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DAILY NEWS.

NEW BERNE, N. C.

DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT.

The Sympathy and Sorrow of our People.

BOARD OF TRADE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

General Meeting of Both Races at the Town Hall.

Though in a measure prepared to anticipate the sad event which has plunged the Republic into grief, the announcement of the death of President Garfield was a shock to this community.

The announcement was made on the opening of the telegraph office in the early morning, and at 11:30 the following bulletin, which the Western Union had posted throughout the United States was received at this office:—

ELBERTON, N. J., Sept. 20.—11:30 A. M.—The President died at 10:35 p. m. after the bulletin was issued at 5:30 yesterday evening. The President continued in much the same condition as during the afternoon, the pulse varying from 100 to 106, with rather increased force of volume.

After taking nourishment he fell into a quiet sleep about 35 minutes before his death, and while asleep his pulse rose to 120 and was somewhat more feeble.

At 10 o'clock he awoke complaining of a severe pain about the region of his heart. He almost immediately became unconscious and ceased to breathe at 10:35.

The New Berne Board of Trade met at 10 o'clock and took appropriate action adopting the following resolutions:—

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT AND CONDOLENCE BY THE BOARD OF TRADE, NEW BERNE, N. C.

Whereas, after days of alternate hope and fear, and of a painful anxiety to the whole country, the death of the Hon. James A. Garfield, President of the United States, has been announced, now therefore be it

Resolved, By this Board of Trade that the death of the President is a great public calamity, and the circumstances connected therewith, unparalleled in the history of the Republic, is the more to be regretted and condemned by all classes of our citizens.

Resolved, That as President, we had all and every confidence in the capacity and patriotism of the Hon. James A. Garfield to move the nation on in peace and prosperity, but bow with resignation to the decree that has removed him.

Resolved, That our warmest sympathies are hereby extended to the bereaved family, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mrs. Garfield, who through all has been the resigned, devoted wife.

JAMES F. CLARK,
C. H. BLANK,
HENRY MARSHALL,
Committee.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A large number of citizens of New Berne and Craven county assembled at the Court House last night, at the suggestion of the Mayor and Board of Common Council, to express their heartfelt sorrow at the death of the Hon. James A. Garfield, President of the United States, and to adopt resolutions of respect for his memory and of condolence with his bereaved family, and of their detestation of the horrible and atrocious assassination, whose deed had steeped the Republic in mourning.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. Charles C. Clark, who, in most patriotic, feeling and pertinent remarks, stated its object, and concluded by offering a motion that Thomas S. Howard, Esq., mayor of the city, preside over its deliberations.

In seconding the motion, Hon. Geo. Green alluded in a few remarks to the public services and character of the distinguished dead.

On motion of Clement Manly, Esq., Messrs. George A. Latham, Henry C.

Pool, E. K. Bryan, John B. Willis and representatives of the Commercial News, Nut Shell and Lodge were appointed secretaries.

On motion of John S. Long, Esq., a committee on resolutions, consisting of the following named gentlemen, was appointed: John S. Long, Robert Hancock, Jr., Elijah Ellis, E. R. Dudley, George Allen, Rev. Alex. Bass, James F. Clark, Joseph Mumford, E. Hubbs and E. A. White.

During the absence of this committee, Maj. John Hughes was called upon and addressed the assemblage for a few moments, reviewing the assassination, the patient suffering, and, finally, the death of the beloved Chief Executive of this great country.

John S. Long, Esq., chairman of the committee on resolutions, submitted, in a short but eloquent speech, the following which were adopted:—

RESOLUTIONS.

Inasmuch as, in the inscrutable providence of God, Hon. James A. Garfield, the Chief Magistrate of this great Republic, in the prime of his manhood, in the fullness of his fame, at the zenith of his personal power and national influence, and in the very ripeness of his patriotic zeal and hopefulness, has been cut down by the hand of an assassin, thus baptizing the whole nation in tears and draping a whole continent in mourning, while the spirit of liberty is convulsed by the spectacle of an enlightened ruler of a free people being murdered in his own capital, and under the streaming folds of the very flag which covers and consecrates the poor and oppressed of every nation and clime, and while the very thrones and senates of despots and dynasties thrill at the intelligence of this tragedy, and the great sympathetic heart of our own English speaking kinsmen over the sea bows with us over a common tomb, where lie buried our dignity, our peace and our honor, we, the citizens of New Berne, in solemn convention assembled, realizing the extremity of our affliction and the greatness of our loss, do resolve,

First, That His Excellency, James A. Garfield, the late President of the United States, by his eminent intellectual endowments and thorough cultivation, by his wide political experience as a legislator and a statesman, by his exalted personal qualities, never so fully known as now, when they are forever lost to the people, won for himself not only an honored place in the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens, but also the rare distinction of being enrolled among the few but immortal names which shone fairest and brightest in his country's history.

