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Death of Dr. R. E. Zachary.

Sad and Unexpected Ending of a Young and Useful Life.

The train Wednesday evening of last week brought to Brevard the mortal remains of Dr. Robert Edgar Zachary of Wilmington, N. C. Ed was one of the fourteen children of Jonathan and Mrs. A. E. Zachary of the Toxaway section, and was raised on their beautiful and productive farm in the French Broad Valley.

The immediate cause of his death was peritonitis. He was operated on at the James Walker Memorial Hospital on Tuesday for appendicitis. The disease had reached a dangerous stage before the operation was performed and soon after the operation peritonitis set in.

The following sketch of his life is copied from the Wilmington Messenger of Sunday, the 13th.

Dr. Zachary was a young man, being only 28 years of age. He received his preparatory education in the schools adjacent to his home and his college education at the University of North Carolina, graduating from there in 1895 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

After finishing his college course Dr. Zachary began the study of medicine at the University Medical School and remained there until the spring of 1897, when by competitive examination he won the appointment as resident physician at the city hospital at Wilmington.

Dr. Zachary was a diligent student when in college and stood high in his classes. No one who has gone before the State Board of Medical Examiners in recent years has made a higher mark than did Dr. Zachary. The appointment of resident physician at the Wilmington city hospital was to be given to the student who stood the best examination in anatomy. Mr. Zachary made "one," which was the highest grade, and was accordingly given the position.

He came to Wilmington in July, 1897, and began his duties as resident physician at the city hospital. He filled this position for about eighteen months. After giving up the position as resident physician, Dr. Zachary began the practice of medicine in this city. It was only a short time before he had won a number of friends and as time passed his circle of friends became wider and wider.

Dr. Zachary had a quiet, gentle way about him which caused those who came in contact with him to at once become his friends. Although his manner was gentle, he had a strong will, and when he determined upon a certain course he accomplished his purpose.

When in college his demeanor was always modest and dignified, and his college mates always had the highest respect for him.

The Charlotte Observer of Monday, 14th inst., contained the following notice of the funeral:

Wilmington, March 13.—The funeral of the late Dr. Robert Edgar Zachary, whose death was chronicled in this morning's Observer, was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon in St. James' Episcopal church, to which the young physician belonged. Members of the Wilmington Lodge of Elks, Hanover Lodge of Odd Fellows and Jeff Davis Council Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of which he was a member, assembled at their respective lodge rooms and attended the

services in a body. Accompanied by the young man's brother, W. W. Zachary, Esq., of Brevard, and his brother-in-law, Rev. T. F. Marr, of Charlotte, who was with him when he died, the remains were taken on the 3 o'clock train this afternoon to the family burying grounds in Transylvania county for interment there Tuesday. At Charlotte the party will be joined by a sister of the young man, Miss S. L. Zachary, a student of Elizabeth College and other members of the family. Dr. Zachary was held in the highest esteem here and the entire community mourns his loss. Within a few years he has built up a very large practice and was rapidly forging his way to the front rank of his profession in the city.

The floral offerings which accompanied the remains were the most extensive and beautiful ever seen in this section.

The funeral at his old home was conducted by Rev. C. P. Moore, of Brevard, assisted by Rev. Brown, and a large gathering of his old home friends were present to participate in the last sad rites. His aged mother and numerous relatives have the sincere sympathy of the News in their sudden and unexpected affliction.

Keeps Importers Guessing.

"How old is Ann?" is easy when compared with that crazy quilt patchwork puzzle, the Dingley bill, whose different patches, or rates of duty, were designed by a thousand different manufacturers and were simply pieced together by Congressman Dingley. Dingley, however, still further raised the rates so as to have a "trading margin" that would leave the trusts plenty of protection after we had swapped tariffs with numerous foreign countries, according to the original reciprocity plan. The manufacturers, after making the rates as high as they dared, had inserted blind paragraphs, "basket" clauses, etc., to fool the uninitiated and to force the rates on many articles much higher than congress intended.

In this way, by compelling new and unexpected classifications, the rates on scores of articles have been forced up. Hundreds of importers are kept guessing by this Dingley puzzle.

The pearl importers have recently had the rate of duty forced up from 20 to 60 per cent, and this, too, after the goods had been imported at the lower rate and sold on that basis. The United States circuit court decided on Jan. 19 that pearls imported in a box and arranged in graduating sizes should be classified as jewelry and pay a duty of 60 per cent. The same pearls on a paper would have the same value, but would pay only 20 per cent duty. This difference cost one importing firm \$50,000 in one year.

