

TRIBUTES TO WM. J. BRYAN

Vice President Dawes: "He never did unworthy or mean things. He may have been mistaken at times as we all are, but he was trying always to do the right thing as he saw it."

Senator Ashurst, of Arizona: His superlative oratory, his frame of oak and his apostolic zeal brought the income tax, woman suffrage, prohibition, and the direct election of senators.

Former Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska: He was the greatest moral force of his day. He sacrificed his health and strength by the most extraordinary exertions.

John W. Davis: The example he set of devotion to principle no matter at what cost is one his countrymen will cherish. Many of the things he advocated in the face of bitter opposition now are among the accepted policies of the nation.

Governor Smith of New York: He was a man of strong convictions and even those who differed from his ideas had great regard for him.

Clarence Darrow: He was a man of strong convictions and always espoused his cause with ability and courage. I always respected his sincerity and devotion.

Elihu Root: He was a good and kindly man, fairly sincere at all times, and very sincere on points where I most disagreed with him.

The Reverend Dr. C. F. Pater New York modernist: He was a mighty crusader, a sincere preacher of the old school. The Scopes trial signed his death warrant.

The Reverend Dr. John Reach Stratton New York: A great man has fallen in Israel. He was a patriot of the sort so sorely needed by America in this, her critical hour.

Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War: Mr. Bryan has been the undisputed leader in the great cause in politics and religious movements for more than a generation.

Clem L. Shaver, Democratic National chairman: The country has lost a great citizen, the Democratic party a commanding figure and the moral force of the American nation a powerful advocate.

William C. Redfield, Secretary of Commerce in the Wilson Cabinet: His outstanding public service was in 1913 when he smoothed over the difficulty between the United States and Japan.

Senator Copeland, New York: No man ever had greater power over an audience.

Senator Edwards of New Jersey: A great mind has passed.

Former Senator Atlee Pomeroy of Ohio: He will be regarded as one of the greatest political orators of the generation.

Governor Silzer of New Jersey: An outstanding American, he was the ardent champion of many a good cause.

Senator Fletcher of Florida: His place cannot be filled. His passing is a misfortune to his country and his party.

John R. Voorhis, Grand Sachem of Tammany Hall: The world has lost the advantage of his original work.

Henry J. Allen, former governor of Kansas: No man in the history of America has spoken to so many people. No leader has been so thoroughly or correctly gauged. His greatest contribution was in his moral example. Political rancor had reached every seam of his life for over thirty years.

Victor Rosewater: He was the most stubbornly wrong man I ever knew in politics, but he was perfectly sincere in his vagaries.

Senator Borah of Idaho: The purity of his purpose and the sincerity of his convictions no one who knew him will doubt. He never intended to speak other than for humanity.

DEEP GAP SCHOOL NEARS COMPLETION—OTHER NEWS

Deep Gap, July 28.—The first community meeting in the new Deep Gap Consolidated School building is to be held Saturday afternoon and evening August 1. Some prominent speakers have been invited. Ice cream and lemonade will be on sale during the afternoon, the proceeds to be applied toward the purchase of the light plant for the school. We are hoping every patron of the school and every person interested in the success of the school who can possibly be present, will come out and look over the new building and join in making plans for the future of the school. Everyone is most cordially urged to come and help us have a helpful as well as enjoyable meeting.

The building itself is practically completed. The plumbing has been installed and the water line from the spring which has been donated by Mr. Alex Wellborn is being rushed through. The light plant is to be installed this week. Wednesday of this week the people of the school are to meet and clean up the ground so that everything will be in readiness for the opening of the school on Monday August 3. The county Board of Education has erected here a building of which not only Stony Fork township but the whole county as well may be justly proud. Situated as it is on the Boone Trail Highway the first school that visitors see as they enter the county from this direction it is a splendid advertisement of the progress of the county. The people of the township are showing a spirit of cooperation which bids fair to build a school which will be worthy of the building and of the faith in these communities which the county has shown in putting such a building here.

On Wednesday of this week several friends of the school will make a trip to Hickory to bring up the new desks for the school. These men are generously giving their time and the use of their trucks, which shows the spirit in which these good people go about helping their school.

Mr. Ed Greer of Brownwood was in the community Friday to see about arranging board for her daughter so that she may attend the school. Mrs. Greer's son is also planning to ride over to attend.

Messrs Henry Hardin and Clay Miller made a trip down state last week, taking down a load of produce and bringing back from Durham a Steiff piano which friends of the school are lending for the use of the school during the term.

A class in the Sunday School Normal manual is in progress at Laurel Springs church under the leadership of Mr. Z. T. Watson. The class holds its meeting each Sunday following the Sunday School hour. Numbers are taking part and much interest is being shown.

Mr. Filmore Watson is visiting relatives and friends in this section after a number of years in the west.

Mrs. Richard Watson had as guests last Sunday her mother, grandfather and other relatives from the Brushy Mountain.

Mrs. Armfield Waters was called to Kannapolis last week to the bedside of her son who is seriously ill there. A later wire to the family stated that he was resting more quietly.

