

"DO RIGHT BOYS AND GOD BLESS YOUR MOTHER," THE LAST WORDS OF THE DYING STATESMAN.

BRILLIANT CAREER.



G ENERAL MATT. WHITA- The body was followed to the grave His services for nearly a quarter of a KER RANSOM, soldier, law- by the widow, Mrs. Pattie Exum Ran- century are a part of the political history The body was followed to the grave His services for nearly a quarter of a yer, statesman, patriot and planter, died som, her daughter, Miss Esther, and five of the country. He entered the Senate suddenly at his home in Northampton sons, Messrs. Matt W., Robert, when the passions engendered by the county, Saturday morning at 1 o'clock. Joseph, George E and Patrick Ransom war were still glowing at white heat, and and the last words of the greatest North The burial was conducted with mason- he was perhaps the greatest single force Carolinian were addressed to his sons: is honors by the Johnston-Caswell lodge, in the Senate in bringing about the re-"Do right, boys, and God bless your of Warrenton, L. M. Chaffin, worshipful conciliation of the warring sections. mother.

At his bedside at the time of his death som, in life, being a member of this elequence and force, as was shown in his were three of his sons, Messrs, Matthew lodge,) assisted by Masons from Hender- great argument in the Louisiana case, W. Ransom, Jr., Joseph E. Rassom, son, Warrenton, Littleton, Weldon, Hali- his chief work was done in committee and George E. Ransom. His wife and fax, Jackson and Enfield. The inter- room and on the floor, day by day and his daughter. Miss Esther, were at mont was in the family burying grounds year by year in bringing about a more Blowing Rock, while his other sons, in the garden, the grave was next to that perfect union of states and people. Messrs. Patrick Exum Ransom and of General Ransom's deceased son, He was ever alive to the interest of Robert Ransom were on other parts of Thomas. the plantation. He was just seventy. The pall bearers were: R. T. Ste- five years a potent factor in bringing the

eight years old, on the day his death. Senator Ransom's death was quite loe, T. L. Emry, W. J. Hawkins, R. R. ment to the development of the south. suddon and came from some heart trou- Lacy, T. N. Harrison, R. T. Dowd, W. In the improvement of rivers and harble. For several nights past he had A.Grant and J.G. L. Crocker, active, and bors, in the creetion of public buildings, complained of severe pains at his heart. F. H. Busbee, Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn, he was of more service than all others in Thursday he was here with his usual Judge R. B. Peebles, Gen. W. P. Ro- public station combined. With rare tact warm clasp of the hand and with cheer- berts, Maj. J. D. Shaw, Col. A. B. and unfailing courtesy, handsome presful greetings for all.

He took a lively interest in current F. Dixon, R. D. Gilmer, Gen. J. S. a senator of whom the whole state was events, and was greatly interested in the Carr. approaching fair. He spoke feelingly There were many prominent people in of the late Senator Hoar, and his exact attendance and the casket and grave words were: "Senator Hoar was one of were covered with flowers. the ablest and purest men in the country On the head of the casket was a battle

and his death is a great loss to the na- flag of the Confederacy, done in flower and the face of the dead statesman show-Friday he was actively engaged about ed few traces of death. The high fore-

the farm and appeared in good health. head, the strong and prominent nose and In the afternoon he came back to the the straight mouth and decided chin, house and ate a hearty supper. After fringed with close cropped grey beard, suppor he became a little sick, but was had the same look of calm dignity, the relieved later and retired shortly before | same bonevolent cast that they held in 9 o'clock.

