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LOCAL NEWS.

COL. ROBERT STRANGE.

Memorial Tributes from the Bar—Account of the Funeral.

Seldom has a man died in North Carolina who was so greatly mourned as our late fellow-citizen, Col. ROBERT STRANGE. The Bar and his associates in the Dawson Bank Directory have given expression, in resolutions and speeches of eulogy, to the universal sorrow of the community. A feeling as if a sudden blow had fallen upon each household in our city pervaded the entire city all day. In the afternoon a vast congregation assembled at the Church where he had been accustomed regularly to worship, to pay the last sad tribute to their friend before he should be consigned to the narrow precincts of the silent City of the Dead.

The meeting of the members of the Bar, adjourned from Wednesday, met in the Court House on yesterday morning, at 10 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the Hon. Geo. Davis, chairman. Hon. D. L. Russell, the chairman of the committee appointed at the first meeting to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting, said in substance: We present a declaration and a series of resolutions, to express, (as far as language can convey,) our feelings in this bereavement. In doing so my inclination is to leave to others who have known him longer than I have and whose age and consequent association would enable them the better to speak as to his virtues. There is a feeling pervading my breast and that of the community, which none can deny or disguise. This occasion is not one of form. Words are inadequate to express the feelings of those present. These sad and silent faces, full of thought and woe and warning; these speakers than my feeble words of mine what all do feel. The occasion, therefore, is not one for formal eulogy. No man among us of the bar so universally commended the respect and esteem of his fellows. Imperfection is the lot of man. Frailties he may have had; I know of no man who had so few. It would be useless for me to say that he was honest and honorable. His abilities were all recognized, whether we were opposed or associated with him in the trial of a cause. His death was worthy of his life, responding to the call of duty, at whatever cost of physical privation. The heroism of such a death is not less splendid than that of the plumed warrior who falls upon the field of battle at the head of armies. I confess that no event of my life has made such a deep impression upon me. None of us can contemplate it without being admonished of our own mortality. The funeral procession will come and go and soon each of us must follow him. "Ashes to ashes and dust to dust," will soon be spoken over him and soon over us. Judge Russell requested A. T. London, Esq., to read the resolutions, as follows:

The members of the Wilmington Bar, assembled for the purpose of expressing their regard and affection for Col. Robert Strange, their sense of the great loss which the profession as well as the State at large has sustained by his sad and untimely death, do declare that: We have heard with deep emotion of the death of our brother, ROBERT STRANGE, a man who, to a profound practical acquaintance with the law, an ardent attachment to its principles of justice and truth, and eminent abilities as an advocate, added the lustre of a blameless and unusual reputation in private life. In the character of ROBERT STRANGE, we find happily combined and exemplified, many of the noblest traits which adorn man and his memory deserves to be cherished by all who admire the good and noble. As a gentleman he was refined and polished; as a member of the Bar faithful and zealous, learned and profound, dignified and courteous, and he commanded and received the respect and affection of his associates by his uniform kindness and urbanity. As a citizen he was upright and bold in the assertion of principle; as a friend he was kind and true, and in the relation of husband and father devoted and affectionate; as a Christian, zealous and pure and, take him for all in all a man whose life is a model worthy of imitation and whose loss is a severe blow, not only to us but to the State of North Carolina. As a tribute of respect to our deceased friend—

Be it Resolved, That in token of our respect to his memory we wear the customary badge of mourning for thirty days and attend the funeral of the deceased in a body.

Resolved 2d, That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be presented to the Superior Court of New Hanover county, now in session, by the Hon. George Davis, Chairman of this meeting, with the request that they be spread upon the minutes of the Court.

Resolved 3d, That a copy of the proceedings of this and the previous meeting, be transmitted by L. J. DuVane, Esq., Secretary, to the family of the deceased with an expression of our sincere sympathy in their affliction.

Which being unanimously adopted and the Hon. Geo. Davis requested to present them to His Honor Judge McKoy in open Court, the meeting adjourned.

Court was then opened. Mr. Davis presented the resolutions, saying in substance:

The Wilmington bar has offered its testimony and pronounced its judgment upon Robert Strange. If there be a human arena in which men by the attrition of their intellect in debate and their social associations come to know one another it is that of the law. Robert Strange never dealt a foul blow. Temper he had; who has not? It was the temper and feeling of an honest man—it was but a flash. The gentlemen of the Wilmington bar will go upon record to inform all who may come after them of what stuff Robert Strange was made. A man who serves his country lives after the grave has closed over him as a shining example. Our brother was not in public station, but he went through life shedding love over his whole course. I believe he has so finished his life that no man can stand over his grave and say "thou didst me a wrong." It is an affliction to his brethren of the bar and the community. His life and death were the finished, rounded types of the high-minded, humble Christian gentleman.

