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CAPT. SEIGLE'S FUNERAL.

A CROWD THAT OVERFLOWED THE CHURCH AND MARCHED IN THE STREET.

A Profession of Beautiful Floral Offerings—Remarks of Rev. T. N. Brown, the Officiating Minister.

The funeral of the late Capt. Thos. L. Seigle occurred yesterday afternoon from St. Mark's Lutheran church, and it was the occasion of one of the greatest Sunday gatherings of people ever known in Charlotte. It was a cloudy, cold and threatening day, yet for an hour previous to the time set for the funeral there was a steady stream of people pouring into the church. When the cortege reached the church that building was not only packed, but people were massed in the street in front of the church. The pall bearers selected by Capt. Seigle some days before his death were: Mr. J. C. Burroughs, Capt. S. E. Linton, Mr. David W. Oates, Capt. A. G. Brenizer, Mr. J. H. Van Ness, Maj. M. D. L. McLeod, Mr. George Krueger, Mr. C. H. Duls, Mr. W. H. Powell and Mr. McKnight. Rev. T. N. Brown, of Salem, Va., who was the former pastor of the church here, and Rev. C. B. King of Salisbury, conducted the services. There was a great profusion of floral offerings, conspicuous above all being a piece representing an arch, surmounted by a dove, a pair of golden gates thrown open at the base of the arch, a tribute from the clerks of T. L. Seigle & Co. Other notable pieces were the following: "Asleep in Jesus," in daisies, on ivy and geranium leaves, by Mrs. Murphy; initial letter S, in white flowers, by Mr. and Mrs. C. Valer; cross of violets with initials T. L. S., by Mrs. Van Ness; callas, by Mrs. J. C. Burroughs; white metal wreath from the Lutherans of Wilmington; water of flowers from Mrs. D. W. Oates; flowers from Miss Bridle Galtner and many others.

Mr. Brown spoke of the dead as follows: "For some reasons I feel that I am out of place to officiate on such an occasion as this. To consult my own feelings I would prefer to sit in silence among the bereaved."

Having lived in Capt. Seigle's family so long, and been so intimately associated with him it is hard for me to perform such a task. Yet it is due such a man that something be said, such the congregation and the community in which he lived. The telegram of sympathy from both North and South to his family and this vast concourse of people testify to the esteem and affection in which he was held. He will be missed as a citizen. His judgment and counsel were often sought by the best of men, so that he exercised a conservative influence in municipal affairs.

Capt. Seigle will be missed as a merchant. The large successful business he established bears witness to his success in that field. After the war he started out with a capital of only one hundred dollars. What means he accumulated he did not do so through speculation and oppression, but by honesty and fair dealing. He took advantage of no man and was always considerate of those who owed him that were in a hard place. He did many charitable acts to the needy and suffering of which the public knew nothing, and of which he made no display.

Capt. Seigle will be missed as a churchman and Christian gentleman, and along this line I desire especially to speak. He loved his own church in which he was baptized and confirmed. When he came to Charlotte he was urged to connect himself

with a wealthier and more influential congregation for social and business interests, but he spurned such overtures. He may be said to have been the first actual mover in the determination to erect this new church which contains lasting memorials of his church love and taste in beautifying the house of God. Realizing the weakness of the congregation to build such a structure as the one contemplated without aid, he conceived the idea of soliciting aid from some of the wealthier churches of the North.

On February the 20th of a day before leaving for market to purchase his spring stock, he suggested to me to go with him to secure help. Before leaving him at Washington he told me to do what I could, and encouraged me by saying that with the help of God and the congregation, he would see that the church was completed. By the following fall October 31st, Reformation Day the corner stone was laid. It would take too long a time to give his history and interest in the work till the church was completed.

He urged haste in the matter for not withstanding his fine physique, his health was not good, and he desired to see a completed work during his life time.

Capt. Seigle was pious without ostentation. He enjoyed religious services wherever held, when conducted decently and in order, but most of all did he enjoy worship in his own church, of which he was a constant and faithful attendant, even when not able to be present. He was a firm adherent to its doctrines, and would do nothing to compromise the faith for the sake of popularity, yet he was charitable towards all. His faithful attendant and personal friend, Mr. W. H. Powell, spoke affecting of the many psalms and other scripture, and hymns the deceased repeated during the long night watches of his terrible sickness, thus showing in whom he was trusting.

Ten days ago I was summoned to his bedside, and found him waiting to receive me. Although harassed as he was with pain and nauseated with medicine, his mind was clear and manifested that good judgment which always characterized him.

He said that his house was set in order, both temporal and spiritually, and he desired "to depart and be with Christ which is far better." He renewed his vow of fidelity to Christ by receiving the sacrament of the Communion, and thus he assured that his life was "hid with Christ in God." I had Capt. Seigle an affectionate farewell with the promise to return to officiate at his final obsequies.

While he had his faults, which he himself recognized for we are all sinners saved by grace, yet he was a faithful witness for Christ. He showed his faith by his works.

His is a worthy example for young clerks and business men, and indeed for us all to imitate. Let us follow him even as he followed Christ, and loyally join that innumerable army of redeemed spirits that worship around the throne:

"Servant of God, well done! Rest from thy loved employ; The battle fought the victory won, Enter thy Master's joy."
"The pains of death are past; Labor and sorrow cease; And life's long warfare closed at last. His soul is found in peace."

