

KING EDWARD VII. DEAD.

Death Caused by Pneumonia and Bronchitis—Condolence sent from all Parts of the World—A Great Ruler and Good Man—George V. New King.

King Edward VII. of England died on Friday night May 6th from a complication of pneumonia and bronchitis. The King became unconscious late in the afternoon, but aroused once and murmured, "Well it is all over, but I think I have done my duty." He sank rapidly and died at 11:45 P. M., surrounded by the royal family. The King had been ill less than a week, and had not been considered serious three days.

Queen Alexandra is prostrated with grief, and all England in gloom. Messages of condolence have been sent by President Fallières, of France; Emperor William of Germany; King Albert, of Belgium; Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland; President Taft and King Alfonso, of Spain. Private messages have been sent by the hundreds, among others, one by Col. Roosevelt.

King Edward was the oldest son of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, and was born in Buckingham Palace, November 9, 1841. He had the titles Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, Duke of Rothesay, Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Prince of Saxony, Earl of Carrick, Earl of Dublin, Baron Renfrew, and Lord of the Isles. He had traveled extensively, having visited the United States in 1860. He became King of England at the death of his mother, Queen Victoria, in 1901, and was crowned with great ceremony at 1902. Edward VII. was a great ruler and good man loved and trusted by the English people.

Prince George of Wales, who was born in 1865, is now King of England under the title of George V.

The funeral will be attended by practically all the royalty of Europe. Col. Roosevelt will probably represent the United States.

RANDLEMAN COMMENCEMENT.

Sermon by Rev. W. R. Swain—Address by Prof. M. H. Stacy—Graduating Exercises.

The commencement exercises of the Randleman Graded School began Sunday morning with the annual sermon preached by Rev. W. E. Swain. Although the weather was very inclement a large audience was present to hear the able sermon delivered by Mr. Swain.

On Monday afternoon, the pupils of the primary grades gave their entertainment. A large and appreciative audience greeted the young scholars as they went through their very attractive program of drills, recitations and songs. Monday night the grammar grades gave a play, "The Stars and Stripes Jubilee." Those who came with a keen anticipation of enjoyment were in no wise disappointed, for the program was well rendered, reflecting credit on those having it in charge and those taking part.

Tuesday was commencement day and seven of the scholars graduated. The address was delivered by Prof. M. H. Stacy, of Chapel Hill and it was a gem.

This closes one of the most successful years in our school history. Supt. Robertson and his corps of efficient assistants have done excellent work. At a recent meeting of the School Board, the entire faculty was re-elected for the coming year.

Graduates and Essays.

The following essays were read: Clara Hayes—Builders, Joseph Daniel Wall—Our Inheritance as North Carolinians, Song—"The Old North State," Thomas Carl Bostick—Southern Home Life Before the War, Robert Lindsay Fields—American Patriotism, Song—"America," Literary Address—Prof. M. H. Stacy.

The following essays were not read: Otis Bell Neighbors—Twentieth Century Slavery, Ila Luella Neighbors—Significant Development in Merchant of Venice, Annie B. Cummings—Mile Stones in The Life of Caesar.

Presentation of Certificates of Attendance, Presentations of Scholarship Prizes—Mr. W. F. Talley, Presentation of Diplomas—By the Superintendent, Announcements.

Music was furnished by the Randleman Brass Band.

CONTEST CLOSING

Special Prizes Announced—Prizes To Clubmembers—List of Grand Prizes.

The special May prizes, which will be given to the three persons sending in the largest lists of subscribers during this month, and which is open to any one whether one of the contestants or not, are as follows:

1st prize, one set of silver knives and forks.

2nd prize, one set of silver table-spoons.

3rd prize, one set of silver tea-spoons.

The above special prizes will be given to the three persons who send in the largest number of subscribers during the balance of this month. In addition to these special prizes we want to call the attention of everyone to the prizes which are offered to Club Members. These of different prizes are all valuable and useful and are given for from six to seventy subscriptions. This offer is for Club Members only, and we want you to secure every subscription possible to get, you must do this before the 31st of May to secure any of these valuable prizes. Our Great Popularity Contest also gives this month and we are printing below a list of the grand prizes. Some of the contestants will win these prizes with one or two exceptions, all of you have about equal chances and by working hard this month you may be able to win one of the grand prizes:

LIST OF PRIZES.

