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GOVERNOR AYCOCK IS DEAD.

Died Suddenly of Heart Failure While Delivering Educational Address at Birmingham, Ala.

People all over North Carolina were shocked at the knowledge of the death of former governor, Charles Brantley Aycock, which occurred Thursday night in a theatre at Birmingham, where he was addressing an audience of teachers.

Birmingham, Ala., April 4. Former Governor Chas. B. Aycock, of North Carolina, dropped dead at the Jefferson Theatre tonight while addressing the Alabama Educational Association. Mr. Aycock was speaking on "Universal Education, its Necessity and Benefit." He was about one-fourth through his address when he suddenly staggered back a step and fell to the floor so suddenly that those on the stage were unable to reach him in time to support him.

Water was hastily thrown in his face and he was taken to the wings of the theatre, but expired at once. Death was pronounced to be the result of heart failure.

Governor Aycock followed Governor O'Neal, of Alabama, who had just delivered an address to the Association on "Some Educational Problems." Gov. O'Neal and other men prominent in educational circles in the South were seated on the stage during Governor Aycock's address.

"While Governor of North Carolina I was called upon to deliver many addresses," said Governor Aycock. "Oft times I went to churches on Sunday and when I talked I always talked about education—"

With this assertion out of his lips the Governor swayed and fell to the floor. The audience thought, as he reeled, that it was a part of his gesture.

However, the truth was realized to the sorrow of over 5,000 teachers of the State of Alabama when it was announced that he was dead. It was the most tragic happening in this city in years.

Governor Aycock was in his fifty-third year. He was born in Wayne county, N. C, November 1, 1859, the youngest son of Benjamin Aycock and his wife, Leroue Aycock. He graduated at the University of North Carolina in 1880 with high honors. He was admitted to the bar in 1881, practiced in Goldsboro and made a great success from the beginning, appearing in many important cases.

He was a leader in the great campaign which brought the Constitutional Amendment. In 1900 he was nominated for Governor by acclamation and was elected by a great majority. He was the Educational Governor of North Carolina and set the State forward in education. After the close of his term in 1904 he continued the practice of law in Goldsboro for some time, in partnership with Judge Frank A. Daniels, with whom he had been associated before. In 1909 he removed to Raleigh and was associated in the practice of law with ex-Judge Robert W. Winston.

Governor Aycock, urged to do so by great numbers of friends throughout the State, agreed a few months ago to become a candidate for the United States Senate. His health not being of the best, he went to Philadelphia less than two months ago for medical care and rest, returning to Raleigh on the twenty-fifth of March, and was to have made his opening address in Raleigh on Friday, the twelfth of April. From all sections of the State news had come assuring him of a strong support.

The deepest sympathy of all in the State will go out to the bereaved widow and two children. North Carolina will weep today for one of its best loved sons has gone. And when the summons came he was preaching his great sermon of education—universal education—and he was preaching it from the heart. He fell as he would have fallen in the service of the children of the South, carrying the great message to them of education for all.

The lamented governor's body reached Raleigh Saturday and arrangements were immediately made for placing it in state in the capitol building.

Sunday afternoon the body was removed to the First Baptist Church, of which Governor Aycock was a communicant. The church was filled and outside the building it is estimated that thousands of people were waiting to follow the remains to their last resting place. Dr. Thomas O'Kelly, pastor of the church, and Bishop John C. Kilgo and Mr. P. D. Gold paid glowing tribute to the deceased governor and statesman.

We take the following paragraphs from Tuesday's News and Observer:

"It was nothing but in keeping with his life that his last word should have been spoken for the cause of education," Bishop Kilgo said. And there followed a splendid tribute to him as a lawyer, how he could not resist the cry in injustice, no matter whether the client be white or black.

Looking down over the bier Bishop Kilgo said grandly: "I confess to something that forces upon me a sort of envy and jealousy that another State should have been the beneficiary of his last effort." And looking up from it, he said: "North Carolina has lost a devoted son, the South a most faithful servant and the nation a distinguished citizen. You have lost a neighbor and a friend. It is a difficult thing for me to speak. My right place is with them that mourn."

