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REV. R. L. PATTON DIED LAST NIGHT

Prominent Minister and Educator Passed Away This Morning at 1 O'Clock—Funeral Friday Afternoon

Rev. Robert Logan Patton, who for the past eight or ten years has been in declining health, died at his home in Morganton at one o'clock last night. He had been known in Morganton for some time that the end was near. The announcement of the death of this distinguished minister and educator saddens the whole community. No son of old Burke has left a deeper impress on the county and the State than Mr. Patton, whose whole life has been devoted to good works, and whose labors in the pulpit and the schoolroom will bear fruit for many years to come.

Mr. Patton is survived by his wife and the following children, who were with him at the time he fell asleep: Mrs. W. F. Powell, of Asheville; Mrs. J. C. Patton, of Charlotte; Mrs. Mrs. Anthony, of Connelly Springs; Mrs. Mrs. Patton and Mr. Robert Patton of Morganton, and Mrs. Collette of Winston-Salem.

The funeral will be held from the Baptist church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The following sketch of the life of Mr. Patton was written by Prof. A. C. Kerley, one of his pupils, at the request of the reunion of the Patton students in Morganton on August 6, 1917:

Rev. R. L. Patton was born on the 2nd day of January, 1849. From early childhood he lived on his father's Irish Creek farm, ten miles north of Morganton, N. C., until he became seventeen years of age. He had but little chance to go to school. When education he could read and write.

His knowledge of arithmetic extended through the multiplication table and long division. He had studied geography for a few years. He had read a few books, all of which he had read twice. He had an ambition to go to college, but times were hard, and he had to give up the idea of going to college.

On Tuesday, the second of October, 1866, when he was 17 years of age, he started out on a journey. He had packed his clothes in a pillow case and had it in the peach orchard when his father called him as usual one hour before day to arise and get ready for the morning fires, he arose. But that morning he did not make the time. With five cents, a few sweet potatoes, some bread, and his pillow case he said farewell to his father's farm and on the approach of day he had reached Fenta Florida, and near there crossed the Linville river and set out across the mountains. Four days later he arrived at Jonesboro, Tenn. He hunted for a place where he could work for his board and go to school but failed. Then he secured a position on the railway section where he worked for two weeks, when he learned that his father was coming to see him. He left, walking through the mountains, and stopped at a place called Gap, where he again found a position for a month.

When this time he wrote no letter home. Then he went to Knoxville, Tenn., and crossed the Ohio river to Indiana. He worked on a farm for \$1.75 in his possession. He then worked on a farm for \$1.00 per month and studied at night. In the fall of 1870 he came to Morganton and spent the winter there. He then went to Chicago, Ill., where he worked for a few months. He then went to Indiana, where he worked for a few months. He then went to Tennessee, where he worked for a few months. He then went to North Carolina, where he worked for a few months.

Mr. Patton left Hillsboro for Exeter where he studied all summer under (Continued on last page)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ABOLISHED CHAIN GANG

Decide Against Maintenance of Convict Camp for Working Roads; Only 3 on Gang.

Following the escape Saturday night of four of the convicts on the Burke county chain gang, which has been at work for several months near Enola, the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday decided on its abolishment and ordered that the remaining men be brought to jail and worked from there until the expiration of their several sentences.

The four men who escaped Saturday night did so after midnight and were tracked for over three miles before their trail was lost. The tracks showed that they were barefooted.

Mr. M. L. Gline, until this week with the Morganton Hardware Co., has accepted a position with the Drexel Store Company. He plans to move to Drexel at an early date.

THE COLDEST WEATHER WAS RECORDED MONDAY

Thermometer Hovered Close to Zero—Many Broken Water Pipes Resulted.

The coldest weather of the winter came Sunday night and Monday morning and since that time plumbers have been kept busy repairing broken water pipes. Thermometers registered varying degrees, as usual, the most generally reported being around zero. The standard government thermometer at the State Hospital recorded 3 degrees above zero as the lowest point reached Monday. Since that time the weather has been moderating.

CHURCH CONFERENCE WILL FORM PROGRAM

Over One Thousand Delegates Will Represent Twenty Denominations.

A three day conference of the inter-church world movement at which a program of Protestant denominational cooperation for the "evangelization of the world" will be formulated and the amount of money necessary for this purpose will be determined, opened in Atlantic City yesterday.

