

BICKETT AT COLLEGE

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Thomas Walter Bickett, B. A., 1890, was chosen Governor of North Carolina last November by a majority of 82,000; unprecedented in this State. It may be well at this time to review the principal events of his life, that we may better judge to what this emphatic endorsement of him is due.

Mr. Bickett was born in Union county, North Carolina, in 1869, of good hardy stock, strong in moral and intellectual fibre. He got the usual education of the North Carolina country boy for whom his parents were willing to do their best.

He entered Wake Forest College in the fall term of the year 1886. His studies the first year were Latin, Greek, and mathematics. In his Latin and Greek his average was about 95. He was nearly as good on his mathematics. The next year he continued these studies and added English literature. Again his grades were good, averaging about 95 on every subject. In his junior year he continued his Latin, Greek, mathematics, and English, and added physics, astronomy, and surveying. In this year he graduated, as we called it then, that is, completed all the courses in Latin and mathematics. His average on Latin was 96; on calculus 88. He held his mark in Greek above 96, but was somewhat below that figure on the sciences. In his Senior year he took courses in German, Professor Sledd, then professor of modern languages, was teaching his first classes in the college at that time—chemistry, zoology, geology, constitutional law, political economy, physiology, ethics, logic and evidences of Christianity. His average of the last four was 93, and on all above 90. Here one has a picture of his college work—not a great number of subjects, but those that developed moral and intellectual fibre, that called for labor in their mastery, and allowed no shirking. Such were the courses that Mr. Bickett chose to do and to do well.

But his class room work was not all, by any means, of Mr. Bickett's course in college. Never were our literary societies at a higher degree of efficiency than at the time he was in college. He joined the Euzelian Society and from the first was a ready and able debater. He did the work of his society with the same faithful purpose that he showed in his class room work. In consequence he was chosen to represent his society as first debater at the anniversary of 1890.

Well do the students of that day remember that debate. The question was, "Ought the United States to have a Railroad Commission?" The affirmative was supported by T. W. Bickett and R. L. Burns, the negative by J. O. Atkinson and E. W. Sikes. All seemed to us young giants. The record of the Secretary says that "after a long and warm debate," the question was decided in favor of the affirmative by a vote of 76 to 67. All the speeches were great, but the rejoinder of Mr. Bickett was what won the debate.

Already at this time, Mr. Bickett was showing the qualities that have since gained him recognition as one of the most forceful speakers of our State. He had a good command of language which he constantly improved by his work in the class room and by careful reading. His powers of analysis were strong; he saw points clearly and in proper relation, and was able to make his hearers see as he did. Another element in his skill as a debater was his unbounded grace of humor. He used to bring concrete images in a most human way before his hearers and never failed to keep them interested. Again he was always in earnest. No speaker ever warned to a cause he was defending with more enthusiasm than he, and an one's enthusiasm was more contagious. I think it will be found that these are the elements that make his speeches great today. But we must add one more and that is his great sympathetic interest with all classes of our people.

I cannot undertake to give more than an outline of Mr. Bickett's work since he left college. He taught first at Marion, then at Winston. While at the latter place he began to study law. He completed his course in this subject at the University of North Carolina in 1893. He married Miss Fannie N. Yarborough, of Louisburg, November 29, 1898. He first brought out his shingle at Monroe, but soon removed to Danbury where he remained one year. In 1895 he located in Louisburg and later was senior member of the firm of Bickett, White and Malone.

Mr. Bickett's public life was begun as a member of the State House of Representatives in 1907 &. Here his ability was first generally recognized. In 1908 he championed the candidacy of Mr. Ashley Horne for the Democratic nomination for Governor, and made the nominating speech at Charlotte. This speech did not win Mr. Horne the nomination but one thing it did do—it set that whole convention on fire and won the speaker the nomination for Attorney General. To this office Mr. Bickett was then elected and re-elected in 1912. In it he has argued several important cases for the State before the United States Supreme Court, and has done it with distinguished ability.

During the campaign just closed, according to influential papers of our State, Mr. Bickett introduced a new era in North Carolina politics. He let the negro question and Reconstruction alone, and discussed live issues. He has recognized the right of the opposition to their views, and has treated them not as scoundrels, but as gentlemen. This method of speaking has been complimentary to Mr. Bickett, but no less complimentary to the people who have shown by their ballot their endorsement of it.

As a Governor, I think Mr. Bickett will seek to develop the State, and be

For All Pain

"The efficiency of any drug" says Dr. C. P. Robbins "is known to us by the results we obtain from its use. If we are able to control pain and disease by means of any preparation, we certainly are warranted in its use. One of the principal symptoms of all diseases is pain, and this is what the patient most often desires to get rid of, something to relieve his pain. If we can do this promptly the patient is most liable to trust in us for the other remedies which will effect a permanent cure. One remedy which has been used largely in my practice is anti-kamnia tablets. Many and varied are their uses. I have put them to use in many occasions, and have never been disappointed. I found them especially valuable for headaches of malarial origin, when quinine was being taken, and for the relief of the bad after-effects of the quinine. Anti-kamnia tablets are also excellent for the headaches from impure digestion; also for headaches of a neuralgic origin, and especially for women subject to pains at certain times. Two anti-kamnia tablets give prompt relief, and in a short time the patient is able to go about as usual."

