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MAJ. J. D. SHAW OF ROCKINGHAM DEAD

Prominent Attorney and Confederate Veteran Dies Suddenly at His Home—Former Citizen of Lincoln.

The following account of the death of Maj. J. D. Shaw who was for several years a citizen of Lincoln, is from The Charlotte Observer:

Rockingham, Oct. 9.—Maj. J. D. Shaw, the most prominent lawyer of Rockingham County and probably the most influential citizen in this section, in spite of persistent refusal of public office, died here this morning shortly after midnight of stomach trouble, aged 80 years. He became ill yesterday just after dinner, suddenly attacked while playing his customary game of solitaire after eating. A physician was hurriedly summoned, but it was at first thought that nothing serious was to be feared. Last night Major Shaw grew steadily worse and doctors were called in from Laurinburg and Charlotte. At midnight his strength failed rapidly and a little while after 12 o'clock he was dead.

The life history of Major Shaw is a story of personal achievement. Born June 26, 1833, on a farm 29 miles from this city, he received his first instruction at one of the old-time country schools; but prepared himself for college through home study and in 1850 entered the State University, graduating in the class of 1854 with high honors. He studied law under Judge Richmond Pearson and received his license to practice his profession in 1857. The next year he was married to Miss Margaret B. Henderson of Lincoln, who died several years ago.

To them were born five children: Mrs. Henry Fairley of Rockingham; J. D. Shaw, Jr., who at the time of his death, which occurred in 1908, was a leading lawyer of Laurinburg; A. C. Shaw for a time chief law clerk and later chief of division in the United States Land Office, now a practicing attorney of Portland, Ore.; Miss Esdale Shaw of Rockingham and August B. Shaw, who was one of the biggest farmers in this section up to the time of his death, some seven years ago.

Shortly after receiving his license to practice law, Major Shaw was county clerk and treasurer of this county. From that time until his death he steadily refused office of any kind and at various times declined judgeships.

When he entered the Confederate Army, which he did at the outbreak of the Civil War, he began service as a private in the ranks, earning promotion as it came to him and reaching his final rank of major in the third year of the struggle.

After the close of the war, in 1866, he went to Texas and formed a partnership with Judge Ochiltree, father of Congressman Tom Ochiltree of that State. From Texas he came to Lincoln in 1869 and soon built up a magnificent practice, which he gave up in 1876 to return to his home town of Rockingham. Master of his profession, he had not long to wait before he became the leading attorney of this section. Honored by all, influencing the thought of the people of the section as few have ever influenced it, anything in the gift of his acquaintances was probably his for the asking, but he steadily refused all nominations or appointments to public office, preferring to remain in the active exercise of his talents as a lawyer.

Representatives of the State Bar Association and the associations of adjoining States are expected to attend the funeral tomorrow from the Episcopal church of the Messiah, of which he was long a member. Hundreds of people from the surrounding country will be present.

SENATE AGAINST HIRING CONVICTS

Passes Bill to Stop Working Them on Railroads—House Passes Bill For Ten Amendments To The State Constitution.

Raleigh, Oct. 10.—The Senate last night passed on final reading a bill by Senator L. B. Evans, of Bladen, providing that after its ratification the State shall make no contract to hire its convicts to railroads or other corporations and that counties or townships using them on public roads shall pay the State at least one dollar per day for each convict. The bill provides that existing contracts shall not be abrogated by the act.

The Senate debated for three hours Wednesday night the proposition of the railroad companies as to freight rates adopting it, 35 to 14. Senators Bellamy of Wilmington, Evans of Pitt, Jones of Forsyth, Wakefield of Caldwell and others opposed, while Senators Parsons, McLean, Patterson and Council spoke for the resolutions.

At the Wednesday session the Senate passed a number of local bills and discussed constitutional amendments. The measure fixing the date for the inauguration of the Governor was agreed to. The proposal as to providing for five or more circuits of Superior Court judges instead of the present State-wide rotation, was voted down.