Judge Cantwell said:

May it please your Honor—The resolutions which are now offered for your approval, however fully intended to present the sentiments of this Bar, will convey to posterity at best but an imperfect conception of the character of him we are now assembled to honor, the admiration with which his personal history and professional career are regarded all over North Carolina, and the grief which is everywhere felt on his sudden demise. No human tongue has yet articulated or can translate into words those deep emotions of the soul, which are occasioned by such visitations as these. The gloom which fills this house and pervades this city; the shadow which but yesterday we beheld creep along these walls and which has now forever vanished from our gaze; that voice with which we were so familiar and whose accents are still so fresh and warm in our air, but which has now descended forever to the silent tomb in unfinished speech, the bereavement which this sudden stillness in the air makes sensible, what human language can adequately depict?

Had he fallen in battle or been instantly crushed in some dread catastrophe in which numbers were involved as well as himself, had he perished according to the usual order of humanity, or a prey to disease, we might have been consoled by the reflection of an inevitable human destiny or desirable relief; the individual loss might have been disregarded in the magnitude of a common calamity, but it was the sad fate of this our brother, to be singled out as it were, while standing here among us, conspicuous, distinguished by his reputation and abilities, for a special example of the emptiness of all human enjoyment and the vanity of all human pursuits. He fell at the bar, in the forum; where I doubt not he preferred to fall, in the discharge of his daily duties; with his robes and harness on; in the full blaze of his own genius and the actual display of his remarkable gifts.

In the loftiness of his aspirations, the accuracy of his elocution, the purity of his character and especially in the singular circumstances of his death I am reminded of the elder Cæsar, who met a similar fate in the Roman forum, and am tempted to exclaim with the great orator on that occasion, *O, fallacem hominum spem, fragiliter fortunam, et inanes nostras contentiones!*

Col. STRANGE occupied military and civil public stations, and these he filled acceptably, but his claims on our remembrance are to be ascribed to the purity of his private life, the depth of his acquirements, the indescribable fascination of his smile, the earnestness and dignity of his daily walk and carriage. These made up a character worthy of that universal respect he enjoyed.

I think his was an intellectual death. The over-wrought brain could no longer control the hand and resigned the throne and life. When that little paper dropped twice from his nerveless grasp, he is said to have looked up with an expression of astonishment and surprise. The latest effort of his intellect, was to comprehend and recognize its own shipwreck and utter overthrow.

"So the struck eagle, stretched upon the plain
No more through rolling clouds to soar again,
Viewed his own feather in the fatal dart
And winged the shaft that quivered in his heart!"

But it was as a sincere, devoted and practical Christian that he was best known, and I think that as time rolls on, he will in that character be best recognized. A star has been blotted from our sky, but to be transferred we hope to a higher sphere, where in undimmed radiance it may shine on forever.

Judge McKoy spoke as follows: To My Brethren of the Bar: The sad intelligence conveyed by your appropriate and feeling resolutions on the death of one in whom all could claim a friend, reminds me of an utterance of his father, in an eulogy upon Wm. R. King. "Time, like a mighty torrent, bears away successive generations, and to those who come after the virtues of those who preceded live alive in song or in story." If this be true then will successive generations breathe in song and depict in the glowing inspirations of story the many, many, many virtues and heroic acts of our departed friend, whose character and force combined the rarest elements of our most exalted nature. Soft as woman when a field offered for the display of the kinder sentiments of the heart, firm as a moral hero when necessity called upon the manly exercise of that noble part of nature, he dared do right, no matter who opposed. Whether his acts met with the smile of approbation from an admiring crowd of tickled citizens or ran counter to the popular current of an honest yet misguided populace, his course was determined, manly and right, with balance enough to await the returning sense of right, which is as sure to succeed (in the popular heart) the mistakes of the day as that one wave will follow another wave upon the bosom of the sealess deep.

It was my good fortune to be intimately connected and associated with Col. ROBERT STRANGE from my admission to the Bar until death removed him from our midst. Often have I listened to his quiet, fluent, humorous, and as often have I admired his virtuous strains and felt the magnetic thrill course through every fibre of my system until I became lost in my admiration of the man and his skillful management of the subject and would not admit which he made the more lasting impression, and nature would always assert its right and force the conviction that while the fact which planned and the genius which matured an argument so complete are much to be esteemed, yet there underlies a nature so genial, pure and manly to which you must accord all of the soul's fervent admiration.

