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JUDGE BOYKIN DEAD.

An Attack of Apoplexy Came While Away From Home.

Loved Ones Arrive Too Late to Minister to Him—Body Brought to Concord for Burial—The Family All Present.

The many friends of Judge Edward T. Boykin were made heartsick on the evening of the 27th, when the news came over the wires that that eminent jurist and genial gentleman had passed from the stage of earthly action in the very zenith of a life of broad usefulness and increasing power.

He responded to the call of duty as he saw it and had thrown his powers as a patriot into the political arena. He had addressed the people at Peacocks Store in Johnston county on Friday and his speech was said to have been a most masterly effort. He went to Dunn, in Harnett county where he was to have made another Democratic address Saturday. He was the guest of his friend, Mr. Lee, whom he told before retiring that he did not feel very well. When Mr. Lee went to awaken him Saturday morning he found him unconscious and in a critical condition. All efforts to revive him proved unavailing and he breathed his last soon after noon from an attack of apoplexy.

Mrs. Boykin was speeding her way to reach his bedside but ere she arrived the crushing news were broken to her that death had claimed her husband.

Mrs. B. F. Rogers and son, Frank O. Rogers, boarded the evening train and hastened to join their beauteous daughter and sister. Mr. Rogers hastening to join the funeral cortege with whom were also the son and daughter of the deceased, Mr. Swift and Miss Lesly Boykin. They arrived at 9 o'clock Sunday night and the body was placed in All Saints Church where vigil was kept. The funeral was conducted at 1:30 o'clock by the pastor Dr. J. C. Davis according to the rites of the Episcopal church and the body was placed in the city cemetery.

The pall bearers were, Messrs. P. Fetzer, W. G. Means, W. R. Odell, C. Gibson, H. S. Puryear, W. J. Montgomery, H. O. Herring, J. L. Howell and F. B. Smith.

The second seat from the front of the right hand pews was reserved for members of the bar.

Judge Boykin was 44 years old, a native of Sampson county and a graduate of Trinity College. He was first married to Miss Bizzell of Sampson county by whom there were born to him two sons and one daughter, viz, Edward T., jr., of the Greenville Company 2nd N. C. Regiment, stationed at St. Simon's Island, who arrived here on the No. 1 train, and the above mentioned Mr. Swift and Miss Lesly.

Being bereft by the death of his companion, he married Miss

Ada, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Rogers, of our city.

The deceased represented his county several terms in the General Assembly. On the death of Judge McCoy he was appointed to that place by Gov. Scales and afterwards elected to the place. About two years ago he resigned the Judgeship to return to the bar. He was practicing his profession in the city of Raleigh, associated with Mr. Arimistead Jones.

We join a host of friends in the tender of sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family.

COUNTY CONVENTION

of the Populists Held Last Saturday—The Populists and Republicans Fail to Agree Exactly as to the Offices—Nevertheless the Populists Go Ahead.

A good large crowd was in town last Saturday to attend the Populist convention. There was a splendid attendance from all parts of the county. About 12 o'clock a caucus was held among themselves, but scarcely anything was found out during that time, so a Populist informs us.

A while after 2 o'clock the Populists, and quite a number of Democrats who went to look on, assembled in the court house.

Mr. Geo. C. Goodman was elected chairman and Mr. Will Heglar secretary.

Capt. J. M. W. Alexander, spokesman for the Populist committee, appointed to confer with the Republicans as to a cooperative ticket, arose and made his report, though did not state things fully. He informed the convention that the Republicans had made them a proposition, but that they (the Populists) did not accept it. He then said that the Populists made the Republicans a counter proposition which was declined by the Republicans. As to what these propositions were, he didn't state to the convention, but this is what they meant. The Republicans demanded the offices of sheriff, clerk of the court, coroner, and two commissioners. This is the proposition that the Populists would not hear to. The Populist committee, as per their instructions, offered the Republicans the offices of sheriff, treasurer and one commissioner.

Though no agreement between the Populists and Republicans had been made yet, a motion prevailed to proceed to the nomination of coroner, surveyor, cotton weigher, register of deeds, clerk of the court, member of the Legislature and two commissioners.

A motion was carried to leave the offices of sheriff, treasurer and one commissioner to be filled by the executive committee.

For coroner Mr. D. A. Caldwell was nominated on second ballot.

For surveyor Mr. Malcolm G. Lentz received the unanimous vote.

For cotton weigher Mr. H. H. Blackwelder was nominated on third ballot. The nomination was made unanimous.

For register of deeds Mr. J. H. Moose was nominated on second ballot, and on motion of his closest competitor, Harvey Dorton, the nomination was made unanimous.

For clerk of the court Dr. S. A.

Grier was nominated on first ballot. On motion of Mr. Jno. A. Sims the nomination was made unanimous.

After the nomination of Mr. H. H. Blackwelder for cotton weigher, Attorney Morrison Caldwell arose and made a short speech, asking the members of the convention to remember those members of the Populist party who have from the beginning of Populism stuck to their party, and to let them be the ones to reward by some honor. In making this talk, he paid a tribute to the father of Populism, as he is called, in this county, who is Mr. Watt Barringer. Gradually the speech became a defense, or rather recommendation for Esq. C. A. Pitts as the nominee for register of deeds.

In the speech he made a slight remark as to the election just previous in which Mr. Watt Barringer, who has stood by the Populist party so steadily, was cast aside in the selection of a nominee for cotton weigher. This was a dart at Mr. Blackwelder, Mr. Caldwell at the time not thinking that Mr. Blackwelder's Populist pedigree was good. But later he arose and begged pardon for his remark, having found that Mr. Blackwelder had a tolerably good record in that line.

Just after the selection of a nominee for clerk of the court, the defeated contestant, Mr. Jno. A. Sims, arose and made somewhat of a speech. Before going into the convention, the whole schedule had been arranged. While in the convention he told a gentleman if he (Sims) arose for him to go down stairs immediately and bring him his grip. We suppose his making a speech depended on his defeat, as he got the defeat all right, and also got the grip. He also got called down by the chairman of the convention after having spoken a short while. As to his speech, our readers can learn of it in the editorial columns.

After Mr. Sims had closed the Populist throttle and everything had come to a standstill, Dr. Grier then arose and thanked Mr. Sims for his promise of support during the campaign. The two men who for the last while have been working for the nomination of clerk of the court, shook hands before the audience.

The selection of a nominee for the Legislature was next taken up, which fell to the lot of Mr. W. M. Weddington. Mr. Sims' name was again put up in this election, but as it did about a half hour before, it fell far below.

Messrs. J. L. Stafford and Fred Glass were elected the nominees for commissioners.

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