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## EX-SPEAKER T. B. REED DEAD

PASSED AWAY AT 12:10 THIS MORNING.

He Had Gone to Washington to Look After a Case in the Supreme Court, and Had Witnessed the Opening of Congress

Washington, Dec. 7.—Thomas Brackett Reed, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, and for many years prominent in public life, died here to-night at 12:10 o'clock, in his apartment in the Arlington Hotel. The immediate cause of death was uraemia. A change for the worse was noted in Mr. Reed's condition early this morning. At 9:30 he was given a subcutaneous saline transfusion in order to stimulate his kidneys, which were failing to perform their proper function. At 5 o'clock this afternoon a saline solution again was administered, about three quarts of fluid being used. The heart became weaker and weaker, but the patient retained consciousness until 11 o'clock to-night, when a complete coma came on. At the bedside when he died were Mrs. Reed and Miss Catherine Reed, Drs. Gardner, McDonald, Bishop and Goodnow, and the nurses. Dr. Goodnow, who had been in consultation with the local physicians Thursday, was again summoned from Philadelphia this afternoon and arrived here at 9:30 to-night. Mr. Reed's mind was in such a state during the day that he did not realize the seriousness of his condition. He was cheerful and conversed with those about his bedside. When it became apparent that he would not survive his illness, the wife and daughter were notified and they remained constantly at the bedside till the distinguished patient breathed his last. With only a faint hope of saving his life, oxygen was administered continuously throughout the day.

It was stated to-night that Mr. Reed had been suffering from Bright's disease for some time, which reached the acute stage to-day and this furnished an additional cause for alarm. Mr. Reed passed away peacefully and without pain. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Mr. Reed reached Washington Sunday, having come to attend to some matters in the United States Supreme Court. He was at the capitol Monday, visiting with friends and former associates in Congress, and witnessed the convening of the Fifty-seventh Congress. Apparently he was enjoying good health, but later in the day he called on Dr. F. A. Gardner and complained of gastric distress. The following day his physician compelled him to remain in bed, while a diagnosis was made of his condition. Mr. Reed was strongly averse to staying in bed, but a rise in temperature kept him in. Symptoms of appendicitis appeared though his condition was not considered at that time as alarming. A trained nurse remained with him throughout Tuesday night and the patient showed signs of improvement.

## Married.

Miss Mary Annie Cash and Mr. J. M. Burton were married at the home of the bride's parents, near Helena on Nov. 19, Rev. S. Y. Brown performing the ceremony.

## Heavy Gales on the Coast.

Norfolk, Dec 5.—Reports received in Norfolk tonight are to the effect that not a soul of the ill-fated Wesley M. Oler's crew escaped the disaster which wrecked that schooner near Hatteras, this morning. Only one chance of a rescue is known and that was brought to light by the German steamer Koln, from Bremen to Baltimore, reporting the crew of an abandoned schooner aboard while entering the Cape today. This morning's hurricane blew 60 miles here. The three-masted schooner William D. Hilton and the Melville Phillips together with several smaller craft, were blown ashore in the harbor and lower bay. The tug Underwriter, which was towing the Oler has not been heard from and fears are entertained that she foundered in the gale. The crew of the schooner Ida Lawrence abandoned that vessel in a rudderless condition of Hatteras, early this morning and were rescued with greatest difficulty by life-savers. In a collision between a derelict freight barge and the schooner Melville Phillips during the storm, the Phillips was badly injured.

## The Death of Minister Buck.

Washington, Dec. 5.—A few details of the untimely death of Minister Buck are furnished in the following cablegram received at the State Department to-day from Mr. Guzon, the United State charge d'affaires:

"Tokio, Dec. 5.—Minister Buck's death was caused by paralysis of the heart. It occurred on an imperial hunting preserve near Tokio. The funeral will take place here on the 8th, and full official honor will be extended by the Japanese government, as in the case of Minister Swift. The widow will probably leave Yokohama on the 24th with the body for burial at Arlington. I respectfully recommend that the military attache be granted authority by telegraph to accompany the remains to Washington and to return as soon as possible to his post."

## Washington's Letter Seils High.

Boston, Dec. 5.—A letter of George Washington, written Oct. 27, 1785, to his friend, Patrick Henry Governor of Virginia, was sold at a collector's sale by auction today for \$580, to a New York man acting as agent. The letter is given in full in Sparks' Life of Washington, and is some length. Its subject matter related to a grant of money by the Virginia Legislature to Washington in reward for his services in the Revolution, and his refusal of the same.

## The Educational Rally Called for Dec. 15th.

I had a talk with Rev. J. A. Beam on Monday about the proposed work on Public Education. He minutely opened to me his plan, and the end to be accomplished. I want to say that I heartily concur in the plan. It will be fully explained on the 15th and I trust will meet with the full approbation of the public. I write this simply to urge upon all lovers of education to come out on the day fixed and aid in this noble undertaking. Let teachers, school-committeemen, patrons and friends of education lay aside all business for one day, and give it to the advancement of our schools.

G. T. WATKINS.

## TO EXEMPT \$300.

Commission Recommends no State Tax on Land.

In its annual report to be issued within a few days, the State Tax Commission recommended that the exemptions from taxation on personal property be increased from \$25 to \$300.

That poll tax be levied for State and county purposes only, and not to exceed \$2.00 on the head, and that no poll tax be levied for municipal purposes.

That the tax rate be limited to 66 2/3 per cent on the \$100 value for State and county purposes combined.

That the municipal tax rate be limited so that the State, county and municipal rates combined shall not exceed \$1.00 on the \$100 value.

That no ad valorem tax be levied for State purposes, and in lieu thereof that the revenue for State purposes be had from the tax on incomes, franchises, inheritances and such license tax as should properly go into the State Treasury, e. g., such revenue as would accrue from the liquor traffic in whatever form it may exist.