By a vote of 78 to 37, the House Wednesday night passed the bill providing for the employment of a rate expert and extra clerical help for the corporation commission. The cost of the help is not to exceed \$6,000 a year and not exceeding \$1,000 may be spent for special counsel. This bill was a substitute for the bill creating a separate public service commission. The House spent the forenoon session discussing the bill to create the separate commission.

Carrying ten proposed amendments to the constitution of North Carolina, the bill drafted by the special Legislative Commission in the summer passed its final reading in the House of Representatives half an hour before last midnight. The House passed the bill practically in the form reported by the committee of the whole. Numerous amendments offered last night were voted down. Only such amendments as would not materially affect the purpose of the bill were adopted.

Representative T. C. Bowie, of Ashe, made a vigorous attempt last night to secure the adoption of an amendment to eliminate from the bill the article on revenue and taxation, and was supported by Representative H. S. Williams, of Cabarrus. Mr. Bowie made the speech of the evening against the proposed revision of the system of revenue and taxation, but his amendment was defeated by an overwhelming vote. Among other amendments to the bill offered last night were:

By Representative Page, to change the word "shall" to "may" so as to leave the matter of imposing a poll tax optional with future legislatures; by Representative Justice, to provide for the initiative and referendum, and by Representative Clark, to reduce the mileage allowed members of the Legislature to actual cost of transportation.

The four amendments proposed by the special commission that failed of adoption by the House were: The Bible amendment, the initiative and referendum, that to limit the rotation of judges and that to enable to the General Assembly to provide intermediate appellate courts.

The ten amendments adopted by the House, some of them in adopted form, as heretofore reported in this paper, are:

BETHLEHEM M. E. CHURCH DEDICATION

Handsome New Brick Church Is Now Completed—Program For Sunday, October Nineteenth At 11 A. M.

Great preparations are being made by the congregation of Bethlehem M. E. Church for the dedication exercises of their new \$3,000 brick church which will occur on Sunday, October 19th, at 11 a. m. in the new church. Bethlehem congregation and their devoted pastor, Rev. W. T. Ustry, have been untiring in their efforts to complete their church home.

The large and growing membership of this church are high in praise of the Ladies Aid Society for their work. Mr. L. W. Hoyle, a generous hearted citizen of that section, donated \$1,000 to help build the church.

Following is the program of the dedication exercises of Bethlehem church, Sunday, October 19th, at 11 a. m.

Opening Song.....Hymn No. 661
Prayer.....Rev. M. B. Clegg
Introduction of speaker and announcements by the Pastor.
Duet—Homeland.....Misses Baber and Lancaster
Scripture Lesson.....Gen. 28:10-22
Song.....Hymn No. 208
Sermon.....Rev. Ira Erwin
Presenting of Church by officers of the church in a body.....J. L. Spratt, Spokesman.
Dedication of Church.....Rev. Ira Erwin
Doxology.
Noon Intermission.
2 P. M.

Song.....Hymn No. 1
Devotional Exercises.....Rev. J. Frank Harrelson
Solo—Holy City.....Miss Tommie Baber
Local Church History.....C. L. Eaker
Hymn No. 332.
A Retrospect.....Rev. A. C. Swafford
Hymn No. 544.
Perspective View.....Rev. M. B. Clegg
Hymn No. 180.
Closing Remarks.....Rev. W. T. Ustry, Pastor.
Benediction.

From every section of the South come reports that the macadam road is losing favor and that the sand clay road is by all odds the best and cheapest form of highway for any community—unless it be a community unusually favorably situated for some other form of road construction.—Progressive Farmer.

To remove the works "insurrection or rebellion against the United States."

Increasing compensation of members of the General Assembly.

Restricting local, private and special legislation by the General Assembly.

Fixing the day of inauguration of the governor.

To provide emergency judges.

To remove obsolete sections from the constitution.

To revise and reform the system of revenue taxation.