More than 1,000 delegates, representing about twenty denominations, and 200,000 churches in all sections of the United States are here for the meetings. The conference was called by Robert Lansing, secretary of state, chairman of the general committee of the inter-church movement. Owing to pressure of government business, however, it was said, Mr. Lansing probably would not be able to preside over the sessions as had been planned.

Leaders of the movement said it is hoped to agree upon a plan whereby, through the avoidance of duplicated effort in the fields already covered by missionary campaigns, men and money will be available for great areas which have never been opened to the missionaries. No theological questions will be discussed, it was announced.

Spectacular evangelistic methods are not to be encouraged in connection with the drive and none of the funds will be employed in raising the prohibition issue abroad, delegates said.

Estimates as to the amount of money necessary to carry out the plans vary from \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000.

An independent campaign, for which \$100,000,000 already has been raised will be conducted by the Methodist Episcopal church. Its slogan is "one million new members by June 1."

LOWER PRICES NOT TO BE EXPECTED AT ONCE

A very interesting article, dealing with the present prices of various kinds of merchandise, is taken from the Merchants' Journal of Commerce, in which it declares that there will be no lower prices any time soon, but even some timely advice to both manufacturers and consumers. The article follows:

"If some one tells you things are going to be cheaper, say, 'eventually,' but not now." The biggest flurry has happened in the past three weeks and the weakening of the market was so slight that it was negligible and for the present the recovery to former levels has been reached with the prospect of higher rather than lower levels. It is asserted that for the balance of this year there will be a stability in prices around the present high levels.

"There are no prospects of cheaper merchandise for spring selling, and it is hardly necessary to forecast to our retail clientele the market for the fall and winter of 1920. There is a famine of practically all grades of textiles. Mills are sold up for a season before the actual work is begun. Labor is scarce, high, inefficient and production is far below the demand.

"Granting that these high prices will curtail consumption; the decreased production, together with the cost of labor and raw materials, makes the prices high and the supply unequal to the demand.

"There is no way to reduce the actual cost of living except to work and economize. The former can be done, but the latter is going to take place as a natural law. It is painful to hear 'windbags' intimate that some sort of hocus-pecus of finance or legislation can reduce the cost of living. There is no artificial way that can change the inflexible, immutable and inviolable law of supply and demand.

"We get as we give—no more, no less. If the people of this country do not come back from their vacation and get to work diligently and intelligently they will not reap a harvest. The man who works and economizes is going to make money. Take this caution: Collect more closely than ever. It takes a mighty short time and a mighty few purchases for anybody to run up a large bill.

"Again it is not good business to try to speculate. Buy the goods you need in the quantities that will sell quickly. Get the collection system working right. Study the man who is not working as much as he should, let him pay cash. Better lose a customer than to lose all the profits you made on him and forty others. Watch the extravagant woman. Study your credits. You will always be able to buy—don't try to monopolize."

JONAS RIDGE TOWNSHIP VOTES FOR GOOD ROADS

Mountain Township Will Issue Bonds to Construct Good Roads—Small Vote.

Of the 41 votes cast in the election Saturday in Jonas Ridge township on the issuance of road bonds 26 were in favor of bonds and 15 against, the majority for roads, therefore, being 11. As can be noted, the vote was light but it is gratifying that the road folks succeeded in getting enough to carry the election.

The result means that Jonas Ridge may now issue \$10,000 in road bonds, the expenditure of which will mean much to the isolated mountain township.

CONGRESS MET MONDAY FOR A LONG SESSION

Innumerable Domestic and International Problems Awaiting Its Attention

Congress reconvened at noon Monday after a fortnight's holiday with months of hard work in sight and adjournment expected by few leaders before the Presidential campaign next fall. The only recess looked for is a brief one in summer when the National party conventions are in session.

Innumerable domestic and international problems await the attention of Congress, with partisan politics of the coming presidential election prominently to the fore. Political speeches of Presidential candidates and members of Congress up for reelection are expected to flood the congressional record.

The Senate resumed consideration of the sedition bill of Senator Sterling, Republican, North Dakota, and later began work on the House water power development measure.

The Senate returned in the shape of disposing of German peace treaty this month, but without substantial results from compromise negotiations during the holiday recess. Some immoderate move, however, is expected. The motion of Senator Underwood, Democrat, Alabama, for appointment of a committee is awaiting consideration and on the calendar is the resolution of Senator Knox, Republican, Pennsylvania, proposing ratification of all peace terms except the League of Nations.