A character so perfect was not suited to revolution or an era immediately succeeding a revolution. His mind was so balanced that he did not act with the rash haste which the impetuous natures of many good men might demand but no one could lay his hand to his heart and say that an act once performed was without good reason, the emanation of a pure mind and guarded by the purpose of a nature so pure, a mind so balanced, a character so faultless and an intellect so clear. With a nature, pure, a heart filled with the best of purposes and an almost infallible judgment, how can his worth be measured and our loss ascertained?

With a heart brim full of charity he oft did acts which were known alone to himself and the recipient of his kindness (as he believed) yet the full heart would speak and truly would he "do good by stealth," and as truly would he "blush to find it fame."

There was ever in his deportment that which would attract even a stranger, a simple grace, a gentle dignity that failed not at first accost to please, and, as reserve relented, so winning was his apt and address, his smile so frank and so accordant with his voice (which ever charmed) that he who saw him once remembered long, and those at all capable of impressions strong have hoarded them in their hearts among fancy's fond dreams and memory's joys, like some loved relic of romantic song or cherished masterpiece of ancient art. "And when the stream which overflowed the soul had passed away a consciousness remained that it had left images and precious thoughts that shall not die and cannot be destroyed, but stand like spires whose silent fingers point to Heaven."

The ways of Providence are indeed beyond our feeble comprehensions. Why our friend should be taken and we yet spared can only be accounted for in the language of Wordsworth who says: "The good die first and their whose hearts are dry as Summer dust burn to the socket." One by one they pass away and as we look around how thinned are the ranks of those who greeted us upon our entrance at the threshold of our professional life! "How fast has brother followed brother from sunshine to the unseen land." Calm be their rest in their cold dwelling place! Sweet be the repose of the grave and bright their resurrection! And may their virtues ever remain bright in our memories and lead us to emulate their example. How hard is it to realize that he who came to duty strong, brave and generous, as on the morning he entered this room, should in an instant be rendered helpless, and so soon should the sweet voice whose music still lingers like sweet echoes in our ears, be hushed in the

stilledness of death! But is there not some pleasure in the thought that his bright intellect was unclouded when his brief illness first befell him? Ever now can I recall his train of thought breathed out in persuasive words as I caught the first glimpse of the trembling hand which too plainly pointed the attack of the fell destroyer. And with what mournful pleasure can we recall his last moments and say in the beautiful language of another "He fell as falls the summer tree, strong in the pride of its beauty, ere the breath of autumn had scathed a leaf that adorned it."

Gentlemen of the bar, in accordance with your request, let the following order be made: Ordered by the Court that the resolutions be spread upon the minutes and as a tribute to the memory of our deceased friend, that the Clerk of this Court inscribe upon one leaf of the Minute Docket of this Term the name of Col. ROBERT STRANGE. And it is further ordered that this Court adjourn.

Tribute of Respect.
The following resolutions in reference to the death of Col. Strange were adopted by the Directors of the Dawson Bank, he being a member of their board at the time of his death.

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of the Almighty Ruler, in suddenly removing from among us in the midst of his useful and eminent career, Col. ROBERT STRANGE, our late associate on this Board, and the attorney of the Institution, we regard his loss as not only a great affliction to ourselves, but as a public calamity to our city and to the State of North Carolina.

Resolved, That we will ever cherish the remembrance of the many virtues and admirable qualities which adorned the character of our deceased friend—his kindness and gentleness of manner, his liberal benevolence, and the purity of his life as a Christian gentleman, which endeared him to all who knew him—his ability, high accomplishments and diligence as a lawyer, which secured for him an unusual degree of eminence and success in his profession, and the uprightness and high sense of honor which so remarkably characterized him all the relations of life and commanded the respect and admiration of all the good people of our whole State.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon a blank page of our minutes and that the Secretary be requested to send a copy to the family of the deceased with the assurance of our deep sympathy in their great affliction.

Obsequies of Col. Robert Strange.
The attendance at the funeral of Col. Robert Strange, which took place from St. James' Church yesterday afternoon was one of the largest that ever assembled within the walls of that venerable sanctuary, made so to many by the memories of the past, the love of the present, and the expectations of the future! The funeral cortege moved up the aisle preceded by the Rev. Dr. Watson and the Rev. Mr. Ambler—Bishop Atkinson and the Rev. Mr. Morrelle remaining within the chancel—followed by the vestry of St. James parish; then His Honor Judge McKoy, accompanied by the Hon. Geo. Davis; then the corpse, borne by the pall-bearers, Col. W. S. Devane, Hon. Edward Cantwell, John L. Holmes, Esq., DuBrutz Cutler, Esq., Maj. C. M. Stedman and E. S. Martin, Esq., followed by the family and family servants. Next came the members of the bar in a body, wearing a badge of mourning upon their arms, then relatives and friends innumerable. The Rev. Dr. Watson read the opening sentences of the *burial service*, the Rev. Mr. Ambler the *psalter*, Bishop Atkinson the *lesson*, and the Rev. Mr. Morrelle the *hymn*.

