

Two old men, the one from New England the other from the South, each representing the best ideals of his section, serving many years together but on opposite sides in the Senate, have ended their journey almost together: Senator Hoar in his seventy-eighth year, preceding General Ransom but a few days, also in his seventy-eighth year. No doubt, as they were often far apart in their views, each seeing the right as it was given him to see, they each felt the other to be far wrong, perhaps unjust, unpatriotic. But who can doubt that, stripped of the incidentals and the misjudgments of time and section, both loved the same things—truth and right? "Boys, do right; God bless your mother," were the last words of General Ransom. Among the last public utterances of Senator Hoar, were these words: "If my life has been worth anything, it has been because I have insisted to the best of my ability that these three things—love of God, love of country, and manhood—are the essential things."

Think of whizzing over ground at ninety miles an hour! The first big automobile race in America was run near New York Saturday. It was a three-hundred-mile one, and was won by an American representing a French club. He ran the 300-mile track in a little over five hours. His speed often went as high as 90 miles an hour, faster than any train is ever run. Only one of the racers was killed. The race was run over public roads, the course being in the shape of a triangle. The machine that won the race was a 90-horse power one.

The greatest North Carolinian that several generations have seen is dead. The last link that strongly connected the present with the past has been broken in the death of Senator Ransom, and we shall not see his like again. Gentle as a woman, stately as the Caesars, wise but generous, suave but masterful, true and brave, the wealth of his endowments were so combined as to make a Saul whose height above his fellows served most to draw them to him.

Another one of those fearful railroad wrecks that are of daily occurrence, happened in Missouri yesterday, killing 29 persons. This is a peaceful country, but the statistics tell us that already during this year there have been more people killed in railroad accidents in the United States than have been killed by all the fighting between the Japanese and Russians.

A dispatch of yesterday from Mukden says that the Russians have at last taken the offensive, and that the Russian army is now moving on the Japanese, and that the latter have already lost important points.

Though Uncle Henry, our candidate for vice president, has passed the four-score notch, he was able yesterday to begin a canvass of his two home States, Maryland and West Virginia.

Good politicians believe that Judge Parker will certainly carry New York, and Chairman Taggart claims New Jersey, Connecticut, West Virginia and Indiana. This will be a plenty.

The War.

So far as the outside world is informed, the events transpiring in Manchuria during the past week have not been of an important nature. There have, it seems, been more or less serious assaults made on Port Arthur either during the past week or reported for the first time. It is now admitted by the Russians that the Japanese have captured the fortifications controlling the water-works, but the existence of a fresh water lake and a number of condensers for utilizing sea water, it is contended, minimizes the importance of this development. There is more or less activity around Mukden, but no promise that another general engagement is imminent.

It seems to be accepted as a fact that Russia really means to send her Baltic fleet to the far East, and the Czar's government as well as Japan is taking measures pointing to the fact that the war has in reality only just begun.

A dispatch from Mukden last night brought news of the apparent retirement of the Japanese upon their positions about Liao Yang, with the desire, probably of fighting a decisive engagement near where the great battle of the war was recently fought. This may be the intention of the Japanese, but in this connection it should be borne in mind that dispatches from Mukden are subject to strict censorship by the Russians.

The use of hand grenades, an explosive bomb made of pyroxylin, shows to what extent the fighting has gone about Port Arthur. The Russians, it is said, rushed upon the Japanese at night, throwing these bombs by hand, with the result that terrific slaughter was inflicted. The effectiveness of this weapon is admitted at Tokio.

Since it has been practically admitted on all sides that the war is to go on indefinitely, the matter of finances is receiving considerable attention. The Japanese have been

counseled to husband their resources with the warning from a high governmental official that the inroads upon her funds will be enormous. As to Russia, it may be said that while she already owes a great deal of money. This, it would seem, counterbalances to some extent the effect of the Czar's larger domains in about the same ratio that the number of disloyal inhabitants makes up to Japan's inferiority in population. American interest is becoming more and more concerned in the matter of commerce because of the belief that the continuance of the war will have a tendency to decrease the demand for cotton goods from this country.