First prize, a \$500.00 Piano.

Second prize, Victor Typewriter.

Third prize, a beautiful Sewing Machine.

Fourth prize, a beautiful Bicycle.

Fifth prize, a "Motor Car."

Sixth prize, a pair of gold watches.

Below is a list of the contestants with their respective votes as of yesterday, May 11th. See how many votes you can add to yours during the next three or four days.

LIST OF CONTESTANTS.

Miss Melodee Yea, Central Falls	10413
Mrs. A. B. Collins, Elmore	51445
Miss Mary Wall, Elmore	25144
Miss Lora Cameron, Liberty	15094
Miss Bessie Shambarger, Hillsboro	10545
Miss Nellie Jordan, Trinity	8031
Miss Bessie Farmer, Randleman	7132
Miss Maud Curtis, Randleman	6501
Miss Elsie Presnell, Michfield	7419
Miss Lora Cole, Danne	9151
Miss Maud Johnson, Womble	6376
Miss Alice Burgess, Ramoth	4001
Miss Bertha Luck, Seagrave, Route 2	3701
Miss Maud Miller, Pullen, Route 1	2592
Miss Maud Foushee, Slater	2200
Miss Stella Kelly, Troy	2500
Miss Maggie Albersan, Trinity	2220
Miss Emma Pierce, Seagrave	2000
Miss Elsie Harrell, Abner	3002
Miss Mary Stuart, Franklinville	1800
Miss Cora Vancannon, Seagrave	1502
Miss Ida Cox, Raleigh	1201
Miss Mella Frazier, Franklinville	951
Miss Myrtle Pugh, Asheboro, Route 1	2000
Miss Lydia Lassiter, Lassiter	613
Miss Linnie Correll, Farmer	418
Miss Mamie Ellis, Millboro	400

Notice of Convention to Nominate County Officers.

The Democratic Convention for Randolph county, to nominate candidates for the general assembly and for the various county offices, is called to meet in the courthouse in Asheboro on Saturday, August 6th, 1910, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The primaries are called to meet at the various voting precincts on Saturday, July 30th, 1910, at 3 o'clock p. m., and instruct for such nominees as they may desire, and to send delegates to the County Convention; and also to nominate justices of the peace and constables. Every Democrat is urged to attend the primary and vote for the men of his choice.

By order of the committee.
W. J. Miller,
Chairman.
This May 4th, 1910.

Precinct Meetings and County Convention.

In pursuance to the rules and regulation adopted by the State Democratic Executive Committee, the precinct meetings are hereby called to meet at the various voting places on Saturday, June 25th, 1910, at 3 o'clock P. M., to vote and instruct for such nominees as they may desire for Congressional, Judicial and State offices, and to elect delegates to the County Convention to be held on Saturday the 2nd day of July, 1910, at 11:30 A. M. in the courthouse at Asheboro, N. C.

The purpose of the said County Convention is to elect delegates to the Congressional, Judicial and State Convention.

Every democrat is urged to attend the precinct meeting and vote for the men of his choice.

This April, 9th, 1910.
W. J. MILLER,
County Chairman.

LEAVES FROM A COURIER REPRESENTATIVE'S NOTE BOOK.

Panama, one of the Six Republics of Central America—Geographical Situation—Climate and Rainfall—The Canal Zone, Under Jurisdiction of the United States Government—Famous Culebra Cut Through Culebra Hill.

