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NEW DAUGHTER OF THE CONFEDERACY

Miss Lucy White Hayes Presented to Veterans

CLIMAX OF THE SESSION

Beautiful Incident at the Meeting of the Confederate Veterans at Mobile. The Oration of the Day Delivered by Judge L. B. McFarland, of Memphis—Credential and Resolution Committee Report To-Day—Dixie the Favorite.

(By the Associated Press.) Mobile, Ala., April 26.—A slender, black clad, frightened girl stood on a raised platform today and while a thousand Confederate veterans cheered and while the bands played Dixie, a score or more gray-bearded Confederate general officers passed in review before her and with uncovered heads, kissed her hand. The young girl was Miss Lucy White Hayes, granddaughter of the only President of the Confederacy. The incident was the climax of the first day's session of the United Confederate Veterans.

The big test, which is said to seat comfortably six thousand people, was packed. When the new "daughter of the Confederacy" was being presented to the revolution, the old veterans went mad. The band was playing Dixie—three of them were— but the combination could not drown out the cheers. The veterans surged forward but the ropes stopped them. One by one, the stately general officers on the stage moved in review before the frightened, trembling girl and each kissed her hand as she passed. Miss Hayes seemed overcome with emotion as she passed back to her mother on the arm of her maid of honor, Miss Ella Smith.

Miss Hayes is the "sponsor for the Southern Confederacy" in the reunion and takes rank over all other women in the organization. The afternoon session of the reunion was held. The Confederate choir sang and Judge L. B. McFarland, of Memphis, delivered the oration of the day.

Judge McFarland reviewed the cause that led up to the conflict and disclaimed the South's responsibility for the struggle, holding that it was pure patriotism that led the men who fought under the Confederate flag to leave the Union, which, he said, they loved, fought and died for in other days. He told of the bitterness that followed the struggle and on this bitterness placed the blame for the injury which the South had been bequeathed upon the South.

"One verdict of history," he said, "is that the South has been unjustly calumniated for its treatment of prisoners, and that the execution of Major Wertz was a national murder. Another verdict is that the South was correct in its contention that it had the abstract right to secede under the constitution. Its unconstitutional maintenance of the question of slavery, the issue of 1850 was the same as the issue of 1776 and the same vital living issue is before the people of the United States now in this year of 1910. It is the maintenance of the sovereignty of the several States in matters local with limitations of power granted to Federal Government—or in other words, local government against centralization—that has led the leaders of the Confederacy to decide for secession. One, he said, was the futile belief that cotton was king, that the demand for it would force foreign nations to concede."

"Another verdict of history is that whatever may have been the disappointments of the South, its people and soldiers induced to no vain regrets but heartily resumed their duties to the general government. But do not understand me as conceding that the South was wrong in its interpretation of its inherent right of revolution. I repeat that the facts of history are largely concealed now by publicists and statesmen to be with the views of the South."

Judge McFarland reviewed the struggle, told of the sacrifices and of the fight to recover after the struggle. He told of the prosperity that blessed this section now and of the brilliant future that awaits it. He urged especially the young men to be up and doing and said the future not only of the South, but of the country, depended much upon them. He praised the beauty and virtue of the Southern woman and paid a glowing tribute to the part she played in the struggle.

"So," he said, "we must remember that when this meeting is over and we come to say farewell to each other, it must be to many our mutual adulations." Let this, our meeting, therefore be that of comrades and not of parting but not without hope of meeting again and being marshaled again under the blooded banner of the Prince of Peace.

"Dixie" was the call from all over the huge tent, a hand from Little Rock answered the call, and another from the city followed. Reported by scores of Confederate generals in full uniform, heralded by a major general's insignia, Mrs. Edwards took the stage. Surrounded by her choir, the orchestra struck into the war hymn of the South. Mrs. Edwards (Continued on Page Eight.)

DEDICATED IN NAME OF UNIVERSAL PEACE

Palace International Union American Republics

GIFT OF ANDREW CARNEGIE

Dedicatory Exercises Held in the Marble Structure Yesterday Afternoon and Reception at Night—President Taft and Mr. Carnegie Headed the Receiving Party—The President Makes Speech.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., April 26.—The magnificent new marble palace of the International Union of American Republics—within a stone's throw of the White House—was dedicated in the name of Universal Peace today. President Taft joined with Andrew Carnegie, with Secretary of State Knox, with Senator Root and with Senator De la Bala, the Mexican ambassador, as representative of the Latin-American Republics, in prophesies of Peace among the twenty-one American Republics and pledged themselves always to strive to bring about that happy state. Mr. Carnegie expressed the hope that some day Canada, with the consent of Great Britain, would join the family of Peaceful American Republics.