To eliminate the word "rebellion" from the constitution.

To prevent special charters to corporations by the General Assembly.

To require six months school term.

INTRA-STATE BILL PASSED.

At the Tuesday night session the Justice intra-State freight rate bill passed, 77 to 23. It is estimated that it will reduce railroad freight earnings 26 per cent. Mr. Justice vigorously advocated the bill, saying that if it was unjust to the railroads, he did not see why any crocodile tears should be shed by the people of North Carolina because of that suspicion, considering how the roads had gouged the State. J. Frank Ray called Mr. Justice an unsafe leader and charged that the Guilford man was playing politics for the United States senatorship, whereupon Mr. Justice said he might charge that Mr. Ray came down to Raleigh on his pass and charged the State \$85 for it.

NOT ALWAYS PAID FOR SPEAKING SAYS BRYAN

Secretary of State Tells Spartanburg Audience That He Has Himself Often Purchased This Privilege.

Spartanburg, S. C., Oct. 8.—William J. Bryan, Secretary of State, and Mrs. Bryan left Spartanburg early this morning for Asheville, where they will go to Knoxville, where Mr. Bryan will deliver an address at the National Conservation Exposition. They were the guests last night of ex-Governor John Gary Evans.

Though the meeting was arranged on only a few hours notice, Mr. Bryan's visit to Spartanburg not having been expected he was greeted by an audience of 1,500 people at Converse College auditorium last night. He spoke for an hour on "Woodrow Wilson's Point of View." He paid the President an eloquent tribute.

Mr. Bryan said it had been charged that he would not make a public address unless he received a fee. A Republican in his home town of Lincoln, to whom this charge was repeated, declared it was untrue. Mr. Bryan said, that if Mr. Bryan received no fee he would speak for nothing, and that if he was not allowed to speak, he would pay for the privilege. This was true, Mr. Bryan said, and he had paid many hundred dollars to be allowed to speak.

The Secretary talked of the achievements of President Wilson's administration, paying particular attention to the tariff bill and the new tax on incomes, which he advocated many years ago. His proposal, at that time, considered ultra-radical was moderate, he said, in comparison with what has actually come to pass.

Mr. Bryan received an ovation the applause at the conclusion of his address continuing for four minutes. The Secretary and Mrs. Bryan then shook hands with nearly all in the audience.

North Brook Items.

Mr. Gus Bess and family visited at the home of Mr. Bert Bess Saturday night and Sunday they spent part of the time with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bess.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Towery visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Dietz Sunday.

Mrs. Free Bess visited Mr. and Mrs. Leck Anthony Sunday. Little Misses Minnie and Earl Towery visited their little cousin, Miss Hattie Bess Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Henry Heavner visited Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Foster and also Mrs. Alice Sain Sunday.

Miss Alla Ford visited Miss Essie Foster Sunday.

Miss Maye Towery visited Miss Sallie Bess Saturday night and Sunday. Miss Connie Sain visited Miss Fannie Foster Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Bess and daughter Hattie, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bess Sunday evening.

Miss Sallie Towery visited Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bailey Sunday evening.

Mrs. Nettie Conner visited Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hoffman Sunday.

There was a birthday dinner at the home of Mr. M. L. Houser last Saturday. All present report a nice time.

Miss Ollie Houser and Mr. Thurn Gladden were happily married last Sunday.

Mr. W. P. Weathers and wife spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Houser.

Mrs. Candace Davis spent Sunday and Sunday night with her son, Mr. John Davis.

NORTH CAROLINA DAUGHTERS MAKE

Few Changes—The Origin of Flag—Stars and Bars Was Designed by Major Orren Randolph Smith of Henderson.

Special to Charlotte Observer.

