

DEATH OF BISHOP LOMAX

A LEADER OF COLORED RACE

One of the Most Influential Bishops in the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the South Succumbs to Dropsy at His Home in This City at an Early Hour Yesterday Morning—A Long and Honorable History of Service For His Master and For His People—A Man of Education and Ability to Hold Together the Church. He Served—Estate Valued at \$70,000.

The death at an early hour yesterday morning of Bishop Thomas Henry Lomax, D. D., having in charge the Second Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, removes one of the most prominent preachers of this denomination in North Carolina and one of the most striking examples of the ideal character for his race that has ever resided in Charlotte.

Bishop Lomax had been in failing health for several months, suffering from an attack of dropsy which never ceased showing that it had the death grip upon his body. He was aged 72 years.

The funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, taking place from the Clinton Memorial Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. A. Warner, assisted by Bishop George W. Clinton, officiating. The interment will be in Pine-wood.

JOINED CHURCH IN 1848.

Bishop Lomax was the seventh son of Ephraim and Rachael Lomax and a grandson of William Lomax who came to this country with General La Fayette from the French colony in Africa. William Lomax fought in the revolutionary war under General George Washington to secure the independence of America. He died at the ripe age of 106 years and was a pensioner from the close of the war to the day of his death.

LICENSED IN 1867.

Bishop Lomax was licensed to preach by Bishop J. W. Hood in 1867, was ordained a deacon by Bishop J. Clinton and later an elder by Bishop J. J. Moore. In the days immediately succeeding these ordinations he organized several churches in that vicinity. Then he was made presiding elder in the following named counties: New Hanover, Brunswick, Bladen, Columbus, Sampson, and Duplin. In the same year he organized five churches in the Marlboro, S. C. district. The next year he was organized at Laurinburg and was appointed elder in charge of the church at Charlotte, where he served three years, during the first two of which he added 700 members and organized Little Rock church.

MADE BISHOP IN 1876.

He was elected to the bishopric in 1876 by the General Conference at Louisville, Ky., and was appointed to missionary field in Canada, where he organized the Michigan and Canada Conference. At this Conference he ordained 29 elders and deacons and \$13,000, having the Conference chartered in the name of the Queen of England. He later organized the Texas Conference in which he ordained 18 elders and deacons and brought in churches with a value of \$18,000. He was then appointed to the Seventh Episcopal District, embracing the East Alabama, Louisiana, and California Conference. He was later appointed to what was then known as the Fifth Episcopal Conference, laboring three years in this field with his usual success. During this period he organized the Missouri and South Georgia Conferences. Immediately afterward he received an appointment to the South Carolina Conference where he ordained 50 elders and deacons. His next appointment was to a district including the South Florida, East Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina Conferences.

HIS EDUCATIONAL INFLUENCE.

Through the instrumentality and influence of Bishop Lomax, the A. M. E. Zion Episcopal Church was erected and equipped in this city, where all the Sunday school literature, and other publications are issued. He was a self-educated man and directed a large amount of his energies toward interesting his people in the work of the school. He was one of a committee who selected the site upon which Livingstone College at Salisbury now stands, and at the time of his death was a trustee of that institution. He received the degree of doctor of divinity from this college. Other efforts along this line resulted in the erection of colored schools and colleges in other parts of this State and the South. He believed that his race would find itself sooner through an educational process than any other and was himself in his life, his habits, his character and influence, a living exemplification of such an ideal.

A MAN OF BUSINESS TALENT.

In addition to the arduous labors of his ministerial duties, Bishop Lomax showed evidences of possessing marked business sagacity and was at the time of his death said to be worth in property, both real estate and personal, as much as \$70,000. He owned a large number of houses in the colored settlements in the second ward and also held a fine farm north of the city. In the management of business matters which came naturally to him in his service to his church, he manifested the same talent as he exercised in caring for his own estates. Bishop Lomax was a highly respected man, as a matter of course, by his own people, and too, by a large number of the best white people of the city for his genuine worth and influence toward uplifting the race to which he belonged.

"ONE TOUCH OF NATURE MAKES THE WHOLE WORLD KIN."

When a rooster finds a big fat worm he calls all the hens in the farm yard to come and share it. A similar trait of human nature is to be observed when a man discovers something exceptionally good. He wants all his friends and neighbors to share the benefits of his discovery. This is the touch of nature that makes the whole world kin. This is the reason why people who have been cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy write letters to the manufacturer for publication, that others similarly ailing may also use it and obtain relief. Behind every one of these letters is a warm-hearted wish of the writer to be of use to someone else. This remedy is for sale by E. H. Jordan & Co.

