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PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER ENDS LIFE

Rev. R. E. Steele, Pastor of the Lumberton Presbyterian Church, Commits Suicide by Taking Poisonous Drugs—Funeral Yesterday—Story of His Life.

This town and community were greatly shocked Tuesday afternoon when it was announced that Rev. R. E. Steele, pastor of the Presbyterian church, was dead. He died at 2:35 o'clock at the Presbyterian manse, Tenth and Chestnut streets, as the result of taking poisonous drugs with suicidal intent. He had been slightly ill for several days and seemed much distressed mentally, but the tragic ending of his life came as a great surprise.

The funeral was conducted yesterday morning at 11 o'clock from the manse by Rev. Byron C. Clark of Salisbury, an intimate friend of the deceased, assisted by Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton, Revs. R. N. Cashwell and I. P. Hedgpath, both of Lumberton, and interment was made in Meadow Brook cemetery. The music at both the home and cemetery was by a quartette consisting of Messrs. C. B. Skipper, Frank Gough, E. B. Freeman and Pope Stephens. The pallbearers, active, were Messrs. A. W. McLean, J. P. Russell, H. M. McAllister, John S. McNeill, T. A. McNeill, Jr., and W. K. Bethune; honorary, Messrs. J. A. McAllister, M. G. McKenzie, A. Nash and ex-Judge T. A. McNeill. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. Among the most attractive designs were those given by the elders and deacons of the church, the Christian Endeavor Society, Ladies' Aid Society, Sunday school and the local troop of Boy Scouts of America, which Mr. Steele organized shortly after coming to Lumberton. He also organized the Christian Endeavor Society.

Deceased is survived by his wife, four daughters—Misses Cornelia, Louise, Marjorie and Dorothy—and one son, Mr. Robert E., Jr. At the time of Mr. Steele's death all the members of the family were present except the son. He arrived this morning from Millard, Va., where since the first of July he had been with a civil engineering force. He was unable to reach here in time for the funeral.

Robert Edward Steele was born December 5th, 1863, near Harrison, Va., and therefore would have been 49 years old next December. His father was a Methodist minister, Rev. W. C. Steele, who for several years was pastor of a prominent church in New York city. He was united in marriage November 2nd, 1887, to Miss Cornelia Fitzgerald of Brunswick, Ga., who survives. At the time of his marriage he was a professor of music, but shortly afterwards entered the ministry. For a year he did evangelistic work, then for about two years he was pastor of the Presbyterian church at Mt. Vernon, Ga. From Mt. Vernon the family went to New Orleans, La., where for about seven years, or until the Spanish-American war, he was chaplain of the American Seamen's Friend society. At the outbreak of the war he went to Key West, Fla., where he organized a sailors' home. For three years immediately after the war he was chaplain in the United States Navy, the first year being spent in Brooklyn, New York, where he organized the Naval Y. M. C. A., the last two years being spent on board the Hartford, during which time he visited many parts of the world. He spent three years at Newport News, where he organized a merchant sailors' rest society which is still in existence. A year was spent in Boston, Mass., as chaplain of the Seamen's Friend society, thence he went to Suttan, Va., and served as pastor of a group of Presbyterian churches for four years; thence to Lexington, Va., where for two years he served as pastor of Momouth Presbyterian church. He also preached at a mission church there. For about two years he was pastor of a group of churches at Spencer,

IREDELL MEARES HEADS TICKET.

Nominated for Governor by Bull Meese and Roosevelt Republicans When Walser Declines to Run—Two Factions Unite on Ticket.

At a joint session in Greensboro Tuesday of the executive committee of the Roosevelt Progressive party and a committee of the Roosevelt Republicans who bolted the Charlotte Republican convention, Iredell Meares of Wilmington, who had been named as a State elector, was nominated for Governor in place of Zeb Vance Walser, who declined to run; V. S. Lusk was named to succeed Meares on the electoral ticket; Jas. N. Williamson, Jr., withdrew as Charlotte nominee for Insurance Commissioner and Thos. McMullens of Rocky Mount was named. All other nominations made at Charlotte were ratified. It was agreed to maintain separate organizations. Z. V. Walser was named as chairman and W. S. Pearson as secretary of the Progressive State committee. The Roosevelt Republicans agreed upon C. H. Cowles as chairman.

Marion Butler, who was turned down by both factions at Charlotte, was a conspicuous figure in the meeting. His brother George was mentioned for the nomination for Governor when Walser declined and probably would have been the nominee, but Marion declared that his brother could not make the race. A committee was appointed to redraft the platform adopted at Greensboro by the Progressive committee. The Roosevelt wing adopted a resolution declaring allegiance to the Chicago platform and the principles of the Republican party, though repudiating the nomination of Taft.

