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BRYAN PASSES OFF THE WORLD'S STAGE

Died Suddenly at Dayton Tenn. While Taking Afternoon Nap—Was Planning Campaign Against Evolution.

Dayton, Tenn., July 26. (AP)—William Jennings Bryan known the world over for his eloquence died here this afternoon.

The end came while the great orator was asleep and was attributed by his physicians to apoplexy. He had retired to his room shortly after eating a large dinner to take a short rest. Mrs. Bryan sent the family chauffeur, Jim McCartney, to wake him about 4:30 and it was later determined that he was dead.

Dr. W. F. Thomssen and Dr. A. C. Peoples, who examined the body, expressed the opinion Mr. Bryan had died between thirty and forty-five minutes before they arrived.

The death occurred in the residence of Richard Rogers which had been assigned to the Bryans during their stay here.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed late tonight, but Mrs. Bryan intimated that interment would be in Arlington cemetery. Mr. Bryan, who was the colonel of the third Nebraska volunteers during the Spanish American war, on several occasions had expressed a desire to be buried in Arlington.

Mr. Bryan's death came on the eve of another crusade he had planned to carry before the American people—a battle against modernism. He returned to Dayton this morning after having made addresses yesterday at Jasper and Winchester, Tenn., and after having completed arrangements for the early publication of the speech he was to have made in closing the trial of John T. Scopes who was recently found guilty of violating Tennessee's anti-evolution law.

Despite the strenuous program Bryan had been following as a member of the prosecution staff in the Scopes case and as leader of the fundamentalists, he appeared in excellent health.

Shortly before Mr. Bryan entered his room to rest he told his wife he had never felt better in his life and was ready to go before the court to wage his fight in behalf of fundamentalism.

About 4:30 o'clock, Mrs. Bryan said she felt her husband had slept long enough, so she sent the chauffeur, who also was his personal attendant, to wake him. McCartney, the chauffeur, shook Mr. Bryan before he noticed the latter was breathing. The physicians and Dr. Andrews, a neighbor then were called hurriedly.

Bryan was sitting on the sofa when her husband passed away. Efforts are being made to locate the son, William Jennings Bryan, Jr., who is in California, also the daughter, who resides in California. Bryan was preparing to leave for the next day or so for Idaho where she expected to spend the summer with her son, Mr. Bryan was here Dayton on Tuesday for Knoxville where he would deliver two lectures, then go to Nashville for a similar engagement before going to California. He expected to join Mrs. Bryan in the fall.

Bryan was in Chattanooga Monday morning, after having spent the night at the Ross hotel, en route to Winchester. He arrived Saturday evening at 3:30 from Winchester where he had spoken twice during the day. His first speech Saturday afternoon at Jasper, Tenn., followed an address at noon to the Chamber of Commerce in Winchester.

Bryan was taken to Dayton Sunday morning by A. W. Lessly, owner of the hotel, and they reached Dayton about 9:30 a.m. Mr. Bryan was at home during the morning and made arrangements for the funeral to be delivered at the court house in Dayton tomorrow night. The engagement of importance was at the Hotel Aqua tomorrow at 6:30 o'clock, when he would speak with the Progressive Dayton

BENNETT NEWS LETTER

Bennett, July 27th —A big day was pulled off here Saturday, it being the sale day of the Forkner Hotel property. At least fifteen hundred attended the sales. In fact, the people had an enjoyable gathering together. The hotel property was bid off by Mr. S. G. Rudd, of Greensboro. We learned that he will come here and run the hotel, if the sale is confirmed. The prizes drawn by the lucky members, were: P. C. Brady of Bennett, presented the twenty-five dollar silk dress. Miss Dorothy Phillips, of Siler City received the wrist watch. Mr. Dan Stokes' son received the rifle. While it seems that money is a little tight, the hotel property was bid off at four thousand dollars.

The baseball team here defeated Gulf yesterday score eight to two. The locals let the visiting team score the two runs by an error in the last inning. Our boys will play some other team here on Saturday.

While the dry weather through out this vicinity has checked the growth of corn it is holding its color very well though they won't be as good a crop as was expected. We have had a few good showers of rain the past week. Mr. J. E. Jones reports that the small grain that he threshed on his usual round was about one third less this year than last. Last year he threshed over ten thousand bushels; this year six thousand five hundred bushels, the largest yields reported by Mr. Jones are: Mr. Jim Hill 371 bushels, C. R. Jones 134, J. A. Brady, 185, J. E. Jones 441; all parties mentioned had both wheat and oats.