MR. CRAIG FAVORED.

Large Number of Prominent Citizens of Charlotte and Mecklenburg Express a Preference For the Bureaucratic Man as the Next Occupant of the Governorial Chair.

Enthusiastic in their endorsement of Mr. Locke Craig, of Asheville, as the next Governor of North Carolina, a large number of gentlemen of this vicinity have affixed their names to the following letter, which is being widely circulated in the section:

We take the liberty of writing to you in advocacy of the nomination of Mr. Locke Craig, of Asheville, for Governor by the Democratic State Convention.

Mr. Craig is a man of high character, and in every respect of the great honor. He is a man of great ability, well acquainted with the problems of government which confront our people, and thoroughly devoted to Democratic principles. He has served the Democratic party for twenty years with great effectiveness. His great services to the party and to the State have never been rewarded.

We think his nomination would be a popular one, and that all the Democrats of the State could unite in his support. He is free from factional entanglements, and without the hostility of any worthy class of our people. We believe Mr. Craig would give us an administration devoted to Democratic principles, and the upbuilding of the State.

MR. CRAIG FAVORED.

We respectfully solicit your active support of his nomination. W. C. Dowd, J. H. Weddington, F. M. Shannonhouse, Cameron Morrison, Francis I. Osborne, Hugh W. Harris, J. P. Caldwell, P. M. Brown, Edgar B. Moore, C. H. Duis, Plummer Stewart, D. L. Kistler, E. R. Preston, John A. McRae, E. R. Smith, C. D. Bennett, John W. Sheppard, T. S. Franklin, T. L. Kirkpatrick, W. C. Maxwell, James W. Wadsworth, J. O. Walker, W. A. Greir, W. R. Lee, John R. Pharr, Edward L. Sargent, John M. Craig, B. J. Witherspoon, G. G. Scott, W. Philier, Thomas T. Allison, W. R. Robertson, John R. Irwin, B. S. Davis, Harrison P. Williams, W. F. Stevens, W. A. Austin, C. C. Bates, J. H. Orr, T. J. Gribble, Charles E. Barnhardt, George P. Wadsworth, W. S. Shelor, W. F. Harding, P. C. Whitlock, W. Hart, C. L. Coates, E. C. Marlon, R. D. T. W. Wade, W. C. Wilkinson, George A. Page, J. P. Beatty, J. E. Denton, Joe Klouse, J. T. McCoy, S. D. Faulkner, W. H. McGinn, C. H. Caldwell, E. F. Black, J. O. Thomas, L. L. Caudie, James L. DeLaney, A. Bunn, and J. W. Haas.

SPECIAL MEETINGS THIS WEEK.

A series of special services began last night with prayer meeting at the First A. R. P. church and will continue through the week preparatory to the celebration of the Lord's Supper on the Sabbath. Rev. J. Walter Simpson, of Concord, will arrive in the city to-morrow and preach to-morrow night and at every succeeding service. He is one of the foremost young ministers of this denomination. The pastor of this church extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend these services.

MARRIAGES.

TWO APRIL WEDDINGS.

Mason-Anderson and Munday-Sherrell Nuptials at Statesville This Month.

Statesville, March 31.—There will be a number of weddings in Statesville during the month of April. Incantations reading as follows have already been issued: Mr. William Edward Anderson invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Beas, to Mr. Malcolm Mason on Wednesday evening, April 15th, at 8 o'clock, 259 West Hoad street, Statesville, North Carolina.

Miss Anderson is a pretty young woman who is popular with a large circle of friends, and she will be missed from the several young women's club, of which she is a member. Mr. Malcolm is a traveling man from Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sherrell request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Nettie, to Mr. Frederick Munday on Wednesday evening, April 15th, 1908, at 7:30 o'clock, residence North Carolina.

Miss Sherrell is a sister of Mr. Jesse Sherrell and Missa Zelma and Pleasant Sherrell and is popular with her friends. Mr. Munday is fortunate in sinning her for his bride. Mr. Munday is a son of Mrs. W. F. Munday, of Statesville, but is at present located at Bishopville, S. C. He has a position with the Frix Company, of Charlotte.

Allen-Wilder, at Lonsburg.