Tarboro, Oct. 9.—Reports of the various committees and the election of officers for the ensuing year occupied the attention of the North Carolina Daughters of the Confederacy in session here today. Mrs. Marshall Williams of Faison was re-elected president. Mrs. M. O. Winstead of Rocky Mount, second vice president; Mrs. Thad W. Thrash of Tarboro, recording secretary; Miss Winifred Faison of Faison, corresponding secretary; Miss Margaret Etheridge of Selma, treasurer; Miss Carrie Lear of Mooresville, historian; Miss Hettie James of Wilmington, chaplain and Mrs. Gordon Finger of Charlotte, director of Children's Chapters.

The newly elected officers are Mrs. Frank Huggins of Wilmington, first vice president; Mrs. H. H. Riggins of Winston-Salem, third vice president; Mrs. Felix Harvey of Kinston, registrar and Mrs. H. E. Reid of Lincoln, recorder of crosses. Mrs. William Dorsey Pender of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. J. Bryan Grimes of Raleigh were unanimously voted honorary presidents. Mrs. Fannie Ransom Williams of Newton, was endorsed as candidate for the recording secretaryship of the General Division.

Tonight Mrs. Fannie Ransom Williams told the Daughters of the Stars and Bars. Her address was replete with authentic historical facts setting forth the circumstances surrounding the creation of the accepted flag of the Confederacy and that the honor belonged to the late Maj. Orren Randolph Smith of Henderson.

Mrs. J. A. Fore addressed the Daughters on the last full meeting of the Confederate Cabinet, holding that this honor belonged to Charlotte. Other addresses were made by Miss Carrie Lear and Mrs. R. H. Davis. A facsimile of the original Stars and Bars was presented by Mrs. Gordon Finger of Charlotte to the Children's Chapter.

From 5 to 6 this afternoon the Daughters were tendered a brilliant reception by Mrs. Thad W. Thrash. The home was beautiful in its floral decorations. Mrs. Thrash carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums, the gift of Secretary of Navy and Mrs. Daniels.

The Daughters were received by Mrs. Thrash's house guests, Mrs. Josephus Daniels of Washington, Mrs. Latta Johnson of Charlotte, Mrs. Daisy Denson of Raleigh, Mrs. Sidney Cooper of Henderson, Mrs. W. M. Creasy of Wilmington, Mrs. H. A. Riggins of Winston-Salem, Misses Margaret Etheridge of Selma and Anna Jean Gash of Brevard. The Tarboro Orchestra furnished music.

Each guest was presented with small vanity box bearing the inscription "Cromwell Hall, October 9, 1913" and the three Confederate flags in colors.

The visitors were the guests at luncheon today of the business men of Tarboro.

New Secretary Elected.

The County Farmers Union met Monday, Oct. 5. The usual routine of business was transacted. Mr. S. L. Bollinger, who has served for some time as secretary resigned, and Mr. J. A. Loar was elected as the new secretary.

Don't forget that one of the main purposes of the Farmers' Union is "to discourage the credit and mortgage systems." What is your local doing to carry out this purpose?—Progressive Farmer.

THE RATE FIGHT WILL BE CONTINUED

Mr. Tate Says the Just Freight Rate Association Will Continue the Fight For a Separate Commission.

Raleigh News and Observer, 5th.

In an interview with President Fred N. Tate of the Just Freight Rate Association, last night after the bill creating the new public service commission was killed in the House, he said:

"While the vote against the measure was greater than I anticipated, still I am not surprised at the result in view of the fact that the railroad lobby and its friends and attorneys in the House had been vigorously and desperately at work during the day lining up the forces in opposition to the people's demand.

"In my opinion the substitute as adopted is merely a subterfuge and does not in any sense provide the means by which justice for the State can be secured. Neither will it, as was also the intent, satisfy the voters and the people generally that this was all or the best that could be done.

"I further believe that there is still hope and faith in the Senate and that after that body has done its duty in the matter, the lower House may yet come to its senses and realize the awful predicament in which it has attempted to put the State, simply on account of political pull and lack of knowledge of the true situation throughout the State."

