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M. T. JUSTUS

Memory T. Justus, Hendersonville's oldest citizen, died Friday night, February 26, in the eighty sixth year of his age.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Womble. The services consisted of prayer, Scripture reading and music by a quartette choir.

The service at the grave was conducted by Kedron Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of which Mr. Justus had long been a member. Many years ago Mr. Justus had expressed in writing his desire that, when the final summons came, his body should be laid to rest with the beautiful ritual of the Masonic order, and the service, with its emphasis of the ties of brotherly love and its unflinching affirmation of a life beyond the grave, made a deep impression on the large assembly of friends who gathered to pay the last tribute of respect.

The pallbearers, chosen by the Lodge, were R. H. Staton, Brownlow Jackson, R. P. Freeze, J. O. Williams, Hesterly Stepp and Furman Bane.

Mr. Justus was born October 31, 1829, in what is now Henderson county but was then Buncombe, near Green River, about five miles from here. When a boy he went to Greenville, S. C., where he lived for a few years; but almost all of his long life was spent here. On January 10, 1856, he married Miss Mary Reese, of Dahlonega, Ga., who was then in Hendersonville. Mr. Justus opened a harness shop here, and later engaged in the hardware business. About fourteen years ago he sold his hardware business to S. H. Hilliard, but for a number of years afterward he continued his harness work.

His wife died in April 1889. Of their five children, four are living; they are W. H. Justus and Mrs. C. Few of this city, Mrs. S. H. Hilliard of West Asheville, and Mrs. J. P. Rickman of Greenville, S. C.

Mr. Justus was a member of the Methodist Church, and a liberal contributor to church and charitable causes, just and upright in his dealings, a public spirited citizen, and held in high esteem in the community. Born a number of years before this county was erected, he had a large fund of interesting and valuable information about the early history of this section; and it was always a pleasure to hear him tell of those bygone days. His loss will be deeply felt by a very large circle of friends.

W. B. MARLOWE

W. B. Marlowe died at his residence on Bearden avenue in Asheville, Saturday, February 27, aged 53 years. Funeral services were held at the residence Monday morning at 11 o'clock, Revs. Millard A. Jenkins and John Bomar officiating.

The active pallbearers were: C. H. Bartlett and H. C. Clark of the Odd Fellows; G. L. Guisard and W. M. Francis of the Royal Arcanum; J. B. Wells and T. J. Bramlet of the Woodman of the World. The honorary pallbearers were: W. H. Bird, X. B. Lang, U. S. Miller, T. W. Osteen, B. C. Grindstaff, G. S. Reynolds.

Mr. Marlowe was one of the best known business men in Asheville, having been engaged in business in the city market for many years. He had a large circle of friends in all sections of the city. He had been in poor health for a long time, but the end came unexpectedly. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and of three lodges, the Royal Arcanum, I. O. O. F. and W. O. W.

Surviving are Mrs. Marlowe, two sons and three daughters. Mrs. Marlowe is a sister of James D. Davis of this city.

COUNTY AUDITOR

Raleigh, March 2.—After the Henderson county auditor bill was tabled by the House last week, a new bill was introduced in the Senate, providing for the continuation of the auditor's office and again naming Henry W. Allen as incumbent for two years.

This morning many members of the House received a long letter from R. M. Oates as chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Henderson county, urging the house to reconsider its vote and making certain insinuations against Mr. Valentine which are referred to below.

At the expiration of the morning hour Mr. Valentine rose to a question of personal privilege. He said that during last week the House had, on his motion, tabled a Senate bill relative to the office of auditor of Henderson county; that he held in his hand one of the Oates letters, in which it was stated that he (Oates) understood that Mr. Valentine had led the members to believe that the bill was introduced by a gentleman outside of Mr. Valentine's district. Mr. Valentine stated emphatically that he had made no such statement, and that Mr. Oates' letter did him a great injustice; and that what he had, in fact, said was that the Senator who introduced the bill was not from his COUNTY, and that the bill pertained to local matters in Mr. Valentine's own county.