The new building, the gift of Mr. Carnegie, won the admiration of all the distinguished guests that passed within the bronze-grilled portals both at the dedicatory exercises this afternoon and the reception tonight at which President Taft and Mr. Carnegie headed the receiving party. "It seems to me a great honor to the United States," said the President at the dedicatory exercises, "that the other twenty American Republics should decide that this home of the International Union be here on this soil. As the older sister of the Republics, we are proud in that fact. As the older sister we also are anxious that each member of the family should know that we believe in absolute equality in every member of the family. There is nothing in preference that we insist upon because of the fact that we are the older nation and for the time being can count more noses."

President Taft referred to the work of Secretary of State Knox, in bringing about a greater bond of friendship among the American Republics. He congratulated the other American Republics upon the progress they have made in the past two decades, and toward a peaceful settlement of all disputes. "It goes without saying," he added in conclusion, "that in the foreign policy of the United States a great object is the maintenance of peace among the Republics. We twenty-one Republics cannot afford to have any two or three of us quarrelling. We must stop. The organization and work of this bureau of the Republics is doing special and diplomatic representation of the various nations forming the Union."

TWO IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS.

Nominations of Governor Hughes and General Henry in Hands of Senate Committee.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., April 26.—Senate committee now have in custody the nominations of two important officials of the New York State government drafted by President Taft for the service of the United States. The nomination of Governor Hughes to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States in place of the late Justice David J. Brewer, awaits the report of the committee on the Judiciary; the nomination of Adjutant General Nelson H. Henry, to be Surgeon of Customs in place of General Clarkson, at the port of New York, is in the hands of the committee on Commerce.

Gov. Hughes will not take office until next October; General Henry is expected to assume his new position about June 1st. No doubt appears to exist of the prompt confirmation of both appointments. General Henry is one of the best known officers in the National Guard of the country. He has been Adjutant General of New York State with the rank of Brigadier General for five consecutive terms, and was recently commissioned by Governor Hughes as Brevet Major General. He is first vice-president of the National Guard Association of the United States and is one of the five adjutant general officers of the national military board advisory to the War Department. He is a life member of the National Rifle Association of the United States.

The President also sent to the Senate the nomination of James B. Cox to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

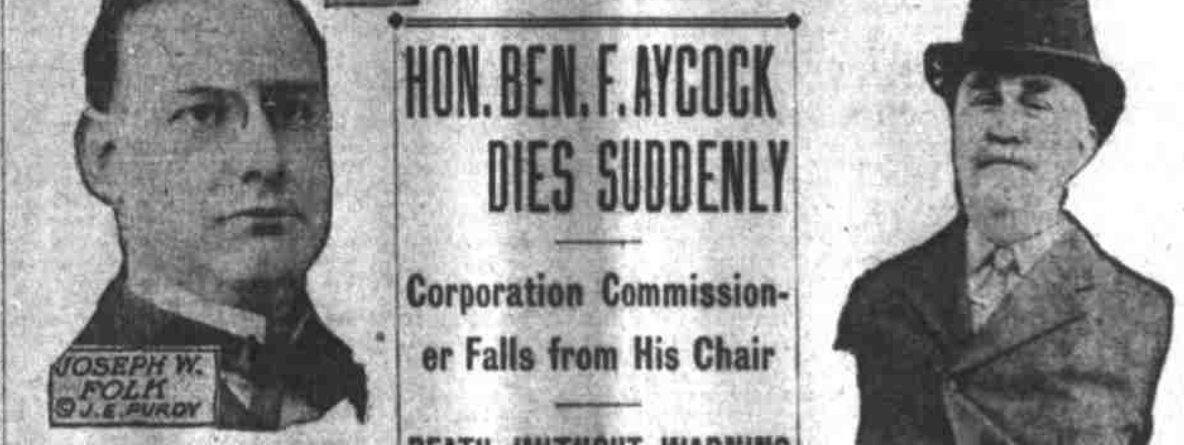
Halley's Comet Sighted.

(By the Associated Press.) Zurich, April 26.—The observatory here officially reports that Halley's comet was visible to the naked eye for fifty-five minutes before dawn yesterday. Its position was due east, just above the horizon. There was no trace however, of the tail, even with the telescope.

FIVE PROMINENT DEMOCRATS WHO ARE BEING MENTIONED AS PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITIES



(By the Associated Press.)



HON. BEN. F. AYCOCK DIES SUDDENLY

Corporation Commissioner Falls from His Chair

DEATH WITHOUT WARNING

He Seemed Improving, Had Driven to His Farm, and Was Stricken With Heart Failure While Talking With His Wife at His Home. (Special to News and Observer.) Fremont, N. C., April 26.—This community was shocked tonight to learn of the sudden death of its best beloved citizen, Hon. Benjamin Franklin Aycock, who died at 8:20 o'clock tonight. Mr. Aycock had been in poor health several months, but seemed to be improving. He was up town this morning and friends remarked that he was looking better. In the afternoon he went out to his farm near town, returned home, ate his supper, and was sitting talking to his wife when he was stricken with heart failure, and fell from his chair dead. He had had heart trouble for some time. There was no warning of the approach of death.