Mr. Tate concluded by emphatically saying:

"The North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association is fighting the battle of the people for a square deal at the hands of the railroads and the corporation commission, and I never will surrender a principle based as it is on the deplorable conditions under which the State is staggering until full justice has been secured. The fight will continue at the ballot box and in the next session of the Federal Assembly, with the hope that the State may awaken to the absolute necessity of forever and eternally cutting out those members who are the railroads' tools and who do the railroads' bidding, in direct opposition to the interests of their constituents.

"The Just Freight Rate Association will be heard from in the next election in a manner that will change the situation, and after the Legislature has adjourned, if proper measures have not been enacted, the Just Freight Rate Association will begin and conduct a campaign for the people's rights, the like of which has never been seen in North Carolina."

INFORMATION WANTED.

Editor News:—While at the meeting of the Blue and the Gray at Gettysburg July 1. the writer met a Federal veteran who is desirous of learning of the address, if living, of a North Carolina Lieutenant who befriended him while lying on the field wounded the first day of the fight.

The Federals were forced back during the day for some three or more miles, and this man being wounded was left by his comrades. When the Confederates passed him, a lieutenant stopped and had one of his men procure a canteen of water and an extra blanket with which to make him more comfortable. He did not learn the name of his benefactor, he only learned that he was a North Carolinian.

If the News will give space to the above, its exchanges may do likewise and the desired end may be attained. Any one knowing of the occurrence can communicate with J. R. Balsley of Connellyville, Pa., or with the writer who will give further details.

H. A. DAVIS.
Sands, N. C.

SYNOD CLOSSES FOUR-DAY SESSION

In all Fields Work of Church Has Gone Forward—Will Meet Next Year in Hickory.

Greensboro, Oct. 10.—The one-hundredth annual session of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina adjourned this afternoon after a four-days session, one of the best and most progressive in its history. The next meeting will be with the Presbyterian Church at Hickory October, 1914. Gastonia and Red Springs also asked for the next session, but Hickory easily won over both competitors.

Many things have combined to make the session of the Synod which closed tonight memorable. Chief among these was the observance of the centennial of the organization at historic old Alamance Church October 7.

No other session has had such splendid reports of progress and increase in giving. Nearly 2,000 members have been added to Churches in the missionary work and there have been more than 3,000 conversions. The increase in gifts to missions has been tremendous. More than \$30,000 increase in contributions to foreign missions and more than \$50,000 increase for home missions is reported, with nearly a \$50,000 increase in amount for Church extension. In addition to this the amount of \$57,000 was raised by Rev. R. Murphy Williams for the Barium Springs Orphanage.

The following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That the Presbyterian Church in North Carolina does hereby through its Synod place itself on record as favoring the reading of the Bible in the State's educational system." It will be noticed that nothing is said as to whether a provision of this kind should be in the Constitution or general law, but instead the words "the State's educational system" are used.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

The statistical report submitted showed the total membership of the Synod to be 48,253 the number of additions to all Churches during the past year to be 4,601 and the total amount raised for all purposes \$729,181.

The business of the Synod having been completed, the docket was declared cleared. The moderator requested the stated clerk to call the roll of the Synod and when that had been done the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The devotional service prescribed by the "Book of Church Order" for the closing of the Synod was conducted by the moderator. At 12:30 o'clock the Synod closed with the prayer and benediction to meet in Hickory, October 27, 1914.

Missions on Wednesday.

Greensboro, Oct. 8.—Services in memory of three ministers who have died during the past year, report on the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va., the foreign mission report showing a large increase in contributions during the past 12 months and on the strong addresses by Dr. William M. Morrison of Congo, Africa, and Rev. S. R. Gammon of Brazil on foreign missions, consumed the time of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina in annual session here today. The Union Theological Seminary report showed 107 students enrolled the largest in its history. The total amount contributed for foreign missions was \$113,059, an increase over the previous year of \$30,406. The increase per capita was from \$1.78 to \$2.34.

Mr. J. F. Reep, of Newton, was in Lincoln on a visit last Friday.