Advisory Committees of the Democratic National Committee.

All the candidates for the Democratic nomination for President before the recent Baltimore convention were today appointed the advisory committees of the Democratic national committee for the campaign of 1912 with William J. Bryan chairman.

The candidates named were: Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama; Governor John Burke, of North Dakota; Governor Judson Harmon, of Ohio; Governor Eugene N. Foss, of Massachusetts; Speaker Clark, Senator John W. Kern, of Indiana, and Governor Simeon E. Baldwin, of Connecticut. Their acceptances were received by wire today at Democratic national headquarters.

One more additional member from each State was appointed on the advisory committee. Among them is one woman, Mrs. E. J. Walsh, of Tacoma, Wash. The list as given out by the national committee includes:

Alabama—Henry D. Clayton, Bibb Graves.

Florida—Duncan U. Fletcher, N. P. Bryan.

Georgia—A. O. Bacon, Hoke Smith.

North Carolina—Lee S. Overman, Julian S. Carr.

South Carolina—E. D. Smith, B. R. Tillman.

Virginia—R. E. Byrd, R. Tate Irvine.

Ice Cream Supper at Rozier.

Rozier, Sept. 9.—There will be an ice-cream supper at Rozier school house Saturday night, the 21st inst. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the woman's missionary society. Everybody is invited.

coming from there to Lumberton. He served here one year this month. Mr. Steele was president of the State Christian Endeavor Society and presided at a State meeting of the society held recently in Wilmington. He was also State president of the same organization while in Virginia. Beside the immediate members of the family Mr. Steele is survived by one brother, who lives in Chicago, a step mother, a half brother and a half sister, who live in New York.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Cumberland County Chain-Gang Guard Who Shot a Negro at Buie, Mistaking Him for an Escaped Convict, Found Guilty of Manslaughter and Given Minimum Penalty—Other Cases.

The most important case disposed of since superior court convened Monday morning, Judge Stephen C. Bragaw of Washington presiding, was the case against C. F. Matthis, a Cumberland county chain-gang guard, for killing Pate Bynum, colored, whom he supposed to be an escaped convict. The jury was selected Tuesday afternoon and after being out 25 minutes yesterday afternoon returned verdict of manslaughter. Matthis was given the minimum penalty, four months in jail with leave to commissioners to hire out. Solicitor Sinclair, who was assisted in prosecuting the case by Mr. J. A. McLean of Fayetteville, did not ask for murder in first degree. The killing occurred at Buie last June. Matthis was hunting for an escaped convict. He went to the trestle force at work on the Coast Line near Buie and thinking that Bynum was the escaped convict, whom he had never seen, according to the description given him, when Bynum refused to be arrested, shot him. McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor of Lumberton, W. C. Bullard and Stringfield & Stringfield of Fayetteville represented the prisoner.

Other cases have been disposed of as follows:

A. C. Smith, retailing; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

John Whitted, c. c. w.; \$20 and costs.

Alex. Fulmore, a. d. w.; plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs and bond of \$100 to keep peace towards Roscoe Fulmore, who voluntarily gave bond in same amount to keep peace toward defendant.

Walter Locklear, a. d. w.; plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Sam Sanderson, c. c. w.; plead guilty.

Jno. McLean, c. c. w.; plead guilty; \$5 and costs.

Mack Goodman, retailing and c. c. w.; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Jack McRae, c. c. w.; plead guilty; \$10 and costs.

Fletcher Cobb, c. c. w.; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Fred Ellis, larceny and receiving; plead guilty; 12 months on roads.

Van Walters, allowing stock to run at large; jury verdict of guilty in one case and plead guilty in another; prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs and defendant recognized in sum of \$100 to appear at November term and show that he has fixed his fence so as to comply with the law.

Neill Taylor, a. d. w.; plead guilty of forcible trespass; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Alex. Blue and Sandy Preist, muddying waters fishing, appeal from justice of the peace, plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Henry Graham, c. c. w., and forcible trespass; plead guilty; \$5 and costs in first, judgment suspended in second.

Nathan Bruce, retailing; guilty; a. d. w., on trial.

A number of cases have been continued and Nol. Pros., with leave or otherwise, has been entered in a number of other cases.

Mr. R. F. Simmons of Fayetteville was presented to the court Monday by Mr. A. W. McLean and sworn in as an attorney.

Messrs. J. E. Carpenter of Maxton, V. C. Bullard and D. M. Stringfield of Fayetteville and R. S. White of Elizabethtown are the out-of-town attorneys attending court besides those mentioned in Monday's paper.

—Mr. J. M. Monroe, of Tar Heel, was in town Tuesday and brought the editor a box of the most delicious scuppernon grapes he has tasted this season. Needless to say, they were greatly appreciated.

