

J. P. CALDWELL DEAD

Great North Carolina Editor Passes Peacefully, at Home of Dr. McCampbell, Morganton.

BEGAN LIFE'S WORK AT 14 Founded Charlotte Observer, with D. A. Tompkins, in 1892.—Was Stricken by Disease in March, 1909.

Special to The Gazette-News. Morganton, Nov. 22.—Death as peaceful as was the life it brought to a close descended upon Joseph Pearson Caldwell, editor of The Charlotte Observer, today at 5:30 a. m., at the home of Dr. John McCampbell, superintendent of the state hospital here, where Mr. Caldwell had been since he suffered a second stroke of paralysis in June, 1909. He reached the end of life's journey in his 59th year, having been born in Statesville, June 18, 1853.

Funeral Arrangements. The time for the funeral has not been definitely decided upon as yet but it is thought now that the body will be removed to Statesville this afternoon and the funeral will be tomorrow afternoon. The services will be in charge of Rev. C. E. Raynal, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Statesville, assisted by Archibald Johnson, editor of Thomasville Charity and Children; Rev. P. R. Law, editor of the Presbyterian Standard, Charlotte, and Rev. Plato T. Durham, presiding elder of the Winston-Salem district and formerly connected with the Charlotte Observer, under Mr. Caldwell. The active pallbearers will most probably be eight of Mr. Caldwell's Statesville friends. The honorary pallbearers will be men from every walk of life and from every section of the state. The directors of the State Hospital at Morganton will also act. The members of the Observer and Charlotte staff will follow. It is thought now that there will be a special train run from Charlotte tomorrow for the funeral.

Mr. Caldwell's illness dates back to March 1909, when he was stricken with paralysis while sitting at his desk in the Observer building at Charlotte. He partially recovered from this attack, however, and was well on the road to health again, when he was stricken a second time shortly after his return from a meeting of the North Carolina Press Association in Hendersonville, in June of the same year. This second stroke affected his speech—motor aphasia—so such an extent that he could express himself only with great difficulty. On the advice of physicians and friends that he get away from the noise and turmoil of the city, Mr. Caldwell then came to Morganton, and from that time until his death he lived in the family of his beloved friend, Dr. McCampbell.

Mind Clear to the End. Mr. Caldwell had been chairman of the board of directors of the State Hospital for 17 years and his labor in its behalf was second only to that service which made the Charlotte Observer the great paper it is today; nothing could have pleased him better than to enter into the last sleep under the shadow of its protecting wall. His mind was clear until the end, and with daily visits from his friends of all sections of the state and members of his family at his bedside, his last days were happy, in spite of the fact that they were passed beneath the cloud of a great affliction. He bore his troubles with wonderful fortitude and exhibited a patience little short of superhuman. He met death with unflinching meekness, unafraid.

"Death is nothing," he was heard to say when the realization had come upon him that his hour was at hand. "I dread it not save for the inconvenience it may cause my friends."

His Newspaper Career. Mr. Caldwell's connection with The Charlotte Observer began in 1882, when with D. A. Tompkins, he purchased The Evening Chronicle and changed the name to The Charlotte Daily Observer. Mr. Caldwell became editor and general manager and continued in control of it until stricken in 1909. When he took the helm The Observer was a small, insignificant local news paper. By his untiring efforts he had placed it amongst the foremost southern newspapers and from his heavenly station he may look down upon the offspring of his genius with just cause to be proud of service he has rendered to his city and his state. He has placed The Observer in a position to wield an influence over an army of readers and command the respect and confidence of all. He was one of those editors who are greater than the papers they edit.

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BEATTIE PRAYERFUL IN DEATH'S SHADOW

Condemned Wife Slayer Receives the Communion—Reports Are Current of Complete Breakdown, With Last Hope's Fading—No Confession, So Far as Is Known.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 22.—"I am innocent," Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., announced through Rev. Dr. J. J. Fix, one of his spiritual advisors, today. He said he would make no confession. In a formal statement Dr. Fix told of Beattie's declaration of innocence. "I have to die sometime and it might as well be now," the prisoner exclaimed. "I reckon there is no use putting it off. It would just make it harder for the old man."

BISHOP BASSFORD TALKS ON CHINESE SITUATION

Says It Is Necessary to Federate the Semi-Independent Provinces. Shanghai, Nov. 22.—Bishop Bassford of the Methodist church today expressed, as the consensus of well balanced foreign opinion on the situation in China, the belief that Manchuria is doomed. Necessities of the situation, he says, are an agreement upon the railway question, the construction of roads connecting the provinces and the transformation of the semi-independent provinces into a federal constitution following the example of Germany, Italy and the United States.

MR. TAFT PLANS DINNER TO REPUBLICAN LEADERS

Will Entertain the Republican Wheelhorses as National Committee Meets. Washington, Nov. 22.—One dinner President Taft plans to give this winter did not appear on the printed list of functions recently announced, but preparations are being made as rapidly as possible for a big affair to the members of the republican national committee, well known party leaders and cabinet members.

MOB SEEKS DETECTIVE

Mississippians Threaten Vengeance for Unwarranted Arrests in Jaudie Sharp Murder Mystery. Louisville, Miss., Nov. 22.—A mob has formed threatening to attack the jail to lynch Ben Walker, a private detective involved in the Jaudie Sharp murder case who is under arrest on a perjury charge. It is believed he had much to do with the arrest of two men later freed in connection with the case.

ARRAIGN CHORUS GIRLS

Case of Woman Charged with Shooting Millionaire Turfman Postponed in New York. New York, Nov. 22.—The trial of the chorus girls Ethel Conrad and Lillian Graham, on the charge of shooting William E. L. Stokes, the millionaire horseman and hotel man, was called today but was adjourned owing to the absence of the girl's attorney.

THE 15TH TO CHINA

Infantry Regiment on Route to Manila Probably Will Proceed to Scene of Rebellion. Manila, Nov. 22.—The fifteenth infantry probably will be sent to China immediately upon its arrival here, December 1, aboard the transport Thomas from San Francisco. The regiment will be transferred to the full strength and will be equipped with the latest corps equipment, field artillery and postally heavy.

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