awake real estate boom, and that many profitable transactions will be made. They state that they will bring a number of visitors here on the day of sale.

RATCLIFF COVE ITEMS.
Everything is moving along nicely in the cove. The people of the community are very much encouraged over the prospects of getting our road put in condition so we can get out in the winter season with some ease and safety. The county commissioners have employed a number of wagons to place rock on the road for which they are planning to crush and macadamize the road for two miles which will be of great benefit and conven-

ience to all who reside in the community and will be very much appreciated. The continued drought is very discouraging from the farmers' point of view. Corn is off one-third, pastures are dried up, stock is shrinking and unless we have rain soon some farmers will have to begin feeding their stock.

The bean beetles have about destroyed the bean crop; Irish potato crop is short; cabbage and tomatoes are not encouraging, but as our people are very industrious and if they can meet the demands of the tax collector will in all probability be able to make both ends meet.

The Baptist Sunday school gave a picnic recently with a very appropriate exercise by the children which was much enjoyed by the large congregation present. After the children rendered their part of the program the audience was highly entertained by an address by Charles C. Francis. His subject was Opportunity which was timely and of a high order. After which the congregation repaired to a spring near by where a sumptuous dinner was spread and lemonade in abundance of which all partook to the full satisfaction. Then the young people and older as well amused themselves in games of amusement, such as tap hand and dodge the ball, etc., of which Mr. Geo. Palmer seemed to be the leader in the game.

Mrs. Lowry Caldwell of Buffalo, S. C. is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Palmer, for a few days. Mr. G. C. Underwood of Kingsport, Tenn. visited his parents, Mr. and M. H. Underwood and other relatives in the community last week.

SAGE.

MRS. W. T. REEVES.

Mrs. W. T. Reeves, who before her marriage, was Cordelia Garrett, daughter of W. G. R. Garrett and Martha Garrett, one of a large family, was born on Jonathan's Creek, Haywood county, August 11, 1849, and departed this life at noon August 2, 1925, at the home of her daughter Mrs. Herbert Gibson, Lake Junaluska, aged seventy-five years eleven months and twenty-one days.

While in frail health for some months she became seriously and dangerously ill Friday night following an attendance at the Assembly Auditorium of the drama, The Rock.

Walking to her home, she complained of having a pain about her heart which increase with violence with such relief only as could be given by the faithful ministrations of physician and loved ones until her saintly spirit was released Sunday at high noon by the Father whom she had known and trusted for sixty years.

Present with her at the time besides other relatives and friends were her youngest child and her family, Mrs. Herbert Gibson and another daughter, her oldest child living Mrs. M. V. Coman, of Lubbock, Texas, who had providentially spent the last months of her life with her.

Of her large family connection only three survive her—one brother, George Garrett of Jonathan's Creek, who lives at the old home, and two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Limer and Mrs. Asbury Howell, both of Waynesville.

March 11, 1868 she was happily married to Mr. W. T. Reeves of Haywood county at her home by the Rev. Jacob Massie, a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Her immediate family held their membership in the M. E. Church. To this union the following children were born: William Garrett Reeves, deceased, who went to his reward only a few years ago from the old Reeves home near Lake Junaluska; Mrs. M. V. Coman of Lubbock, Texas; Mrs. R. V. Leatherwood of Waynesville, deceased; Mrs. D. R. Brady of Pine Castle, Florida; Mrs. R. W. Patton of Newport News, Va.; Mrs. J. J. Cochran of Averys Creek, Buncombe county and Mrs. Herbert Gibson of Lake Junaluska.

Besides her one brother, two sisters and five daughters above named, she is survived by her husband with whom she had happily lived for more than fifty-seven years and twenty-one grand children, all of whom will rise up and call her blessed.

At about the age of sixteen she was converted to an acknowledgement of Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at a meeting being conducted in the building erected for church and school purposes where the small school building now stands near Long's Chapel. Among the ministers prominently connected with this series of meetings, which proved to be one of the greatest revivals ever known in Haywood county, were Rev. Mr. Spakes, Presiding Elder, Rev. Mr. Cooper of Swain county, and the pastor in charge of the M. E. Church where the meeting was held. Among other converts in the revival was W. T. Reeves, then a young man of the community, whose parents and grand parent were Baptists, but who joined the M. E. Church, South. The providence that brought this young wo-

man into this meeting was the desire of her Methodist parents to give her school advantages. To do this they made their home near the school during the school term, residing in their Jonathan's Creek home the remainder of the time. It was at the M. E. Church, Jonathan's Creek, that she united with the church along with her parents. After her marriage to Mr. Reeves, when some of her older children were uniting with their father's church, she became a member of the M. E. Church, South, that her entire family might be united in their church relations. I have particularized this history as furnishing most convincing evidence of the part that revivals have played in the making of the Southern Methodist church and the debt Long's Chapel owes to Him who governs those things which issue in the progress and permanence of His church.