WHAT'S DEMOCRATIC TICKET?

State Democratic Executive Committee Will Decide That and Other Matters at Meeting in Raleigh September 19.

Raleigh Special, 9th to Wilmington Star.

Chairman Chas. A. Webb, of the North Carolina Democratic executive committee, issued a call tonight for the State committee to meet in Raleigh Thursday night, September 19th, "to transact such business as may come before it."

It is understood that at this time there will be thrashed out the matter of what further specification, if any, there shall be by the committee as to what constitutes the "Democratic ticket" as qualifying the voter to participate in the senatorial primary in which Senator Simmons, Governor Kitchin and Chief Justice Walter Clark are pitted against each other.

It will be remembered that Governor Kitchin made formal demand some weeks ago on Chairman Webb that the committee be called together to act. He is contending that the committee should interpret the rule adopted by the State convention for the primary by declaring that "Democratic ticket" must mean the complete national and State tickets with, possibly, some right to scratch one or another of the names of State or county candidates on personal grounds. There will be other matters bearing on the conduct of the campaign that will be laid before the committee by Chairman Webb.

East Lumberton Brevities.

Reported for The Robesonian.

The public school opened Monday morning with Prof. A. B. Mercer of Howellsville, principal. His assistants are Miss Annabel Blackwell, also of Howellsville, who has charge of the second grade, and Miss Janie Carlyle of Lumberton, who has charge of the first grade. A splendid corps, this, and the success of the school is assured.

Sunday was a good day with us. There were splendid congregations both morning and evening. The order was excellent and the attention serious. This is no figment of the imagination, for our people have been brought up that way.

There were as usual a goodly number of visitors representing other communities, whom we were glad to welcome.

The Sunday school was well attended also. Among the number of visitors recognized were Dr. M. L. Hooper of Goldsboro, who made a splendid address in behalf of the boys and young men, and the clever mayor of Lumberton was introduced to the school and on the occasion of his first visit to our Sunday school he made a few brief but pointed and interesting remarks in which he expressed his deep and abiding interest, faith and confidence in the great Sunday school work. Rev. Mr. Hartsell preached for our people by invitation Tuesday night. He is a very earnest preacher and our best wishes follow him wherever he may go.

The pastor, together with Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Laura Bullock, went to Bladenboro yesterday to attend the marriage of the latter's brother, Mr. F. F. Hayes, an account of which will be given in the columns of The Robesonian later.

J. M. Fleming.

Notices of New Advertisements.

"The first step is all the difficulty"—Bank of Lumberton.

C. K. Morgan announces candidacy for road commissioner.

Report of condition of the Bank of Lumberton.

"Under direct supervision of United States government"—First National Bank.

House and lot in Lumberton for sale—Geo. M. Whitfield.

Excursion from Lumberton to Richmond.

Land for sale in Howellsville township.

Runaway boys advertised.

Farm for sale near Clinton, Sampson county.

Executor's notice—Everett Atkinson.

Executor's notice—W. S. Atkinson.

Report of condition of Farmers & Merchants Bank.

GRADED SCHOOL OPENS WELL

Largest Opening in History of the School—Committee Appointed to Investigate Financial Status of School—Visiting and Advisory Committees Appointed.

The Lumberton graded school opened for the fall term Tuesday morning with the largest number of students it has ever had on an opening day. The number present was 329, which was 26 more than were present on the opening day of last term, when the record up to that time was broken. Several visitors were present at the opening exercises, in which Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. J. M. Fleming, pastor of the East Lumberton Baptist church, assisted the superintendent, Rev. R. E. Sentelle. All the teachers were present except Miss Patrick, who was detained in order to attend a wedding and arrived yesterday. The teachers are as follows: Misses Fannie Knight of Raleigh, first grade; Pennie Rowland of Lumberton, second grade; Winifred Rowland of Lumberton, third grade; Mary Jeffress of Canton, fourth grade; Marguerite Townsend of Union, S. C., fifth grade; Nina Patrick of Lowell, sixth grade; Elizabeth McNair of Maxton, seventh and eighth grades; and Hassie Lou Ponder of Mar's Hill, Madison county, ninth and tenth grades. Supt. Sentelle assists in teaching the four highest grades. Miss Knight had 51 tots on the opening day, which shows that there is nothing short about the crop of little folks in Lumberton, though it is probable that some of these are under the age limit, 6 years, and the number may be reduced when these are sent back home. All the teachers belonged to the faculty last year except Miss Patrick, who succeeds Miss Mamie Avent, who, as has been mentioned in The Robesonian, resigned to accept a school at Pembroke. Misses Ethel Williams of Lumberton and Mary Weddell of Tarboro have charge of the music department again this year.