Before going into the description of the Canal and the manners and customs of the people, it is doubtless not out of place to review our geography concerning this country upon which the eyes of the whole world are turned. Panama is one of the six republics of Central America. It is situated in the Isthmus of Panama, and therefore has a tropical climate. Temperature ranges from 72 degrees to 84 degrees. There is very little difference in the climate between summer and winter. There is a dry and rainy season, the former beginning about the first of January and lasting until the first of April. The latter lasts during the remaining eight months of the year, but we were told that the season did not stop work on account of rain. It rained for us a few hours a day, and rarely ever rains for more than two successive days. With a temperature of approximately 80 degrees and a relatively high humidity, the air is damp and muggy during parts of the rainy season, and therefore is exhausting and oppressive to those unaccustomed to tropical conditions, but it is said that the nights are always cool and comfortable. The annual rainfall varies from about 125 inches at Colon, on the Atlantic to 92 inches in Panama, and to 70 inches at Panama on the Pacific. Panama is situated almost like the head of a scythe, this was made especially noticed by looking at the map which hung on the wall in our hotel on the way down, when one ventured the statement that Panama was east of Colon. This was hard to believe, that any point on the Pacific could be east of any point on the Atlantic, was it is really so. In fact Panama is from 50 miles in the narrowest to 100 miles to the widest part, and in 100 miles long. It has an area of 30,000 square miles and a population of 300,000, besides the 40,000 people who are working on the canal.



18K. Culebra Slide West Bank Looking South. Nov 25, 1909.

The Canal Zone.

The Canal Zone is a strip of land ten miles wide, extending five miles on each side of the center line of the canal and about 50 miles long from three miles out into the Atlantic to three miles out into the Pacific. It was purchased of the Panamanian government by "Uncle Sam" for ten million dollars. The Atlantic side of the Isthmus is comparatively low and is drained by the Chagres River and its tributaries. This river, during the dry season, is no larger than Deep River in this county, but during the rainy season it is a torrential stream, rising from twenty-five to forty feet in twenty-four hours. The interior of the Isthmus is very irregular. There are numerous hills with very steep slopes and the valleys are narrow. The mountains and hills are covered with a tropical jungle. One of the hills near Culebra is 660 feet high; it is one of the highest points in the Canal Zone. Here is the famous Culebra Cut, one of the most talked-of places in the canal.

Government of the Canal Zone.

The Canal Zone is under the jurisdiction of the United States. It is governed by the President of the United States through the persons appointed by him to govern the Zone and build the canal. Colon and Panama, although situated within the ten mile belt of the Canal Zone do not belong to the United States; by special terms they were held by the government of Panama, except in the matter of sanitation. As Colon has Cristobal for a suburb, so Panama has Ancon, and the two sets of authorities work so harmoniously that they seem to be under one management. A civil government has been established in the Zone with courts and an efficiently organized police department.

Death of Ex-Sheriff Page.

Ex-Sheriff M. W. Page, of Wake county, died Friday, May 6, aged 74 years. Mr. Page was a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of his county. He was the father of Mrs. Daisy Page Walker, who was at one time a teacher in the graded school here.

To Succeed Commissioner Aycock.

On last Friday, Gov. Kitchen appointed Mr. Henry Clay Brown for eight years chief clerk to the North Carolina Corporation Commission to succeed the late B. F. Aycock. Mr. Brown was not a candidate for the position until a day or two before the appointment.

Mr. Wright Wants to be Judge.

The Salisbury Post says that Mr. R. Lee Wright, of Salisbury, will be a candidate before the convention to succeed Judge Laughlin in the tenth district. The Post says: Since he has decided to offer, enthusiastic supporters will begin immediately to present his claims to the Democratic voters of the district. Mr. Wright is one of the best known lawyers in this section of the state and has been highly successful in the practice of his profession. He has been practicing 21 years, having been admitted to the bar at the February term, 1889, and has since represented a large and lucrative practice. He represented Rowles in the Legislature in the latter house in 1904 and in the Senate in 1905. He was the author of many important bills and has a comprehensive power in shaping the legislation of the Senate.

Earthquake in Costa Rica.

On Wednesday night, May 5th, an earthquake at 10:45 P. M. shook the town of Cartago, Costa Rica, and nearly destroyed Panama and other towns. It is estimated that 1000 persons lost their lives, that 10,000 were killed, homes and property worth \$5,000,000 was destroyed by the shock.

Mrs. Peter Schumacher and daughter, Miss Lillian, of Panama, are before the court, contesting the election of Mrs. A. W. Warrick, —Daily Record.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Extravagance of Republican Administration—Attorney General Wickersham and the Railroad Bill—Other Matters.