At the conclusion of the services at the church the body was escorted to Elmwood and interred.

TO-DAY AT RALEIGH.

Proceedings in the House and Senate.

Special to the News. RALEIGH, N. C., March 2.—In the House, bills were introduced to provide for valued policies of insurance; to incorporate the Carolina Savings Bank of Charlotte; to incorporate the union Normal Institute of Alamance county; to incorporate the Farmers Railway Company in Franklin, Nash, and Warren counties; to incorporate Dauville Granite City and Western Railway Company.

The official result of the decision of the trustees of the university announcing the election of members of the State Board of Agriculture from the 1st, 4th, and 8th districts was made the special order for Thursday.

Bill to provide for orphans courts of audits and finance was tabled.

Bills passed final reading: To require dentists from other States to be examined before they can practice in this State; to require water works companies to furnish thoroughly filtered water for drinking and ice-making purposes; to incorporate the Asheville, Cranbury and Pulaski City railway.

Bill to put Craven county in the criminal circuit with New Hanover and Mecklenburg counties and providing that the State should pay the Judges salary was tabled after a later provision had been stricken out.

Bills passed the Senate to transfer part of the Beaufort county to Pamlico incorporating Norfolk, Wilmington and Charleston railway; to allow Charlotte to issue bonds; to establish a graded school at Concord; a bill making it a misdemeanor to receive over legal rate of interest failed to pass.

Oyster Bill taken up as special order and passed.

Third Reading To-Day. Special to the News.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 2.—The bill to amend the charter of the city of Charlotte, passed its third reading in the Senate today. This is official. F. A. O'Leary.

Health Broken Down.

A letter has been received by a prominent Methodist of this city, Sherman, Texas, from Rev. Sam'l Jones, the Georgia evangelist.

The letter was in reply to an expression of approval of Mr. Jones' part in the recent clinching match in Palestine. The writer is very despondent, and assures his Texas friend that he is now a physical wreck, and never hopes to regain perfect health. The arduous labors of the past few years have brought him suddenly face to face with a physical collapse, which he dreads.

The above was taken from the Atlanta Constitution of yesterday, and his many friends here deeply sympathize with Mr. Jones.

The 3's.

It is thought that the formal transfer of the Three C's Railroad will be made through the office of the clerk of the United States Court, in Charleston, on about the 3d or 4th of March, when the Rev. C. Chamberlain is expected to return from New York. It is generally thought that the receiver will combine the offices of general manager, freight and passenger agent, auditor and roadmaster of the two roads. A master of transportation will probably have to be obtained on the Three C's, as Mr. Dunkle, with the exceedingly heavy business of the South Carolina Railway, has his hands pretty well full.

—Miss Nora Alexander is visiting relatives in Fort Mill, S. C.

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A Meeting of Considerable Importance to be Held To-morrow Evening.

All persons who have subscribed to the stock in the Charlotte Male and Female Academy, are earnestly requested to meet in the parlor of the Y. M. C. A., to-morrow (Tuesday) afternoon at 4 o'clock. This is an important meeting, as in all probability an organization will be perfected and steps taken to secure the permanent location of the school in Charlotte. At this time we can ill afford to lose the influence of this school, to say nothing of the teachers. Not intending in the slightest degree to be invidious, or to draw any comparison behind any of the present corp of teachers now connected with this school, we will only say, should Prof. McLean leave us, his place could not well be supplied. The musical festival of which Charlotte is so justly proud, which now is beginning, as well as its existence to Prof. McLean, will take its departure at the same time that Prof. McLean leaves us. No fortune is dependent upon the school. We are told that all of those connected with the school. Are now considering applications for other positions. They do not want to leave Charlotte and will not do so, if our school is continued. But of course they must look after themselves. The amount necessary to secure the stock is not all subscribed—but it is hoped that some way will be devised at this meeting by which the stock can be secured. Then let all who have subscribed, as well as those interested in the school be present at the meeting.

Death of Mr. Spruill.

Mr. Wm Spruill, a well known resident of Charlotte, died at his home on South Tryon street at 8 o'clock this morning. He was a tailor by trade, and had worked for Mr. John Vogel for a long time. He was a member of Hartranft Post, G. A. R. of this city.

—Mr. Stokes, editor of the Union, R. C. Times, is in the city visiting his son, Mr. Robert Stokes. Mr. Stokes is one of South Carolina's oldest editors, and his paper is one of the best and most readable in that State.

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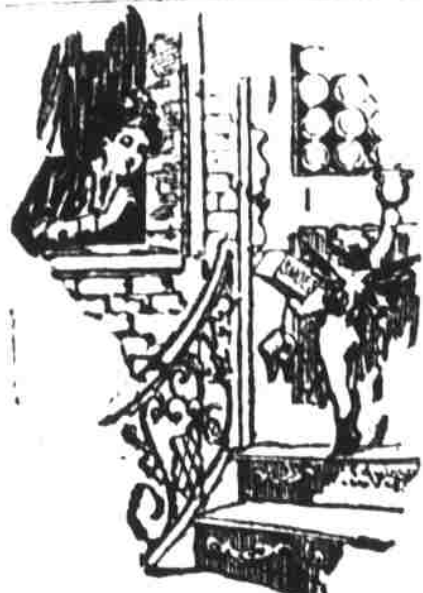
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