At a meeting of the board of trustees, of which Mr. C. B. Townsend is chairman, Monday evening Messrs. R. D. Caldwell and W. S. Britt, members of the board, and Supt. Sentelle were appointed a committee to investigate with the town clerk and treasurer the financial status of the school and it was ordered that all vouchers against the graded school fund be made out in the office of the superintendent and a record of the numbers and amounts be kept. At the request of Supt. Sentelle two other committees were appointed, one to be known as the visiting committee of the board, the duty of which shall be to visit the school, composed of Messrs. L. E. Whaley and Alf H. McLeod; the other to be an advisory committee, to advise with the superintendent and act in conjunction with him in anything pertaining to school matters, composed of Messrs. Q. T. Williams and W. S. Britt.

The school starts the fall term with the brightest of prospects.

Off For School.

The following young ladies have left for school during the past few days: Misses Agnes McLean, Monday evening, Southern Presbyterian College at Red Springs; Georgia Whitfield and Anna Neal Fuller, Tuesday, for Greensboro Female College; and this morning, Lina Gough, Edna Prevatt, Annie Ruth Caldwell, Marie Linkhaw, Mildred Williams, Mildred and Lillian McIntyre and Lillian Nance, for Meredith College, Raleigh. These young ladies, and others who are away at school, will want The Robesonian while away from home. Let it follow them.

—The Seaboard authorities have made a change in the appearance of things at the local station by placing an iron railing between the railroad track and the sunken garden which will be fixed up, maybe, about the artesian well near the station. Before putting up this railing there was some danger of passengers falling off the embankment in getting off night trains.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

—Cotton today, 11 1/8 cents.

—Mr. Sam A. Branch has for several days been sick at his home, Third street. His condition today is not thought to be much improved.

—The condition of Mrs. A. B. Small, who has been confined at her home, Second and Cedar streets, with typhoid fever for the past three weeks, is improving.

—Mr. S. H. Hamilton and family moved last week from a cottage on Third street to the house at the foot of Walnut street recently vacated by Mr. E. B. Huggins and family.

—"Pathe Weekly No. 20" and "Enchanted Fifer" will be the feature films at the Pastime theatre tonight. These two reels will be run in addition to the regular two-reel service.

—The town authorities are to be congratulated on their efforts to improve the public watering places over town. Cement troughs have been placed at five of the principal watering places. This was a much needed improvement.

—Mr. John Prevatt, of Raft Swamp, was among the business visitors in town Monday, and informed The Robesonian that the flour mill at Pembroke will open Monday for business. Mr. Prevatt will have the management of the mill this season.

—Mr. T. F. Reeves, one of the buyers of the Fairmont tobacco market, was in town Monday afternoon on business and says the Fairmont market will close for this season the 26th of this month. Mr. Reeves says lots of tobacco is being handled and good prices are paid.

—Mrs. Octavia Thomas, who spent some months here last winter and spring keeping house for her cousin Rev. C. H. Durham and caring for his children, returned Monday night from Ridgecrest, where she spent some time, and is again at the home of Mr. Durham, Fifth street.

—Today and tomorrow being Jewish holidays the stores of Messrs. A. Weinstein, H. Dunie and Blacker Bros. are closed. The stores will be opened Saturday morning. During the two days services will be conducted at the synagogue, Seventh street, by Rev. J. Golsten of Charlotte. Quite a number from adjoining towns are here to attend these services.

39 North Carolina Counties Quarantined on Account of Texas Fever.

Washington Special, 9th, to Charlotte Observer.

It was announced tonight by the Department of Agriculture that the counties of Moore, Harnett, Johnston, Northampton, Bertie, Gates, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Edgecombe, Martin, Washington, Tyrrell, Dare, Hyde, Beaufort, Pitt, Wayne, Sampson, Cumberland, Hoke, Scotland, Robeson, Bladen, Greene, Lenoir, Craven, Pamlico, Carteret, Jones, Duplin, Onslow, Pender, Columbus, Brunswick, Hertford and New Hanover are quarantined, because of Texas fever.

From the counties in the State of North Carolina quarantined for splenic, Southern, or Texas fever, cattle shall only be moved or allowed to move interstate to points outside of the quarantined area in accordance with the regulations of immediate slaughter.

In Re the Erection of a Union Station at Maxton.

Raleigh Correspondence, 9th, Wilmington Star.

The Corporation Commission announces that the S. A. L. Railroad has withdrawn its objections to the order of the Commission for the erection of a union passenger station at Maxton on the site of the present Seaboard freight depot and the Commission modified the order to the extent that the Seaboard has until September 23d, to submit plans and specifications for the union station to the Commission.

The Atlantic Coast Line is to use the station with the Seaboard under lease term that the companies are to agree upon, the Commission intimating that if any difficulty in this respect develops the Commission will make an order settling this matter also.