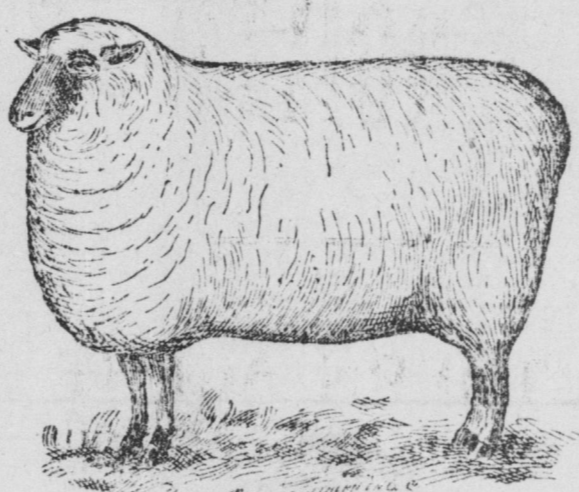


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CHARLES B. AYCOCK

Gf Wayne, Governor of North Carolina.

Charles Brantley Aycock was born near Fremont, Wayne county, North Carolina, November 1st, 1859. His father was a farmer, a man of prominence and influence in his county and held the office of county clerk from the August term 1853 to the May term 1861. He represented the 22nd Senatorial district, then composed of Wayne county only, in the Senate of 1864-'65 and 1865-'66. The Democratic candidate for Governor attended school at Fremont and was prepared for college at Wilson Collegiate Institute, then the leading educational institution of Eastern North Carolina, embracing in its faculty such educators as Elder Sylvester Hassell, LL. D., Rev. Jos. H. Foy, LL. D., Prof. David G. Gillespie and Prof. E. M. Nadala—four of the best teachers North Carolina has known. In this school, as well as in the primary school near his country home, Mr. Aycock took rank as the most brilliant member of his class, and was always head or next to head. In the debating societies he took great interest and was as a mere boy easily the best debater and speaker. Before he was old enough to write his speeches, old and young were charmed by his talent as a declaimer. During his school days at Wilson, he boarded in the country and walked to and from school every morning and evening. His school mates had faith in his genius and have always had confidence that he was endowed with high gifts for some exalted station and high public service.

Mr. Aycock entered the University at the Fall term of 1877. He was elected, after a hot contest that showed that then he had a political wisdom, Chief Marshal in 1878. He graduated in 1880, receiving the Wiley P. Mangum medal for oratory and the Bingham Essayist Medal. He excelled at the University in English, making most reputation as an orator and essayist. He has often said that he had no talent as a mathematician, and got through on Conic Sections, "by main strength and awkwardness." He was highly esteemed at the University, being regarded as a youth of uncommon talent, eloquence, purity of life, and sweetness of temper. Every man who was at college with him, who could get to Raleigh at the State convention, was there to see him receive the highest honor the Democratic party has ever conferred upon any man in North Carolina—the compliment of a unanimous nomination for Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth. The class in which Mr. Aycock graduated was composed of the following: all of whom are now living: Charles B. Aycock, Henry E. Falson, Locke Craig, Alex. L. Phillips, W. R. Slade (Georgia), C. C. Cobb, A. D. Betts, L. C. Vaughan, T. C. Brooks, Thomas H. Battle, A. L. Coble, R. B. John, Robert Ransom, Ernest Haywood.

Mr. Aycock read law at the University under Dr. Kemp P. Battle and afterwards at Goldsboro under the late A. K.

Smedes and began the practice in Goldsboro in January, 1881, in partnership with ex-State Senator Frank A. Daniels. That partnership was formed when Mr. Aycock and Mr. Daniels were school mates, and is one of the first legal firms in North Carolina. He has held the following public positions: Superintendent of Public Schools of Wayne county in 1881; Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Goldsboro Graded Schools for the past ten years; City Attorney of Goldsboro for two years; County Attorney of Wayne four years; District Elector in 1888; Elector at Large in 1892; U. S. District Attorney 1893 to 1898, and has also been a trustee of the University. Mr. Aycock was married in 1881 to Varina V. Woodard, daughter of Elder Wm. Woodard, of Wilson county, who died in 1890, leaving two children. In 1891 he married Cora L. Woodard, a sister of his deceased wife. He has seven children, the oldest, Charles B. Aycock, Jr., is now a student at the University. While at the University, Mr. Aycock joined the Missionary Baptist church of which he is a leading member. In religion as in politics, his spirit is one of broad catholicity. He is a member of the Odd Fellows order and has been honored by the brethren of F. L. and T.

The Columbia (S. C.) State, when Mr. Aycock was nominated, made some reference to his candidacy, which prompted an old college-mate, now residing in South Carolina, to write a sketch of Mr. Aycock that his friends recognize as both just and appreciative. We quote:

"To the Editor of The State: Your brief reference to Hon. C. B. Aycock in your editorial columns this morning leads me to surmise that some of your readers would welcome fuller information concerning this prospective Governor of North Carolina:

"The writer was a fellow student with him at the University of North Carolina, and even then anticipated his attainment of the highest honors in the gift of his State. He comes from a sturdy and vigorous stock—a type well known in North Carolina for its upright and fearless adherence to principle, coupled in his case with rare political insight and popular spirit—a family that has given to the State more than one invaluable and influential citizen. His career at the University was a triumph from its beginning. He had the reputation of having surpassed every student in Latin composition; but, instead of cultivating the habits of a recluse, such as devotion to the classics might suggest, he was foremost in the political contests of his literary society and was always a successful candidate. I remember, on one occasion, when the vote of a certain student was doubtful, how Aycock completely won him by asking him to use his influence to fix the adherence of another student, who was known to be vacillating.

