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### LAST SAD RITES.

**Large Number of People Attend the Funeral Services of Late W. B. Steele.**

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a large number of people attended the funeral services of Postmaster W. B. Steele Sunday afternoon. The services were held from Washington Street M. E. Church at 2:30 o'clock and owing to the fact that deceased was a member of four of the secret fraternities here, a large part of the church was reserved for the members of the different orders. There were present also a number of people not members of the order which almost filled the church, including the Sunday school room.

The four orders of which the deceased was a member—Odd Fellows, Red Men, Knights of Pythias and Jr. Order, met in council just before the funeral and marched in a body to the home of the deceased and followed the funeral procession to the church, and afterwards to the cemetery. The line of march was as follows: Four Marshals (one from each order), two in front and two in the rear. The postoffice force carried the flowers and walked in front, followed by the heads of the different orders and the members of the same. The pall bearers were eight in number, two of which were honorary: Messrs. J. Ed. Kirkman and John Scruggs from the Odd Fellows, Messrs. June Wren and Lee Payne from the Red Men, Messrs. Smith and F. E. Perkins from the Knights of Pythias and Messrs J. L. Sechrest and A. P. Staley from the Junior Order.

Arriving at the church and depositing the many bouquets and wreaths of flowers the casket was literally covered and the chancel presented a veritable flower garden. The different orders had handsome floral designs executed in the emblems of the order and many personal friends also contributed to the beautiful array.

The services opened with the singing, by the choir, of the "Shepherd's Fold," a favorite piece of Mr. Steele's and one which he had on several occasions called up his little daughter over the phone and had her to sing in her sweet, childhood simplicity. The pastor then read a portion of scripture suited to the occasion. In his after remarks he said, "Today we mourn the untimely end of one of our number, a public servant who was truly the servant of all, the efficient postmaster of High Point, Mr. Steele. There is lots of the inner life of the deceased that the world knew nothing of, he was a kind and considerate husband and no man loved and served his family better than he. He was a kind hearted, public-spirited man and on many occasions contributed to very worthy causes at the solicitation of the speaker, that he had expressed himself at all times ready to contribute to any good cause or movement. These and other similar good traits of which perhaps the world at large knew nothing of, I felt like I should make public in this sad hour of bereavement." At the conclusion of Mr. Bagby's remarks Rev. J. M. Hilliard arose and said he would like to testify to the benevolent deeds of the deceased. At one, two or more occasions he had personally helped the speaker when he knew that there would be no way of the world finding it out and with other friends he felt in Mr. Steele's death a personal loss. The choir then rendered another appropriate selection, after which Rev. G. F. Kirby, of Main Street M. E. church, announced that the different orders of which the deceased was a member would take part, each reading from the ritual, the burial services of the respective orders. (This was done at the church instead of the grave owing to the extremely bad weather.) Those at the head of the various orders performed their parts in following order: Mr. W. G. Brown for the Jr. Order, Mr. F. Blake for the Odd Fellows and Mr. W. L. Stamey for the Red Men. Rev. Mr. Kirby, for the Knights of Pythias, read the prayer of his lodge at the grave after which the members of all the orders deposited a sprig of evergreen in the grave, this completing the services.

### A Success.

High Point made a hit at its recent celebration. The speeches were fit for such an occasion. But this was not the best of it.

High Point, while growing rapidly has steered clear of anything like "boom methods" to advertise itself to the world. That which was claimed by the speakers and by the citizens of the town can be verified in the most substantial and satisfactory manner. That is what has made this celebration such a signal success. It is not only, right but it is sensible for a town to deal fairly and honestly in representing its resources and advantages to people who live elsewhere.

We congratulate High Point on what she really possesses, and also upon the honest straightforward and sensible manner she shows it to the public.—Raleigh Times.

### Death of Mrs. Chas. L. Scott.

Mrs. Margaret Glenn Scott died yesterday morning at 4:40 o'clock after an illness of two weeks with peritonitis. About the first of last week it was learned that her condition was critical, but she revived and her friends hoped she might recover. Saturday another change came, and her condition gradually grew worse. All of Saturday and Sunday the relatives of Mrs. Scott waited anxiously and had it not been for her wonderfully strong vitality, she must have died sooner.—Telegram.

Deceased was the daughter of Mr. Tyree Glenn and one of the most lovable young women in the State.