In summarizing the life work of Mrs. Reeves, it should be remembered that she has been identified almost the whole of her life with what is now the Lake community. She received most of her educational training that could be obtained at that time outside the home in the Institute here. Her conversion occurred here.

After her marriage she made her home with her husband at the Reeves residence. Later they resided in what had been her home during school near the trestle at Tuscola. They once had their home inside had their home inside what is now the Southern Assembly grounds, where Mr. J. B. Ivey has his summer residence.

It was fitting that having spent her life among these hills, valleys and mountains, she should have ended it here.

The walk from the Auditorium Friday night may have overtaxed her strength, but let us be comforted with the thought that the last public service she attended was the graphic rendering of that thrilling account of the union in joyous fellowship of Peter and the Master.

But a few days before her last she spoke of her Christian experience in terms of Charles Wesley's hymn commemorative of his own conversion, "O for a thousand tongues to sing." Hers was an experience that knew no bounds. The love that compassed here "would all mankind embrace." Her life marked by certainty that tribulation could not disturb. The light that shined within glowed in her face. The life that had in early years been hid in her heart and nourished by feeding on the word of God was expressed in gentleness in her home and kindness to all.

It was her life rule when settling for service rendered her, specially by the poor, to pay and give. And what she gave was just such as she had and wanted to share with such as might have been less fortunate than she and many will recall her open handedness in what we of these mountains know as messes of potatoes, cans of fruit and dainty glasses of jelly. She was thoughtful of the sick and wanted to weep with those who wept.

I recall recently when one she had known long was buried and it had been arranged for her to attend the funeral, a rain made it impracticable for her to go and keen was her disappointment.

I think now I know that aside from her sympathetic spirit that longed to share with others their sorrows she wanted to go where lies buried dust sacred to her. Too there may have been that premonition which I feel convinced souls have that ere long she too would find as the sleeping place of her weary body a place among the departed.

Her hands were seldom idle. My last sight of her was but a few hours before her fatal ending as she sat at her accustomed place on the front porch of her home with needle and cloth. She was thinking of others and unless reading or conversing with loved ones or friends her spirit

of industry would not allow idle moments.

How her familiar face will be missed by all who knew and loved her as they continue to pass the Gibson residence.

What recollections of hospitable kindness and steadfast faith will all cheerish who were blessed with moments of conversation and communion with her.

But her passing is more deeply felt by the place vacated brings deeper sorrow to him who has walked life's way with her for more than half a century. And the daughters, those at her side when the end came, a third as soon as the news could reach her and she could assemble her family to come, a fourth wiring her intentions to come, but too far away to be privileged with the light of her mother's face, and the fifth unable from recent illness to make the trip—these and the grand children and others inside the sacred family circle who have had the high privilege of the ministry of this saint of God—these are those who suffer most. But memory finds no occasion for fear or reproach.

The life that was of the earth, earthly, has spent its allotted time. Hope with confidence for that which is spiritual and in harmonious union with God gives security for the future. To the believer death is gain because absence from the body means being present with the Lord.

It follows that as each attains to this beautiful vision there is abundant compensation for the pain that comes to those who love and lose a while. "For now we see in a mirror darkly, but then face to face: now I know in part, but then shall I know fully even also as I am fully known."

"Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

REV. FRANK SILER.

COTTON MEN IN DISCUSSION OF NEW STANDARD.

Practically every important cotton association in the United States was represented at the conference opened by the Department of Agriculture at Washington July 27 for the consideration of how, in the program of cotton standards, character and staple length could best be dealt with.

Among those who attended the conference was Cleveland Welch, vice president of the Cramerton, (North Carolina) mills, who represented the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association. In an article taken from a Washington paper Mr. Welch's name headed a long list of prominent cotton manufacturers.