Cross ties and lumber are being put on the local market in very large quantities this summer. There are now about thirty cars of ties here ready to be shipped. The merchants trade begins to pick up and all seem to be very well satisfied.

AMBASSADOR CANCELS VISIT

Tokyo, July 29.—(AP)—Edgar Addison Bancroft, American Ambassador to Japan, died this (Wednesday morning) at Karuizawa.

Ambassador Bancroft was taken ill at Karuizawa, a popular mountain resort in central Japan where he was spending the summer about three weeks ago. At first it was thought he was suffering from indigestion, but his trouble was diagnosed as a small duodenal ulcer.

About Route 75

Asheboro Courier. It is understood that contract for the completion of that part of Route 75 from Asheboro to Lexington will be let in the fall or winter, that this route is not in the list of contracts to be let this summer. What the people interested in the route want, however, in the immediate letting of the contract so as to provide a central highway across North Carolina.

Bryan's Funeral

A simple funeral service was held for Mr. Bryan at Dayton, Tenn., where he died. The principal service will be held in Washington City, Friday. The sermon will be preached by Doctor Sizoo, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian church. The body was taken to Washington Tuesday, where it has lain in state and been viewed by throngs.

Funeral and lay plans for the Bryan college movement which was to be definitely launched with the diocesan meeting tomorrow night.

He had planned to leave Tuesday morning for Knoxville. The town was shocked by the tragedy and within five minutes after the doctors' examination revealed that Mr. Bryan was dead, the streets near the home were thronged with people, Mrs. Bryan is said to be entirely composed, and is bearing up wonderfully under the terrible blow.

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OUR BRICK HAVEN LETTER

Miss Utley Says Frequency of Appendicitis Alarming — Suggests Study of it Worthy Objective for Young Medicoes.

Brick Haven, July 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, of Carthage, are visiting their son, who lives here, Mr. O. C. Kennedy. They will also visit their daughter, Mrs. W. O. Mills here before returning to their home.

Rev. Mr. Stanfield, of Jonesboro, who conducted revival services at Memphis Methodist church last Sunday, visited in the home of Mr. C. H. Thompson Tuesday and Wednesday. He attended the Masonic meeting at the Moncure lodge Tuesday evening Inspiration and enthusiasm always accompany Mr. Stanfield and his visits are eagerly welcomed.

Mr. C. S. Harrington and children Grace and Charles, spent Saturday and Sunday at Graham as the guests of Mrs. W. B. Green.

A series of services will begin at Buckhorn Methodist Church next Sunday afternoon. The annual revival is always the first week in August. It has not been announced whether the pastor, Rev. Mr. Duvall, will conduct the services or whether he will be an assistant.

The Avent family reunion will also be held at the church on Saturday. Everyone who wishes to attend this reunion is cordially invited to do so. Well-to-do farmers, successful business men, college teachers, in fact, representatives of practically all the professions from the successful home maker to the gifted musician will be found in this gathering, for the Avent family is a talented and distinguished family in many respects, and all who are so fortunate as to present will enjoy the day.

Mrs. J. W. Utley and Misses Anne and Hilda Utley spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Mary Marks, whose daughter, Mrs. W. R. Marks was carried to Mary Elizabeth Hospital on Friday night for an appendicitis operation. The last news was that Mrs. Marks was doing nicely.

Miss Elizabeth Stephenson, of who we wrote in last week's items is still seriously ill. The number of appendicitis patients in this and the surrounding communities for the last few months is alarming to say the least. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. It seems there is a great opportunity for the medical student who takes his profession seriously and is desirous of serving mankind to make a special study of this particular disease, its causes and preventive. Naturally everyone expects his physician to be able to help him in sickness, and the faith and confidence that people as a rule have in their physicians is touching. May the doctors everywhere have a divine conception of this confidence and of the great service that they may render humanity. May the day never dawn when this most useful, most helpful of professions, loses its ideals of service and becomes mercenary, as so many of the professions seem to have become and as so many individuals seem to be.

The officers, teachers, and assistant teachers and teachers of the Brick Haven Sunday School are asked to meet with Mrs. Kennedy at 8 o'clock.

Mr. J. C. Seawell, accompanied by his sister, Miss Bertie Seawell, of Raleigh, spent the weekend near Carthage. Miss Mary McIntosh, Miss Nell Yarbrough, of Sanford, are spending a few days here with Mrs. C. H. Thompson.