### Will Draft Resolutions.

At the meeting of the Postmasters' Association held here last Friday and Saturday a committee composed of Postmasters J. Lee Armstrong, of Spencer; J. A. Ramsay, of Salisbury, and J. N. Dayvault, of Glass, was appointed to draft resolutions regarding the death of Postmaster W. B. Steele, of High Point. The meeting will report to an adjourned meeting to be held at Charlotte next July.

### The Wachovia Building.

Col. F. H. Fries, president Wachovia Loan & Trust Company, has informed the Wachovia people here that the board of directors met Saturday and decided to erect the bank building here at once. It will be located on Main street at the crossing. The drawing which was on exhibition here last week shows up to be one of the handsomest bank buildings in the State.

### Miss Patton to Return.

Miss Carey Ogburn, who was sick for several weeks last fall does not feel able to take her work at the school this spring and has resigned. Miss Winnie Patton will arrive Monday to take the grade the balance of the term.

### Our Depot.

The Enterprise had just a few words with General Manager Ackert Monday night during the interval about our new passenger depot. It is to be built at once and High Point will have a depot different from any along the line. The material will be of concrete blocks with tile roof.

### Marriage at Asheboro.

Mr. B. Frank Page, of Greensboro, and Miss Bertha Coffin were married at Asheboro Wednesday afternoon, the ceremony being performed at the home of the bride, by Rev. Sherrill, of the M. E. church. D. C. Leonard, of Greensboro, and Will Coffin, brother of the bride, were the attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Page spent last night at the Elwood leaving for Greensboro this morning.

### Death of Mrs. Willis.

News was received here this morning of the death of Mrs. Nancy Willis at her home two miles west of the city, aged about 88 years. Deceased was the mother of Samuel and Charles Willis.

### Postponed His Coming.

Vice President Fairbanks has informed the Republican club at Greensboro that he will not be able to come to Greensboro until after March 18th.

## DEATH ON GALLOWS

### The Ex-Mayor of Charlottesville Pays the Penalty for the Murder of His Wife.

### MAKES CONFESSION TO MINISTERS

#### The Devil Said Slay Her and McCue Obeyed--Walks to his Doom Unassisted--History of Crime.

Charlottesville, Va., Jan. 10.—J. Samuel McCue, former Mayor of this city expiated his crime for wife murder on the scaffold at the jail this morning after confessing his guilt. He refused the offer of assistance of the guards, walking erect and hurriedly to the scaffold. McCue spent a sleepless night. Drop fell at 7:36 and at 7:54 was declared dead. The execution was without hitch. Immediately after the execution the ministers who attended him made this statement to newspapers: "Samuel McCue requested us to make public his statement made to us just before he went to the scaffold, that he did not wish to leave the world with suspicion resting on any human being other than himself—that he alone was responsible for the deed and that he was impelled to it by an evil power beyond his control." He repeatedly asked for his children but relatives denied him this.

Twenty-five persons witnessed the execution. After McCue was pronounced dead the body was immediately prepared for burial.

### History of the Crime.

Samuel J. McCue, ex mayor and prominent attorney, wealthy and influential, soon after arriving home from church with his wife, struck her in the face with a base ball bat, choked her, shot her through the breast with a rifle and then put her in the bath tub and turned on the hot water. After doing this he struck himself a blow in the face making an abrasion and then sounded the alarm to his neighbors that some unknown man had entered his room and committed the crime. He claimed that he was knocked senseless and while in that condition his wife was killed. On account of McCue's prominence and wealth, and children he was not arrested at once, although the people in Charlottesville believed from the first that he was the guilty party. In a day or so he was committed to jail but proclaimed his innocence in a manner that some outsiders thought perhaps he might be innocent. The trial came on and he was promptly convicted. The people of Charlottesville were determined that he should pay the penalty. His case was reviewed twice by the court of appeals and referred to the governor, but the authorities refused to interfere with the sentence of the court. So at the very last when he saw that the hour had come he admitted the terrible crime.

### Hears Little McCue Girl—Governor Grieved, But Firm.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 9.—J. S. McCue's ten-year-old daughter Ruby, came to the city today, accompanied by her uncle, Edw. McCue, and her aunt, Mrs. Rhodes, and made an appeal to the governor for her father's life. The governor was much affected by the child's appeal, and told the little girl he would consider the matter. He also said to Mr. McCue, who is a lawyer, and one of the prisoners' counsel, that he (McCue) would

understand his attitude toward the judiciary of the State.

Referring to the grounds advanced for executive intervention in the McCue case, Gov. Montague tonight said: "These questions not only belong to judicial determination but have actually been disposed of by the lower court and twice passed on by the Supreme Court of Appeals, after exhaustive examination."