Mr. Valentine stated further that he had spoken to several Democratic members of the House who had told him that they remembered his statement when the bill was tabled, and that his (Valentine's) version of the matter was correct.

After Mr. Valentine had sat down, Mr. Tucker of Person (Democrat) arose and corroborated Mr. Valentine.

Mr. Valentine again moved to table the bill. Mr. Conley of McDowell said that he had telegrams asking that the bill be not tabled. Mr. Freeman of Mecklenburg asked Mr. Valentine if the bill had been a saving to the county. Mr. Valentine said he could not answer that of his own knowledge, but that he had letters from the county commissioners and county attorney expressing astonishment that an attempt be made to pass the bill after the experience of the past two years.

Mr. Valentine further said that HE was the Representative from Henderson county, and that he (and not Senator Cloud) would have to stand the racket if the bill was passed; and that he had presented petitions signed by four or five hundred citizens of Henderson county, including many Democrats, protesting against the passage of the bill; and that he was safe in stating that four-fifths of the people did not want it passed. He then asked that the motion be put, and the House once more voted to uphold him and tabled the bill.

The opinion was expressed that the attempt to injure Mr. Valentine by distributing detrimental letters among the members of the House, had acted as a boomerang and had helped Mr. Valentine's cause.

FUNDS NEEDED

The Charity Organization society held its regular monthly meeting Monday morning in the Library, seven members were present. In the absence of President Humphries, who is out of town, Vice-President DeShields presided. Several applications for help were discussed and referred to various committees. The secretary's report showed that in February there were four new applicants for help, and also three former applicants re-applying. Relief had been given directly by the society in two cases;

COURT

The March term of Henderson Superior Court, which convened here Monday, finished the business of the term, and adjourned sine die Wednesday at noon. The following cases were tried and otherwise disposed of in the manner stated at this term:

S. H. Friedman, showed good behavior and continued.

Henry Peck, larceny, nol pros.

Arthur Stroup, assault, nol pros, with leave.

Simp Butler, retailing, nol pros, with leave.

W. F. Foster, retailing, nol pros, with leave.

Bob Collins, concealed weapons, nol pros.

John Wheatly, assault, nol pros.

Spurgeon Kuykendall, highway robbery, pleads guilty, twelve months on roads.

J. W. Ducker and F. A. Lance, false pretense, changed to forcible trespass, judgment suspended on payment of cost and balance due on debt.

Larkin Beddingfield, false pretense, nol pros, with leave.

W. F. Israel, retailing, showed good behavior, and continued.

Henry McMinn, retailing, showed good behavior and continued.

Annie Staton, retailing, nol pros.

Ged Summey, retailing, nol pros, with leave.

Richard Maloof, selling goods without license, nol pros, with leave.

D. A. Walker, retailing, showed good behavior and continued.

Hall Rhodes, gambling, pleads guilty, judgment suspended, defendant being sentenced in another case.

Hall Rhodes, assault with deadly weapon, ten months on roads.

George Guice, disorderly, showed compliance with court's order, and continued.

Russell Durr, retailing, nol pros.

P. V. Anders, retailing, guilty, \$100 fine and cost.

Henry Jones, hunting on reservation, not guilty.

Tom Mills, assault, pleads guilty, and having been on roads voluntary for 23 days, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Lishon Bridgewell, assault, nol pros.

O. L. Norman, seduction, nol pros.

Ed Sly, retailing, jury verdict not guilty.

Ned Memminger, colored, larceny, jury verdict guilty, 13 months on road.

Will Griffin, retailing, pleads guilty, \$25.00 fine and cost.

Charlie McCall, retailing jury verdict guilty, two months on roads.

Luther Booker, retailing, jury verdict not guilty.

Arthur Elijah, retailing, jury verdict guilty, five months on roads.

Francis Ficker, Willie Guice, Henry Reid, James Dotson, Jr., and Willie Hollingsworth, small boys charged with going into vacant house, plead guilty to simple trespass, and having been chastised by parents, are discharged on payment of costs.

Doots Sly, retailing, jury verdict guilty, five months on roads.

Roy Pope, retailing, jury verdict not guilty.