The Bishop's closing words, in which he told how the name of Aycock would always be held as a household word in the family, always be embalmed in the memory, was the last uttered word upon the platform, and the choir sang "How Firm a Foundation."

The service at the grave was short. In passing out to take the trip, Governor Kitchin and Governor Glenn walked together. It was observed that there were four chief executives, including the revered dead, a present Governor and two who had held the office.

The body slept under perhaps the most remarkable burden of flowers ever given any North Carolinian. It is impossible for any mind to imagine what they were until he has seen them arranged. Under a canvas that protected a small party of the friends, the last service was given and Charles B. Aycock's body was gone from sight forever.

It Was Sure "Some" Turtle.

Last fall during the severe drought, when even Rocky river was almost a trickling branch, a number of men from Bonlee and Bear creek went seining and among other things caught was a turtle that weighed 35 pounds, had claws an inch and a half long and whose head was four inches across. This turtle's head, claws and shell were presented to The Grit's museum, and has furnished quite a bit of curiosity for many doubting Thomases. Mr. Alfred Glosson was the thoughtful sender of this shell so that the proof of the story could be had in the seeing. —Siler City Grit.

Can't Get Away From Them.

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating; you can't get away from that," says an advertisement. And the Manhattan Mercury adds: "There are a lot more equally trite bits of wisdom that it seems impossible to get away from."—Kansas City Star.

Some Straight Railroad Talk.

We take the following article from the Moore County News. We do not know the writer's real name, but whoever he is, his sentiments are seconded by all who have had his experience. Here is the article:

This writer has been a knight of the grip for several years, but for the bummest, most miserable passenger service he has ever encountered, the palm goes to the Troy to Colon division of the Norfolk Southern Railroad. They have no regard whatever for the welfare of their passengers as they rarely ever make their connections. It seems to me, to say the least, that the new management at the outset would want to gain the good will of the patrons and give good service, even if it didn't mean big dividends, but as it is, the maddest crowd the writer has met up with in many years are the people living on this road. I was reliably informed that a party near Glendon desiring to go to Greensboro drove to the station three successive days over rough roads only to find after waiting four hours that the train was so late they could not make the connection at Gulf if it was run by greased lightning from Glendon. And, too, mind you, this is supposed to be a full-fledged, dyed in the wool, passenger-mail-express train and is due, according to their own published schedule at Gulf one hour and a half before the taain for Greensboro is due. But you will say they run a nice swell little taain on their return trip to Troy. Not on your life. The writer waited two hours for this train at Gulf, one night and reached Star only three hours late. And yet if there was a damage suit in court and a Moore county jury returned heavy damage against the railroad company, the poor railroad folks would scratch their heads and wonder why in the world the folks are so hard on the down trodden railroads. Experience has proven that the old Vanderbilt policy of "public be damned" is not a paying proposition, and that the public want and deserve a square deal, and sooner or later they are going to have it. They won't stand for what the railroad company is handing out to them on this line. If I had my say so, some of the superintendents and dispatchers who are trying to make such a "rep" higher up and at the expense of the public and overworked trainmen would have to hunt another job. Think of a road 60 miles long and one solitary train doing all the work. Gentlemen of the railroad, give us another train.

A Drummer.

The Uwharrie school closes Fr day of this week and the closing exercises promises to be interesting, Rev. S. W. Oldham will deliver the literary address.

Queen Items.

Queen, Apr. 9.—We are having some very fine weather along now.

There was not any service at the church Sunday on account of rain.

Miss Esther Moore is visiting her sister, Mrs. Robt. Millikan, at Norman this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Casper Warner visited at the home of Mr. J. W. Warner Sunday.

Mr. John M. Reynolds is moving his family to Mt. Gilead. We regret to see them leave very much, but wish them much success.

There will be preaching at Lovejoy church on Saturday, April 13, at 2 o'clock. All members of this church are requested to be present to attend to some very important business pertaining to the church.

Misses Eula and Lena Reynolds have returned home from Greensboro Bible School.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Reynolds were visiting in their community Saturday night.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

News From Outside the County Reviewed and Told in Brief For Our Busy Readers.