Resolved, 2d, That while we place upon record our utter execration of the unnatural crime which blotted him out from among the living, and has woven the cypress and the willow around the blighted hopes of his administration; we desire to utter our personal grief at his untimely overthrow; to bow our heads with every other citizen, village and hamlet over the lifeless remains of what was but yesterday our ruler; to pour our libation of tears over that grave that shall hold his dust; and to invoke that spirit of brotherhood, sympathy and union which shall hereafter and forever be as flaming cherubims to guard the lives of our rulers, and to preserve the peace and happiness of the country.

Resolved, 3d, For that brave and heroic woman, his devoted wife, who has stood by her suffering husband through every hour of his agony, whispering to him hope when there was no hope, repelling death from his pillow by the sublimity of her faith and love, inspiring courage in the very hearts of his physicians when they were sinking in the desperate struggle, and never giving up to the very last, what shall we say, except that the whole nation, every citizen of which venerates her character and admires her heroism, will keep her in the shelter of its loving heart forever, and as she stands by her orphan children desolate and afflicted, will weave for her a wreath of remembrance which shall keep green through all coming time.

Resolved, 4th, That we extend to the family of the illustrious departed our sincere sympathy and condolence, and request the public journals of this city to publish these resolutions.

JOHN S. LONG, Chm'n.

John S. Manix, Esq., seconded the resolutions in a few remarks, at the conclusion of which, they were unanimously adopted.

Thomas Powers, Esq., moved that a committee of eighteen be appointed whose duty it should be to make all necessary arrangements for the proper observance of any day of general mourning that may be appointed.

The motion was adopted, and the chairman appointed the following named gentlemen to constitute said committee.

Thomas Powers, J. L. H. Missillier, W. O. Randolph, Wm. Hollister, V. A. Crawford, George Green, Jr., G. F. M. Dail, M. Patterson, George S. Fisher, Daniel Stimson, S. H. Gray, J. B. Yates, C. E. Foy, E. A. Richardson, F. M. Simmons, O. Marks, George Bishop, and Wm. H. Oliver.

On motion, the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

The City Council met and adopted a resolution requesting the citizens of New Berne to meet at the Court House at 6 p. m. to give appropriate expression to the feelings of our people at the great national calamity which has overtaken the people of the United States.

The pastors of the various city churches were requested to have their bells tolled from half past twelve to one o'clock, which was complied with, and during the tolling of the bells, business of the city was suspended and business houses closed. The bell at the Midland Railway station and the city bell were also tolled. The government offices were draped in mourning as were some private residences and also Dr. Slover's military institute building. Bunting was displayed at half mast in the harbor, and every mark of sincere respect and sorrow were manifested by our people with an entire unanimity.

The following dispatch was sent to the Associated Press:—

News of the President's death was received here with an universal expression of sympathy. The bells of the city and churches tolled from 12 to 1 o'clock. A general meeting of the citizens at the Town Hall to-night.

THE FIRE LAST NIGHT.—The alarm of fire at 7.15 announced the burning of a row of houses on Short street belonging to a colored woman, Hagar Jones, or Pitts as she is sometimes called.

The fire originated in an upstairs room from a light in the hands of Nancy Edward, a small colored girl.

There were five houses in all burned, and most of the effects of the owner and her tenants were destroyed. The five houses, including the other losses, of the owner, were a loss of one thousand dollars, not insured.

Hannah Dixon, who lived up-stairs, lost all her effects.

Joe Williams sustained a partial loss.

Mahala Barbour lost money and clothing.

Cree v Neal's was a partial loss.

Amanda Edwards lost nearly all her effects.

Richard Sawyer sustained a partial loss.

The houses of Margaret Harris and May Gates would have been burned, but the noble work of the Reliance hand engine, which is the colored fire company of the city, and the Rough and Ready Hook and Ladder Company saved them.

For the first time, and unexpectedly, one of the city wells failed, which caused the Elijah Ellis to suck mud and she then had to change her position to Justice's wharf on the river shore.

During the progress of the fire she burst a section of her hose.

The Steamer New Berne took her position at the river end of Neuse street, but her horses balked on the way and she was much delayed in getting to work. She bursted five sections of hose and the Reliance bursted one.