Other treaties to be considered at the present session of Congress are the French, Austrian, Polish and Panama Canal settlement with Colombia and possibly the Turkish peace treaty. Congress also must consider many measures affecting American commercial, financial and other relations abroad, arising as war aftermath.

GOV. BICKETT ISSUES PROHIBITION APPEAL

Governor Bickett has issued a proclamation citing the fact that constitution prohibition becomes effective January 16 and setting aside Sunday, January 18, as "Law Enforcement Day."

On that day he requests that the congregations of the State assemble and that ministers preach sermons bearing on law enforcement. The proclamation follows:

"On January 16, 1920, according to the action of the citizens of this nation, the fundamental policy of this government regarding the liquor traffic will change and, according to our federal constitution, it will be unlawful to manufacture, sell, transport, import or export intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in the United States. Under the provisions of the law enforcement code passed by Congress October 23, 1919, the internal revenue department is charged with the enforcement of this law, and Mr. Hooper, the head of this department, is appealing to citizens and State officials to give the federal officers full cooperation in this work.

"Now, therefore, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim that Sunday, January 18, be set apart as 'Law Enforcement Day,' and I request that the ministers of the State, on that day, read this proclamation to their congregations and call on them to cooperate with the officers for the enforcement of our national and State anti-liquor laws."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

A. P. Keaton to W. W. Phillips, 24 acres in Lower Creek township.
Enoch S. Craven to G. B. Morris, house and lot at Rutherford College.
C. H. Bradshaw to M. K. Carswell and Marston Carswell, 27 acres in Upper Fork.
D. A. Boyles to Causie Turner, 34 acres in Morganton township.
J. W. Brown to S. J. Lowman, 2 tracts in Morganton township.
Mrs. H. I. Webb and others to A. W. Stroup and J. P. Hildebrand, 3 acres in Morganton township.
C. C. Lail to A. F. Lail, 65 acres in Silver Creek township.
W. G. King to J. M. E. Carswell, 24 acres in Upper Fork township.
Realty Loan & Guaranty Co. to J. M. Milligan, house and lot in Morganton.

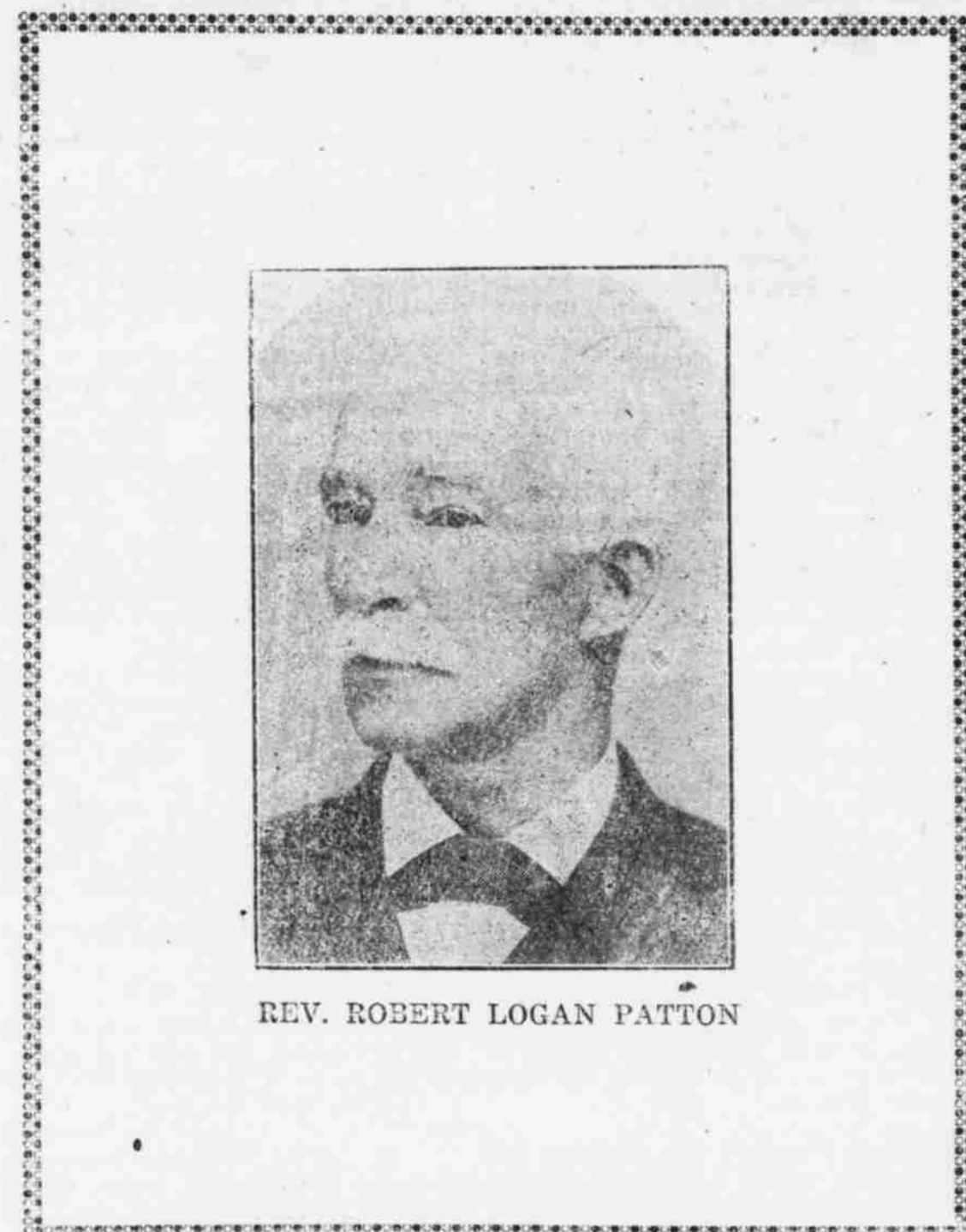
BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN SOUTHERN STATES ACTIVE

