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A FORMER NORTH CAROLINIAN DEAD.

Mr. Hugh R. Crichton Dies Suddenly in Mobile, Ala.

News was received here last week bringing the announcement of the sudden death of Mr. Hugh Crichton, a former citizen of this county, and who had many relatives and friends in this and adjoining counties. He was here on a visit not quite two years ago, and his old friends were delighted to shake his hand.

We publish below an account of his death, taken from a Mobile paper:

Without warning of the call to the great beyond, from whose bourne no travelers ever returns, Mr. Hugh Randolph Crichton, prominent citizen and retired business man, suddenly dropped dead in the rear yard of his residence, No. 513 Spring Hill avenue, about 10 o'clock this morning, of heart disease.

Mr. Crichton arose at his usual hour this morning, and after breakfast saw his children off to school. Leaving the residence for a stroll in the yard, he was suddenly taken with a stroke which caused his death. The members of the family were not aware of his condition until a faithful dog began baying over him. Mrs. Crichton, looking from the rear of the house, saw Mr. Crichton lying prostrate upon the ground. Calling to a neighbor to send for a physician, she approached the form of her husband.

O. G. Huggins, a lumber inspector, who was passing the scene, entered the yard and lifted the form of Mr. Crichton in his arms, bearing him to the house, where he was placed upon a couch. According to Mr. Huggins' statement, Mr. Crichton was dead when he was taken from the ground. Two nurses and a physician from the Providence Infirmary, across the street, hurried to the scene and rendered what aid they could, but Mr. Crichton was beyond medical attention.

The news of the sudden death of Mr. Crichton soon spread throughout the city, and the expressions of regret at his untimely end were general. Mr. Crichton was known throughout the city in business and social circles and was held in the highest estimation.

His former partner, N. Felis, of the firm of N. Felis & Co., went to the residence of the dead man as soon as he heard of his demise. Mr. Felis said that Mr. Crichton was a man of the highest honor, with force of character, loveable disposition and a man among men. He treated his fellow man as he would have his fellow man treat him.

Mr. Crichton was born August 24, 1841, at Pugh's Hill, Franklin county, North Carolina. Reared in the beautiful cotton belt of that state, he entered the cotton industry and engaged in that business until the breaking out of the civil war. When his state called for troops he enlisted at Raleigh as a private in Company C, 47th North Carolina troops, in '62, and followed the fortunes of war throughout the great contest until he was captured at Hatcher's Run, and sent as a prisoner to Fort Delaware, where he was paroled at the conclusion of the conflict. He was wounded at Spotsylvania and Petersburg.

At daybreak on May 5, 1864, then a second duty sergeant of Company F, Second North Carolina Infantry, he was at the opening of the Battle of the Wilderness, under General J. E. B. Stuart, where his gallantry won the admiration and esteem of his commanding officers. He was in the battles of Newbern, Kington and Washington, N. C., Spotsylvania and around Richmond and Petersburg.

After the war Mr. Crichton went to New York city and entered the cotton business with success. The development of the West attracted

him, and in a few years he went to Texas and engaged in the same industry. Business was not very good, and he entered the general merchandise trade, making a success of it. Leaving the Lone Star State about 1883 or 1884, he came to Mobile and went into the commission trade, and later formed a partnership with N. Felis & Co., in the wholesale and retail tobacco business, remaining with that firm until 1906, when he retired, much to the regret of Mr. Felis, with whom his business relations were always cordial and pleasant.

In the meantime, Mr. Crichton, had observed the possibilities of Mobile becoming a great city, and invested in property at Four-mile Post, and then promoted that section of the city, named after him. When it was taken in the city limits, Mr. Crichton had a competence and the last years of his life were spent in ease and comfort, which come as the reward of a vigorous, energetic and useful life, honored and respected among men.

Mr. Crichton was a member of Raphael Semmes Camp, United Confederate Veterans, and there was no man prouder of the fact that he wore the Gray during the four-year conflict. He was a candidate for alderman in the recent primaries, and came within a few votes of being elected. He had the record of not asking any one to vote for him, and every ballot received was complimentary.

He was married about 1888 to Miss Hermina Hansen, of Mobile, a sister-in-law of Sheriff Cazalas, and related to many well-known people in Crichton. Mr. Crichton was a member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Crichton leaves a widow, two sons and three daughters, Edward Stuart, Hugh Erne, Luey Tanstall, Annie Gertrude and Susie Randolph Crichton.

Destroyed by Fire.

The home of Mr. G. F. Murphy, about three miles east of Louisburg was destroyed by fire last Saturday night about 9 o'clock. The fire started upstairs, and was supposed to have been caused either from rats or a defective flue. None of the household effects were saved from upstairs, but right much of the contents of the rooms downstairs, as well as the goods in the store, which was under the same roof of the dwelling, were saved, though very much damaged by removal. All the clothing of Mrs. Murphy and her children were burned. The loss on goods and household furniture, etc., is estimated at several hundred dollars, covered by insurance.

The house was owned by Mrs. J. T. Holt, of Johnston county, and at this writing (Monday night) it is not known whether there was any insurance on the house.