Mr. Aycock was one of the oldest of the sons of the late B. F. Aycock, the leading citizen of the Nahant section. All the sons were men of strong character and leaders. Only two of the brothers now survive, Mr. William Aycock, of Florida, and ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock, of Raleigh. Mr. Aycock married Miss Sallie Farmer, daughter of Mr. Isaac Farmer, of Wilson, who with seven children survive him. The children are: William T. Flora, Clarence Wiley, Iver, Ben King, and Herman.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock Thursday morning and will be conducted by Elder William Woodard, of Wilson.

Benjamin Franklin Aycock was a native of Wayne county, and when elected Corporation Commissioner was cultivating the farm where he was born February 11, 1852. He was denied the advantages of higher education by reason of the demoralization of schools and the poverty that kept him in the field after the war. Mr. Aycock was clerk of the court in Wayne county many years and served in the State Senate during the war.

SEASON OPENS AUGUST 1st.

Eastern Carolina Tobacco Warehousemen Make Change in Opening Date.

(Special to News and Observer.) Wilson, April 26.—At a meeting held here today, there were representatives from Rocky Mount, Orangeville and Kingston tobacco warehouses for the purpose of changing the opening of the tobacco season in Eastern Carolina. Instead of opening the warehouses on August 1st, as heretofore, they will open this season on August 15th.

PARK FOR SWANBORO.

A Beautiful Resort—The Gift of Mr. John Pittman. (Special to News and Observer.) Swansboro, April 26.—Oak Grove, a public park, was opened here with a big picnic last Saturday. This beautiful tract of land is the gift of Mr. John Pittman, the leading citizen of the town, and chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Onslow county.

HOUSE NO LONGER A PARTY MACHINE

Insurgents Come to Aid Effect Cold Snap Only to Retard Ripening

CANNONITES OUTVOTED GREAT DAMAGE TO FRUIT

By This Means Much Was Done Towards Whipping the Railway Bill Into Shape—The Action of Democrats and Insurgents in Lining Up Has Snubbed the Cannon Machinery and Fullest Opportunity is Given for Amendment and Discussion.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., April 26.—The Democrats and the insurgents got busy in the House today and by outvoting the Cannonites, did much towards whipping the railway bill into shape. It was the largest piece of constructive legislation that the House has been permitted to discuss and perfect through amendments in many years. Under the old regime of complete domination by Speaker Cannon and his machine, such a bill would not have been introduced to the intelligence of the House, but whipped into shape as the organization wanted it and then sent to the House under a rule that would have limited debate and shut out all amendments. The action of the insurgents in lining up with Democrats, smashed the Cannon machinery and the result is the fullest opportunity for amendment and discussion of the important measure. The action of the House today demonstrates the futility of Speaker Cannon's contention that the House is too large and unwieldy a body to perfect important legislation. The terrible hammering which the railway bill has received at the hands of the insurgents and Democrats in the Senate was reflected in the voting of the House today. Mr. Taft signed two important pieces of legislation, the Republican party was the support of the bill without amendment. It looks like Republicans in Congress are arriving at the same opinion with respect to the President that is entertained by the people throughout the country.

MAKE THEIR WAY OUT OF WASHINGTON JAIL—ON ACCOUNT OF LACK OF ROOM THESE MEN WERE NOT IN CELLS.

(Special to News and Observer.) Washington, April 26.—Four white prisoners succeeded in effecting their escape from the county jail in this city last night between the hours of twelve and five o'clock. The sheriff, it is understood, stated that on account of lack of room in the jail, these prisoners were not locked up in their cells and thus had access to the corridors. Their escape was effected by the use of two small pieces of steel broken from the jail cot, with which they picked out the cement making a large hole in the front of the jail through which they escaped. The prisoners worked very quietly and did not arouse the jailer, who was sleeping just across the hall. Those who escaped were C. L. Morris, of Greenville; W. H. Skipper, of this city; Henry McFarland, residence unknown, and a prisoner, name unknown, sent up from Washington county for a term on the roads. The other three were awaiting trial for petty larceny, assault and carrying concealed weapons. The sheriff has offered a reward for their capture and is making every effort to effect their recapture.

ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Members of the Board of Directors and Advisory Board Elected.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, April 26.—Members of the Associated Press met at the Waldorf-Astoria today for the eleventh annual meeting. The attendance in point of numbers was the largest ever gathered at a similar meeting. After the reading of the various committee reports elections were held to fill seven vacancies in the Board of Directors. The voting resulted in the election of the following: Clark Howell, Atlanta Constitution; Charles W. Knapp, St. Louis Republic; V. E. McClatchy, Sacramento Bee; Albert J. Barr, Pittsburg Post; Charles Hopkins Clark, Hartford Courant; Frank R. Norris, Washington Star; A. C. Winslow, Duluth Herald.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Mr. H. W. Martin Struck Down While Plowing in a Field. (Special to News and Observer.) Bethel, N. C., April 26.—Yesterday afternoon, about 2:30 o'clock, while plowing on his farm, about a mile from this place, Mr. H. W. Martin was struck by lightning, killing him and his horse instantly. He was a highly respected citizen of this community, and leaves a wife to mourn her great loss. He was faithful both to his church and the Masonic order. After services in the Methodist Episcopal church today he was buried by his brother Masons.

PROSPECTING FOR GOLD.

Small Quantities of Valuable Mineral Found Near Rowan, in Iredell County. (Special to News and Observer.) Statesville, April 26.—For some months a mining engineer, a foreman, has been prospecting for gold in the vicinity of County Line and the edge of Rowan, and recently he has found small quantities of the valuable mineral on the lands of Mrs. Dave Steier, on the edge of Rowan, about three miles east of Oak Grove. Two prospectors from the North came to Statesville a few days ago and drove from here to the Rice place to examine the samples of ore and look over the grounds and it is said that they were favorably impressed with the outlook. It is not known whether or not mining operations will be attempted. Small veins of gold have been found at a number of places in Rowan and Davie counties but it has not been found profitable to mine the ore.

LUMBERTON PRIMARY.

John A. Rowland Nominating for Mayor—Other Members of Ticket. (Special to News and Observer.) Lumberton, April 26.—The Democratic town primary held here today was a very quiet affair and resulted in the nomination of John A. Rowland for mayor. For town commissioners, J. D. McMillan, Jr., J. L. Stephens, George C. French, for graded school trustees, H. D. Caldwell, N. A. McLean, S. T. Williams, A. H. McLeod, for board of health and finance, T. A. McNeill, Frank Gough, A. T. Parrish.

Delegate to Scotland.

(Special to News and Observer.) Wilmington, April 26.—Rev. Thos. A. Smith, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, will represent his congregation at the International Laymen's Convention to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, in June.

No Frost in New Bern Section.

New Bern, April 26.—No frost as damage to truck in immediate section (Continued on Page Three.)

No Damage at Wilmington.

(Special to News and Observer.) Wilmington, April 26.—While light frosts occurred in the Wilmington section last night, the temperature having recorded as low as 40 degrees, inquiry from the truckers discloses that there is no damage to the crops of vegetables and strawberries have suffered none, the only effect of the cold having been to retard ripening, an end earnestly to be desired in view of the heavy shipments just at present. The unsettled condition of some of the markets, especially in spite of the cold snap today, perhaps the heaviest of the season, the refrigerator car line people estimating the movement at 100 cars, 2 of which went out of the Wilmington and Weldon section this morning.

Reports to the wholesale and cotton seed oil mill interests here today are to the effect that little, if any, damage has been done to the cotton crop in this section of the State and contiguous in South Carolina, though much cotton was up and considerable frost was in evidence this morning in the vicinity of Maxton, S. C. Very little cotton appears to be up as far west as Maxton, and as far south as Florence and the damage is not expected to be of great consequence. Frost is again predicted for tonight and tomorrow, and cotton growers are a little apprehensive, but on account of the heavy foliage, it is said that nothing short of a freeze would injure strawberries.

In the Blue Ridge.

Asheville, April 26.—It is hard to estimate the damage done to the fruit crop and to truckers in this section on account of the biting cold snap which was prevalent here for the past week. It is certain, however, that the fruit crop has been damaged thousands of dollars and while the result may not be apparent at once much of the tender produce, peaches, etc., and injured and will drop off within a short while. Last night there was ice and frost in many parts of the county with the mercury slightly above 30.

Mountains are still covered with snow but not in valleys. Reports from fruit-growing sections of Haywood and Buncombe counties are to the effect that the apple trees on northern exposures where the trees were not so far advanced as southern exposures will be the main reliance for fruit this year, but even these trees are greatly injured. Practically all apple trees are in bloom or have blossomed. Early beams are about as killed and it is feared that even those already planted will rot in the ground if cool weather continues.

The most optimistic do not place estimate at more than half a fruit crop. The everything has not been killed so far is due largely to the fact that cloudy weather has saved the situation. It is getting cooler rapidly, tonight is cloudy and further freezing is feared. Live. Jackson county today says snow to a depth of from four to ten inches fell on the high tops last night and today in the valleys rain has prevailed, interspersed with occasional showers of snow and sleet. Cattlemen who during the warm weather carried their stock to the range are packing corn to feed them through the snap. Frost has been plentiful for several mornings, killing vegetation, especially early corn and beans.

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