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EDITORIAL NOTES.

A CORRESPONDENT writing from Raleigh to the Atlanta Constitution, among other things touches upon the political situation in this district. He says:

In this, the fourth Congressional district, it is pretty well understood that Mr. Mann will not be re-nominated. The opposition to him last time was very strong.

Our readers are aware of the efforts being made to erect a monument to the memory of the late Col. L. L. Polk. We publish on the fourth page of the GOLD LEAF this week the address of Hon. Marion Butler, president of the National Farmers' Alliance, directing attention to this matter and calling upon all sub-Alliances to take up collections for this purpose on April 28th, Col. Polk's birthday.

It is true that Senator Ransom does not represent the views of the laboring class in North Carolina, or is not in sympathy with it? This is the opinion expressed by the Mecklenburg county Farmers' Alliance. At a recent meeting that organization adopted resolutions requesting Senator Vance, Congressman Alexander and others to use their influence to prevent any further issue of bonds, in which these words were used:

We ask no assistance from Senator Ransom, as we do not feel that he represents the views of the laboring class in North Carolina, or is in sympathy with it.

At last the Pollard-Breckinridge case has come to an end, and it is to be hoped a new trial will not be granted the defendant, which he has asked for. The country has had quite enough of this affair and is sick and tired of it.

Professors begin to speculate already as to who will take the vacant seat in the Senate. We would prophesy if we were a prophet. We would name ex-Governor Jarvis as the one the Governor will appoint.

"VANCE IS DEAD."

A STATE IN DEEP MOURNING. The Good Gray Senator is No More—He Passes Peacefully Away at His Home in Washington City Saturday Night—The Tributes Paid to His Memory—Funeral Ceremonies at the Capitol, &c.

North Carolina is in mourning. Sadness is depicted upon the countenances of her people and their hearts are bowed down in sorrow.

The man of all others whom his people loved best and delighted most to honor, and who in all times and under all circumstances served them well and faithfully, now rests from his labors.

Yes, Senator Vance is dead, a great and good man has passed out from among us but his deeds will be cherished and his memory forever live enshrined in the hearts of his people.

But it is not our purpose here to speak of the man as he was or attempt to pay him that tribute which his merits so much entitle him to, as it is not within our power to do so.

The following account of the funeral ceremonies in Washington, taken from the press dispatches, will be read with melancholy interest:

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The funeral of Senator Vance was an exceedingly impressive ceremony. The two Houses met at the usual hour, 12 o'clock. In the Senate the blind chaplain, Rev. Dr. Milburn, with characteristic appropriateness and in his deepest, most solemn tones, offered prayer. His invocation was in these words:

O, Eternal God, with our hearts we come to the foot of Thy throne, while the funeral knell sounds through the capital, announcing the death of another Senator, who by his noble life and his departure from her of a beloved and honored son, and the nation feels the loss.

At the conclusion of the chaplain's invocation Senator Ransom, of North Carolina, arose and in pathetic and eloquent words announced the death of his colleague. He said:

grief the death of Senator Vance smites the people of North Carolina. For more than 40 years, in peace and in war, he has been the most honored son of that great State.

Then the Ambassador of England, Lord Dufferin, was announced, and all present stood up while Sir Julian Pauncefote was conducted to his place.

The shadow of a great sorrow falls on this Chamber to-day. The bloom and fragrance of spring, the sunshine bright and clear bring no delight to our eyes and no cheer to our hearts.

But I must not trust myself further. At the hour of 9 o'clock the committees of the two Houses of Congress, the entire delegation of the State of North Carolina and the special committee from the State, with the sad family and friends, will leave the capital of the star-spangled republic and bear the remains of Senator Vance through the sister State of Virginia to the beautiful city of North Carolina, and thence take them to his burying ground on the mountain side overlooking the blue torrents of the French Broad and in the sight of lovely Asheville, and there leave them in the hands of the bereaved people.

And now, I can only venture in the name of the stricken Senate, with gentle sympathy to send to the noble and devoted woman, who for months by day and night with unwearying vigilance has stood by him like an angel of light and love, our heartfelt condolence and to hold up to his brave sons the ever-living beacon of their father's life.

This eloquent speech, delivered in a quiet, dignified manner, suitable to the occasion, was attentively heard by a good attendance of Senators.

Senator Ransom then offered the usual resolutions declaring the great sorrow with which the Senate has heard of the death of Senator Vance; providing for a committee of the highest posts of authority and influence in the land; and yet that all temporal distinctions are now forgotten and how the greatest of controversy and strife which absorb and agitate us appear insignificant in the presence of the dead, in the presence of the living God.

The death of Senator Vance was referred to in eloquent and appropriate terms by Chaplain Bagby in his opening prayer, which was a long and feeling invocation. On the reception of the message from the Senate officially announcing the death of Senator Vance, Mr. Henderson, of North Carolina, offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the House accept the resolution of the Senate to attend the funeral of the late Senator Vance, and to send a committee of nine members to act in conjunction with a committee of the Senate to make the necessary arrangements and accompany the remains to the place of interment.