Mr. Clifton N. Blue, of Aberdeen, died at the Highsmith hospital in Fayetteville Friday, Mar. 29th of peritonitis. He was 36 years old, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Blue, and a prominent young business man being one of the owners of and general superintendent of the Aberdeen & Rockfish Railway.

With the announcement recently of the withdrawal of Lieutenant Governor W. C. Newland, from the gubernatorial race, the nomination of Locke Craig of Asheville as the democratic candidate for governor seems unanimous. For some while those who have watched the political situation were aware that an overwhelming majority of the Democrats were in favor of Mr. Craig for Governor. Four years ago Mr. Craig made a splendid race against Governor, then Congressman Kitchin, but was defeated after one of the fiercest conventions ever held by the Democrats. Since that time it has been pretty well understood that Mr. Craig would be the nominee this time and the withdraal of Mr. Newland means no opposition.

The chief fight among the Democrats as far as state offices are concerned hedges about the lieutenant governor-ship and two members of the corporation commission.

Testimony Impeached.

A preacher, at the conclusion of one of his sermons, said: "Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up." Instantly, every man, woman and child, with one exception, arose to their feet. The preacher seated them and said: "Now, every man not paying his debts stand up." The exception noted a careworn, hungry looking individual, clothed in his last summer's suit, slowly assumed a perpendicular position. "How is it, my friend," asked the minister, "that you are the only man not to meet his obligations?" "I run a newspaper," he meekly answered, "and the brethren here who stood up are my subscribers, and—" "Let us pray," exclaimed the preacher.—Alabama Baptist.

Sulphur Springs Items.

Sulphur Springs, Apr. 8.—The children, grand children and relatives of Col. A. F. Rush celebrated his 89th birthday last Sunday. About 100 persons were there. The Colonel was very feeble with cold, but is fairly stout for a man of that age.

Messrs. T. G. Webb and Thomas Byrd are putting in a saw mill near Harrisville. They are about ready to run.

Mr. E. L. Harris had a mule to get its leg broken recently.

Miss Lottie Wooley is at home from school.

Mr. T. G. Webb's mules ran away Saturday. He was hauling a large tank and the noise frightened the mules. Fortunately no serious damage was done.

Mr. J. M. Poole passed through these parts last week.

Rev. W. H. Strickland of Greensboro, now has appointments at Sulphur Springs Baptist church 1st Sunday 3 p. m. and at Center at 11 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Whitlock visited relatives in Moore county recently.

Mr. E. L. Harris, who lost his arm recently, is getting on nicely.

Mr. B. F. Rush of Sanford and son, Richard, of Washington, D. C., are visiting relatives at Dry Creek.

Irony of Fate.

The irony of fate crops out in the fact that the men whose portraits would look best in the magazines never succeed in making it worth while for the magazine to publish portraits of them.

In Favor of Cheese.

It has been said that cheese in the morning is gold, at noon silver and at night lead. That depends, though, on the quantity taken and the quality. Good cheese in moderate quantities is [illegible]

Using Steam Power Plows.

The Sanford Express relates the following:

Messrs. John H. Kennedy and John L. Tull were in town Monday. They informed us that the big plow which has been shipped by the National Harvester Company to the Egypt Improvement Company, of Cumnock, was set up and made ready for operation last week. This is the largest plow its kind in the State. The outfit weighs 43,000 lbs. This is a gang disk plow and is pulled by a 45-horse power Mogul traction engine. There are eight 28-inch disks on the plow. Each one cuts 10½ inches, making seven feet for the eight disks. Cutting seven feet at each trip is plowing some and sounds like farming in the West. This plow can be so regulated that it can cut to adepts of 15 inches and its manufacturers claim that it can be made to reach a capacity of twenty acres per day. The runnnig works of the plow contains four wheels and two seats. An expert has been sent to Cumnock by the manufacturers to put the plow in operation this week. Members of the company are to come to Cumnock and be present at a demonstration and test which will be made next week. The Egypt Improvement Company are not to take the plow unless it will do what its manufacturers claim for it.