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will put his hand to the cause that specially needs help. His speeches indicate that he is greatly interested in the development of farm life. He especially wants to see our white boys remain on the farm, and has promised to use his office to help them a farm of his own. If he succeeds he may win the name of agricultural governor.

BONDS FOR RAILROAD PROPOSED IN BOONE

Boone, Jan. 10.—A proposition will soon be submitted to the voters of Boone township for a bond issue of about \$25,000 for the completion of the railroad from Shull's Mills to Boone. The Linville River Railroad was extended last year from Montezuma to Shull's Mills, a distance of about twelve miles. Should the road be extended to Boone, a distance of seven miles, it would put Boone in connection with all Western North Carolina through Johnson City, Tenn., and then over the Clinchfield to Marion and there with the Southern.

There is quite a strong sentiment in favor of a bond issue of \$150,000 for roads to be voted on by Watauga county. According to a recent law, which was voted on at the last election, the roads are now in the hands of a road commission.

The Boone's Fork Lumber Company, at Shull's Mills, has begun operations. The power is from a 350 horsepower electric motor, run by a current developed at the falls on the river at that place.

A revival meeting is being conducted in the Baptist church by Pastor H. A. Adams and Rev. A. C. Sherwood, of Bennettsville, S. C.

Mrs. Winnie Korngay Dead. (Special to The News and Observer.) Mount Olive, Jan. 10.—The body of Mrs. Winnie Korngay, about fifty years of age, whose death occurred at her home in Rocky Mount Tuesday, was brought here this afternoon and interred in the local cemetery.

Deceased, a victim of tuberculosis had been in failing health for several months, and her death was not unexpected. Her husband, H. T. Korngay, and a number of children and quite a number of relatives in this section, where both Mr. and Mrs. Korngay were raised, survive her.

Farm Demonstrator For Wayne. (Special to The News and Observer.) Goldsboro, Jan. 10.—At the first meeting of the year held by the Wayne county board of commissioners an appropriation was made to secure the services of a farm demonstrator for the county.

HEAD STUFFED FROM CATARRH OR A COLD

Says Cream Applied in Nostrils Opens Air Passages Right Up.

Instant relief—no waiting. Your clogged nostrils open right up; the air passages of your head clear and you can breathe freely. No more hawking, sniffling, blowing, headache, dryness. No struggling for breath at night; your cold or catarrh disappears. Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic, healing cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothes the inflamed or swollen mucous membrane and relief comes instantly. It's just fine. Don't stay stuffed up with a cold or nasty catarrh.—Adv.

FAYETTEVILLE TO ASK FOR NEXT MEETING OF N. C. MEDICAL SOCIETY

Fayetteville, Jan. 10.—The North Carolina Medical Society will be invited to meet in Fayetteville in 1918, according to decision of the Cumberland County Medical Society, which met here last night, the business meeting being followed by the society's annual banquet.

At the business session the physicians also voted to remind Cumberland's representatives in the legislature of the injustice being done Fayetteville by that section of the vital statistics law which charges all deaths in hospitals to the community in which they occur, regardless of the origin of the disease. It is contended that Fayetteville is a particular sufferer in this respect because of its excellent hospitals, which draw many people here from a wide territory of North and South Carolina. In this way there are, of course, many deaths here which should not go into Fayetteville's death rate. The medical society's action is in line with the contention which ex-Mayor John C. Gibbs has been making for some time, and it is hoped that the legislature may be prevailed on to change the law, as there are many other communities in the State which suffer in the same way.

SON OF WU TING FANG IS RETAINED IN HIS OFFICE

Peking, Jan. 10.—In accordance with Chinese custom, Dr. Wu Chao-chu, who has been counsellor in the foreign office for two years, resigned that post when his father, Dr. Wu Ting-fang, was made minister of foreign affairs, but Premier Tuan Chi-jui has insisted upon his remaining in office to assist his father.

CALOMEL TODAY, SICK TOMORROW

Dose of nasty calomel makes you sick and you lose a day's work. Calomel salivates! It's mercury. Calomel acts like dynamite on a sluggish liver. When calomel comes into contact with sour bile it crashes into it, causing cramping and nausea. If you feel bilious, headachy, constipated and all knocked out, just go to your druggist and get a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver-Tone, which is a harmless vegetable substitute for dangerous calomel. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't start your liver and straighten you up better and quicker than nasty calomel and without making you sick, you just go back and get your money. If you take calomel today you'll be sick and nauseated tomorrow; besides, it may salivate you, while if you take Dodson's Liver-Tone you will wake up feeling great, full of ambition and ready for work or play. It's harmless, pleasant and safe to give to children; they like it.—Adv.