Lonsburg, March 31.—Mr. Will H. Allen and Miss Annie Wilder were quietly married tonight at 9 o'clock in the Yakin river, where he had owned a large tract of land and operated three sawmills and a box factory. He was 55 years old and was apparently in good health until a few days ago, when he was taken ill. He was the leader of the Populists in this county, and when the Specialists sprang up here joined that party.

A Statesville Boy Killed in Alabama.

Statesville, March 31.—A telegram which reached Statesville Sunday night stated that Mr. Aleck Nicholson, a son of Mr. Sam Nicholson, who lives near town, had been killed at Birmingham, Ala. The message gave no particulars. Mr. Nicholson went to Birmingham last fall to work in a mine. He was at home Christmas and told of the danger to which he was exposed in the mine, and his mother insisted that he remain at home. He returned soon after Christmas to resume his former position, and it is assumed that he met death in a mine accident. He was about 21 or 22 years old. The body will be interred here.

AMUSEMENTS

"THE SUNNY SIDE OF BROADWAY."

Those clever comedians and producers, Murray and Mack, are wonderful missioners in their way. Each year they go about doing good with a vengeance, and each year give all chance for absolute recreation, in a long two hours' laugh, that is bound to rejuvenate every weary spirit who drops in to breathe the rare good humor which is dispensed through the medium of their latest acquisition, "The Sunny Side of Broadway," a comedy with a record of considerable importance.

The New York press was unanimous in saying that there were more hearty laughs, chuckles and smiles, more beautiful scenery, more serious costumes, more tuneful and original music, which you can't help whistling when you leave the theatre.

Words fall in an effort to describe the "Sunny Side of Broadway" girly chorus, for it shows a bevy of girlish beauty that would be hard, if not quite impossible, to equal. The girls are young, pretty, sprightly, comely and full of life and gaiety, and trained under the watchful eye of Ernest Rankin. The book is by Walter Murray and the music by Mr. Boyl Wolfolk.

COLONIAL OPERA COMPANY.

Seats are now selling at Hawley's for the engagement of the Colonial Opera Company, which will be offered at the attraction at the Academy of Music for three nights, beginning to-morrow night. For the opening bill "A Trip to India" will be given. Friday night "Fra Diavolo" will be presented, and Saturday night "Chimes of Normandy" will be sung. The Colonial Opera Company comes here well recommended and should do a good business in this city.

A MIDNIGHT ROW.

White Man Who Interposes to Help Negroes Gets Into Misunderstanding With One—Negro Throws Rock.

Followed by a retinue of a hundred negroes of all sizes up and down, Constable Jim Orr escorted John Miller, colored, to the police station last night at 11:30 o'clock. The charge against him is that of assaulting Mr. W. C. Gadd with a rock. The affair took place in the police station before Mr. Gadd had intervened on Third street between Tryon and College in behalf of three white boys who were about to be beaten by an equal number of negroes. Making the negroes leave and while he was remonstrating with the white boys, Mr. Gadd says Miller came up and declared, "I'll get my crowd and fix you right now." Making the action to the declaration, he threw at him a rock which struck his left shoulder and bounced. The negro ran, was tackled by the man he assaulted and the two had a lively tussle. Finally the negro was arrested in the carnival lot. The inter-race feature of the affair seemed to arouse some interest among the colored population.

Fire From Lamp Explosion.

The fire department was called to Henderson's Alley near 10:30 o'clock to quench flames which resulted from a lamp explosion in the house of Minnie Pharr, colored, who was knocked by her husband against the table upon which the lamp was resting. As soon as the husband had extinguished the flames of his own wrath, he hurried from the house and returned with the fire department. The total damage would not amount to more than \$20. The chemical apparatus was used with effect.

Mr. Hunter to Build.

Mr. Robert N. Hunter, senior member of the contracting firm of Hunter & Vaughan, will erect a splendid residence in the near future on the fine piece of property in Piedmont Park which he purchased yesterday. He paid \$2,000 for the two lots, which front 120 feet on East Seventh street with a depth of 300 feet.

FRUIT WAS NOT KILLED.

Haywood County Will Have a Fine Peach and Apple Crop, It is Thought—Rev. G. T. Rowe to Make Special to the Observer.

Waynesville, March 31.—It was thought for a time after the snow and freeze of March 20th that all early fruit had been killed. It is known now, however, that very little damage, if any, was done. Some peach trees were injured when they were injured some, but most of them have blossomed since and give promise now of a full crop. Apple trees have not yet blossomed and there is every indication that a full crop, such as we have not had for years, will be the result.