Mr. A. J. Jones, one of the most successful farmers in Moore county, has a gang disk plow pulled by a traction engine, but not so large as this one. He finds it a paying investment and a valuable piece of machinery for farming on a large scale. Mr. Tuft is testing one of these big plows on his farm near Pinehurst. The tests and experiments with the one at Cumnock will be watched with interest by the farmers of this section. While they may never buy as heavy a plow as this, yet there is coming a change in the method of farming in this section of the country and our farmers have come to realize that the labor problem must be solved by heavier and more improved farm machinery. To carry on deep plowing our farmers need heavier and better stock. They should not be satisfied at breaking and preparing their land for seeding with a one horse plow. It has been demonstrated that in preparing land for planting deep plowing is the thing that counts.

The Real Ground Hog.

A visitor who was in town Monday was told that if he would call at the city market he could see the ground hog that has caused so much bad weather since the second of February. He hurried down expecting to take a look at the little animal that has been cussed and discussed so much of late by the press and public. Upon his arrival he found the marketmen grinding sausage—making ground hog. He then remembered that it was "all fool's day,"—April 1st.—Sanford Express.

Oak Grove Items.

Oak Grove, Apr. 9—Farmers around here are busy preparing for planting.

Mr. Hal McKinnon and Misses Maggie and Minnie McDuffie attended the Box party at Eagle Springs Saturday night and report a nice time.

Mr. Charlie and Miss Ethel McDuffie, who are in school at Elise, spent Easter at home accompanied by two of their friends, Mr. Graham Nicholson and Miss Ethel Covington.

Miss Leonora Seawell, who has been teaching school near High Falls, has returned home.

Mr. Lacy McDuffie, from Davidson College is spending this week with home folks.

Mr. D. W. McDuffie attended the republican convention at Carthage Monday.

The wedding bells have been ringing around here of late. A fine thing leap year does'nt come only every four years.

The singing at Mr. J. C. McDuffie's Sunday afternoon was enjoyed very much by all.

Mrs. I. W. Sullivan and Mrs. T. H. Skeen of Biscoe spent Easter at home.

Mr. L. W. Brown, who has been right sick is improving.

Old Christmas Fare.

Old Christmas fare did not include the modern Christmas bird—the turkey—a roasted peacock taking its place on the festal board.

Sued For $500 and Got $1.75.

A colored citizen of Durhan who rejoices in the name of Husband, was in the Hamlet wreck, sued the Seaboard Air Line railroad for $500 damages. The case was tried in Durham Superior Court last week. It was brought out that the negro had paid $1.50 for a ticket and 25 cents for a telegram advising his people that he was unhurt. The Seaboard had paid him $1 and the jury allowed him 75 cents to fully cover his expenditures.—Alamance Gleaner.

Tent Meeting.

Dr. E. F. Green of Star, president of the C. C. & A. Institute, will preach at the Congregational church in Troy next Sunday, the 14th, and the 3rd Sunday, the 21st, at which time we expect Bro. A. Lamonds, state evangelist, to begin his tent meeting. All christians of all denominations are cordially invited to unite with us in this battle to overthrow sin and misery and set up righteousness and peace.

Come, one and all.

J. S. Butts, pastor.

This Week's Issue.

The Montgomerian is issued this week under very difficult circumstances and we are somewhat delayed, which will cause our readers to get their paper a day late. We are installing a new press and making other changes and improvements in the plant, and in doing this the "shop" has had to be considerably "torn up".

We also have on hand a large quantity of job work which has been delayed, and we trust our patrons will kindly give us this indulgence.

In a short time, when the present improvements are completed we will be able to issue The Montgomerian with more dispatch, and to do a larger volume of printing than we have ever before been able to do. We will have as good equipped printing plant as there is in this section.

Personal Mention.

Mr. Henry Pemberton, who is in school at Elise, was in Troy Sunday.

Mrs. Thos. Hurley of Star was a visitor in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Horatio Harris of Sanford are visiting in town.

Mr. Earnest Leach of Star was a Troy visitor Saturday.

Mrs. John McCaskill of Ellerbe was shopping in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Deaton spent Easter with relatives at Ophir.

Mrs. D. B. Johnston of Jackson Springs was a Troy shopper Saturday.