The failure of the Ellis well, the baulking of the New Berne horses and the bursting of hose so hindered the work of the best fire department in the South that the flames gained the headway to make the destruction it did. But for this train of misfortunes the fire would have been conquered at the second hour.

Fortunately there was no wind blowing. With high winds there would have been a general destruction throughout that part of the city.

KEYS FOUND.—A bunch of keys were left at the National bank, which the owner can have by calling at this office.

Mr. Frederick Wolfenden, a prominent farmer of Beaufort county, was in the city yesterday, stopping with his brother, J. J. Wolfendett.

SWORN IN.—By advice of the cabinet, President Arthur took the oath of office in New York, on Monday night. He was at Long Branch yesterday.

LOW WATER.—The information came to us from Kinston yesterday that owing to low water in the river the steamer Neuse would remain at the above place until a rise in the river.

List of Passengers by steamer New Berne:—Inward: Dr. J. B. Hartwell, Mr. Burgess, J. L. Hahn, Miss Mattie Saunders, Mrs. M. M. Southgate, Mrs. T. M. Southgate and two children.

Outward: R. G. Mallett.

STEAMER DELAYED.—The freights of the steamer New Berne were so heavy this voyage that she did not leave Elizabeth City until six o'clock Thursday afternoon several hours after regular sailing time.

SPECTACLES LOST.—Cicero C. Robbins requests us to announce the loss of his spectacles while present at or running to the fire last night. They are steel mounted, in a black case on which is the name of B. A. Bell. Any person finding the same will be rewarded by leaving them either at his shop on South Front street or at this office.

UNPLEASANT ADVENTURE.—Misses Alice Lehman and Emma Disoway, while driving in the country, about three miles from the city, had the misfortune to have the horse taken sick and had to walk the entire distance back to the city, arriving about 7:30. A colored man, whom they met on the road, very kindly assisted them in getting the horse to town.

WORK ON THE MIDLAND.—Col. J. B. Yates, General Manager, is in Goldsboro, to inaugurate the work on the Midland Extension. Yesterday afternoon he telegraphed Mr. J. J. Robertson, without whom no railroad construction force in this portion of the State is complete, to go up immediately, and he will leave this morning. We learn that it is the intention to have as large a force on this work as can be got at this busy season.

FIRST ARRIVAL OF OYSTERS.—Captain Hill, of the schooner Leola, from Core Sound, arrived in port yesterday with a cargo of oysters, the first of the season. The Core Sound oysters open very fine and are reported as good this early as at any time last season.

Bow down your head, ye haughty clam. Ye oyster say your prayer, The month that has an "r" has come, You're on the bill of fare.

LABORERS' MEETING.—There was a meeting of the colored laboring people, at Red Church, on West street, Monday night, the proceedings and resolutions of which did not reach us in time for publication yesterday morning, and they are necessarily crowded out to-day.

From the hasty glance we have been able to give, the speeches and resolutions condemn the acts of violence to which we alluded to as occurring here on Monday, and they declare that they do not propose to raise strife or create a prejudice toward anyone who may give them employment, but to demand of them living wages. Rev. John S. Johnson, I. B. Abbott, E. E. Tucker and others addressed the meeting, all speaking in this strain.

We will present the proceedings and resolutions of the meeting to-morrow, making such comments as we deem just and proper to the occasion, and in the interest of both races without any prejudice whatever.

Occupying, as it does, a position of a most perfect independence in all things, and "with malice toward none but with charity for all," we believe this paper can render valuable service to the people of

this community of both races in regard to this temporary labor, and be of consequent benefit to the agricultural and commercial interests of the surrounding city and this city.

Arrivals at the Hotels.

GASTON HOUSE—S. R. Street, Sept 20, 1881.

J. W. Rayless, Morehead City
J. B. Hoiner, Aurora N. C.
J. M. Parsons, Beaufort N. C.
W. L. Morris, M. N. C. R. R.
H. W. Lane, Stone wall N. C.
W. H. Gaskitts, " "
C. H. Fowler, " "
J. L. Bryan, " "

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September 20, 1881.

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J. U. Smith, City

CITY NOTICES

Jewelry.—A beautiful and elegant assortment of jewelry just purchased in New York, at Bell's, the jeweler. Any article ever sold that is not as was represented will be returned and the money will be refunded.

Dry Goods Emportment.—William Sultan and Co., in the Westminster Building, have just returned from the North and are now receiving their large and carefully selected stock of dry goods, ladies' dress goods, ladies' cloaks, gentlemen's clothing and furnishing goods, carpets, boots, shoes, hats, caps, etc., which they are offering at great bargains.

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