

VANCE'S GRAVE.

"A Wilmingtonian who recently made a trip to Asheville, visited Senator Zeb B. Vance's grave while there. He says there is not a stone or slab to mark the grave and that there is nothing about it to denote that the great North Carolinian lies buried there."

Alas! How sad! People who raise no monuments to their illustrious dead, deserve to have no great men who "write their history in a nation's eyes." Zeb Vance, as we all so lovingly knew him, a son of North Carolina who loved the Old North State with patriotic fervor, who loved her for her very imperfections, who heaped honors upon her wherever he served her, is buried like a dog in Asheville and from the scrap that heads this article, "no stone or slab" marks his honored dust.

Why is this? Our people are devoted to the living sons of the State, but oh! how soon are they forgotten and neglected when dead. The lesson of a monument to distinguished merit or patriotism, is read of all men. It was Caesar, we believe, who could not sleep after seeing the bust of Plato in the public halls of Rome.

France, of all the nations builds most monuments to its distinguished dead, and it has filled the trump of fame in the world's history.

England, our glorious mother, builds monuments without number, and the lessons of her monuments are mute monitors of patriotism and duty. The silent lesson of Nelson's monument in the public square in London with its epigrammatic inscription—"England expects every man to do his duty"—has nerved the hearts of unknown Britons to deeds of honor and duty.

Vance had the love and homage of Carolinians while he lived, in unstinted measure, but dead, he is almost forgotten. That love he had while living he returned with a liberal heart and hand.

We recall an incident of a speech made in this town in the vigor of his mature manhood. The Senate had appointed a committee to investigate the causes of the negro exodus from the Southern States to Kansas, hoping to add fresh fuel to the indignation of the North against the South. Vance was on the committee. An old negro man from North Carolina was on the witness stand. He was returning to his old home. Vance was examining him. He enquired of him how he liked Kansas. Oh, mighty well, sur. Why is it, then, that you are returning to North Carolina, asked Vance. "Well, I tell you mass boss. Things out there had an onwelcome look." And then in his familiar way he described the old, worn, waste places of the State and said, homely as they were he loved them all the same.

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LET US MORALIZE.

"A firm faith, the best divinity; a good life, the best philosophy; a clear conscience, the best law; honesty, the best policy; and temperance, the best physic."

We thank some brother on his tripod for starting on its press rounds the above words of wisdom, and causing us pause to look upon the "apples of gold in pictures of silver," or is it "apples of silver in pictures of gold," which? We are not much given to sermonizing in these times of trial to men's souls and bodies, but we will join the ranks of the preachers for a brief space while we address ourselves to these golden or silver apples in silver or golden pictures.

Firstly, faith, which is the foundation stone of the christian fabric, without which the

system is vain and our works worthless. Faith, hope and charity are the pillars of the gospel, and altho the apostle tells us that the "greatest of these is charity," yet faith is put in the fore-front of the enumeration. Faith can move mountains, says the inspired declaration. Faith can cure diseases—is an every day practical experience, which we cannot gainsay.

Secondly, a good life, which is not only the best philosophy, but the best road to comfort, success and happiness. The good book assures us that a good life is better than great riches, and we believe it, altho we have not had a large share of either.

Thirdly, a clear conscience, is the best law. Yes, a clean conscience is above law. It is the veritable oil that ran down on Aaron's beard. A man with an unclean conscience is not only a bad man but a miserable man. It drives him to madness or to excruciating repentance. "Oh coward conscience how thou dost accuse me!" said Richard III, the murderer. "Conscience makes cowards of us all," said the best of profane writers.

Fourthly, honesty, is the best policy. Yes, to all classes and conditions of men. A man had better be an honest idiot than the smartest rascal that ever hooked a dishonest penny.

Fifthly and lastly, temperance, is the best physic. Yes, temperance in all things.

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EDUCATIONAL SUFFRAGE.

The Greensboro Evening Telegram, one of our most valuable exchanges, contains an editorial article in its issue of October 7th that is written with such decided ability and tallies so closely with our opinions upon the subject of "An Intelligent Suffrage," that we have selected some passages from it for reproduction, and we regret very much that we are unable to republish the entire article. Mr. C. P. Sapp, the editor, is our brother, unknown to us, we are sorry to say, but we are sure his name is no indication of his intellectual character.