"Hear what the voice from Heaven declares
To those in Christ who die,"
which was plaintively and sweetly sung to the familiar old tune of "Naomi." From the church the procession wended its way to Oakdale Cemetery, where the mortal remains of Robert Strange were laid away to "sleep the sleep of the just."

Fourth Ward.
The Fourth Ward Democratic Club had a meeting last night for the purpose of inquiring what the Central Club Committee had done in reference to the city bill. Messrs. W. H. Bernard, and F. W. Karchner members of the committee, made explanations as to the plan agreed upon. A Committee, consisting of Col. J. D. Hall, Dr. J. H. Freeman, F. J. Lord, Esq., Dr. J. C. Walker and Capt. A. L. DeRosset, was appointed to meet similar Committees from the other wards to decide upon some action.

Indications for the South Atlantic States are lower barometer, wind mostly Southerly or Westerly, and generally warmer—partly cloudy weather will prevail.

Board of Aldermen—Resignation and Election.
A meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held at the City Hall yesterday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, when Alderman J. J. Cassidy tendered his resignation as a member of the Board, recommending Colonel John W. Atkinson as his successor.

Alderman Cassidy's resignation having been accepted, the Board went into an election to fill the vacancy caused by said resignation, when Col. Atkinson was unanimously elected.

Alderman H. Brewington tendered his resignation as a member of the Board, which was accepted, when an election was entered into to fill the vacancy and John Colville, Esq., was unanimously elected.

Alderman J. H. Neff tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and A. Adrian, Esq., was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy on the Board.

A recess was then taken until 4 o'clock.

At the hour specified the Board reassembled, when Messrs. Atkinson and Colville, two of the newly elected members came forward, were sworn in and took their seats as members of the Board.

Alderman B. G. Bates now tendered his resignation as a member of the Board, which was accepted, whereupon Mr. B. F. Mitchell was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

The resignation of Alderman Hiram Hankins was next tendered and accepted, when Mr. M. M. Katz was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

Alderman T. M. Gardner offered the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Alderman Cassidy, Brewington, Neff, Bates and Hankins, have tendered their resignations as members of this Board, which resignations having been duly accepted, it is therefore

Resolved, That to these retiring Aldermen we beg leave to bear testimony to the faithful manner in which they have discharged their official duties and the trust imposed upon them in every respect which has devolved upon them as Aldermen of the city of Wilmington.

The Mayor having signified his intention of being absent from the city for a few days, Alderman Gardner was elected Mayor pro tem.

The Board then adjourned.

The Value of Advertising in the Journal.
An advertisement was inserted in the DAILY JOURNAL on the 21st inst. On the same day a subscriber in Magnolia sent to the advertiser a job of work worth six times the price of the advertisement, stating that he had been induced to do so by reading the "ad." in the JOURNAL.

Let business men make a note of this.

CITY CURRENCY.
Many of the flags upon public buildings were at half mast on yesterday and many of the stores were closed during the time of the funeral out of respect to the memory of Col. Strange.

As some white children were playing on Mulberry, between 6th and 7th streets, on yesterday, a colored boy commenced to throw brick bats at them, when one struck a little girl, (a daughter of a Mr. Barnes,) and out quite a deep gash in her head.

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Worth & Worth.—New crop Cuba Molasses.
L. H. Bowden.—Meeting of Third Ward Club to-night.
Orphan Asylum Committee—Card of thanks.
Freeman & Baldwin.—Dentistry.
Grant & Hinton.—Commission Merchants and Grocers.
P. Heinsberger.—Pianos, organs, melodeons, &c.
Giles & Murchison.—New hardware store. Plows very cheap.

DIED.
DEUMELANDT.—On the morning of the 25th instant, August, only daughter of August and Christian Deumelandt, aged six years one month and one day.

The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of the parents, on Princess, between 5th and 6th streets, from thence to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and thence to Oakdale Cemetery.

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JAMES SPRUNT,
J. MOE FRENCH, } Com.
A. DAVID.

THIRD WARD.—BY THE REQUEST
of a great many of the Democratic Voters of the Third Ward, there will be a meeting of the Club and the Democratic Voters, THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING, at 7 1/2 o'clock, at the usual place of meeting, over Mendis' Drug Store.

A full attendance is requested, as a matter of great importance will be brought before the meeting for discussion.

L. H. BOWDEN,
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