That the revenue for school, county, and municipal purposes be had from the general property tax, and that the county and municipal tax be supplemented by taxes on trades and professions and business licenses.

## FARMERS MEETING

Col. Cunningham, Pres. is sending out the following letter to the farmers of this State:

Cunningham, N. C., Nov. 20 1902  
Dear Sir

I have recently consulted with Mr. O. L. Joyner, Col S. Bryan Grimes and other tobacco growers in the State and we are very much impressed with the necessity of the tobacco growers in this State organizing at this time. I believe this is absolutely necessary now because if we do not form a business association at this time for our mutual interest and protection we shall see the price of tobacco fall until, with the large crop which it seems now certain will be planted for the year 1903, we shall be selling our products at less than cost of production. I therefore write to ask you to meet us at Rocky Mount, North Carolina, at 1 o'clock on December 19, and advise or discuss those means which most vitally concern the tobacco growers now. I shall consider it a personal favor if you will meet us at that time and urge such tobacco growers as you can interest in this matter, whose support and judgment you think would be valuable to us, to join with us at that time.

I will be glad, if you will give this matter careful consideration, so as to give us the benefit of your deliberate judgement when we meet.

An immediate reply will be very much appreciated.

Expecting to see you on the 19th, I am,

Sincerely,

JOHN S. CUNNINGHAM.

Pres. N. C. Tobacco Growers' Association.

CASTORIA.  
Bears the  
Signature  
of  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Chas. H. Pletcher.

## Favors a Summer School

EDITORS COURIER,

Dear sirs:—I noticed in your paper of Dec. 3rd, an article by Rev. J. A. Beam under the caption "A Great Meeting," that I feel sure is a step in the right direction.

The lengthening of the public schools and the establishing of a Teachers Institute in the County is practicable and possible. Only get our people aroused more thoroughly along the line of education and the small amount asked for in the plan by the chairman of Board of Education will be easily raised, in fact the patrons will get a month's extension of the schools, by same teacher, for only two thirds what the County paid per month. It is a fact the Public Schools in North Carolina are too short. Our youths need to be educated. An education is more in demand now than ever before. Therefore agitate, thoroughly, this plan, meet at Roxboro the 15th and see what can be done.

It seems to me that the patrons could well afford to raise \$30 and the teachers give the entire month rather than the schools should not be lengthened and the Teachers Institute not established.

Let the teachers and patrons cooperate with the Chairman Board Education, extend the schools a month, establish a summer school for teachers and thus move forward and let the Old North State keep abreast with other states in education. Yours with much interest,

J. W. PATTON

Graham, N. C. Dec. 4th.

## Endorses the Summer School

EDITORS COURIER:—It is quite a pleasure to me to realize the upward tendency in public education; from the fact it is the only source by which the majority of children of the State will ever be benefited or rather given a chance in life to become educated, and a source of greater pleasure to know efforts are being made at home to lengthen our school terms thirty days and farther to formulate and carry out a plan by which our teachers can be helped by attending a Summer School of six weeks in our own County. The plan as presented by our active Chairman of Board of Education seems to be possible, plausible and destined to do good in the cause of public education if the friends of education will raise \$20 in each school district. It is true the amount simply from this County will not be sufficient, but the amount will be a nucleus and stimulus to adjoining counties of Granville, Caswell and Halifax, Va, to come in, contribute and receive the benefits from the Summer School

for teachers, Bethel Hill Institute will be an ideal place as to cheapness, climate and accommodations to Teachers that may attend. So each district make up a rally to the support of extended terms and the Summer School.

Be sure to attend the meeting to be held in Roxboro on the 15th day of Dec. 1902

T. H. STREET.

Boy's life saved from Membranous Croup

C. W. Lynch, a prominent citizen of Winchester, Ind., writes: "My son had a severe attack of membranous croup, and only got relief after taking Foleys Honey and Tar. He got relief after one dose and I feel that it saved the life of my boy. Refuse substitutes For sale by W. R. Hambrick & Co.

## Christmas Goods!

We are just opening up the largest and most varied line of Christmas goods which will be shown in this town. They were carefully selected with an eye to please the young people and we cordially invite every father and mother to call at once and make their selections.

Yes, we have something for the older ones, too.

If you are going to have a Christmas tree you cannot do better than to see our line, we will sell you just what you want for mighty little money.

And for those cakes, well, we have anything you want, and a large variety of eatables for every day

Sergeant, Clayton & Co.

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## EXPENSE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The annual expense account of the Board of County Commissioners for the year ending December 1st 1902, to wit:

The Board were in session 28 days	
Per diem pd W. T. Noell for 28 days,	\$56 00
560 miles travel,	28 00
Per diem pd R. H. Bailey for 27 days,	\$54 00
378 miles travel,	18 90
Per diem pd H. G. Clayton for 26 days,	\$52 00

I, W. E. Webb, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Person County, do hereby certify that said Board were in session 28 days, and that no unverified accounts were allowed.

This Dec. 1st 1902.

W. E. WEBB,  
Clerk Board Co. Com.

## Santa Claus Writes.

I have made my headquarters this year at A. M. BURNS, because he has made ample provision for all my wants. He has everything needed for young or old—the useful as well as the ornamental and amusing. Dolls to "beat the band" and plenty of other toys for the pleasure and amusement of the children. In fancy ware, china or glass, his stock is fine. Then if I want something more useful he has nice trunks, suit cases, rugs, carpets, blankets, quilts and table ware and the prettiest line of pictures to be found, in fact he has everything necessary to make all my family happy. Another good reason for stopping at Burns' is that he gives me extra low prices, so much better than I get elsewhere.

Your old friend,

SANTA CLAUS.