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HIS LAST WORDS

(Asheville Citizen)

The scene is the death chamber of Locke Craig. The time is three hours before his death.

The former Governor of North Carolina dismisses those who have kept long watch at his bedside and directs that his youngest son, Locke, Jr., be sent to him.

The boy comes to his side. "Locke," the dying man begins, his voice hardly above a whisper, "your old daddy is almost gone. Kneel here beside my bed."

The boy kneels. There is a pause. "Son," the Governor begins again, "here, with my hand upon your head I want you to promise me one thing. Promise me to be good to everybody as long as you live."

"Be good to everybody as long as you live." Those were the last conscious words of Locke Craig, one of the greatest orators and best loved men this State ever produced. They are words which every North Carolinian should remember, not only because they were a great man's supreme counsel to his beloved son, but also because the one who spoke them had proved them, through his own career, the open sesame of success.

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This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

WHEAT IS GOING UP. EUGENE MYER JR. IN CHARGE. BEER AND SHIPS. MORE THAN AIR MAIL SERVICE.

The Department of Agriculture says farmers all lost money on their wheat last year. It cost \$1.24 a bushel to grow it. The average price was 99 cents. Unless all signs fail, farmers will get all the wheat costs this year and a good deal more. Many sections of the country producing fewer than 15 bushels of wheat to the acre, with labor and fertilizer costing what they do, it is hard to see how wheat can pay, even at \$1.24. The Republican plan is to force the price to \$1.50. How many votes would that be worth?

If farmers have any wheat unsold from the last crop—they usually have none when the price goes up—let them hang on to it. And if they are wise they will hold for high prices the wheat now being threshed.

When the really big people want wheat to go up, as they do now, it goes up. They have the power to make it go. It is not like one individual, professional wheat gambler, or little pool, trying to fight the wolves of the "short side."

Other grains, corn especially, and cotton and stocks, will travel upward with the wheat. What Republican victory, BIG VICTORY, demands is a prosperity boom. You'll have it.

Readers may remember that this writer, when cotton was below 25, announced that it would travel up to 35. It did, moving steadily and higher than 35. What the big fellows want really happens.

Eugene Myer, Jr., able young citizen of many millions, is in charge of the plan to put up the prices of wheat and of other farm products to make farmers happy, and enable the Government to lend them more money.

DON'T GAMBLE, HOWEVER. It is virtuous to pray that farmers may have better times and better prices. It's foolish to gamble on it. No little man is smart enough or quick enough to survive in that game.

If you happen to come in contact with Eugene Myer, Jr., who is now traveling through the West, you might get valuable information. It is said he intends to put the average value of cattle up \$10 a head. That would help some.

A time is coming when lack of American-owned ships will cost us more billions than that same lack cost in the last war.

The various brands of beer, religion, foreign entanglements, etc., all have their importance.

But none is as important as the safety of the country. And that depends on ships. ON the water for carrying goods and troops, ABOVE the water and UNDER the water, for fighting.

A little while ago we were begging England to make room for our soldiers in her ships, and paying English shipping companies first-class cabin rates for less than steerage accommodation for American soldiers sent over to help England and France.

But all that seems to be forgotten.

Dr. E. Lyman Fisk, scientific authority, says "Alcohol is a liability." Tests prove that "moderate drinkers do not live longer than total abstainers." That's interesting and important.

However, those on the other side of the fence say "Mere LENGTH of life is not the important thing. It doesn't matter so much how LONG you live, as how EFFICIENTLY you live."

The younger Pitt, for instance, undoubtedly drank himself to death. But while he lived he kept Napoleon Bonaparte out of England. And that was more important to Englishmen than having him live to be one hundred and fifty would have been.

Again, it may be said that if he HAD drunk only water, he might have been twice as good a Prime Minister in addition to living to be a hundred.

About these things we, as yet, know nothing.

While you are sleeping, fliers for the post office are crossing the continent, guided by "light patches" blazing with lights of many million candle power. Eventually, of course, that lighting will be cheap. It is only a question of power, of borrowing from the sun in the daytime enough energy to duplicate sunlight feebly at night.

Postmaster General New is to be congratulated on his excellent work in developing the aerial mail delivery. What he does for a greater mail delivery, while most important, is of far less value than his admirable work in developing the American flying machine and American fliers.

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Why Shun The Vice Presidency?

(New York World)

No man refuses to be president of the United States. Many men have refused the nomination for the vice president; often in cases where election seemed certain, half a dozen times as in Mr. Lowden's case, after a nomination had actually been made. Yet the vice presidency is nominally the office of second importance in the republic.

To sit in a place too high for dozing and listen to senatorial speeches which senators themselves do not hear is a tedious job, but that is not the reason why many shun the vice presidency. The fact is that its incumbent unless elevated to the presidency by the death of its chief—a chance no man likes to contemplate—enters the open door to oblivion.

Who remembers the name of William R. King? Or of D. D. Tompkins, except in Tompkinsville, S. I. The names of Aaron Burr and John C. Calhoun are known, but not because they were vice president. Even Adlai Stevenson is far better remembered for his ax-work as an Assistant Postmaster General than as vice president. A senator like Hughes, a mayor like Gaynor is a far bigger figure before the public than the vice president of his day.

The vice presidency is a high title without power. The submerged statesman who holds it may be invited by a good-natured Harding to sit with the cabinet, but he does not belong there. The only chance he has to express himself or affect public decisions is in a vote on a tie, and that almost never happens. The Constitution as adopted was strangely defective in providing for the presidential succession and in failing to assign the vice president a task commensurate to the reasonable ambitions of a man big enough to be considered for the post. The vice president of the United States is a high dignitary who has nothing in the

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world to do that is worth while and who is fated to be forgotten even before his return of office begins.

THE 1920 PANIC

(Baltimore Sun)

There have been since 1870 four nation-wide epochs of depression. In each of these the farmer suffered first, most and longest.

Speaking before the Political Study Club, in Washington, Senator Ladd, of North Dakota, thus described the panic of 1920:

"On May 18, 1920, without a word of warning or notice, the balloon credit structure was punctured, discounts were raised, loans were withdrawn, cut down, refused and the entire fabric of American commerce, exchange, manufacture, transportation, plunged into chaos, threw 6,000,000 workers on the streets by the most heartless, vicious, cruel, and unconscionable stroke of avaricious depravity known in the business history of the civilized world.

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