"I am unauthorized," said he, "to reverse this procedure and these judgments."

"What about the insanity plea?" was asked.

"Nothing whatever has been presented to me, tending to establish the insanity of Mr. McCue."

There is no reason to suppose that the execution of sentence of McCue will be interfered with in any way.

A special from Charlottesville, Va., says that the execution at Charlottesville will take place about 7 o'clock tomorrow morning. Mr. McCue this evening said farewell for the last time to his children and relatives. Breathing an atmosphere of intense religious fervor, he professes to see nothing in his approaching end but a grateful release.

### He Confessed.

McCue proved at the last to be the brutal unmitigated liar and scoundrel that the jury said he was. The people of Charlottesville were fully convinced of his and the only surprise of the good people among he had lived so long that he did not commit suicide when he realized what he had done.

This was one of the most brutal murders in the history of the country, revolting in its every aspect. Even among the lower order of human kind it would seem terrible.

### Several Candidates.

Several candidates have loomed up for the Post Office during the day. All of them are taking for granted that Mr. Steele's successor will be appointed soon. Among those already in the field are W. P. Ragan, Dr. Stanton, W. E. Suow, A. A. Holton, T. H. Patten and Mr. Kraber, and probably others. One of the candidates said to lay that he would not make a fight if the widow of the late postmaster desired to serve out her husband's unexpired term.

Quite a number of petitions, however, are already in circulation and the matter will in all probability soon come to a head.

### Eighth Attraction February 23rd, in Auditorium.

Stanley L. Krebs on "Marvels and Mysteries of Mind," is the greatest wonder on the American platform. He stands unrivaled in his field, says Rev. W. L. Davidson, D. D., Washington, D. C. He is the mind reader. He will read your thoughts and out of them, present to the audience a barrel of fact, a bushel of fun and a bite of philosophy. Come! Look! and Laugh! As he reels off the musical mimicry and mental meriment.

The Constitution, Atlanta, Ga., says: "Dr. Stanley L. Krebs delighted a big audience at the Grand last night with his lecture on "Marvels and Mysteries of Mind," delivered under the auspices of the Atlanta Lecture Association. His demeanor on the platform is decidedly original and holds the attention of an audience throughout. His lecture dealt with psychological matters, which he handled in a simple lucid, fashion, presenting the most abstruse in a form all could grasp. He deeply interested his big audience."

Watch for his circulars. Read his testimonials and you will be convinced that you cannot afford not to hear him.

Admission 25 and 50 cents, school children 10 cents. Tickets at Mann Drug Company.

Rev. S. B. Teurventine, D. D., will preach at Washington Street M. E. church Wednesday, 7 o'clock, p. m., and hold the first quarterly conference for the current year. The public is cordially invited.

### Joe Patton in Debate.

The Enterprise congratulates his young friend Joe Patton, son of Rev. R. L. Patton, on the way he recently acquitted himself in the great debate among the two literary societies at Wake Forest College. Our young friend was on the winning side and we are not surprised. He is a strong debater.

### THE HIGH POINT BANQUET.

#### A Notable, Unique and Significant Event Last Night.

The annual banquet pulled off by the Manufacturers' Club of High Point last night was a notable, unique and significant event, and was in all respects a success beyond the expectations of its warmest promoters.

It was notable in that it was attended and honored by the presence of a distinguished member of the cabinet, who is in closer touch with industrial conditions and the various arteries of trade than any other public man in any of the departments of the United States government, and who gave striking evidence of his masterful knowledge of the industrial conditions and needs of North Carolina and the South in his magnificent address. The presence of the Cuban minister and the deliverance of his kindly and eloquent message, made a profound impression and will be far reaching in its influence.

It was no insignificant occasion which could bring President Spencer, of the Southern Railway, to his feet and call forth an address of unusual interest and force, to say nothing of distinguished gentlemen who are associated with him in the operation of the great Southern and who were present as the guests of the club.

Not less notable was the presence of the "Captains of Industry" in North Carolina. The Fries were there, the Odells, the Williamsons, the Erwins, the Bryants and others from the cotton mills were there; Brown, of the Citizens' National Bank of Raleigh; Evans, of the Charlotte Bank; Miller, of Richmond; Buxton and others, of Winston-Salem, were on the list and present. President Venable, of the University, Southgate, of Trinity College, Hobbs, of Guilford College, and other educational leaders were guests. In short, every industry, every vocation and every profession of the State was represented by representative leaders.

The reader would hesitate to accept a statement as to the amount of capital represented by this notable gathering.

