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## LAID TO REST.

**Cleveland Buried at Princeton with Simple but Impressive Ceremony.**

### ILLUSTRIOUS MOURNERS AT THE GRAVE

All that was mortal of Pres. Cleveland was laid away Friday evening just before sundown. The services both at the house and the grave were marked by extreme simplicity.

Many distinguished men were present including Pres. Roosevelt, Gov. Hughes, Hoke Smith and many members of Cleveland's two cabinets. The services at the house began with an invocation by Rev. S. W. Beach of the Presbyterian church, Rev. M. V. Bartlett from New York then read from the fourteenth chapter of John Dr. Henry Van Dyke, the poet-teacher of Princeton University then read a poem by William Wadsworth entitled, "Character of the Happy Warrior." This concluded the services at the house and at 5:30 the procession sadly began to move to the cemetery, passing between rows of mounted police and National guards. Business had been suspended in the city and the streets were lined by men and women who stood with bowed and bared heads as the cortege passed.

The services at the grave lasted but a few minutes. President Roosevelt and most of the other drove away at once but a few friends lingered awhile around the grave of their lost leader.

### The Silent Winners.

Examine our list of presidential candidates and see how few of them made stump speeches.

George Washington made none. Thomas Jefferson made none. John Adams, John Quincy Adams, James Madison, James Monroe made none.

Neither did Andrew Jackson, nor Martin Van Buren, nor General Harrison, nor James K. Polk, nor Franklin Pierce, nor James Buchanan—Jeffersonian.

### A Fortunate Man.

One day a young matron to the market place did go, where she bought an oyster plant, then set it out to grow. Said she, "Next winter we'll have oysters, fresh oysters every day, and what a saving it will be, with not a cent to pay. Oh, but how should be thankful it was his lot in life to get such a saving woman for his own little wife."—Chicago News.

### Thomas Jefferson's Politeness.

Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, and his eldest grandson were one day riding in a carriage together. They met a slave, who respectfully took off his hat and bowed. The president, according to his invariable custom, returned the salutation by raising his hat. The young man paid no attention to the negro's act of civility. Mr. Jefferson, after a moment's pause, turned a reproachful eye to him and said, "Thomas, do you permit a slave to be more of a gentleman than yourself?"

### A Capital Fire Balloon.

A fire balloon should be flown as a kite is flown, with string attachment, so that the owner and his friends may enjoy it and not the next county. Much skill can be shown in keeping it close hauled and then giving it slack and finally twitching it so wildly that it burns itself up, thus adding a spectacular climax to its career.

## Watson on Cleveland.

I knew Mr. Cleveland well. It is a mistake that there was ever a personal quarrel between us," said Henry Watterson to-day, President Cleveland.

"My only difference with him," Mr. Watterson continued, "was public and political, not private. Indeed, I liked Mr. Cleveland, rather than disliked him. He was sturdy, and he was honest.

His failure to unite the great liberal forces of the country into a compact body and to lead on toward the realization of the enlightened and systematic reforms which had been already marked out for him, was due partly to his lack of appreciation and training in national affairs, and partly to his lack of tact in the management of men.

Throughout his first term in the White House he was handicapped by the want of familiarity with both men and the measures of the time.

Throughout his second administration he was as a man treading on eggs, who did not always see clearly, or choose his way with circumspection. He had grown overconfident from success. He had gained favor from the popular belief in his good intentions—which were undeniably—and he trusted too much to moral forces and organized ideas.

Mr. Cleveland's success was his integrity, his courage and his common sense within the radius of his mental vision. Impatient of restraint, he had a leaning toward the lowly and a distrust of the official great; somewhat over quick to resent advice and to regard it as intrusion. In point of fact he was sympathetic, though not an emotional or effusive man and as sensitive as a woman.—Globe-Democrat.

### No Tears Nor Hills.

In the days when Rowley Hill was bishop of the Isle of Man one of his clergymen bearing the name of Tears came to say adieu to his bishop on getting preferment. The parson said "Goodby, my lord. I hope we may meet again, but if not here in some better place."

The bishop replied, "I fear the latter is unlikely, as there are no Tears in heaven."

"No doubt," wittily answered the parson, "you are right that our chance of meeting is small, as one reads of the plains of paradise, but never of any Hills there."—London Queen.

### Australian Bushmen.

Although the bushmen of Australia are the very lowest in the scale of intelligence, they possess a rare instinct that equals that of many animals and is in its way as wonderful as man's reason. It is almost impossible for them to be lost. Even if they be led away from their home blindfolded for miles, when released they will unerringly turn in the right direction and make their way to their nest homes and, though these are all very similar, they never make a mistake.

### Fool and Sage.

The fool and his money are parted not long did they stay in cahoots, but the fool is the cheeriest hearted and gladdest of human galeots. His neighbor is better and wiser, six figures might tell what he's worth, but oh how folks wish the old miser would fall off the edge of the earth!—Emporia Gazette.

