

JAMES WELLS MCKEE.

James Wells McKee was born at Webster August 4, 1869, was reared in a Christian home and received his education under Prof. W. H. H. Hughes, one of the best teachers that ever served Jackson county, or the western part of the State. He had a strong native intellect, and had to a large extent made up for lack of college training. He entered life a favored son. He became a man of large business capacity. He was for a long time connected with the business of M. Buchanan & Co., and for the last several years has been connected with the Sylva Supply Co.

At the funeral were gathered the poor and the well-to-do whom he had favored. The house was full and many stood and sat outside.

Jim was from early life a loyal adherent of the Methodist church. Methodism was part of his splendid heredity. He was from the beginning proud of the progress the Methodist church made in Sylva. But he made the mistake of failing to give his heart to Christ in his youth. He hardened in sin and was slow to yield to the influences of the Spirit.

But in a meeting of unusual power held by a lady preacher, Mrs. Shelly, in 1902, he professed religion and joined the church. Soon he was made Superintendent of the Sunday school and a member of the Board of Stewards. He served as steward, with the exception of one year, till his death. I have never known a better one. Several years ago he resigned as superintendent to the regret of us all. I am glad to say that these two offices are being well filled by men suggested by him.

But even before his conversion he had training in church work, was in fact a leader then. He was a member of the Building Committee when the Methodist church was being erected in Sylva. He had charge of the subscription list, assessed his neighbors according to what he thought they were able to do, and collected it in most cases. After his conversion he was one of the leaders in remodeling and finishing the church. In this church his funeral was conducted.

He has been one of the leaders in every good movement in the community for many years.

In the local tax campaign, he was one of the leaders who won after a hard fight. As chairman of the building committee, he did more than any other man, losing valuable time from his business to give our children the building in which they now study. He has been the most active man among us, we readily concede, in establishing one of the best High Schools we west of Asheville. Let the patrons and the schools do him special honor in some way.

He was married to Carrie Virginia Bryson March 22, 1899. The marriage proved to be an unusually happy one. Dorothy McKee, their only child, was born March 14, 1900. We cannot understand why, after he and his wife had kindled in their child the highest ambitions, he was not permitted to live and help bring to fruition these splendid dreams. But was it not better to have lived thus long than to have died a dozen years ago? Is not the child's life far richer? Have not the wife and community been blessed by his life? They tell us that many things in the lower branches of mathematics which baffle the mind of the aptest student are made clear when one studies Calculus. When in heaven we have mastered the Calculus of God's love we shall better understand his doings on earth. "Thou shalt know hereafter."

In a few days after the writer went through the ordeal of losing

Jim McKee, which was like losing a brother, he stood by his father day and night till death had finished his terrible work. He left with the evidence in his soul that his father had a resting place in heaven. When the dark hour comes now, he asks himself, "Can the spirits of Jim McKee and my father, who always sympathized with me, somehow get into touch with my soul and help me?" I trust that they can. Heaven means more to me now.

I quote here a verse of Jim's favorite song. He often had his daughter to play and sing it:

"Some day the silver cord will break
And I no more as now shall sing;
But O, the joy when I awake
Within the palace of the King!"
Chorus—"And I shall see Him face to face,
And tell the story—saved by grace."

This appealed to him as no other song. For long years he has been to me a convincing illustration of the power of Divine Grace.

Under the shades of Paradise where the waters of life's ripple in strains of praise I shall talk again to him who loved and trusted me.

In spite of his faults he was a strong man; his better nature asserted itself at the last. His life was like a mountain river, turbulent, and full of shoals, but at the last even-banked and shoalless, it rolls its pure tides into the sea.

A knight rode forth in the purpling dawn
With silken plume and lance held high;

In the gathering dusk lay a bleeding form
With a prayer on his lips to die.

A blood-washed soul from a couch of death
Rode into a dawnless night

His steed was nerved by Immanuel's breath
And he sped through the Gates of Light.

J. J. GRAY

FREIGHT RATES THAT CONCERN U.S.

Does the Southern really want to assist in building up the orcharding industry in Western North Carolina?

From the fact that the Southern Railway Company employs experts to assist those who are already in the apple growing business and to encourage others to plant orchards in this section one would think that it is true that it wants to see the development of that industry. But a Sylva man intended to ship a car load of apples from here to Wauchula, De Soto county, Fla, a distance of about 150 miles. He asked for rates. The shipment would be made over the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line. The Southern quoted freight rates at 80 cts. per hundred pounds by the car load; or 40 cts. per bushel.

This rate is not only unreasonable but absolutely prohibitive.

And yet the Southern professes to encourage apple growing in Western Carolina.

Judge Adams of the Asheville police court, fined a man \$25 and costs for using a cat as a foot ball. A man who hasn't enough of the milk o' human kindness to treat dumb animals like they were flesh and blood will impose upon his fellow-men whenever in his cowardly heart he thinks he can do so without incurring danger to himself. Judge Adams acted in the right spirit and we believe the Superior Court will uphold his judgment.

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NOTICE TO THE TAX PAYERS OF JACKSON COUNTY.

I will be at the following places for the purpose of securing taxes for the year 1913:

- Coggins new store, Mountain township, October 20, 1913.
 - Cashiers, Cashiers township, October 21, 1913.
 - Glenville, Hamburg township October 22, 1913.
 - Tuckaseegee, River township, October 23, 1913.
 - Argura, Canada township, October 24, 1913.
 - Green's store, Caney Fork township, October 25, 1913.
 - Shoal Creek, Qualla township, October 20, 1913.
 - Barkers Creek, Barkers Creek township, October 21, 1913.
 - Dillsboro, Dillsboro township October 22, 1913.
 - Gay, Savannah township, October 23, 1913.
 - Green's Creek, Green's Creek township, October 24, 1913.
 - Cullowhee, Cullowhee township, October 25, 1913.
 - Balsam, Scott's Creek township October 27, 1913.
 - Willetts, Scott's Creek township, October 28, 1913.
 - Sylva, Sylva township, October 27, 1913.
 - Addie, Scott's Creek township, October 28, 1913.
- Please take notice that I will make a specialty of the early collection of the 1913 taxes,
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