WILSON-NORRIS

Mr. Dayton Wilson and Mrs. Lloyd Norris both of Boone, were married at Zionville last Thursday afternoon the Rev. R. C. Eggers performing the ceremony. Mr. Wilson has been associated with the Taylor Motor Co. for some time, is a good citizen and fine business man. His wife is the widow of Mr. Lloyd Norris who was killed in an automobile accident near Morganton, and daughter of the late John L. Green of Sand's. She is a splendid lady, and much liked. The Democrat extends congratulations to the popular couple.

Josephus Daniels, in a telegram to Mrs. Bryan: I loved your husband as I loved no other man and sorrow with you.

Will H. Hays, former postmaster General: The death of Mr. Bryan is a great shock to me. His passing is a national loss. Mr. Bryan has a life of tremendous service. I mourn him deeply as a friend and I grieve with the countless thousands who would have known him, and knowing him, loved him.

Nation Mourns His Death

William Jennings Bryan Died Suddenly Sunday at Dayton, Tenn. Great Commoner Has For Many Years Been an Outstanding American Political Leader and Orator.



Apoplexy Cause of Commoner's Death

William Jennings Bryan, three times presidential nominee of the democratic party and known the world over for his eloquence, died at Dayton Tennessee last Sunday at the age of 65.

The end came while the great commoner was asleep and was attributed by physicians to apoplexy. He had retired to his room shortly after eating a large dinner to take a short rest. Mrs. Bryan sent the family chauffeur, Jim McCartney, to wake him about 4:30 and it was then learned that he was dead.

Dr. W. F. Thomson and Dr. A. C. Broyles, who examined the body expressed the opinion that Mr. Bryan had been dead between 30 and 45 minutes before they arrived. The death occurred in the residence of Richard Rogers which had been assigned to the Bryans during their stay in Dayton.

Mr. Bryan's death came on the eve of another crusade he had planned to carry before the American people—a battle against modernism. He returned to Dayton the day of his death after having made addresses yesterday at Jasper and Winchester, and after having completed arrangements for the early publication of the speech he was to have made in closing the trial of John T. Scopes who recently was found guilty of violating Tennessee's anti-evolution law.

Despite the strenuous program Mr. Bryan had been following as a member of the prosecution staff in the Scopes case and as leader of the fundamentalists, he appeared in excellent health.

Shortly before Mr. Bryan entered his room to rest he told his wife that he had never felt better in his life and was ready to go before the country to wage his fight in behalf of fundamentalism.

About 4:30 Mrs. Bryan said she felt her husband had slept long enough, so she sent the chauffeur, who also was his personal attendant, to wake him. McCartney shook Mr. Bryan twice before he noticed the latter was not breathing. The physicians and A. E. Andrews, a neighbor, were then summoned hurriedly.

Mrs. Bryan accepted the shock bravely and remained calm.

"I am happy that my husband died without suffering and in peace," she said.

The town was shocked by the tragedy and within five minutes after the doctors' examination revealed the fact that Mr. Bryan was dead, the streets near the home were thronged

with people. The crowd in front of the Bryan home appeared unable to realize that Mr. Bryan was dead. They stood with bared heads and tears were in the eyes of many.

Simple Service for Bryan Will be Held Friday

Washington, July 28.—High up on "Dewey Knoll" in Arlington National cemetery, overlooking the Potomac and Washington, the body of William Jennings Bryan, apostle of peace will be interred Friday afternoon among the nation's warriors.

Only the simplest services will be read, in keeping with the desires of the departed leader and his widow who have avowed "we are simple folk."

Not all plans for the funeral of the Commoner have been completed, but such as has been tentatively approved ignore all military and other ceremonial display. Upon the arrival of the funeral train here Thursday morning the body will be removed quietly to a mortuary chapel to await the assemblage of the far-flung family. William Jennings Bryan Jr., the Commoner's son is not due until the day of the funeral.

Simple services probably at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, where Lincoln worshipped on Friday, followed by a funeral cortege to Arlington and interment there of the body will end the last journey.

The final resting place of the commoner is one of the most beautiful spots in the cemetery. Nearby is the Dewey Memorial where until recently the naval commander of the war in which Bryan served his country, rested. Not far away is the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. All around lie the heroes of the war with Spain, behind the knoll march endless rows of crosses, marking the graves of heroes of the World War.

FAMOUS SAYINGS OF WM. J. BRYAN

"You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns. You shall not crucify mankind upon a crown of gold."

From speech in Chicago convention in 1896, when won the first of three Presidential nominations: "I represent the women and children of America whom your damnable traffic would slay."

Answer to heckler in pleading for

HIGH LIGHTS IN THE CAREER OF W. J. BRYAN

Milestones in the life of William Jennings Bryan are:

March 12, 1860—Born at Salem Ill., 1870, entered public schools; 1875 entered Whipple Academy.

1881—was graduated from Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill. being valedictorian of his class.

1883—Graduated from Union College of law, Chicago, and began practice in Jacksonville.

1884—Married Miss Mary E. Dair at Farry, Ill. Removed to Lincoln, Neb.

1888—Elected delegate to the state convention.