## PROGRAM

OF

# Day's Exercises, 4th of July

## Hickory, N. C.

10:30, Grand Parade

Parade will start from Graded School grounds promptly at 10:30. All persons desiring to enter parade will be on hand by 9:30, and report to Chief Marshall for position in parade.

Following prizes will be awarded immediately after parade passes Judges' stand on Union Square:

For best float	\$7.50	Best decorated vehicle,	\$5.00
Second best float,	5.00	Best comic float,	5.00
		Best pony rig,	\$2.50

## Grand Band Concert, Open Air Trapese and Acrobatic Stunts

From 11 to 12 many startling events will take place on 13th street, east of square, by celebrated acrobats and rope-walkers.

## Confederate Veteran's Free Dinner.

At 12 o'clock dinner will be served to Confederate Veterans and their families in the basement-beneath Sledge's store building. All veterans and their families are expected to come.

## Grand Balloon Ascension.

At 1 o'clock Prof. Hutchison will make an ascension just east of the square, with a double parachute leap. This event can be seen without leaving the square.

## Races! Races!! Races!!!

At 1:30, on Union Square the following races will be held, and prizes will be awarded immediately from Judge's stand:

Pony race, Class A. All ponies can enter,	1st prize \$5.00	2nd prize \$2.00
Pony race, Class B. Small ponies only,	3.00	2.00
Bicycle race	3.00	1.50
Foot race,	3.00	1.50
Wheel barrow race,	2.50	1.50

## Rope Walking and Acrobatic Events.

At 1:30 celebrated specialists will perform on tight rope and trapese at midway on 13th street just east of square.

## Tournament! Tournament!!

Grand Tournament will be held at 2:30, north of Claremont College. Prizes will be awarded on the ground at conclusion of this event. All persons wishing to enter will apply to T. L. Henkel, Chairman.

## Ball Game.

At 3:30 prompt, game will be called between Hickory and Lincolnton teams on new ground south of town near A. C. Link's

## Balloon Ascension.

At 5:30 Prof. Hutchison will make a second ascension with one parachute leap, just east of square.

## Trapese and Rope Walking.

At 6 o'clock on midway east of square, many free attractions. Band concert at same hour on Union Square.

## Fire Works. Fire Works.

Grand pyrotechnic display north of square at 8:30. This will be one of the most attractive events of the day and will be the largest and best display of fire works ever exhibited in this part of the State. Do not miss this grand feature. Many new and startling exhibits. Balloons with fire works attached, and many other surprising spectacles.

CUT OUT AND BRING WITH YOU.

## The Hickory Library.

We do not patronize our city library enough. Hickory has a small library for a town of its size, but the books that it has are carefully selected, and they are touch all subjects. Aside from the popular novel, it has good books of interest on all lines. The children who patronize the library do the best school work. Ask any teacher if this is not true. Children do not read books unless they see their parents doing so. Donate your magazines to this library as soon as you have finished them, they will do more good than lying around in a dusty closet. Let us do more for the library, that we can have more books. Think if each family donated one book. Here is a chance for the Hickory club, and the women's club of this city. If you want to do something real, why not help the library? Suppose we have a lecture course this winter, for the benefit of the library. In this way we could give ourselves rare treats, besides helping the library. We have a very nice room for the library clean and cool, a pleasant librarian, a lover of books herself, and she help you in any way in selecting book. Let us patronize the library, buy more books, get a library fund and then build a library building. The only way to keep our young people away from large cities, is by giving them the right kind of entertainment at home. The library is one of the best helps in this problem.

## When The Flag Is Passing By

By Henry Holcomb Bennett.



Hats off!

Along the street there comes  
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,  
A flash of color beneath the sky.  
Hats off!

The flag is passing by!

Blue and crimson and white it shines  
Over the steel tipped, ordered lines.  
Hats off!

The colors before us fly,  
But more than the flag is passing by—

Sea, fights and land fights, grim and great,  
Fought to make and to save the state;  
Weary marches and sinking ships;  
Cheers of victory on dying lips;

Days of plenty and years of peace,  
March of a strong land's swift increase;  
Equal justice, right and law,  
Stately honor and reverent awe;

Sign of a nation great and strong  
To ward her people from foreign wrong.  
Pride and glory and honor all  
Live in the colors to stand or fall.

Hats off!

Along the street there comes  
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,  
And loyal hearts are beating high.  
Hats off!

The flag is passing by!

Youth's Companion.

Don't Forget to Cut Out the Program Above.

## The Hickory Graded Schools.

A matter of vital importance to the people of any town or city is to provide for a good school system. This is one thing which directly concerns every one, and which means much to the growth and development of the interest of the city. And every person should feel a deep concern in providing for the best educational facilities possible.