The spirit of the occasion was fine. All creeds and all parties political were represented and the highest and richest note was one of unity of purpose in the upbuilding and development of the old Tar Heel State. It was a great occasion. It will yield a harvest to be gathered from every field of activity in North Carolina. Space will not allow detail. The Manufacturers' Club did itself proud.

Greensboro is proud of her sister city and rejoices in the new laurels she is winning in the commercial world. The guests from Greensboro are loud in their praise of the growing, generous and magnificent hospitality of High Point.—Record of 7th.

### Returning From Marriage.

Mr. Dan C. Leonard spent several hours with his cousin, Mr. W. L. Stamey, Wednesday en route to Greensboro. He was returning from Asheboro where at 4 o'clock that afternoon he acted as best man to Mr. Frank Page in his marriage to Miss Coffin, of that place. The bridal party came on here and and spent the night at the Elwood hotel, leaving for Greensboro this morning. Mr. Page holds a responsible position with L. Richardson Drug Co. The bride is one of Asheboro's accomplished young ladies.

### Call if Needed.

Mr. Wyatt J. Armfield phoned to the Enterprise yesterday and asked if there was any need for wood among the poor people. He will subscribe liberally toward a carload to be distributed here. We refer Mr. Armfield's liberal proposition to the committee.

### Meeting in Progress.

The meeting at Green Street Baptist church is in progress and quite a great deal of interest is manifested. Mr. Hilliard is assisted by Rev. J. T. Edmondson. The public is invited to attend.

### Another Change.

John W. Lambeth has bought of J. L. Armfield the controlling interest in the Lambeth Furniture Company, and will take charge at once.—Thomasville News.

### The Example of High Point.

We clip the following interesting editorial from the Columbia, S. C., State:

The press dispatches a few nights ago "carried" a "story" of a banquet at High Point, North Carolina, at which the secretary of commerce and labor, the Cuban minister and several United States senators and representatives were present. More than one person may have asked, "Where is High Point and what sort of Manufacturers' Club have they there?"

Public men haven't time to bother with unimportant points on the map, and High Point must, therefore, be "some punkins" in the industrial world. So it is.

But not so many years ago the town would have been described as a little country village on the North Carolina railroad, a few miles south of Greensboro. It was located in a good section and its merchants did a prospering business as country trade goes. Then some of its citizens took the notion to go into manufacturing—not the making of cotton yarns or cloth, but the making of furniture. With their own resources they started, started on a small scale but with determination, and they have succeeded in making High Point the principal furniture manufacturing centre of this section. Their goods are shipped all over the world from 54 factories employing over 2,500 people. Yet it was only 15 years ago that three men of High Point established the first factory with an investment of \$3,000 each.

High Point is an example of what any southern town can do. Not all are in the position to manufacture furniture, but the establishment of small factories of various kinds is a possibility within reach of every town in South Carolina. Their coming means industrial prosperity and fame for the town as well as the individual wealth that have come to the citizens of High Point in a decade and a half.

### Walter Chandler Promoted.

Mr. J. Walter Chandler who has held a position with the Lyon Furniture Agency here for several years has been promoted to a position in the Philadelphia office and will leave for his post of duty next week. The Enterprise congratulates Mr. Chandler on his promotion and trusts he may go still higher in the service.

### Honor Roll.

Honor roll of fifth grade for the week ending February 10th. Marvin Shields, Roy Snow, Ernest Welch, Carson Burns, Ethel Armstrong, Clyde Wilson, Annabella King, Ashlyn Lowe, Maude Cecil.

### "North High Point."

A traveling man says that when the north-bound train pulled into Greensboro Friday the porter called out, "North High Point." The town is on everybody's lips lately.

### It Speaks Well.

During all of the severe weather which has prevailed for two weeks or more there have been very few calls for aid in the community. Those in need were promptly looked after by the ministers and others of the committee.

### Cheeky Rogue.

Dr. J. T. Burrus was called to see a patient on Hamilton street other night and while he was in the house just a few minutes some rogue stole an \$8 lap robe that had been thrown over the horse.

### Could Not Place Them.

Friday morning early the Enterprise ran up with two of his friends Mr. H. C. Kearns and Mr. Dougan Davis. We thought by seeing the two together something was up, and tried to get on the ground floor, but somehow they shunned us. Mr. Davis looked solemnly towards the ground while Mr. Kearns had a rather suspicious look skyward. They would not transact any business while the Enterprise was about, so we left them with their secret. It is not easy to keep up with them when a trade is on.