The reports of a naval battle off Port Arthur a few days ago were apparently unfounded.

GENERAL RANSOM DEAD.

Died Suddenly at His Home in Northampton at One O'clock Saturday Morning.

The greatest of North Carolinians has answered the final summons. At an early hour yesterday morning, Hon. Matthew Whitaker Ransom died. It was on the seventy-eighth anniversary of his birth, for he was born on the 8th of October 1826. His heart failed him, as he well knew for many years it was likely to do any time. Ten years ago this month, at Statesville, ere he had progressed ten minutes in one of his stately orations, before an inspiring audience, he paused, summoned friends to him, and was conveyed to a room in the court house. He recovered, in the course of days, but the physician who attended him said afterward that he was the victim of angina pectoris, and while he might live for years he might die at any moment. To those who knew that he had a fatal malady the information of his death came as a great grief, but was not as a surprise.

He was born in Warren county and was graduated at the University, dividing the honors of his class with the late Gen. J. Johnston Pettigrew. At the age of 26 he became Attorney General of the State but resigned this office to resume his private practice. From 1858 to '60 he was a member of the Legislature, and when the civil war threatened, was made a peace commissioner from North Carolina to the congress of the Southern States at Montgomery Ala., in 1861. But the war came and he gave his sword and services to the South. Entering the Confederate army as lieutenant colonel, he found himself at the war's close a brigadier general, having borne himself through it with the courage of a soldier and the skill of a commander. His men were devoted to him and through all the mutations of later politics continued his unflinching friends. In 1872, governor Vance having been, on account of his political disabilities, denied the seat in the senate to which he had been elected, Gen. Ransom was chosen in his stead, and was continued in that body by succeeding legislatures until March 4, 1895, when, after a service of 23 years, he was succeeded by Mr. Marion Butler. Before the expiration of his term as Senator he was appointed by President Cleveland United States minister to Mexico, which position he held for two years and then resigned retiring to his home on the Roanoke, where, until his death, he pursued the peaceful avocation of a farmer, in which he prospered greatly, retrieving the fortune he had lost in politics, adding largely to his landed estate, and becoming the largest and most successful cotton planter in North Carolina.

These are bare details of a most useful life, of a distinguished career. His record as a Confederate soldier was most honorable, and while afterward, as a United States Senator, high in the councils of his party at Washington and highly influential in the great body to which he belonged, he ever preferred to be addressed as "General," thinking the title that he had won in the Confederate army greater than that of "Senator." His appearance upon the national theatre was an event. Handsome as Apollo, faultlessly attired, carrying the air of a soldier and gentleman, he commanded instant attention, and sustained worthily the promise of which his entrance gave hope. The first speech, indeed the only set speech he ever made in the Senate, thrilled that body and the country through its remarkable eloquence and power, and a dramatic interest was added to it by the fact that at its conclusion he was borne, fainting, to a cloak room from the floor. It is not forgotten that in a ten-minute speech he induced the Senate to appropriate ten million dollars for a light-house on Hatteras Shoals; but it was not upon speech making that he depended for the accomplishment of his purposes, but upon his personal influence. "I look only to results," he once said; and he was the prince of diplomats. "He has more influence with a Republican administration," said the late Judge R. F. Armfield, then a member of the House, "than any Republican," and under a Democratic administration he secured nearly all, in offices and appropriation, that he asked for. He was suave, agreeable, always—so much so that there were those who said he was not sincere. Hon. John S. Henderson, Representative in Congress from the seventh district of this State, who went in with the first Cleveland administration, when the pressure for office was very great, said on one occasion: "I have heard him talk to a thousand men about office, and I never knew him to lie to one or evade one."

Wolfsville News.

Farmers are very busy gathering their cotton. They say the cotton crop is the best it has been in a long time. Rain is needed very badly in this part of the country to bring the turnips up.

Dr. T. W. Redwine spent a few days of last week with his son, Mr. R. B. Redwine of Monroe.

Miss Nina Clark of Weddington is spending a week or so with her mother.