Oscar Turlington, a Sampson county farmer, files a voluntary petition of bankruptcy, giving his assets at \$2,110 and his liabilities at \$11,342.70. The question is how did Oscar manage to get all that credit?

LOWER CAPE FEAR SCHOOL PROBLEM UP

Batch of News Items from Corinth—Some Food for Thought.

Corinth, July 27.—Mr. E. V. Dickens and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Horton and Mrs. Penny spent last Sunday at Lakeview.

Mrs. Ollie Penny, of Duncan, spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilden, of Mount Gilead, are spending a few days at Mr. S. W. Harrington's.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Dickens, of Raleigh, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Dickens. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cross were out from Raleigh Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wilson have a baby at their house. It arrived on last Thursday.

Mrs. Besse Marks underwent an operation for appendicitis at Mary Elizabeth Hospital last Saturday. It is reported to be getting along all right.

We are glad to report Miss Elizabeth Stephenson is out of danger as a result of an operation at Mary Elizabeth Hospital last Sunday. In a day or so now she will be allowed to see a few friends and visitors. We hope our young people who can, will call to see Elizabeth. She likes company and it will help her to while away the weary hours.

W. H. Cross, Jr., drove in to camp one day last week with a new Ford.

Another of those gully washers swooped down on us at Buckhorn on last Saturday, and the ground is moist again. It will do much good but crops have already dried up and will not revive.

The School Problem

The school problem in lower Cape Fear will come up again on next first Monday, August 3, at Pittsboro. At least the board has promised to say whether or not they consider our school consolidation election last year legal. Mr. Barber, who represented the signers of the petition calling for the school election, contends that in all fairness and good faith the will of the people as expressed in the school election, should be carried out. Mr. Bell attorney for the school board contends that the elections as carried does not comply with our state school laws, and can be contested in court by any taxpayer and the contest be successfully sustained by the higher courts and be declared not legal.

We do not believe that any one plan that can be offered that'll suit all concerned. We do not think that any more elections will clarify the situation. Least of all do we believe that allowing the matter to get into the courts should ever be considered by either side. We know that the county unit plan in this state is coming just as sure as death and taxes. It is a progressive, forward movement and North Carolina is a progressive and forward moving state. The schools have got to grow along with other institutions. The county-wide plan has been proposed and minutely worked out in Chatham County. It hits some of us hard just now but it has an end in view that is as far above the present obsolete, fast failing system as the heavens are above the earth.

We cannot blame the individual communities for waiting to develop their own particular centers if they can, we admire their efforts, but the time has come—is now here upon us—when the small community interests will have to give way to a larger and more comprehensive plan. In other words some of us are going to have to give up something. It may be you or it may be I. Now, let's all that are interested be on hand Monday, August 3, state briefly our side of the problem, and say to the board you have heard our plea; you be the jury, and we'll abide by your verdict. What do you say?

Food for Thought

Two great minds clashed last week in a heated argument over God and

Prohibition Officers Seize \$250,000 Ship.

NEW YORK, July 28.—(AP)—The government blockade off the Atlantic coast has been run by the largest liquor laden vessel ever seized in New York harbor. Champagne, whiskey and cordials valued at \$250,000 were landed and gobbled up by bootleggers before customs officials knew what was happening. When they arrived at the busy dock at Dykman street, on the Hudson River early yesterday morning, they found the 2,000 ton steamer Augusta empty except for fifteen bottles of liquor in the officer's quarters. The crew was lolling about the deck in kid gloves. Acting Captain Charles Wilson and twenty four men were arrested. The ship, a \$250,000 twin screw freighter, was seized.

Howard Barnes, assistant solicitor to the collector of the port, said Wilson should haul down the American flag and hoist the black banner of the pirate. The ship had no custom papers; none of the officers had a license; no log was kept and there were no ship's articles giving the names of the crew.

While the cutter towed the ship to anchorage off the statue of liberty the helmsman fouled the wheel in an attempt to beach the vessel off Hoboken, N. J. The cutter's captain, detecting something wrong, swung so sharply towards the middle of the river that the Augusta listed to an angle of 40 degrees. Customs officials described the landing of the 2,500 cases of liquor as the most daring rum running feat in the history of prohibition enforcement. Two weeks ago they were tipped off that the Augusta had taken on its liquor cargo from a vessel eight miles off New Orleans and was headed for New York.