From Tavenner, Special Correspondent to The Courier.

Since June 30th, 1907, there has been a deficit in the general funds of the government of \$190,057,887.89; so far this fiscal year, one of \$10,000,000; during the month of April, one of \$4,000,000, and during the first three days of May, the government spent \$2,302,063.81 more than it took in.

There are many illustrations of a Republican "business" administration. The money has to be made up by the government in various ways. The President, Vice President and Uncle Joe have luncheons. White House receptions are given when the play of Napoleon's court; hundreds of thousands of dollars is appropriated to keep senators in to let articles, pay expenses in attending funerals, etc. During the last eight years \$9,225 federal office holders have been added to the pay rolls of the republic at an expense of more than seventy million dollars. This item helps to explain why it is costing the Taft administration more than twice as much to run the government as it did that of Cleveland.

If the average citizen will consider that the per capita appropriation for Congress jumped from \$4 in 1890 to \$12.49 in 1909, and that the government raises the bulk of its revenue at the custom houses and internal revenue offices, he can see how the Democrats feel. The super trust has shown itself powerful enough to prevent a reform in Congress. All this shows is that the Republican has been indulged in Congress for a piece of this time, but every one of them is a Republican. President Taft is this was the attorney for the super trust and Attorney General Wickersham was formerly a law partner of the brother.

A high official of the treasury told the writer that the recent increase in the customs receipts is due largely, if not wholly, to the interruption of business while the tariff bill was in the making, and does not indicate that the new law is to be a much better revenue producer than the old. Republicans say, "Aldrich is not a candidate for re-election, and therefore is no longer an issue." Vice President Sherman intimated in a speech in St. Louis, on April 25th, that the new tariff law was bringing in so much money that it might be necessary to revise the Payne-Aldrich law.

The Democrats, assisted by a handful of progressive Republicans, have forced the administration to abandon some of the worst of the corporation serving clauses in the Railroad Bill framed by Attorney General Wickersham, after consultation with six railroad presidents. Instead of drawing a bill to protect the people, Wickersham has been charged with having attempted to take from the masses such inadequate protection as they now enjoy. It has been asserted that Wickersham was selected by President Taft in deference to the corporations of the country, but whether this is the case or not, the trusts have had no occasion to be dissatisfied with the President's choice.

President Taft complains that the progressive Republicans visit him at the White House, assure him of their great personal respect and well wishes, and then vote against his railroad bill. One of these Republicans, when questioned, said that he respected the President but that he respected the welfare of 90,000,000 people more. President Taft's definition of a good Republican is, a member of Congress will vote for legislation endorsed by the President whether said Congressman believes the legislation would be for the good of the country or not.

The report that Roosevelt had written letters to President Taft and others endorsing the present administration has been disproved.

The recent elections in Massachusetts and New York, in which democratic congressmen upturned huge republican majorities, have inspired the democrats all over the country, and a feeling is abroad that spells success in the fall elections.

U. S. Supreme Court Upholds State Anti-Trust Laws.

Some time ago, the Association of Retail Lumber Dealers in Mississippi and Louisiana were ordered to disband by the Supreme court of Mississippi, and the United States Supreme Court has recently upheld the decision. The Standard Oil Company, of Kentucky, has also been ousted from Tennessee by the United States Supreme Court confirming the decree of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. In 1907, the Standard and two of its agents were indicted under the Tennessee anti-trust law, but escaped punishment on the ground that they could only be ousted.

Oster proceedings were then begun by the state courts from which an appeal was taken to the United States Supreme Court, which confirmed the decrees of the lower courts.

Died in Indiana.

Mr. A. M. Moore has recently received a letter from Plainfield, Indiana, telling of the death in April of Mrs. Carolina Meredith, of paralysis. Mrs. Meredith was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, more than eighty years ago and removed to Indiana with her husband, Mr. Elkanah Meredith about forty years ago. Her husband was a brother of Mrs. A. M. Moore, and she has many friends in Guilford, Randolph and Davidson counties.