Mr. J. Urus Loftin, who holds a pharmacist's position at Rosemary, spent Easter here with relatives.

Mr. O. J. Blaylock and Master Clyde Nance spent Sunday in Stanly county.

Miss Essie Hunter of Holly Springs was the guest of Miss Olivia Johnston Sunday.

Mrs. Emma D. Olive of Thomasville is the guest at the home of Mr. J. C. Beckwith.

Miss Lee Warner has returned home from near Carthage, where she taught school.

Messrs. H. T. and V. P. Scarboro of Mt. Gilead were in town Friday on business.

Mrs. W. L. Hurley of Jackson Springs has been visiting her daughters at the Central.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Howell of Biscoe spent Sunday in town with home folks. Mrs. Howell was formerly Miss May Lamonds of Biscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Pemberton of Norman spent Sunday with Mrs. Pemberton's parents, Mr and Mrs. R. W. Frazier.

Misses Fannie McKinnon and Esther Hurley of Wadeville were in town Friday, the guests of Miss Bon Wade.

Misses Mable Hayward and Sadie McAulay of Mt. Gilead spent a short while in town Friday with Misses Minnie Ewing and Joe Allen.

Miss Mattie Bruton of Wadeville stopped over in town a short while Friday on her way home from Biscoe, where she had been on a visit. —Wadesboro Ct. & L.

IN AND ABOUT TOWN.

Local News Gathered in and Around Town---Social and Other Items Told in Brief.

Court next week.

Campaign buttons are being handed out.

A number of Troy couples spent Easter Monday at The Falls on Yadkin river.

Mrs. M. J. Carter has been very sick for several days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. N. Harris. At present she is reported to be getting on well.

An eclipse of the sun will be visible here on April 17th. The eclipse will be on when the sun rises and will continue for a half hour or more. It will be seen here only as a partial eclipse.

Mayor Poole has given notice to confine your chickens and other poultry so that they will not trespass on the property of other people and interfere with their gardens. After serving this notice one dollar a day will be charged for each fowl that is allowed to run at large.

The Troy seconds played the Biscoe seconds in a game of ball at the latter place Saturday morning. The score was a little "against" the Troy boys, being 7 to 14 in favor of Biscoe. Another game was played between the same teams at Troy Monday afternoon and the Troy boys retaliated, winning by a score of 16 to 15 in their eighth inning.

Mrs. O. B. Deaton underwent a successful operation at her home in Troy for appendicitis yesterday morning. Dr. H. E. Bowman of Biscoe, assisted by Dr. A. F. Thompson of Troy and Dr. Howell of Covington performed the operation, which she stood admirably and is resting as well today as the circumstances will permit.

Rev. S. J. McConnell has requested us to announce that he will begin a series of meetings at Beulah Methodist church, about four miles from Troy, on the third Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The meetings will continue through the week closing on the following Sunday. Only one service a day will be held and that will be at 7:30 p. m.

The people of Troy and this section will regret to learn of the sudden death of Governor Aycock. The Montgomerian made announcement last week that he had consented to come to Troy on the 26th to deliver the literary address at the closing of the graded school. All were looking forward to his coming with expectancy and this untimely disappointment will be learned with regret.

At the prayer meeting hour at the Methodist church last Thursday night Mr. Casper Warner of Queen and Miss Fannie Morris of this place were married. The ceremony was performed by the pastor of the church, Rev. C. A. Canipe, and Mrs. Ben T. Wade played the wedding march. The couple are both young people and have many friends. Mrs. Warner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Morris and is a young lady of many accomplishments. Mr. Warner is the son of Mr. John Warner of Queen, an industrious farmer and one of the county's leading citizens. The Montgomerian extends congratulations.

Recently a fakir, who said he was Dr. L. Graham, of Charlotte, sold several persons in this county eye glasses at enormous prices, in one or two instances receiving as much as $60 a pair of glasses probably not worth more than 50 cents. A few days ago a man was arrested in a South Carolina town who fitted the description of the fakir, but, upon investigation, it turned out that he was not the person wanted, whereupon he was released. —Wadesboro Ct. & L.