Rev. Dr. G. T. Rowe, pastor of Central Methodist church of Asheville, has accepted an invitation to address the graded school at its commencement exercises.

Rev. Dr. G. T. Rowe is an eminent divine and his coming will delight a large crowd of admirers here.

BUILDING FOR CONCORD.

Congressman Hackett Assured That He Will Get It—Amendment to Agricultural Bill to Benefit Southern Farmers.

Observer Bureau, Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, March 31.

Representative Hackett went before the sub-committee on public buildings and grounds to-day and urged his bill for a building at Concord and was assured that he would get it.

The South and Middle West united in the House this afternoon and voted to amend the agricultural appropriation bill by adding \$1,150,000 to the sum allotted for soil survey and demonstration work. The committee had provided for \$60,000. This is of much importance to the farmers of the South and the Middle West is under way there now. The farmers of North Carolina are getting good results from the information gained. The Farmers voted for the amendment, which was offered by Humphreys, of Mississippi.

A Cottage Destroyed at Statesville.

Statesville, March 31.—Just before noon to-day a six-room cottage located in southwest Statesville, the property of J. M. Adams and occupied by J. Lee Stiles and family, was destroyed by fire with practically all its contents. The fire originated from a defective flue and the roof was in flames before discovered. The fire department responded to the alarm at once, but the flames had done their work before the firemen reached the scene. The house was valued at \$1,000, with \$200 insurance. Mr. Stiles had no insurance and his loss of \$100 to \$200 falls heavily on him.

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NEWS FROM HILLSBORO.

Meeting Conducted by Rev. William Black Closing Occaneechee Hotel Soon to Be Open Again.

Hillsboro, March 31.—The meetings which have been in progress at the Presbyterian church for the past eight days, conducted by Rev. William Black, synodical evangelist, and Mr. Burr, singer, closed Sunday night. In addition to Rev. H. S. Bradshaw, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Black was assisted by Rev. J. C. Hocutt and Rev. M. N. McFarland, pastor of the Baptist and Methodist churches, respectively. As a result of these meetings, a goodly number has applied for admission into the different churches of the town.

The remodeling of the Occaneechee Hotel, which was recently purchased by Mr. Corbin, of Winston-Salem, is nearing completion, and at a very early date this well-known house will again be open to the public. Just across the street from the hotel the handsome residence of Mr. S. M. Gattis, Esq., who, by the way, is to be this district's next accoltor, is almost ready for occupancy.

A Rowdy at Last Gets His Deserts.

Statesville, March 31.—About 18 months ago, in the edge of Olin township, Ab Lambert, white, assaulted and stabbed Doc Daniels, white, in the latter's store, dangerously injuring him. Lambert ran away immediately after the trouble and went to the mining regions in West Virginia. He was noted for his rovydism and had a very bad reputation. Recently his father, who lives in Sharpesburg township, received a letter from a boarding house keeper in a mining town in West Virginia, stating that (the boarding house man) had shot and killed Lambert and had been exonerated for the shooting on the ground of self-defense. Lambert was drunk and was advancing on his host, who shot at him, and when the latter drew his revolver and killed Lambert with the first shot, Lambert's father has further investigated the killing and it is understood that he realizes that his son got only what was due him.

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Samples for experimental purposes may be had free of charge by writing direct to the Emergency Laboratories, 2 West Twenty-fifth street, New York City.

Spartanburg Man Loses His Residence by Fire.

Spartanburg, S. C., March 31.—The residence of J. M. Anderson, a traveling man, No. 429 North Church street, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The fire originated in the kitchen and was caused by a defective stove pipe. The building adjoining had a narrow escape from catching on fire and it was only by hard work of the fire department that the property loss was not greater. All of Mr. Anderson's household goods were saved. The loss is estimated at \$2,000.

Editor Farris' Home Entered by Two Bold Intruders.

High Point, March 31.—Last night while Editor J. J. Farris and wife were away from home, leaving a nurse in charge of the children, two white men entered the house and drew a gun and razor on the negro nurse and went through the house. The frightened negro asked their business and they replied, "Nothing." An alarm was given and the matter kept quiet to-day, hoping to catch the intruders, who apparently were drunk or under the influence of a drug. Robbery evidently was not the motive, as nothing was missed.



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