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DEAD!

The very word seems fraught with new meaning. Every home has at some time been invaded by the grim visitor whom neither threats nor pleadings can turn aside. The shadow has fallen across your threshold and our's. But now—the shadow has fallen at once upon every home in this great country, and sorrow sits the chiefest guest beside every hearth.

President McKinley's death comes as a personal loss to every one whose thoughts are broader than his own interests. His virtues plead for him, trumpet-tongued, and he could have wished no fairer fame than has befallen him. His name will henceforth be linked with all that is best in American life.

DEAD!

"The truth come home on pall and bier." The virtues which were sometimes hidden or misunderstood during the best of campaign are now revealed clear and strong. While many of us differed from him politically we unite, without exception, in acknowledging his high traits of character.

We have been peculiarly fortunate in electing to our highest office men of great personal worth. Our presidents have been not less distinguished by their personal graces than by their ability. But of all these none has been more beloved than the one we now mourn.

During his whole life President McKinley seems to have been untouched by the contagion of the worlds slow stain. Other men find life a continual barter, in which fine ideals are sacrificed to the passion for place, or power, or wealth. But his ideals were always cherished and neither defeat nor victory could obscure them.

President McKinley is one of the few men whom calumny has never attacked. His methods may have been questioned, but his motives never were. His unswerving honesty has marked his every utterance and his every act. He was called upon to fill his office at a time of peculiar difficulties—when the trend of events was enlarging our national sphere and adding to our great responsibilities. He filled his trying position with admirable tact and judgement and has won the veneration of even his bitterest political opponents.

His whole life was spent in serving his country. As soldier, as a member of Congress, as governor of one of our greatest states, and at last as President he has for long life-time been exposed to the glare of public opinion. His every movement was watched and commented on. And now the long record is made up. His service is finished. Throughout the length and breadth of our country he lives again in minds made better by his presence.

But back of the achievements of today lies the character of yesterday. We think of what President McKinley accomplished chiefly be-

cause it shows us what he was. While his services have been of the highest value to the country they are chiefly useful because they fix in our hearts his estimable traits as a citizen, a neighbor, and a husband. The virtues which in our daily lives we common people display, and which we too frequently neglect, are ennobled because in him they shone with such purity and lustre.

The hearthstone is America's altar of freedom. Upon the sanctity of the home, depends the perpetuity of our free institutions. Destroy our love for our firesides, and you endanger our republic.

Who, more than President McKinley, made home an earthly Paradise? Who held womanhood in higher regard? Who could be more constant and more tender in his devotion to an afflicted wife than he? While his fame endures his tenderness towards his wife will be remembered as the most beautiful trait of a stainless life.

DEAD!

The word keeps ringing in our ears like a knell. We cannot fully grasp its meaning. We can only trust that the feet which so suddenly stepped into the valley of the shadow have emerged into the light of an endless day.

WE ARE PROGRESSING.

Elizabeth City is experiencing a growth which is clearly, apparent to the most casual observer. It is conceded by all substantial citizens that the city never had a brighter future. We have now gotten such a start that the city will move by its own momentum, and grow by its own accretion.

The mercantile trade of Elizabeth City is by far the greatest of any town of like size in North Carolina. This city controls the trade of twenty of the most fertile and prosperous counties in the State. A firm in this city recently, in one day, made cash sales to the amount of \$2300.00. We have had remarkably few failures in business circles and a greater number of our merchants discount their bills. By reference to Dunn's Mercantile agency it will be found that the credit of Elizabeth City is surpassed by but few towns in the United States.

Our industries are all busy and new enterprises are being started up. Mills are working night and day. We are not disturbed with labor agitations which disturb other localities. Buildings amounting to an aggregate cost of \$100,000.00 are now in course of erection. The mechanics of the city are all employed. All people who will work have no trouble in securing it.

The city offers unsurpassed inducements to the settlers. Taxes are reasonable low. Educational facilities are good. People who have located here are in most instances prosperous and contented. We have room for more.

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RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

On the second page of this issue appears, at some length, an interview of Senator F. M. Simmons on the matter of rural free delivery, recently published in the Raleigh News & Observer. In this interview Senator Simmons makes the question of rural delivery plain, and urges the importance to the people of every section of North Carolina in taking immediate action to secure rural free delivery in each neighborhood.