1890—Elected to congress in a nominally republican district and started fight for tariff reform.

1892—Attracted attention by his tariff speech.

1893—Opposed the repeal of the Sherman silver purchase act.

1895—Choice of Nebraska democrats for United States Senator.

1896—Editor of the Omaha World-Herald.

1896—Nominated for president at Chicago, after his famous cross of gold speech.

1898—Colonel of Nebraska volunteers in Spanish-American wars.

1900—Nominated for president at Kansas City convention.

1901—Established "The Commoner."

1905-06—Made tour of the world with family.

1908—Nominated for president the third time.

1913—Named Secretary of state by president Wilson.

1915—Retired from Wilson cabinet.

1920—Pleaded for prohibition enforcement before democratic convention at San Francisco.

1925—Became chief figure in prosecution of Scopes, evolution case and made passionate defense of religious faith at Dayton.

dry plank before resolutions committee of 1920 convention in San Francisco: "My heart is in the grave with our cause. I must pause until it comes back to me."

Comment after defeat of 1920 dry plank: "I would rather have the anathemas of these misguided democrats than to have to answer on judgment day for a duty disregarded and trust deserted."

From speech in New York convention of 1924 against platform denunciation of the Ku Klux Klan by name: "When we take the Bible away from our children there is nothing left. The evolutionist that guesses the most times is the best scientist."

From his last speech made at Winchester, Tenn. last Saturday: "An atheist, agnostic, unbeliever can question me at any time as to my belief in God and I will answer him. The Bible is good enough to live by and die by."

From his cross examination by Clarence Darrow in the Scopes evolution trial: "There was never a year since my first nomination in which I could not have made a million had I taken the side of privilege and favoritism."

Comment in 1925 regarding report that he was a millionaire. "From various speeches and sermons estimated at 10,000; The humblest citizen in all the land when clad in the armor of a righteous cause is stronger than all the hosts of error."

NOTICE

Don't fail to pay your taxes next Monday if you don't want your property advertised.

C. M. CRITCHER, Ex-Sheriff.

FORD MAY BUY E. T. RAILROAD

Story Came From Johnson City of Railroad Sale—Cranberry Mines Reported Sold

L. J. Hampton, writing from Elkin to the Winston-Salem Journal gives out the following:

From a prominent visitor who spent Sunday in this town with friends comes the report as stated to him by the president of the chamber of Commerce of Johnson City, Tenn. of the purchase by Henry Ford multi-millionaire auto manufacturer of the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina railway, a narrow gauge line which runs from the Tennessee line to Boone, N. C.

The Elkin visitor was also told that Henry Ford had purchased the Cranberry Iron Mines, located at Cranberry, Avery county, which had been worked for twenty years and more producing the finest grade of iron of any mine in the United States. Ore from the mine at Cranberry, refined and smelted, is used for cast-iron and other steel.

The East Tennessee and Western North Carolina railway is said to be one of the biggest dividend paying short lines in the United States. The tremendous lumber business carried on in the country it traverses is now one of the biggest revenue producing factors. But when the Cranberry Iron Mine was in operation the raw unprocessed ore was its biggest freight product, this being carried to Johnson City, Pulaski, Va., and other points for refining.

The opening of the Cranberry mine again will give to hundreds of people employment that will mean a great measure of prosperity for that section of the country. It is said that the old owners of the mine after working it for upwards of twenty years had barely touched the great ore deposits. The principal tunnel of the mine extends for perhaps a mile and a half under the mountain at Cranberry, and the ore is dumped from mine cars directly into railway gondoliers, making it an economical operation. The ore deposits are said to branch in different directions from the farthest point of the main tunnel and it is understood that it is from that point that the ore lies in thick veins awaiting development.

There is also a report current here that Henry Ford has purchased the branch line running out of Abingdon Va. to Damascus and is interested in mines located at the latter place. Men who are in position to know are confident that the great auto manufacturer still has in mind the project of finding an outlet to the Atlantic Seaboard of his own. However, about the only tangible proof of this is the fact that for months there were parties of surveyors in the Blue Ridge northwest of Mt. Airy surveying for what was guessed to be a railroad grade. They were close mouthed, so no definite information was gained from them, but it was generally surmised that they were either employed at the behest of Henry Ford, or George L. Carter, coal magnate.

Now that the Ford Motor Company has a fleet of vessels on the high seas flying the United States flag and under American registry for the transportation of the products of Mr. Ford's factory to all the parts of the civilized world, it is argued that this is likely only increased Mr. Ford's desire for a railroad of his own to a sea port on the Atlantic seaboard. His bids for ships owned by the United States shipping board is also another factor to be considered.

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS

We are asked to announce that Bishop Horner will be in Ashe county as follows:

On Sunday August 2 at 11 o'clock in Holy Trinity Church, Glendale Springs, that night in St. Mary's Church, Beaver Creek, and on Monday night August 3 in St. Matthew's Church, Todd, for the purpose of administering the sacred rite of confirmation, or the Laying of Hands upon such as have been baptised and are ready and desirous to be confirmed after the manner of the Holy Apostles, as taught by their Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, during the forty days between his resurrection and his ascension.