Mr. Clark Crenshaw and family of Vann spent last Sunday with Mr. J. C. Honeycutt.

Mrs. Julia Price visited in Monroe last week.

Messrs. H. B. and B. R. Clark of Monroe visited their mother, Mrs. Fannie Clark, Sunday.

Mr. John Colwell of Providence spent a few days at Mr. W. T. Shannon's.

Miss Stella Davis has returned from Mineral Springs, where she visited her sister, Mrs. Ida Howie.

Miss M. Cuthbertson left Wednesday to enter Greensboro Female College.

Mr. Joe Hartis has recently had a telephone put in his house.

Mr. John H. Dees now has charge of Mr. R. B. Redwine's plantation store.

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GOOD OUTFITTING, nice colors, good fleeces; same, and lots of it not so good as this, being sold elsewhere at 5 cents. Our Spot Cash Price, 34 cents.
COTTON FLANNEL, good fleeces, 7 1/2 cent grade, 5 cents.
FINE HEAVY OUTFITTING, in good solid colors; no better to be had at 10 cents. Our price 7 1/2 cents.
LIGHT COLORED OUTFITTING, the heavy weight, nice checks, stripes, etc.; selling regularly at 12 1/2 c.; here 10 cents.

Ladies' Ready-made Skirts.

Fine Sample Skirts going at Bargain Prices. Fine Walking Skirts, made of good heavy goods, nicely made up, 98c. Misses Skirts, fine wool goods, all sizes, 99 cents. Very Fine Skirts—samples of Skirts worth \$1.00 and more—the very best styles of making; going now at \$2.49.
RED WOOL FLANNEL 9 cents.
White Wool Flannel 9 cents.
GOOD SHEETING, 40 inches wide, 3 cents.
School-boy Jeans 10 cents.
The Heaviest and Best All-Wool Jeans, worth 35 and 38 cts., going here at 25 cents.
HICKORY SHIRTING, the good heavy one, Blue and Brown Stripes, 7 1/2 cents.
Table Oil Cloth, all colors, yard and quarter wide, 10c.

Wool Dress Goods, From the Railroad Wreck.

Big lot all kinds New Dress Good—all brand new. They were on the way from the manufacturers to the Southern merchants for this season's selling. No out of date goods in it. We have divided them in two lots—goods worth 35 to 40 cts. at 18 cents. The better goods—worth 60 and 65 cents, going for 39 cents.

Ladies' New Fall Cloaks.

The finest stock New Stylish Cloaks ever shown in Charlotte. Ladies' nice Coats, all sizes and colors, \$1.98. Fine stylish Coats, made of the finest cloak goods, in Blacks, Browns, Blues, etc., the most fashionable styles, worth \$5.00 and more, \$2.98.

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For One Cent:

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1 long Corset Lace
2 spools Basting Thread
2 yards Daisy Ribbon, any color
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2 Coarse Combs
2 Pencil Erasers
7 Pen Sticks
2 Balls White Thread
2 dozen Buttons
40 Hair Pins
15 Slate Pencils
9 Pen Points
2 cards Hooks and Eyes
1 spool Turkey Red Thread
14 Safety Pins
3 pairs Shoe Laces
24 sheets Note Paper
3 Thumbtacks
1 Handkerchief
2 Fine Combs
1 box good Tacks
2 Mirrors
1 full box Mourning Pins
3 papers Needles
2 boxes Blacking
4 Lamp Wicks
6 Hat Pins
1 box Black Pins
1 Crochet Needle
1 paper Fall Pins
1 roll White Tape
1 roll Black Tape
2 Battenburg Rings
1 yard Battenburg Braid
1 Belt Pin
1 Black Beauty Pin
3 packs Wire Hair Pins, 13 to pack
1 Horn Hair Pin
1 Aluminum Hair Pin
2 balls Black Sewing Thread
1 box Writing Paper and Envelopes to match
1 Tablet
1 Note Book
2 Memorandum Books
2 Lead Pencils
1 Good Pencil, rubber in end
1 Wood-encased Slate Pencil
1 yard Hat Elastic
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