Railroads Unable to Meet Requirements For Cars, But the Situation Improves.

Southern States business conditions as reflected in the report of the director general of railroads show marked activity with the railroads unable to meet all requirements for box cars and open top cars but with the situation improving.

Tidewater coast dumping showed a substantial decrease due to car shortage and the let-up of shipping after the holidays. On account of the export coal restrictions, consignment of coal west was very heavy, but arrangements have been made to issue permits for a limited tonnage of export coal.

Holiday travel, especially that of schools, was large, but military movement has now been reduced to normal. Principal lines report travel very good in the Southern region.



REV. ROBERT LOGAN PATTON

LOCAL BRIEFS IN AND AROUND TOWN

Short Items of Local and Personal Interest Gathered During the Week.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Patton has been quite sick but is recovering.

Rev. L. C. King, of Camelsville, will preach at Catawba Valley church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Miss Toxic Wagner is in charge of the school at Enola, having taken up the work Monday of this week.

Mr. E. H. Bradley, of Rutherford College, has taken a position in the shoe department at Lazarus Brothers.

Mr. E. P. Dale has sold his interest in the Brinkmont Beehive to Buff & Williams, who will continue the business.

Mr. L. F. Propst who is in the lumber business at Clark's Hill, S. C., has moved his family from Icard to that place.

Mrs. D. L. Rust, of Route 1, who has been very ill, her friends and family being alarmed about her condition, is recovering rapidly.

Mr. M. S. Arney, of Worry, was able to be in town again Saturday after an illness of several weeks. His friends are glad to see him out again.

Little Miss Mary Tucker Jeter is recovering rapidly from an attack of neuritis which caused the family and friends grave concern Saturday and Sunday.

An oil stove threatened serious damage at the Presbyterian manse Sunday night, but fortunately the fire was discovered in time. Mr. MacLean had lighted the stove in the bath room and leaving it for awhile found, upon his return, the room full of smoke. He succeeded in getting the stove out and extinguishing the blaze, before it had made any headway.

CONGRESSMAN HOY IS WELCOMED TO CAPITOL

Demonstrations Staged As 9th Dis. Congressman Appeared To Take Oath and Seat.

Representative Clyde R. Hoy was warmly received in the house Monday when he appeared to take the oath of office as a member of Congress. Democrats led in the cheering and stood as Mr. Hoy walked down the aisle to the speaker's desk.

Representative Po presented the new member. The oath was administered by Speaker Gillett and proceedings were entirely formal. Warm congratulations on his notable victory came from ex-Speaker Clark and other leading Democrats. Photographers followed the new member outside and fired several "shots" at him on the east front of the house wing of the capitol.