The Curse of Poverty.

In the court that dismissed Senator Dietrich on a technicality a young man who broke into a postoffice and stole 30 pennies and \$9 worth of stamps was sentenced to three years in the federal penitentiary, while an employee in the Omaha postoffice who stole \$2,029 was let off with a fine of \$2,000, or \$29 less than the amount of his stealings. And yet there are those who complain because there is an apparent growth of popular distrust of the courts.—Commoner.

Depew Sounds "Keynote."

The promise of some of the Republican leaders to their constituents that the tariff will be revised after the election does not seem to have any chance of realization. Such talk is evidently merely to quiet those Republican voters who have become restive under high trust prices and declining incomes. Senator Depew of New York was put forward by his political associates to "sound the keynote" of the coming campaign to the association of Republican editors who lately met in the city of Washington. He echoed the cry of "Stand pat on the tariff without any qualifications!" "We accept the phrase with all that it means," said Senator Depew.

The samovar now seems inclined to call the teapot black.

SECRETARY SHAW ASSAILED.

A Republican Says His Statements Are "Miserable Untruths."

The report given out from Republican sources that Secretary Shaw is soon to retire from the cabinet should be true if the charges made by General H. H. Thomas are substantiated. He accuses Secretary Shaw of violations of the civil service law and of playing politics in his (Thomas') removal from the office of appraiser of the port of Chicago. In a letter to Secretary Shaw General Thomas says:

"On the 17th of December last you wrote, ostensibly by direction of the president, requesting my immediate resignation on the pretext of 'secretement of more vigorous administration.' Had you stopped there I might have had some respect for you, but you evidently thought a little taffy would sweeten the bitter dose, so you told me the resignation was not wanted for the purpose of giving somebody a place and that 'there was no politics in it.' I will not characterize the statements as lies, for that might be construed as unparliamentary, but I will say they are miserable untruths, and you knew them to be and must have known that I knew them to be. Had not you agreed with Senator Hopkins in August to appoint Hoy and haven't you carried out the contract?"

"But I have other and more serious charges to prefer against you. The Republican party prides itself upon its devotion to the civil service law, and you have sworn to enforce that as well as other laws. Let us see the performance. In April last there occurred a vacancy in the tobacco examiner's office which carried a salary of \$1,800. There being no eligibles to select from, you appointed Mr. Lahann for a thirty days' term at \$10 per day. You reappointed him each month until Sept. 2, when a competitive examination was held, in which he participated and failed to pass. A half dozen applicants did pass and some of them well up in the nineties, and the law made it one of your duties to appoint one of the three highest, but you set aside the law and have appointed Lahann five times since."

Secretary Shaw has appointed, in place of General Thomas, Luman I. Hoy, who was manager of the campaign which resulted in the election of A. J. Hopkins to the United States senate, so it seems that one charge is proved, for there certainly is "politics in it."

TIPS FOR CORTELYOU.

He Can Catch a Big String of Trusts if He Will Fish in Earnest.

Secretary Cortelyou is at the head of the new department of commerce, whose bureau of industries has been trying so hard for a whole year to find a bad trust. If such a trust is found the life is to be frightened out of it by publishing the facts in regard to its crookedness.

Although Mr. Cortelyou has frequently been told where to fish if he wants to catch a big string of trusts, yet there is no evidence that he has as yet got a nibble. His patience must be nearly exhausted. The trade and commercial papers and journals are filled with information about old and new trusts, many of which are of the most obnoxious type.

The Iron Age of Feb. 4 is filled with such information. Thus, the manufacturers of axes have just formed a new trust, which at one jump advanced the prices of axes \$1 a dozen. The hatchet manufacturers have behaved in a similar way. "Their organization," says the Iron Age, "is a strong one, regulating prices and production, and in its general features resembles the Shovel association."

The ax, hatchet and shovel trusts, when they put up prices from 25 to 100 per cent, are most obnoxious to farmers, carpenters and others. They should be ferreted out and held up to public scorn. Then, if publicity doesn't make them ashamed of themselves and cause them to mend their wicked ways, perhaps it will occur to some bright member of President Roosevelt's official household to take away the tariff that protects these pestiferous trusts.

Mr. Cortelyou may remember the story of the bad boys up in the tree stealing apples who laughed at the farmer while he tried to drive them out by throwing tufts of grass at them, but who changed their tunes and ran away when he began to throw stones. That farmer was not such an everlasting chump after all.—B. W. H.

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