Hear him in spots: Anomalous conditions must always necessitate anomalous remedies. The greatest reverence is due the political philosophy of the founders of the American Republic. That they digged deeply, laid broadly, founded wisely the structure reared upon their foundation is sufficient proof; so far as may be, there should be close adherence to the principles they enunciated—principles that the stress of great emergencies have tried and justified.

It is a basic tenet or theory of government that every citizen has an equal voice in the government. Will it be contended that as a matter of practical application, such is the case? Might not contingencies, unforeseen of Washington or Jefferson, necessitate a partial departure from this tenet? Suppose that the voting body should suddenly be swelled by the addition of thousands of voters utterly ignorant of all government and the easy prey and unresisting tools of designing politicians, would it still be the policy of wisdom to allow this body of men to wield a power they did not and could not understand? If trial should be given them and it was found that they were a constant menace to law and order and stability, should the trial be extended indefinitely? If found to be an obstacle to all progress in themselves or others should there be no effort to remove the obstacle?

This is no hypothetical case; it is a statement of southern conditions today; an epitome of a quarter of a century of southern history. The south has been patient, careful, helpful, charitable. There can be no charge of haste or indiscretion. She shouldered a responsibility, not of her own making, without a murmur; she was cast into the sea with a mill stone about her neck and to sink or swim; it has required heroic efforts to keep her head above water, but she has done so this far. But the struggle has been sufficiently prolonged. Mankind, civilization, the republic cannot justly ask her to support the dead weight one hour longer.

We believe that the time has come when this state, at least, should shake herself free from the encumbrance. Not numbers, but intelligence, probity, character, these are the elements that make a state; they are elements that support it, defend it, uphold it; they

have a right to demand that their efforts shall not be brought to naught by the ignorant and the vicious. It is the privilege, nay more, it is the duty of intelligence to take forethought for ignorance; it has the right to expect that when it has taken such forethought, it may not be rendered fruitless.

Does any one doubt that the great number of ignorant voters in this State is a menace? Then he must be a poor observer of passing events. And the remedy? Simply a refusal on the part of the State to allow any man to participate in its government who cannot give evidence of being able to do so intelligently. The man who at this day does not think enough of himself to learn to read and write, proves thereby his unwillingness to govern himself or to have any voice, however slight, in shaping the policy of his State.

Of the role of the ignorant, the vicious, the purchasable, the stupid political dupe, the State we have had enough, and more than enough. Let us have done with them at the first opportunity, once for all; have done with them and better things than the turmoil of political fights, dirty, dangerous and incessant.

GRANDFATHER'S TALES.

The Death of William Gaston.
When Judge Gaston departed this life in Raleigh, January 23, 1844, at 65 years a great man left us and Carolina was in mourning for her most distinguished son. Distinguished as his life had been, rounded, patriotic and useful, when he departed this life, nothing became him like the leaving of it. He was a grand old man, and was beckoned away at the green old age of sixty five years, full of honor, distinction, usefulness and the love and gratitude of his countrymen.

While the Supreme court of North Carolina, of which he was one of the Justices, was in session in the morning, he was attacked with giddiness in the head, with symptoms of apoplexy. The court adjourned immediately and he was taken in a carriage to his office at Mrs. Taylor's. He rallied from the attack during the evening, and at night several distinguished friends called in to see him. He talked with them and the conversation turned naturally upon the uncertainty of life and kindred religious subjects. As he became interested in the subject Judge Gaston rose up on his elbow, and then sat up in bed. He spoke on infidelity and its influence upon character, and referred to Tobias Watkins, a distinguished public officer, who was an avowed infidel and whom he had known while a member of Congress in Washington. He said he always distrusted him, and then he added: "I do not say that an infidel may not from education and high motives be an honorable man; but I dare not trust him. A belief in an all-ruling Providence, who shapes our ends and will reward us according to our deeds, is necessary. We must believe and feel that there is a God, All-wise and Almighty." As he pronounced this last word, he raised himself up in bed and fell back a lifeless corpse. A grand and dramatic close of an illustrious life.