About half past ten he became very were closed, the long black lashes carsick and the family was aroused. Sen- ressing the pale and waxen check, ator Ransom's condition seemed bad, but not serious, and all the country remedies known were used, a messenger being had fallen asleep, as brave men desire to sent to Jackson, for Dr. H. W. Lewis do, quickly and easily while yet has Senator Ransom rapidly grew worse powers triumphed in all save the last and

and after twelve o'clock his condition be. fatal battle o'er his years. came very serious. His heart gave him An interesting feature of the funeral

ommand to Gen. Hake, and was greatly not as frequently as his admirers wished, ommended. At Fredericksburg he held his eloquonce had a charm that was all the line at Marge's Heights with match- its own

ess courage, and at Five Forks and other But this is not the time to recount at historic fields, his reputation as a skilful length the public services of Gen. Ranand fearless soldier was forever establish- som. To-day we mourn the loyel friend ed. After the close of the war General and staunch comrade, the gallant soldier, Ransom resumed the life of a planter and the faithful public servant.

lawyer, and had a large and lucrative Gen. Ranson, during his whole life, practice, especially in Warren, Halifax was a pence maker, not only in his puband Northampton countles. When the lis career, but in his private life. Of hired minions of Kirk held the truest courage and honor undoubted, his coursel men of the state in custody, and the was always sought in cases of private diffistate courts seemed powerless to relieve, culty, and the result was almost invaria-General Rausom applied to Judge Brooks bly au honorable adjustment. for the writ of habeas margane and in a lot to be the grade of the

peration-alistic veteraus of the bar, ture of castern North Carolina, and Bragg, W. H. Battle, B. F. Moore and showed by his faith large investments in others brought about the release of the lands in Northampton and Halifax. He prisoners and the restoration of the reign became probably the largest ection plan-

ter in North Carolina, and with the sid In January, 1872, when the senate of of his sons managed a princely domain the United States had declined to admit on both sides of the Roanoke.

the great tribune. Zohulon B. Vance, to CIVILIZATION advances apace even in a seat in that bedy, because his disabili-America. A number of recont straws ties had not been removed, General Ranshows which way the wind is blowing. som was elected by the General Assembly of North Carolina as Senator of the A lamentation comes up from Yale Uni United States. He remained, by sucversity that no foot ball material can be cessive re-elections, a member of that found in the new Freshman class. And hody until March 4, 1895, having had Mark Twain has recently been to Fairthe longest term of service of any North | haven, Mass, to help dedicate a church, Carolinian. He was appointed minister Better yet, the demand in public libraries to Mexico by Mr. Cleveland in 1895, for works other than fiction is on the inand served two years.

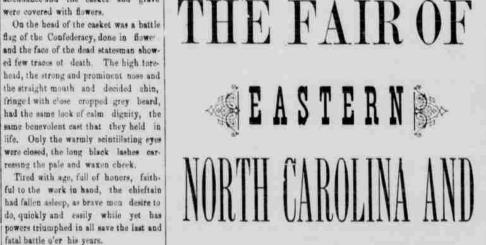
> Women are fond of gold, but golden silence

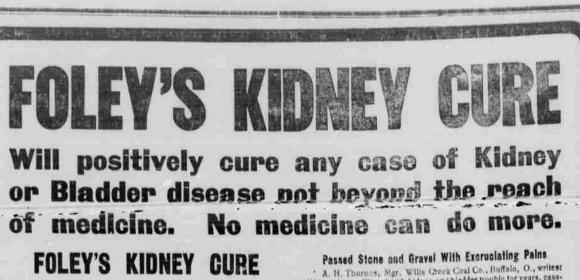
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great pain and a number of times he was the presence in the spacious yard of deelared that if he did not get relief he two hundred or more negro men, women would die. The attention of the home and children, all of whom had been em folks was increased, and Dr. Lewis was ployed as laborers on the five or six large plantations owned by General Ranexpected at every moment.

SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

At one o'clock he recognized that som. death was at hand and then addressing the remarks, as quoted above, to his sons, century of public life, was prepared for he fell back and expired.

Early Saturday morning the news was the Baleigh Fost by Hon. Fabius H. flashed over the entire county: "General Bushce, who was an intimate friend of Matt. W. Ransom is dead!" the dead statesman.