Sherman Youngblood, assault with deadly weapon, pleads guilty, \$100 fine and cost.

and several other cases had been referred to churches or individuals and had received help in that way.

The society's funds are far from adequate to the task; in fact, the cash balance on hand at the end of February was only \$25.44, with unpaid pledges of \$11.

TRESPASS NOTICES, on cloth or tag board, for sale at The Times office.

LEGISLATURE

Raleigh, March 2.—The death of E. R. Wooten, Speaker of the House of Representatives, is a very sad event. He was uniformly courteous and uniformly fair, to Democrats and Republicans alike, and every one in the house was fond of him and admired him. He was affable, even gentle, in his manner. The Republicans of the House expressed their high opinion of him in appropriate resolutions signed by the minority members, which were ordered entered on the minutes of the House.

Speaker pro tem T. C. Bowie of Ashe, has been elected Speaker in place of Mr. Wooten, and Mr. Bowie is himself a capable presiding officer, who is personally liked by members.

In obedience to the mandate of the Democratic caucus, the House reluctantly killed all the bills providing for election of the school boards in a number of counties (Democratic as well as Republican,) in spite of the fact that the House Committee on Education had reported them all favorably by a vote of 12 to 4. Many Democratic representatives were bitterly disappointed and utterly disgusted at the action of the caucus, and some of them did not hesitate to express themselves on the floor of the House. The vote in caucus was close, and demonstrated the fact that a considerable majority of the House, regardless of politics, was in favor of the election of county school boards. But the Democrats who voted for the measures in the caucus felt bound by the action of the caucus, and the bills were killed.

So the Henderson County School bill is dead; but it died in a good cause and in good company. And it seems to be the almost universal opinion that the next Legislature, whether Republican or Democratic, will enact a uniform, State-wide law for all the counties, providing for elective school boards. It is practically conceded that the Democrats in their next State Convention must put that plank in their platform, or else turn the State over to the Republicans. In fact, it is the opinion of many that even death-bed repentance cannot save the party now.

Time and again the argument is heard, before the committees and in the house itself,—on various measures: "If we do this, or if we do that, it means a Republican victory two years from now." The whole attitude of the party is very different from the cock-sure, dominating tone so common in the past.

The Republican party, as a State party seems to be wide awake and at work, and the Republicans seem more enthused over State issues than they are over the National issues. Some of the Democratic counties in the rich middle sections of the State sent Democratic representatives to the Legislature by such reduced majorities that Republican victories in those counties in 1916 are almost conceded. Everywhere among Republicans is manifested a feeling of optimism that has not been seen before for many years.

Night sessions of the Legislature are now the rule, the House convening every night at eight o'clock. Public-local and private bills are read out and passed so fast that it is almost impossible for the ear to follow them. Three or four to a minute is not uncommon.

An interesting feature of the night sessions is the "Song Service" which occupies half an hour before the night session begins. Many of the members gather round the Speaker's desk, where the Sergeant-at-Arms acts as musical director. Members from the coast and from the mountains, Republicans and Democrats, join in singing Gospel

MILLS RIVER

A meeting was held in Mills River township, February 28 for the purpose of electing five township commissioners to build roads in the township out of the bond money.

The meeting was called to order by Frank Cathey. Prof. J. W. Morgan was nominated and elected as temporary chairman and Wade H. Whitesides as temporary secretary.

On motion, the temporary election was made permanent.

Before the election, began the question was raised as to whether the proper notice had been given, whereupon it was resolved that the mass meeting, having a good representation, proceed to elect commissioners, at this time and the meeting adjourn till Saturday February 27, at which time a majority of those present should ratify, or reject.

It was decided to elect by road sections and begin at Etowah.

M. R. Anderson nominated and elected by acclamation.

John Murray and L. H. McKinney were nominated on ballot. John Murray received 76 votes, and L. H. McKinney received 91. L. H. McKinney was declared elected.

S. J. Whitaker and M. M. Brittain were nominated and on ballot S. J. Whitaker received 94 votes and M. M. Brittain received 68. S. J. Whitaker elected.