YACHT LATONA BURNED TO THE WATER'S EDGE

(Special to The News and Observer.) Washington, N. C., Jan. 10.—A report is received here from Belhaven stating that the steam yacht Latona, owned by G. W. Seils, of New York City, has been burned to the water's edge Monday night while on her way to Florida from New York.

The cause of the fire is not known. The owner, his family, a few friends and the crew managed to lower the boats and left the vessel before she finally sank. The fire was discovered shortly after nine o'clock Monday night, having started up forward. It had gained considerable headway when the alarm was given. Every one on board joined in fighting the flames, but they were slowly driven back to the stern of the craft. Finally, when it was found that there was no hope of saving the vessel, the crew and passengers took to the three small boats, saving only a few articles of value. From a distance of a quarter of a mile, they watched the Latona burn to the edge. There was a final explosion before she dove under the waves.

Mr. Seils states that the yacht was worth \$25,000. She was partly insured. He and his party will return to New York from here.

CHANCES ARE THAT ALASKA WILL BE MADE BONE DRY

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 10.—At a hearing on a drastic prohibition bill for Alaska before the House Territories Committee, it was developed that there are 325 retail liquor dealers and six brewers in the territory.

ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE KILLED AS EXAMPLE

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 10.—A striking act of courage and self-sacrifice was recently recorded by the biographer of Lieutenant-Colonel Patrice Mahon. "Allowing himself to be killed resting on his esonno in order to give an example and to prevent a precipitate retreat," reads the order of the day crediting him for his heroism. Four other officers imitated his example: Captain Duvillot, now prisoner, wounded and his right hand amputated, and Lieutenants Roger, Michel and Nyegard, all three reported disappeared. The pass of Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines was the scene of the death of Mahon. Twice before he had tried to save the pass, first on asking to go there personally where he should have remained, at Saules with the general staff. Then, while leading his troops who, surprised by a frightful attack, had retired in disorder, he succeeded momentarily in bringing them back in a counter-attack. Another time French infantrymen composed principally of reservists, were confronted by host enemy attack; they were obliged to fall back in disorder, the ground being impossible to hold. Mahon, however, did not lose his coolness. Dismounting from his horse proudly, crossing his arms, he placed himself before one of his guns facing the enemy, there waiting until he was killed. He lies between French and German lines and, despite of continual danger, a number of officers have vainly tried to recover his body.

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reasoning, felicity of illustration, and happy gift of epigram, all dashed with a delightful literary flavor, that mark the master of assemblies. By these tokens his people have come to know and appraise him. And knowing him thus, they have entrusted to him the keeping of their State, with the restful conviction that "whosoever believeth in him shall not be ashamed."

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and, whenever they did not square, to start again to rebuild patiently the theory or to make more accurate the application. Hence in his law practice and in his public life he tries an assumption before he relies on it. An hypothesis or a proposition, no matter how attractive at first sight, is unsatisfactory to his habit of thought until he is reasonably sure that the one or the other will not break down at the first imposition of weight. A man with this turn of thought is a safe counsellor and a prudent officer.

"Moreover Gardner with his fine presence, resonant voice, and ease and conciseness of manner is a speaker of charm and persuasiveness. I think that, careful as you are, you can safely trust him to honor the office rather than to be honored by it."

It is difficult to add anything to this accurate estimate of a forceful man. His career so far justifies the belief that with him past honors are only incentives to future usefulness. He thinks temperately, yet actively. He is progressive but not precipitate. He has broad visions of what a State needs and is glad to join hands with high and low in realizing those visions. He knows the value of spending freely when spending is necessary to growth, but he also realizes that thrift in a State as in a family is the mother of riches. He believes that North Carolina is now just fairly entering the portals of economic and intellectual achievement, and he is determined to open those doors wide to every citizen and to every industry. Few men of his age have had equal opportunities to see the needs of the State and no man is more ready and willing to aid, justly, wisely and comprehensively, in supplying these needs.

Raleigh, N. C.

Relief Agent Quits His Post.

(Special to The News and Observer.) Norfolk, Jan. 10.—Frederick Jackson Williams, who was working as relief agent for the Seaboard Air Line Railroad at Paschall, ten miles north of here, left his post Friday night without giving any notice and is supposed to have carried with him something over one hundred dollars and a lot of whiskey that belonged to the Southern Express Company and the railroad.

Enfield Defeats Red Oak.

(Special to The News and Observer.) Enfield, Jan. 10.—The young ladies of the Enfield High School basketball team defeated the Red Oak High School team here yesterday afternoon by a score of forty-four to two. The Red Oak team failed to score a single field goal. The next game between these schools will be played on the Red Oak grounds.

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