Death of Mrs. Agnes McGee.

Mr. R. O. Bissett, the efficient and popular book-keeper of the Farmers Mutual Tobacco Warehouse, has the sympathy of his friends in the death of his mother, which occurred in Weldon on Friday morning of last week. We take the following from the Weldon News:

"Mrs. Agnes McGee, esteemed by all who knew her, laid down life's burden and entered into rest Friday morning last, aged 81 years.

In the death of this noble christian woman another link has been broken, another home left desolate, and we stand with uncovered heads in the presence of the great mystery—death.

Mrs. McGee had been twice married. Her first husband was Mr. Robert Bissett, to whom she was married before she came to Weldon. Mrs. McGee was a native of Scotland, her husband was an Englishman, and they moved to Halifax

county in 1859, their home being near Day's Cross Roads. This union was blessed with three children, Mr. R. O. Bissett, Mrs. H. H. Howard and Mrs. E. M. Uzzell, all of whom are living and were here with their mother when she fell upon sleep.

Mr. Bissett died in 1862 and during the war Mrs. Bissett struggled bravely and devotedly for the maintenance of her children and gained scores of friends by her splendid energies and fine christian character. In 1865 she was married to Mr. J. H. McGee, and of this union there is one surviving child, Miss Agnes McGee, whose love and devotion for her mother has been remarkably beautiful and touching.

The funeral service was held at her late residence Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. S. Wood, of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. S. E. Mercer. The interment was at Cedarwood cemetery.

Two of her favorite hymns were sung at the residence during the service "Abide With Me" and "How Firm A Foundation."

Mrs. McGee was a consistent communicant of the Presbyterian church and she greatly aided in the building of the church here several years ago.

Her pastor, Rev. J. S. Wood, in his closing prayer at the grave, thanked the Lord for the influence of such a life in the community. Often, he said, when cast down and discouraged she would by her words of cheer and tender sympathy send us on our way rejoicing. Weldon and this entire community is better for the life she lived. Her influence will go on forever, touching and sweetening the lives of loved ones and devoted friends. To the afflicted we offer our sincerest sympathy, yet in that affliction how their hearts must be comforted by the blessed assurance that she laid down the cross to take up the crown of eternal life.

The floral offerings and designs were among the most beautiful ever seen here.

A beautiful floral design was sent by the Tobacco Board of Trade of Louisburg.

Teacher's Association.

The county teachers will meet on Saturday, February 20th. The programme will be as announced for the last meeting which was prevented by rain. In addition, Supt. R. B.

White has requested reports from every school and will have prepared a statement showing a total enrollment and average attendance in each school in the county.

We hope to publish this statement in the Times and feel sure it will be of interest to the people of the county.

Also final report blanks will be distributed at this meeting with directions as to how they must be filled out. The attendance of teachers is especially directed to the instructions of Supt. White that no voucher for salary for the last month will be honored unless accompanied by a full and accurate final report. It will be seen therefore that it is very important that every teacher be present at this meeting.

In view of the announcement above that a statement would be made of the enrollment in every school the editor of the FRANKLIN TIMES is going to give as a prize to the school showing the largest enrollment a handsome ten dollar map of the United States. He will also give a like map to the school showing the best per centage of attendance as compared with the enrollment.

The Private Secretary.

The "Private Secretary" will be played in the Opera House in Louisburg tonight. Those of our Franklinton friends who had the pleasure of seeing it pronounce it one of the best performances they have seen in years. It will be rendered to-night by "home talent" of Kittrell. The following is the cast of characters:

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| Mr. Marland | T. H. Crutcher |
| Harry Marland | G. W. DeW |
| Mr. Cattermole | W. T. Carstarphen |
| Douglas Cattermole | J. B. Allen |
| Rev. Robt. Spalding | C. E. Pennington |
| Mr. Sydney Gibson | C. H. Williams, Jr. |
| John | Reld Overton |
| Knox | Tony Capehart |
| Edith Marland | Lautina Williams |
| Eva Webster | Margaret Williams |
| Mrs. Stead | Onnie Tucker |
| Miss Ashford | Mrs. Carstarphen |

ACT I—"Found."
Douglas Cattermole's Chambers.

ACT II—"Full Cry."
Mr. Marland's County Seat.

ACT III—"Run to Earth."
Mr. Marland's County Seat.

Between Acts Two and Three.
Specialty—Male Quartette. Selected
Holden, Holden, Fleming and Jackson.

Mr. S. C. Catlett, of Apex, came on a visit to his "old home" last week. While he is pleased with Apex, his love for Louisburg and surrounding country has not decreased.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

Mrs. Fannie Boddie is visiting friends in Henderson.

Mr. J. R. Williams went to Johnston county Tuesday to visit his mother.

Mr. H. C. Taylor is spending a few days with his people in Louisburg, N. C.

Miss Louise Williams, of Manson, visited Miss Bettie Boddie a few days last week.

Dr. D. T. Smithwick and wife and Mr. J. W. Hollingsworth spent Monday in Raleigh.