The advantage of delivering mail to the homes of the farmers of the State will at once appeal to every one as a great convenience, and as a factor of much good. Better schools and better roads will mean a saving of time in getting produce to market, and therefore corresponding higher prices for produce. A hundred advantages might be mentioned which will be the result of free delivery.

The TAR HEEL will immediately begin the movement. Petitions have been applied for and will be circulated in a few days. The co-operation of enterprising men in each neighborhood is earnestly requested that these routes may be secured at an early date. Let us impress up every one the importance in this matter.

WHAT WE NEED.

What Elizabeth City needs is not great natural advantages, for those she has in abundance, but some way of impressing upon the people of other sections the extent of our resources. The Economist's Industrial Edition, now in course of preparation, is a step in the right direction. It will vividly portray what has already been accomplished here and will make it clear to every prospective immigrant that it would be to his advantage to settle here.

In these days of fierce competition, cities, as well as individuals, are forced into the fight for supremacy. That city which issues and distributes descriptive pamphlets or papers is much more apt to attract desirable immigration than the city which waits for the investor to stumble across her. The eyes of the North are turned toward the South. Thousand of Northernmen with sufficient capital who would to start paying enterprises are looking about for openings in the Southern States and they read with interest, everything pertaining to our section.

It is well worth a determined effort to attract capital to our city. The establishment of a single enterprise will pay handsome dividends on any sum expended in advertising our advantages. Other cities in the State have for years been making efforts to secure industrial plants, and that they have succeeded in as evidence that advertising pays.

Our newly organized Board of Trade should make its first business to see that literature descriptive of our town is widely distributed throughout other sections. And it should not stop with one spasmodic attempt, but should keep at it until people begin to investigate our claims for recognition. Investigation is all we ask, for we are confident that when one has visited our city he cannot but be favorably impressed with her unlimited opportunities.

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THE CITY MOURNS.

Meeting of Citizens in Honor of President.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Every Color, Class and Condition Represented--Partisan Prejudice Forgotten--Eloquent and Impressive Speeches.

The citizens of Elizabeth City met last Saturday in mass meeting to manifest proper respect and to do honor to the memory of the martyred President, and to adopt suitable resolutions with respect to his untimely death.

The meeting was called at noon in the court house by his honor, Mayor T. B. Wilson. The unusually large attendance of busy citizens, at a busy hour, in this busy town, was an eloquent testimonial of the infinite respect and admiration with which they held the chief executive of a great republic. Every class, color and condition was represented and deep sorrow was depicted on every face. Politics were forgotten and all alike attested love for the man who, by sheer force of his own effort, had arisen from the ranks of a private citizen to the most exalted office in the gift of his people.

Mayor Wilson announce the object of the meeting in most appropriate terms. On motion, Hon. E. F. Lamb was elected chairman and Walter L. Cohoon was elected secretary. On accepting the chair, Mr. Lamb spoke fittingly and touchingly of the irreparable loss which the nation had sustained, and of his approval of the action of the mayor in calling the meeting.

Rev. J. Y. Old impressively invoked divine blessing for the country and the distressed widow.

On motion a committee was named to draft resolutions appropriate to the occasion. The members of the committee were: Profs. S. L. Sheep, W. M. Hinton and Dr. Palemon John. The committee retired for a few moments, after which they made a report, submitting the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas the red-handed, blood-thirsty anarchist made a dardardly and murderous assault upon the Chief Executive of this great nation on the 6th instant and Whereas this fiendish and diabolical assault which appalled these United States and made the whole civilized world stand aghast with horror, resulted this morning in the death of our honored and beloved President therefore be it

Resolved 1st. That we denounce with all the earnestness and intensity of our souls this black and damnable deed and the anarchistic spirit that gave it birth.

2nd. That our wisest and best men should devise at once some drastic measures to rid the country of this terrible menace to its safety, its happiness and its perpetuity.

3rd. That our sympathies go out unrestrained to our sadly bereaved and sorrowing wife and family.

4th. That we bend our sorrow with that of the deeply stricken, greatly impoverished and mourning country, that now stands with lowered head and bleeding heart and tear stained eye over the prostrate form of her murdered chieftain.

W. M. HINTON,
Palemon John,
S. L. SHEEP.

Among those who spoke to the resolutions were, Prof. W. M. Hinton, Dr. P. John, J. Heywood Sawyer, E. B. Alexander, J. B. Leigh, J. P. Spence, Rev. L. L. Williams, Rev. P. W. Melick.

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