Sold to Retailers

Despite precautions the Augusta slipped by the scores of coast guard ships through the busy harbor and transferred the cargo to an unidentified lighter and sold the liquor to retailers.

At the court of inquiry conducted by Mr. Barnes aboard ship, Captain Wilson admitted selling the cargo. Tally slips found aboard confirmed his story. Other papers found showed that Augusta had been chartered from A. M. Aversole, Miami, Fla., by James V. Williams and Son, for 50 per cent of the profits. The Augusta was a freighter engaged in a coastwise trade. She is the second coastwise ship seized in a month. Custom officials indicated that the seizure might result in the establishment of a custom inspection service for coastwise vessels which are now free from it.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS

There will be services at the Episcopal church next Sunday August 2, at 11 o'clock in the morning and in the evening at eight o'clock. The members are reminded that the Communion service will be given at the morning hour.

The rector will get a short rest during the month of August with during the month of August with a few days spent at Buffalo Springs, and probably a short period in the mountains.

spiritual matters, One fearlessly expounded his belief, in God. The other openly and publicly refused to accept belief in any such Deity. Sunday afternoon the one passed quietly and peacefully from earth to meet his God, and we suppose that the other is still standing out against God and in future life Death could just as easily have claimed Clarence Darrow as it did William Jennings Bryan. If Bryan does not come face to face with his God as he literally believed he would do, there can be no such place as hell for him and he has nothing to be ashamed of or to lose. If Darrow had been called to face a God that he had denied and if there is a hell who can picture the extremity of his soul.

FROM UPPER CAPE FEAR

New Hill Rt. 2, July 27.—SCLarence Holt had a severe attack of appendicitis last week but we are glad to know he is improving.

Messrs Pynum, Glenn and Raymond Tysinger, Vance Harris and Roby Seaford spent the week-end at their home near Lexington.

Messrs F. L. Robbins and Gey Poole were recent visitors to Asheboro.

The Bell's baseball nine and New Hope had gathered at the latter's diamond on Saturday afternoon for game but the welcome rain stopped the game.

There will be an all-day children's exercise at New Elam church the first Sunday in August or rather Children's exercises in the morning and singing in the afternoon. Two choirs have been invited to sing Mount Gilead and Gum Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Webster had as their guests Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Barnes, Mrs. D. H. Williams and James Houst, of Clayton, and Mrs. Addie Webster.

Mrs. W. A. Drake spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Bettie Thomas, on Pittsboro Route 1.

him on many questions but always Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Walker spent Sunday in Pittsboro with Mr. and Mrs. Bright.

Messrs. E. H. and B. C. Holt, K. B. Riddle and Tavisce Jones motored to Chapel Hill Sunday to hear Rev. B. J. Howard, the former pastor of New Elam church, now pastor of Chapel Hill Christian church.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Gardner, Hurley and Nellie Gardner, and Alice Hodges motored to Duncan Sunday to visit their relatives.

Miss Hilda Lasater was a recent guest of relatives and friends in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lasater and children of Durham spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lasater.

Mrs. Willie Seagroves who has been taking treatment from Dr. Brown at Sanford is slowly improving.

BROWNS CHAPEL

Dr. P. W. Lutterloh returned to his home in Arkansas after spending a week with his mother Mrs. C. W. Lutterloh who has been on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. John Goodwin and children spent last week with relatives at Seaford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey and children, of Burlington, spent last Sunday with Mrs. Bailey's father, Mr. J. J. Thomas.

Misses Lilia and Annie Mann, and brother, Leaton attended the party at the home of Miss Ollie Ivey at Snow Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Durham and children, Junius, Jerome and Catherine, were dinner guests, of Mr. and Mrs. Avon Perry, Sunday.

Several men near Browns Chapel belonging to the Junior Order of Manndale attended the funeral service of Mr. Jim Johnson at Mount Pleasant Sunday. Mr. Johnson ran a black smith shop near Baldwin's mill several years.

Miss Hortense Mann spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents accompanied home by Adele Nance, Lillian Horn, and Hazline Cook.

Misses Walter Mann and Turner Perry and Leonie Bailey are spending a few days in Asheville, sight-seeing.

The Sunday School at Brown's Chapel spent Sunday at Lakewood Park Durham on picnic.

A jury at Lexington has awarded a verdict of \$2500 against a Talahassee Power Compy for injury caused by mosquitoes bred in the company's lake.

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