This sad intelligence caused the great- Matt Whitaker Ransom, the oldest est sorrow, everywhere. His wife and son of Robert Ransom, was born in daughter were immediately notified and Warren county October 8, 1826. His Exhibition a complete success in every particular. Mr. Patrick Ransom left on the Seaboard mother, Priscilla Whitak er, was a mem-They reached the home of sorrow Sun- which has always been prominent in the tractions designed to amuse and instruct will be on Exhibition day morning, where they found many history of the county.

telegrams of sympathy from various see- After an academic education in Wartions of the country. renton, he entered the University of

LEVED, HONORED AND LAID TO REST. North Carolina, and was graduated in Has been selected as CHIEF MARSHAL and with a competent corps of assistants

country home in Northampton county, Gen. J. Johnston Pettigrew, Senstor Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and nearly John Pool and other men of note. The one thousand people were present to show commencement was the nota ble one attheir love for the distinguished dead tended by President Polk, and the Engstatesman, and deep sympathy for the lish sulutatory address of the young graduate was one of the features of the bereaved family.

Col. A. B. Andrews, vice-president of occasion.

the Southern Railway, came down to Soon after graduation he entered up-Welden on his private car, and accom. on the pratice of law in Warrenton, and in attendance daily during the Fair panied the large Weldon delegation to at once attained marked success. While the home of sorrow. Among the Wel- a very young man, about 1853, he was a don people who attended the funeral candidate for attorney general, and alwere: Mayor Gooch, Major T L. Emry, though a Whig he was elected by a Col. and Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyo, legislature which contained a small Pontmaster John O. Burton, Dr. A. R. Democratic majority. As a prosecuting Zollicoffer, Captain W. T. Cheek J. T. officer he was eloquent, foreible and Evans, R. T. Daniel, Dr. D. B. Zolli, successful, but never vindictive or imcoffer, A. E. Wilson, W. R. Smith, Mr. placable.

and Mrs. T. C. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. He resigned before the end of his term F. W. Garrott, J. T. Pope, Col. A. and removed his residence to the county Prescott, C. G. Evans, E. T. Zollicoffer, of Northampton, having married Miss John B. Zollicoffer, T. W. Russell, Pattie Exum of that county. From ALL OTHER INFORMATION DESIRED. Henry Farber, H. D. Allen, W. G. that time he was largely engaged in Purnell, P. W. Cochrane, W. T. Shaw, planting. In 1858 he was a member of Purnell, P. W. Cochrane, W. T. Shaw, planting. In 1858 he was a member of W. A. Pierce, J. S. Turner, W. B. the House of Commons from Northamp-Tillery, Rev. J. T. Chambers, Rev. W. ton as a Democrat.

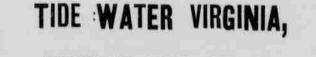
W. Rose, J. J. Daniel, Captain T. F. When the clouds that had long been Anderson, J. R. Rowell and many others bovering over the land, in 1861 broke Sec. & Treas. Large delegations came down from into the storm of war, the lawyer-planter

Littleton, Warrenton, Henderson, Ral- was among the first to volunteer. He eigh, Durham, and other places. became colonel of the thirty-fourth North

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The services, which were conducted Carolina, the present chief justice, by Rev. James A. Weston, a Confeder- Walter Clark, being at one time the adate major, were very simple. Rev. jutant of his regiment. He was after-Weston read the Lpiscopal service, the wards promoted to be brigadier general, prayers and afterwards delivered a brief and distinguished himself by conspicuous the to General Ransom, who was his gallantry in many engagements. Aiche Can always be found at the re and.

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WELDON. N. C.

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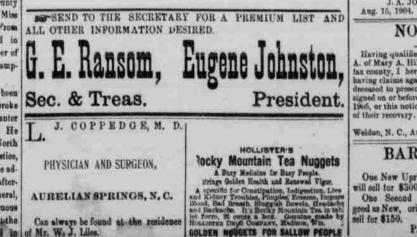
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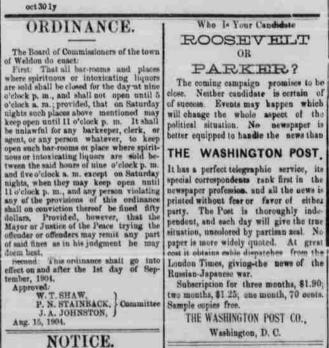
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