COMMITTEES FOR FLOWER SHOW.

The following members of the Community Club have been appointed on the various committees to help in putting on the the flower show which is to be held in the Parish House of Grace church Friday, August 14th:

Mrs. James Rufus Siler, E. J. Roberson, J. H. Way, Chas. E. Quinlan, J. T. Semmes, Roy Francis, Bonner Ray, C. S. Badgett, Joe Tate, Robert Coin, Floyd Rippetoe, C. M. Dicus, W. T. Shelton, Misses Alice Quinlan, Frances Robeson, Caroline Alstaetter, Sara Thomas and Mildred Crawford, and Mrs. T. Lenoir Gwyn.

It has been announced that the exhibits must be in place by noon on Friday in order that prizes may be awarded before the show is opened to the public.

The committees are very enthusiastic over the coming event and in spite of the prevailing drought they are expecting one of the most successful flower shows ever held here. Music will be given by the Gordon orchestra.

A list of prizes will appear elsewhere in this issue.

DOES THIS FIT YOU?

(Contributed.)

It has been charged that some Waynesville people are not loyal to

Waynesville. Let us see—

Being "disloyal" is not necessarily restricted to saying these things which are not constructive, but in doing them.

The men, poor creatures, are usually the ones who are criticized if anything around town goes wrong, nor do we claim them wholly unblemished, but—

There are just a few things that make us wonder, for instance, why Waynesville women go shopping in other cities for even the most insignificant articles that could so easily be bought here. Of course any Waynesville merchant will unhesitatingly admit that his store does not carry some things that can be found in New York shops, but how can he be expected to keep them in stock when the money that the men are trying so hard to hold here is being spent in other towns for a spool of thread or a paper of pins? Other cities do not need the patronage of Waynesville people.

We do not like to mention any specific instances—but recently one of the Waynesville grocers—a man by the way—apologized to a customer on this wise: "I'm sorry Mrs. Soandso but I'll have to give you Waynesville bread." A splendid sample of loyalty, that!

And unless our vision and hearing deceive us, can see from our office window the smoke of a laundry, and hear at noon the blast of its whistle, and yet—the Canton Laundry is doing a thriving business here.

The "Made-in-Carolinas" slogan might be interpreted "Patronize your own town."

Waynesville people who enjoy the privileges of one of the most beautiful place in the world and who trade elsewhere are very much like the small boy who watches the circus from a hole in the tent—he gets what he wants without paying the price!

GUESTS AT HERREN HOUSE.

The following are stopping at the Herren House on East street:

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Moore and Mrs. Malone of Dunnedan, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Shely with their children of Morristown; Mrs. Fahey of Savannah; George Cope of Savannah; Mrs. George McCowan, Misses Mammie and Rhea McCowan of Florence, S. C.; Mrs. Edison, George Edison of Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. Bell of Morristown.

FOR MISS PERKINS

Misses Grace Higgs and Dorothy Lane were joint hostesses at a very enjoyable bridge and rook party last Thursday at the Hotel Waynesville, complimenting Miss Winifred Perkins of Lincolnton, who has been the house guest of Miss Edith Mangum. Miss Caroline Ashton, holder of top score in bridge and Miss Mary Stringfield in rook, were presented with correspondence cards. The honoree received a dainty handkerchief. At the conclusion of the game an ice course was served.

Those present were Misses Winifred Perkins, Virginia Welch, Elizabeth Smathers, Mary Ashworth Barber, Harriet Boyd, Caroline Ashton, Mary Stringfield, Anna Gordon McDowell, Tibbie Hardin, Edith Mangum, Agnes Lapsley, Nancy Crockett, Ruth Tew, Pauline Welch, Ola Francis, Marguerite Massie, Virginia and Adele Ferguson, Kathryn Davis, Isabelle Davis, Eleanor and Virginia Garrison and Martha Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Magruder of Orlando, Mr. and Mrs. Borley and the Misses Borley of Leesburg, Fla. are stopping at the Bon Air. The party have just returned from a trip to the western coast where they spent the past month. Mr. Magruder, who went as a delegate to the Elks convention in Portland, Oregon, is a nephew of Mrs. H. C. Lindsley.

Misses Annie Kirkpatrick, Gladys Moody, Ruth Tew, Edwin Haynes, George Patrick and James Osborne motored to Mars Hill Tuesday where they spent the day.

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