"Aycock was always a wonderful debater. His voice is not especially pleasant nor his action graceful, but the man has such marvelous moral fervor, coupled with a power of invective and ridicule, that makes him invincible. He possesses a readiness of observation and a quickness of wit that enable him to turn every circumstance to his own

advantage and to the complete discomfiture of his opponent. He is the embodiment of force, supported by common sense and wit, sprinkled with enough learning to make the people wonder how much he knows.

"Aycock will prove one of the most interesting figures in Southern politics, and his character is such that the most scrupulously conscientious will give him their confidence. He does not, however, belong to the politicians, and whether this will cut short his career remains to be seen. His indefatigable labors in ridding North Carolina of Butlerism will find their happy consummation in ridding it this year of negro Republicanism. He is only 40 years of age, and when he is as old as Wade Hampton he may have equal honors gained by as hard fought and well earned victories in a similar cause.

"Mr. Aycock is devoted to his home, a consistent member of the Baptist church, and utterly above mercenary motives. His popularity comes from his genial manner, honest tone and unselfish spirit, not from any cultivated courtliness or pliable disposition. The elevation of such a man in North Carolina means much for a corresponding elevation of its political tone.

In the entire history of the State, made memorable by brilliant political canvasses, no man made more able, vote-winning and eloquent speeches than Mr. Aycock made in the campaign of 1900. He broke the record also as to numbers, making 110 speeches, and speaking in most of the counties. Old men compared it to the great campaign made by Vance in 1876.

Mr. Aycock was elected Governor in August 1900, receiving the largest majority ever given for a candidate for that office in North Carolina. His vote was 186,650 against 126,296 votes cast for Spencer B. Adams, his Fusion opponent.

HON. W. D. TURNER

Of Iredell County, Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina.

Wilfred D. Turner, of Iredell county, was born in Iredell county, January 30th, 1855. His father, for whom he was named, was a farmer and the pioneer cotton manufacturer in Piedmont North Carolina. Mr. Turner graduated at Trinity College in 1876 and in 1879 the degree of A. M. was conferred on him by his alma mater. After graduation he read law and in June, 1877, began to practice in Asheville. He was a painstaking, studious, able and conscientious attorney, and his practice grew steadily. In 1885 he formed a partnership with the late Judge Robert F. Armfield, and in 1889, when Judge Armfield went on the bench, Mr. Turner formed a partnership with Mr. Chas. H. Armfield. It is one of the strongest legal firms in Piedmont North Carolina.

Mr. Turner has always been a sterling Democrat and more than once has been chairman of the county executive committee. He has been a leader in his district and in 1898 received a large vote

for the nomination for Congress. In 1886 Mr. Turner was elected State Senator from the district composed of Iredell, Alexander and Wilkes, and served successively in the Senate in 1887, 1889 and 1891, being regarded as one of the ablest lawyers, best parliamentarians, and safest legislators in the State. He was chairman of the Judiciary committee and one of the leaders in a body composed of many strong and able men. As a capable, fair and ideal presiding officer, he has no superior in the State. As a legislator, he has had no superior in this decade. He is a just and broad-gauged man, and can always be relied upon to support measures that are for the good of the Commonwealth. He has to a marked degree the courage of his convictions, and did not hesitate in the Legislature to fight all extravagance and all proposed legislation carrying special privilege. His legislative experience will be valuable to him and to his State.

Mr. Turner was one of the delegates in the National convention that nominated Bryan in 1896 and in the campaign which followed, canvassed his district with eloquence and power, championing and defending the Chicago platform and the great Nebraskan. He is a strong and effective speaker and was a power on the stump in the last campaign, as in former campaigns.

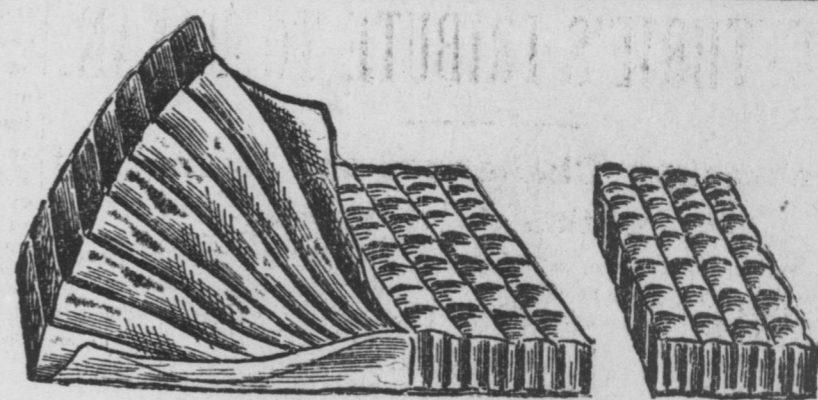
In personal life Mr. Turner has a clean record. He has no weak place. He is straightforward, manly, upright, true in all the relations of life. In Iredell county no man has lived who enjoyed the confidence of the people to a fuller extent than Mr. Turner. He is straightforward and direct, the sort of man who will grow in popular confidence. He has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Lanier, of Alabama. He was married a few years ago, a second time to Miss Julia H. McCall, of Statesville. He is a trustee of the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro. Mr. Turner is a Methodist.

Mr. Turner is not only an able and successful lawyer, but a man of fine business qualifications as well. He is president of the Monbo Cotton Mill Company, located in Catawba county, of which his brother is secretary and treasurer, and is connected with most of the important enterprises of his county.

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