During the past year there were enrolled in the graded schools of Hickory 771 pupils: 588 in the white school, and 183 in the colored school. In the white school the average daily attendance was 424, or 72 per cent of the total enrollment. In enrollment and in daily attendance the schools of Hickory are above the average for the city schools of the State.

The cost of maintaining the schools has been much below the average for the State. The cost of running the schools last year was, in round numbers, \$5000, or a per capita cost of \$6.50 a year for the pupils enrolled. The average for the cities of the State is more than \$12 per capita.

The schools of Hickory have been run on a very economical basis \$6.50 for a term of eight months is just about 80c a month.

It is the purpose of the schools of Hickory second to none in thoroughness and efficiency. It is the aim and purpose to give the pupils a through practical education, and at the same time to prepare them for entrance into any college in the State. The course of study in the schools has been arranged with that end in view, and a third grade has been added for the coming year. It is intended to make the schools so efficient that they will rank with the best in the State.

In order that these purposes may be carried out, there is a very urgent need for a larger school fund. With the increased attendance more teachers must be employed if the best work is to be done. It is an utter impossibility for a teacher to do the best grade of work when the room is crowded beyond its limit. Last year there were enrolled in the A. section of the first grade 101 pupils; in the B section 76; in the second grade 77; in the third grade 67; in the fourth 66 and in the fifth 71. In the lower grades no teacher ought to have more than 35 or 40 pupils. In fact 40 pupils are enough for the teacher of any grade if she is to do the kind of work which should be done. The increase in attendance last year was 90 over the preceding year. From which it will be seen that there is pressing need for more teachers, at least three for the coming year. But the school fund will not admit of employing more teachers. The teachers already employed do not receive as large salaries as are paid in other schools, which makes it very difficult to secure and retain the best teachers.

Also, the term ought to be lengthened. It has been found exceedingly difficult, with the crowded grades, to do the necessary amount of work in eight months. Very few cities in the State have a term of less than nine months.

Last year the amount received from the city tax levy was about \$2800. The school levy is only 20 per cent on the \$100 property valuation and 60 per cent on the poll. Many of the cities of the State levy a tax of 40 per cent on the \$100 for school purposes; only one or two levy less than 30 per cent. In Hickory less than one sixth of the city tax levy is for the support of the schools; other towns give one fourth to one third the total levy to the schools.

These facts concerning the

schools and their needs are given that the people may consider and decide what shall be done to strengthen the school system. Under the conditions which exist at present the schools have done good work, but more money is needed from some source if the schools are to keep pace with those of other cities. And it goes without saying that the people of Hickory will not be satisfied with anything but the best in educational matters. Their children are entitled to the best educational facilities that can be secured.

## Good Advice.

We recall the advice of the Waycross Herald, at the close of the gubernatorial fight in Georgia. It is peculiarly appropriate just now, and although we have printed it recently, we fear some one missed it:

"Don't get mad at the editor because he is for Brown and you are for Smith. After the full moon in June you will want some of our fish bait, and it may be that we will want to borrow your fishing pole, and then we'll give you the bait and you'll lend us your pole all the same."

A Republican River (Kans.) farmer, who hanged himself last week, pinned the following notice to his coat tail: "For forty years I have been raising more corn to feed more hogs to get more money to buy more land, until I own more land than one ought to own, so I quit the job. I am not crazy, but just tired of life and want rest and peace and sleep."

Ardent suitor—I love your daughter and want to marry her. Fond Father—Take her, my boy; take her. While your mother-in-law is trying to keep you in at night I may get out.

This milk is sour, and I won't take it, declared the lady. "That's your own fault, ma'am," retorted the dealer. "I offered it to you day before yesterday when it was fresh, and you wouldn't take it."

"I heard him behind the door pleading for just one. They must be engaged." "Now they're married. It was a dollar he was pleading for."

Once he called her "darling," And wrote her three times a day Now they're married he never Calls her anything but, "Say!"

Do not leave fresh meat wrapped in paper; it absorbs the juices. Put it in a deep dish and turn a plate over it before putting it in the ice chest.

There is now no living ex-President—a situation which has come about but twice before. After March 4th next we shall have ex-President Roosevelt.

Now don't find fault with your wife because she doesn't keep pie baked all the time. Anyway too much pie is not healthful. An Indiana man died after eating seven pies.

If there is not room for both you and the mosquitoes on the front porch you know who'll have to move.

The fact is we ought to make two states out of North Carolina. Please pass the pipe.—Ex.

Pearl—Yes, our college had a female baseball team. Ruby—Did you have any good catchers? Pearl—I should say so. Five of them caught husbands the first season and broke up the team.

A big tornado is reported to have lately struck Minnesota. We suspect it is the Johnson boom again.