Mr. Gaston was a great favorite in New Bern, where he had lived all his life. He was beloved for his courtesy, his kindness, his benevolence, and for his great ability and usefulness in public and private. He was the central figure in the group of distinguished men that illustrated the history of New Bern as no town in the State had been. It seemed at one time that every big man in North Carolina had been born or lived at some time in that "Athens" of the State, as the noble old town

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The negroes joined in the general distress at Judge Gaston's death. He was always their friend. He always deplored the existence of slavery in North Carolina and regarded it as "the worst evil that afflicted the Southern portion of our Confederacy" and in his famous address at the University in 1832, asked if it was too much "to hope for its ultimate extinction in North Carolina." It was by his influence in the convention of 1835, that the free negroes were not deprived of the franchise. When he was a candidate for the Legislature when the old "State House" in Raleigh was burned, and he was elected over Charles Shepard by one majority, all the free negroes voted for him.

His memory is yet green in the hearts of his countrymen and the patriotic ode written by him in a moment of inspiration—"Carolina, Carolina, Heaven's blessings attend her"—yet wakens the love of our people for the dear old State we love so well.

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U. S. Bonds to secure circulation...	12,400.00
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Real estate, mortgage and fixtures.	8,960.00
Less from National Bank (not to be repaid to us)	2,750.55
Due from app. ovcr. reserve agen s	5,057.55
Cash and other cash items	2,563.25
Notes of other National banks	800.00
Fractional paper coin, n' coins	102.11
Lawful money reserve in Cash: viz:	
Specie.....	4,345.00
Legal Tender Notes.....	290.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (9 per cent. of circulation)	562.50
Total.....	208,977.54

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund.....	9,000.00
Undivided profits and other income and	4,110.36
Reserve fund.....	11,220.00
Individual deposits subject to check	114,528.72
Notes and bills redemtable.....	17,000.00
Total.....	208,977.54

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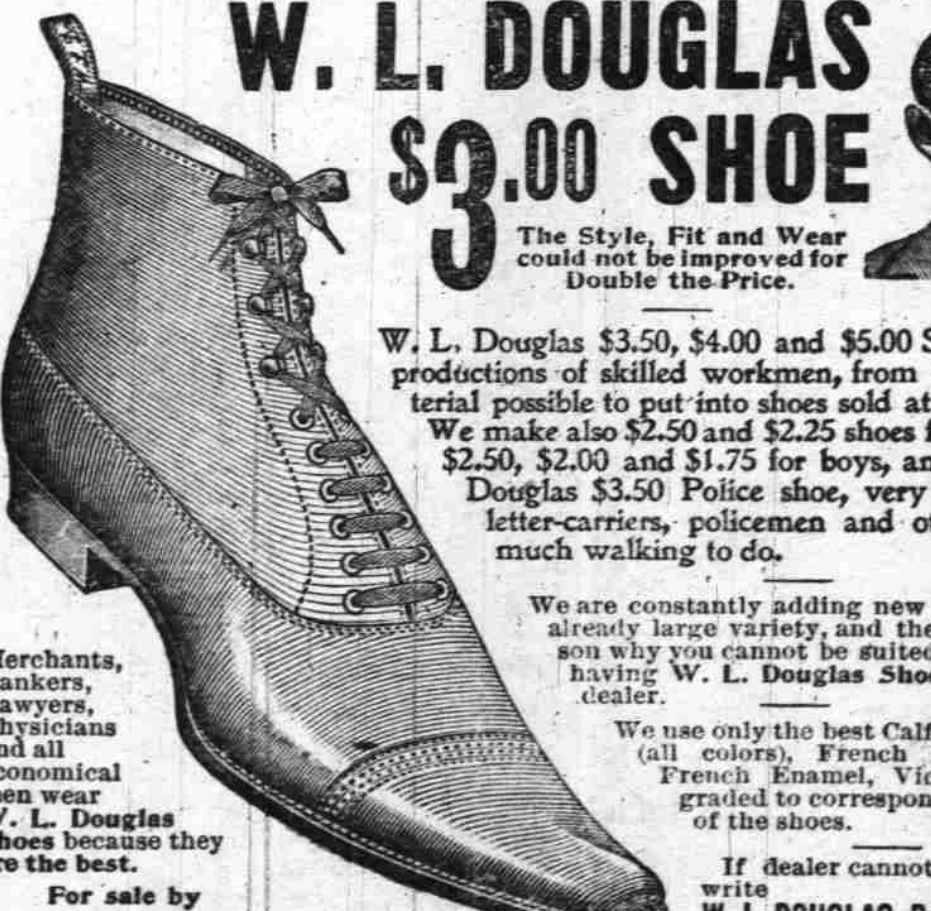
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