Our friend Bob Timberlake is back again, and has resumed his position with the Oil Mills.

Mrs. Julius Lehman returned a few days ago from an extended visit to her people in Baltimore.

Messrs. W. M. Boone, C. K. Cooke and D. C. Strickland went out to Raleigh on Tuesday.

Attorney General Bickett came home to spend Sunday, returning to Raleigh last Monday morning.

Judge Cooke arrived home Saturday from Newbern, where he has been holding court. He goes next week to Jones county court.

Mr. F. S. Spruill, of Rocky Mount, spent last Friday in Louisburg on professional business. His friends were glad to see him looking so well.

Mr. Chas. M. Wilson, of Johnston, came over to Louisburg this week to look after the interest of Mrs. Holt, whose house (occupied by Mr. Bud Murphy) was burned near town last Saturday night.

Mrs. C. R. Church who has been visiting in Louisburg for several weeks returned to her home in Norfolk last week. She was accompanied home by Miss Lil High, who will spend a short while in Norfolk.

Dr. F. K. Cooke returned this week from Ashe county, where he went to visit his brother, Edwin, who is teaching in a High School in that county. He reports that Edwin's health has very much improved.

Mrs. R. B. Beasley, of Apex, has sufficiently recovered from her recent illness as to be able to visit her father, W. E. Tucker. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Jodie Tucker, who has been visiting her for several weeks.

What "A Citizen" Thinks of our Suggestions.

EDITOR TIMES:—I read the article in your paper headed "Suggestions" and heartily agree with you in what you said regarding the needs of Louisburg and the necessity for action on the part of the merchants and citizens in our town.

I also read the article under heading "To Build up Louisburg" and think it is not only timely but very practical, only I should like to have the privilege of mentioning some of the advantages of local ownership over foreign ownership.

To my mind it would be a very easy thing to organize a company here of \$100,000, or even \$200,000, on the plan suggested. However it might be some better to place the shares at \$50.00 each, and allow them to be paid 10 per cent monthly as suggested. I feel sure that a number of our clerks, private citizens and farmers would take stock on this basis.

And there would be a great many advantages to our merchants in favor of local ownership against foreign ownership. One of the most important is that if foreign capital were to bring this about then it might

be more certain that a "company store" would go up and no doubt right much trading with scrip or some check system; but with our merchants forming this company there would be no such arrangements. Then with as many of our citizens and countrymen as possible interested would of course create a larger volume of interest, and a local interest and pride counts next to cash, and in most cases more, would necessarily make it a success. Another thing, we would be continually adding to the value of the town, or our business, by the profits of the mill instead of having them taken away from town as would be the case should foreign capital take hold. But understand me, I am not at all biased in regard to foreign capital. I say, let it come, as much as will and can, and give it a hearty welcome, though I feel that it would be much more profitable for our people here if it could be owned locally. Then I believe that Louisburg could operate a mill as cheap as any other place anywhere, since we have such good resources for an excellent water power and this too in such a place as to make it very easily connected with a mill.

In my opinion it is a matter worthy of very deep consideration for our business men, and I should like very much to see a committee appointed to solicit subscriptions for this purpose. It would be a very pleasing thought to all our citizens to know that a large mill would be established here ready to begin operations by the first of September. Now wouldn't it?

Thanking you very much for your space, and hoping that your appropriate and timely suggestions may stir our people to action, I am

Yours for progress.

A CITIZEN.

Scoggin-Plummer.

Wednesday evening, February 17th, the chapel "Heavenly Rest" at Middleburg N. C., was a scene of beauty when Mr. J. Palmer Scoggin was married to Miss Kate Scoggin Plummer. The chapel was beautifully decorated with ferns, palms, and white carnations.

Promptly at nine o'clock the bridal party entered the Church to the strains of Mendelssohn's grand wedding march. The ushers preceded the bridal party, Messrs. J. Kemp Plummer, Jr., of Raleigh, N. C.; James M. Connelly, Statesville, N. C.; George R. Scoggin, Louisburg, N. C.; Alfred Plummer, Middleburg, N. C. The maid of honor, was Miss Mary Russell Scoggin, of Warrenton, N. C., sister of the groom.

The bride, handsomely gowned in pink messaline made empire, with lace and costly trimmings, her veil caught with orange blossoms and a beautiful diamond and pearl brooch, the gift of the groom, carrying a shower bouquet of Lilies of the Valley, entered on the arm of her father, Mr. James Kemp Plummer. She was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. Louis Scoggin, of Louisburg, N. C. The Rev. J. Coleman Horton performed the ceremony.

The beautiful Episcopal service was used. Quite a large number of friends of the groom, went from Warrenton to attend the marriage. Mr. Scoggin having chartered a special train to take them up to Middleburg and back.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. James Kemp Plummer. The groom is an enterprising young business man, being vice-president of one of the largest shoe firms in the South at Richmond, Va. The bridal presents were numerous and handsome, testifying to the popularity of this handsome couple. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Scoggin left on the Florida special for an extended Southern trip, taking in St. Augustine, Palm Beach and other points in Florida. —Gold Leaf.

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