

## T. K. BRUNER DEAD.

End Came Yesterday Morning.

North Carolina Loses a Valuable man in the Death of Mr. Thomas Kincaid Bruner, who for Years had Served the State as Secretary of Agriculture.

Special to THE ARGUS.

"North Carolina has lost a most valuable man." Such was the public comment today upon the death of Thomas Kincaid Bruner, for twenty-one years the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture; a man always true to his State's highest interests and to himself. The tribute the public thus simply paid is deserved. It means much. Half his life was in very truth devoted to North Carolina.

He was 52 years of age. Mr. Bruner was brave to the end. Death came in peaceful fashion after a period of suffering, which began the first week in September, the very day after his return from Europe. Almost to the very last he was interested in his work and he did not expect to die. His deep love for his family and friends was shown in his very last words. He was devoted to Miss Jennie Caldwell, who in boyhood had taught Joseph P. Caldwell, Walter Moore and himself, and asked that a telephone message, giving his love, be sent her at Statesville. His death was announced in the churches and all the afternoon yesterday the house was visited by friends.

His funeral was held this afternoon and was marked by every token of public respect and was largely attended by officials of State and citizens generally.

His untimely death has caused much sorrow to a wide circle of friends.

## BREAKS ALL RECORDS.

During Her Third Speed Test the Cruiser North Carolina Maintained an Average of 22.48 Knots or .48 of a Knot in Excess of Contract Speed.

(Special to THE ARGUS.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—The official report of the trial of the new armored cruiser North Carolina off the Virginia Capes Saturday night, confirms the statement in the press dispatches that she averaged approximately 22.48 knots in her four hours' speed trial.

It is said that the trial was a very successful one, although made in a heavy sea.

Although the speed made by the North Carolina is the best ever made by an American armored cruiser, English built vessels of the same class have made much better records, running up to 24 knots an hour, and one of them, the Duke of Edinburgh, it is estimated would make 27.75 knots.

Admiral Clover, President of the Board of Inspection and Survey, and the other members of the board which conducted the trial, have returned to Washington. The Admiral says that the speed made by the vessel is the best ever made by a vessel of the armored cruiser class in the United States Navy. He attributes her good run to the fact that picked coal was used, that the bearings were carefully adjusted, and that more lead was given to the steam valve of the high pressure cylinders. The acceptance of the cruiser by the Government is now guaranteed.

Durham, Feb. 18.—W. B. Lilly, aged 24, a popular student of Trinity College died here today. The body will be taken home to Albemarle for interment.

New York, Feb. 18.—Morse, the noted Banker and financier was today again arraigned in Court and again the charge was perjury. Bond fixed at \$20,000 in this case, also.

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 18.—The Ohio river is nearly 36 feet at this point, and rising at the rate of a mile an hour. Many towns will soon be cut off from mail and other facilities.

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—Governor Glenn today wired to Lieut. Victor Blue, at Newport News, a reply to his message congratulating the State on the fine record made by the cruiser "North Carolina" on her latest trial speed test, after two failures to come up to the contract speed requirement. The wide margin made this time more than amends for the former failures.

## TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

To-Day's Passing Events Boiled Down For Busy Readers.

Special to the ARGUS.

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—Governor Glenn today offered \$100 reward for Henry McIlwaine, the Mecklenburg county negro, alleged murderer of Dave Lewis.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Senator Lattimer, of South Carolina, who was believed to be dying last evening, is still living and is probably a little improved this morning.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Crosby S. Noyes, the famous veteran editor of the Washington Evening Star, is critically ill here. Advanced age is the chief trouble, he being 83 years old.

Baltimore, Feb. 19.—"Jack" the virtuous thrower, who has ruined thousands of costly pieces of women's apparel as the wearers passed along the street, has at last been nabbed by the police here.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 19.—By the terms of a bill passed in the House today for permanent and central location at the State penitentiary for the execution of criminals, the electric chair is adopted as a substitute for the gallows. There were only four votes against the bill.

Raleigh, Feb. 18.—Rev. Doctor Alexander Sprunt, of Charleston, recently called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church here, today notified the church committee that he would not accept. He will continue to serve the First Presbyterian church of Charleston.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—The worst blizzard in the history of Chicago is sweeping over this city, and is general all over the southwest. Traffic on railroads is impeded and on some lines in Nebraska huge drifts of snow have stopped traffic altogether. Many lives have been lost already, and the end is not yet.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Another instance of negro prejudice against Roosevelt is illustrated by the negro bishops of the African Methodist church in session here, adopting a resolution opposing Taft or any one favored by President Roosevelt, and calling on the negroes of the country to so vote in conventions and elsewhere.

Mt. Carmel, Penn., Feb. 18.—Today after 18 hours of desperate digging by comrades 27 of the 28 entombed miners here were rescued. The other, Frank Orlik, was found dead. The men were imprisoned by the breaking of a dam and the rush of mud into the gangway where they were working.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Senator Stone, of Missouri, in a speech in the Senate today attacking Aldrich currency bill, scored the growth of stock gambling and declared it threatens the stability of the banking system of this country. New York banks he believed to be involved in stock transactions.

Reno, Nevada, Feb. 18.—Equalling the famous stampede to Klamath, eleven years ago, is the rush to Rawhide, the new Nevada gold camp, today, where the output is assaying fifty thousand dollars a ton and plenty of it. Four thousand miners are there already, and four newspapers have started up.

Connellsville, Penn., Feb. 18.—In a big riot at Dunbar, Penn., late last night, in which something like one hundred men and women participated, two men were stabbed to death, a score badly injured and a wagon load carried off by the police, and are in jail today awaiting trial. They are mostly foreigners, and the riot originated in jealousy of boarding house keepers.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—A remarkable instance of moral depravity has been brought to light here by the confession today of a 18-year-old girl, Celia Patterson. She boasts she had personally committed or participated in over fifty burglaries, usually accompanied by a boy younger than herself, and who verifies her statement. Both are in the hands of the police, whom they have long baffled.

Washington, Feb. 19.—It is understood here that the President has decided to promote Captain Richard Wainwright to rear admiral, and place him in charge of the fine fleet of warships, when Admiral Evans arrives with it in Frisco harbor. Wainwright will command the fleet during the balance of the journey to Asiatic waters and the Far East. Evans reaches the age limit in August, and his ill health has led him to desire to be relieved.

Charleston, Feb. 19.—Chairman Fowler of the House committee on banking and currency, declares that the establishment of the gold standard should be put into practice by making gold coin the basis of all reserves. He says that the character of currency legislation this season will determine the financial plank to be adopted by the Republican convention at Chicago in June and his recommendation will make the party's attitude now and in 1896 consistent.

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