S. E. Greenwood, T. B. Allen, J. H. Borgan, T. E. Osborn, and Wade H. Whitesides were nominated and on ballot S. E. Greenwood received 54 votes, T. B. Allen received 6, J. H. Borgan received 5, T. E. Osborn received 106, Wade H. Whitesides received 17. T. E. Osborn was declared elected.

Frank Cathey, Henry Lance and J. L. Allen were nominated, and on ballot, Frank Cathey received 89 votes, Henry Lance received 94 votes, J. L. Allen received 1. Henry Lance declared elected.

The people were enthusiastic over the prospects of good roads. Quite a number came from Etowah. A brief talk was made by Prof. J. W. Morgan urging the people to stand by the commissioners we have elected and not to grumble about their work, but help them in every way possible to push the work forward and get best results. The convention then adjourned.

At the subsequent meeting, the proceedings were ratified.

Hymns at the top of their voices. The galleries sometimes join in, and it looks like an old fashioned camp meeting.

The "Machinery Act" this year is very much like the one adopted in 1911, which was dropped two years later. It provides for a county assessor, to be appointed by the State Tax Commission, and one or two township assessors to be appointed by the county Commissioners. A vigorous effort was made by many Democrats, and practically all the Republicans, to adopt the amendment offered by Allen of Wayne, cutting out the county assessor feature, and providing for three township assessors as was the law prior to 1911. This amendment was defeated by a small majority. The Representative from Henderson offered an amendment providing that the County Commissioners instead of the State Tax Commission, should appoint the County Assessor, but this, too, was voted down.

Nurses Clinical Record blanks, for sale at The Times office.

APPRECIATION

When the new postoffice was opened, a number of citizens of Hendersonville decided to take that opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the untiring and successful efforts of Hon. John G. Grant, to whom this city is indebted for that \$70,000 building. A public meeting was arranged for Monday, February 15, in the court house; but on account of the sickness of Mr. Grant, the meeting had to be postponed.

Mr. Grant is still far from well, and Thursday afternoon of last week it was decided, not to wait for a public meeting but to send a committee to Mr. Grant's home and there express to him the gratitude and appreciation of our people, and present him with a purse of gold as a token of his fellow citizens' regard.

The new Federal building is a very great benefit to the whole community, and it was therefore fitting that political affiliations should be lost sight of in the selection of a delegation to tender to Mr. Grant the thanks of his fellow citizens of all parties. Republicans and Democrats vied with one another in the warmth of their heartfelt expressions of gratitude and appreciation; and Mr. Grant, deeply moved by this manifestation of esteem, responded with appropriate words of thanks, and briefly explained how he had succeeded in doing for this city what no other Congressman had been able to do.

Judge Blythe was appointed chairman of a committee to draft suitable resolutions of appreciation of Mr. Grant's valued services.

SPEEDING

To the Editor of The Times: When the tax payers on 5th avenue agreed to the paving of that street they had no idea that said thoroughfare was to become nothing more nor less than a veritable race course for motorcycles and automobiles; that they could no longer walk, ride or drive without being covered with the dust raised by said motorcycles and automobiles traveling at the rate of sixty miles an hour; that their children could not play on the sidewalks nor walk across the streets without fear of being terribly mangled or even killed. Can nothing be done before some terrible accident brings before the town authorities the danger of such proceedings? Why were the visitors to Hendersonville fined on this same street several years ago for the same offense when there is really no comparison between the two cases as far as speed is concerned? Need we expect more from visitors who are unfamiliar with the laws than from residents who know them and purposely disregard them? Something must be done, and done at once or drastic measures will have to be taken in order to prevent the serious accidents which are inevitable and to insure for the residents of 5th avenue some degree of personal comfort while walking or driving on that street.

A Tax Payer.

(Since the above was written, we have been informed by our correspondent that the police have been attempting to abate the nuisance).

Gentle Reminder.

A deaf and dumb man in Frankfort does such excellent cleaning and general work about the house that his silent services are in great demand. A short time ago he packed a lot of furniture for one of his regular patrons who was moving to another town. She told him to send his bill and he did—on a post card decorated in flaming colors, with the words, "Lest ye forget!"—Indianapolis News.