Following committee on the part of the House to accompany the remains to North Carolina: Messrs. Henderson, Alexander and Crawford, of North Carolina; Brookshire, of Indiana; Black, of Illinois; Daniels, of New York; Strong, of Ohio; Blair, of New Hampshire, and Houk, of Tennessee.

The remains of Senator Vance were brought to Raleigh Tuesday, and lay in state in the rotunda of the capitol from 11 to 4 o'clock p. m., where they were viewed by thousands of sorrowing friends and admirers of the dead statesman from all parts of the State.

DEATH OF SENATOR VANCE. Stricken With Apoplexy Saturday Morning the End Comes Quickly. WASHINGTON, April 15.—Senator Vance, of North Carolina, died at his home, 1726 Massachusetts avenue, in this city, at 10:45 o'clock last night.

He had a stroke of apoplexy at 10 o'clock in the morning. He had been suffering for some time from paralysis and a complication of diseases, but the end was sudden and unexpected as he was regaining his health, and it was thought was on the road to recovery.

SKETCH OF THE DECEASED. The death of Zebulon Baird Vance removes the most popular man of his time in North Carolina. He was honored with the highest offices in the gift of the people of that State, and for thirty years he was without a rival in their affections.

Born near Asheville, Buncombe county, May 13, 1830, Senator Vance passed his youth in the home that always remained his. Opportunities for education were necessarily primitive in this backwoods region, but the family library enabled him to prepare his mind for instruction in Washington College, Tennessee, and afterward in the University of North Carolina.

His administration of this office was marked by great efficiency, and the troops of his State became known as among the best equipped in the Confederate service. His constituents enthusiastically re-elected him in 1864, and he continued in office until the government displaced him in 1865.

At that time, he afterwards boasted, the resources he had gathered were sufficient to keep the North Carolina troops in the field for two years longer. He left Raleigh with General Johnston's army in April, 1865, and joined Jefferson Davis at Charlotte. Afterward he sought refuge in the interior of the State, where he was arrested in May, and was taken to the old Capitol prison in Washington. He secured a parole in July.

He figured prominently in his State after this as a strong opponent of the reconstruction policy. The Democrats of his State wanted to nominate him for Governor in 1868, but on account of his political disabilities he declined to be a candidate. In 1870 he was elected to the United States Senate. That body refused to receive him, and after two years, he sent his resignation to the Legislature. In 1876 he received by an almost unanimous convention vote the nomination of his party for Governor, and was elected by a large majority. The Legislature sent him to the Senate in 1879, and he was elected again without opposition in 1885. His third term began in 1891.

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As a Senator he stood with his party in opposition to a high tariff and in favor of a lively style of speech and a rich fund of anecdote and humorous allusion, upon which he drew to enlighten his opinions. He could always count on an attentive audience on both sides of the chamber. He enjoyed great popularity in Washington, as well as in his State.—Baltimore Sun.

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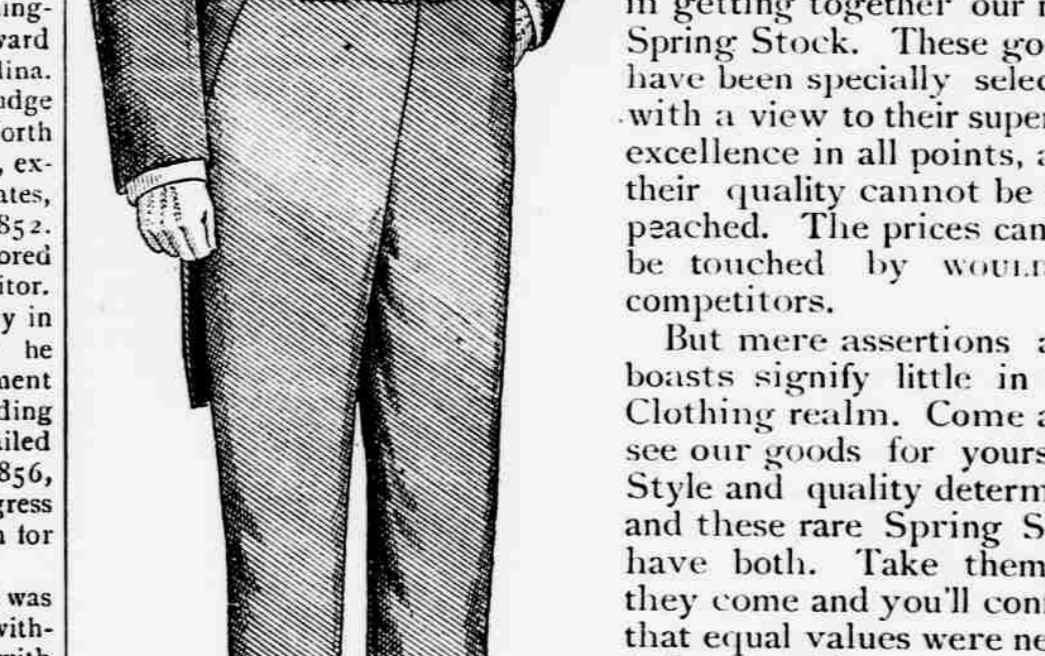
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