Mr. Hoy got his first chance a few moments later to vote, his first official act. He voted against a bill, which passed, to increase pensions of civil war veterans of the Union army. It seems to be an undue increase, Mr. Hoy explained.

The Democratic leaders are trying to find a good committee assignment for him. Mr. Hoy wanted to get on the judiciary committee but found the vacancy left by Yates Webb already filled. He has been assigned room 168-A for an office. It is on the first floor of the house office building. Mrs. Hoy accompanied her husband to Washington. They have taken an apartment at the Driscoll.

KILLED BY SLIDING ROOF

John Hein was instantly killed Monday at Bridgewater when the roof slid from a tank. His wife, who lives in Alexander City, Ala., was notified and the body sent home Tuesday.

Misses Goldie Shiflet and Mildred Connelly left Wednesday for the Conservatory of Music, Durham.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER BURKE

Items of Interest Gathered From Different Sections of the County By News-Herald Correspondents

GLEN ALPINE.

We are starting on a new year with bright prospects of 1920 being in many respects the banner year of American history. The war is over, coal strike settled, money and work plentiful; there is no reason for complaint. We have a great country and the best and most progressive people on the face of the earth, and with the smiles of a Kindly Providence blessing our doors the thing for us to do is to reach out for higher and better things.

The school here has again settled down to work and the sound of the bell can be heard on the hill.

Mr. J. H. Giles, one of the directors of the State Hospitals, was in a meeting and dinner at the State Hospital the first day of the new year.

Rev. A. P. Brantley filled his pulpit at the Methodist church the first Sunday.

Miss Grave Bradley, field secretary of the Epworth League, of Asheville, was here Sunday in the interest of her work.

Rev. F. A. Bower will hold services with the Baptist church next Sunday, the 11th. Weather permitting we are expecting the church orchestra to be in attendance.

Mr. Gibbs and Miss Iris Pitts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pitts, were married in Greensboro last week and after viewing the sights of Washington and New York, they will make their home in our town.

Until the new parsonage can be built Rev. A. P. Brantley's new wife will occupy the W. S. Butler cottage on Linville street. The good ladies of the church are giving and fixing the furnishings and will give them a homecoming this week.

Mr. Allen Lail has moved to the Williams cottage.

Mr. William Lefevers has moved to the N. O. Pitts cottage recently used by Dr. Bell who has moved his family to Cleveland.

Mr. R. P. Rowe had the Glen Alpine stock to pay him a visit the last few days and leave a contribution in the shape of a fine little girl.

Miss Lizzie Bright, the sister of our townsman, Mr. T. S. Bright, died in Asheville and will be buried here this evening on the arrival of train No. 12. Miss Lizzie was well known here for her cheerful and cheering disposition and was in her 68th year. She was a member of the Methodist church at Dvartsville. Rev. A. P. Brantley will officiate at the obsequies.

Messrs. Giles Bros. have bought a new Reo car. JAP.
Glen Alpine, January 6, 1920.
CHESTERFIELD.

Rev. J. A. McLean, of Morganton, was a guest Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lacey.

Messrs. Walter and Pink Fry, of Hickory, spent Wednesday with Mr. Edgar Harris.

Friends of Miss Virgie Hood will be glad to know she is improving, after being very sick for a week.

Mr. Lawrence Garrison, of Glen Alpine, visited in the Conley home Thursday night.

Mr. Sidney Hallyburton is at Charlotte this week attending the county show with his Rhode Island Reds.

Misses Cornelia and Ophia Carter, of Morganton, were guests Wednesday of Mrs. Esten Lockyer.

Miss Louise Hood, after spending her vacation at home, has returned to her school at Enola.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kincaid, of Caldwell, were visitors of Mr. Kincaid's daughter, Mrs. John Smith, Sunday.

Master Charles Hensley visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hensley, in Conley Meadows, and visited relatives in Morganton last week.

Mr. Joe Phillips, of Adako, spent Wednesday night with his sister, Mrs. J. L. Morrow.

Mr. J. M. Harris and son, Mr. Mack Harris, of Hickory, have been on a visit to Mr. John Rhodes and Mr. Edgar Harris.

Mr. Lester Conley has gone to Hildebran to enter the high school.

Miss Essie Conley has returned to her school duties at Hildebran after (Continued on sixth page)