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## DEATH OF COL. L. L. POLK.

REMAINS INTERRED AT RALEIGH.

Funeral Sunday Afternoon—Sketch of His Life—Cause of Death—His Many Callers.

[Special correspondence of THE DAY.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 11.—The death of Col. L. L. Polk, which occurred here at 11:15 a. m. today, is mourned by not a few prominent people of this city as well as by vast numbers in the agricultural districts of the United States.

In his last sickness he was faithfully attended by Dr. J. M. Hays, formerly of Oxford, N. C. For a week previous to the sad end Dr. Hays did not leave his bedside day or night. He is a fine physician and was also a warm personal friend of Col. Polk, and he did everything in his power and everything human skill could do to stay the hand of death.

The immediate cause of Col. Polk's death was uræmia, a kind of blood poisoning. He had had hemorrhages of the bladder at intervals for four years. The attacks were attributed by him to unusual mental effort, and were frequently brought on by long and vigorous speaking. The severest attack he had prior to this was just after the Ocala convention.

The last hemorrhage came on two weeks ago, Friday, May 27. About that time he was actively engaged in changing the policy of his paper, the Progressive Farmer, which brought into play an unusual amount of brain work and caused him much worry. Dr. Hays was sent for Sunday, and went to work in the usual way but could not effectually check the hemorrhage. Friday, June 3, Col. Polk had another attack. Dr. Hays called in Dr. Thompson, one of the leading doctors of Washington, for consultation. From that time on Dr. Hays was constantly in the sick chamber, sleeping there at night and taking his meals there.

Thursday the Colonel had heart failure and his condition became alarming, but he afterwards showed signs of improvement. Yesterday he became worse and went into a state of coma, and was taken to the Garfield Hospital, death being inevitable unless an operation was performed; and that was a forlorn hope. After getting to the hospital it was found that he was beyond all hopes, and that an operation would not have added anything to his chances of recovery.

He gradually sank and passed away at 11:15 this morning. An autopsy was held by Dr. Hays, assisted by Dr. Leech, of the Hospital, revealing the presence in the bladder of a tumor about the size of a hen's egg.

During Col. Polk's illness telegrams of enquiry and condolence

came in from all parts of the country. Reporters and messengers were always about his room. Among those who called were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Simpson, ex-Congressman Poindexter Dunn, Reese B. Edmundson, S. F. Phillips, Mrs. W. H. Bagley, Herman J. Schulties, Senator Irby, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Worth, Senator Ransom, Senator Kyle, Chas. Vance, J. S. Carr, Messrs. Williams, Bunn, Branch, Alexander, Henderson, Cowles, Livingstone, Dr. Macune, J. Daniels and many other prominent gentlemen in and out of the Alliance.

### THE FUNERAL.

[Special correspondence of THE DAY.]

RALEIGH, N. C., June 13.—The remains of Col. L. L. Polk arrived here on a special train at 3:20 p. m. yesterday. The body was accompanied by about twenty-five distinguished friends of Col. Polk, among them Senator Peffer; Congressmen Otis of Kansas, Moses of Georgia, Ken and McKeighan of Nebraska, Stackhouse of South Carolina, Branch and Alexander of North Carolina; C. W. McCune, J. F. Tillman and J. H. Turner of the National Farmers' Alliance, and Dr. W. C. Murphy of Washington. A special committee from this city met the train at Greensboro.

There was a large crowd of people at the station when it reached Raleigh. The coffin was placed in a hearse, and a procession was formed and marched to the First Baptist church, where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Carter, assisted by Drs. Hall and Skinner. The church was filled to its full capacity. Dr. Carter's sermon was an excellent one and very touching. The eyes of many of his hearers were wet with tears. His eulogy of the life and character of Col. Polk was very fine. Several hymns were well rendered by the choir. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

At the close of the services the face of the dead was exposed to view, and the vast crowd, in single file, walked past the handsome burial casket and looked for the last time upon the features of the great leader. He appeared as in life, and the expression was one of peace.

The solemn, imposing procession then made up outside of the church, and which moved to Oakwood cemetery, was one of the largest ever in Raleigh. Quite a number of persons from the surrounding country were in line. Granville was represented by Dr. A. J. Dalby, W. T. Adams and J. T. Britt. When it arrived at the cemetery it was found that an immense crowd had already congregated there.

The last sad rites at the grave were performed by Dr. Carter, and Dr. Hall offered up a prayer. The

remains of Col. Polk were buried on an eminence under the shade of a giant oak—one of the most beautiful and conspicuous spots in the cemetery.

There is already talk—and it is sure to amount to something—of erecting a grand, costly monument to perpetuate his memory. W.

### SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

Col. Polk was born in Anson county, North Carolina, in April 1837, was of Irish extraction, and the son of Andrew Polk, a farmer of Mecklenburg county. He completed his education at Davidson College. His wife was a Miss Sarah P. Gaddy, daughter of Joel W. Gaddy, who was a prosperous farmer. In 1860 Col. Polk was elected to the General Assembly of his State by the whig party of his county. He entered the Confederate army in 1861 and served during the greater part of the war—during the latter part as a lieutenant. In 1865 he was again elected to the General Assembly, and soon thereafter as a delegate to the Constitutional convention of his State. In 1877 he was appointed Commissioner of Agriculture, and began the publication of the Progressive Farmer in 1886. In 1887 he joined the Farmers' Alliance, held several positions in the order, and has been twice elected President of the National Farmers' Alliance. He was, also, twice elected President of the Baptist Association of the State, one of the largest and most influential religious organizations of North Carolina. Col. Polk's personal appearance was good. He was a popular speaker, fluent, sometimes eloquent, and of easy delivery. In social intercourse he was affable, talked well, and was fond of talking with his friends.

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