FUNERAL

REFORM IN

ASHEVILLE

Paper Adopted by the Pastors' Association.

RECOMMENDS THE OMISSION OF WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE "FUNERAL SERMON."

The Pastors' association of Asheville at the last regular meeting discussed the question of funeral reform, and the following paper, prepared several years ago by the Durham association, was unanimously adopted as regulating funeral services in Asheville here-

"The burial of the dead always awakens and touches the tenderest and most sacred feelings and sentiments of the human heart. With these feelings the despest sympathy; of which there is standing testimony in that at death, yea, before death ensues, the minister is the first comforter sent for and the first to respond. In suggesting, therefore, any changes in the customs connected with the burial of the dead, a reform difficult to accomplish because of the sacred associations, it would appear most appropriate for the ministers of the community to speak as being the least likely to be misunderstood, and also as being the recognized leaders in sacred things. We, therefore, the ministers of Asneville, in conference assembled, believing that certain customs connected with the burial of our beloved dead prevail which tend rather to stifle the sacred feeling natural thereto, and which are infurious and often disastrous to the living, with due modesty venture to call attention to these customs and to suggest certain changes. The particulars in which we believe change is desirable are briefly indicated below:

"1. The expenses of the foucial. In our love for the dead our heart prompts us to disregard expense. In doing so, however, we may unintentionally do injury to the living, in the persons of our own loved ones and of the community. A costly casket, a large number of hired carriages, by those who can afford them, establishes a atandard, the cost of which enforces upon those who cannot afford it a debt (which often can never be paid) and robs the living at times of the very necessaries of life for months afterwards. We suggest, therefore, out of proper consideration for the sacred feelings of God's worthy poor and persons of limited means, and for the needs of the living, the use of a simple, inexpensive casket and the hire of only a sufficient number of carriages for the members of the immediate fam-

"2. Services at the grave. lasting several minutes-often in inclement weather - jeopardize the health and life of the | family and friends, the strength of some of whom at times has been impaired by long nursing of the deceased; so that one funeral sometimes necessitates another in quick succession. Without any disrespect to the dear one buried, it would be wise and prudent for all friends and relatives to retire from the grave as soon as the form of commitment has been read, whenever the weather is inclement, and leave the filling of the grave and the placing of the flowers to the superintendent of the ceremony and one or more chosen friends. Moreover, it is best, and in the interest of health, in inclement weather, for all parties to keep their heads covered during the committal of the body to the ground.

"3. Sunday funerals. Except in cases of absolute necessity funerals should never be appointed on the Lord s day. On the readily appreciated grounds that they necessitate a great deal of additional labor to the undertakers, the liveryman, the superintendent of the cemetery and to the employes; that they interrupt the appointed worship of God's day and house; that they take people away from Sunday schools and church services who by preference would be there, greatly to the temporary detriment of these services, and that they impose additional and trying service upon ministers, whose heaviest and most important duties fall upon the Lord's day.

"4. Wearing of mourning apparel. This is purely a matter of custom, seeing that in some countries the badge of mourning is white, in others, as in England, it is red or purple. The excessive use of black among christians for the loss of christian friends is a virtual denial of a precious truth of the gospel, viz: the immediate blessedness of those who fall asleep in Jesus, Moreover, the change of wearing apparel involves a heavy expense which many can ill afford and yet which custom has imposed upon them. While it also detains the mourners for weeks from the house of God, the place of all others where the Christian mourner is en-

couraged to find comfort. "5. Funeral services. We recommend at all ordinary funerals, the omission of what is properly known as the "funeral sermon" and that the minister conduct and not "preach the

funeral." "6. Opening the casket. This opens anew the fountain of tears and when in public exposes the face of the belovity of a criticising crowd. It would be far there have been eight separate inwell, therefore, for the family and

friends ordinarily to take the last fond look at the face of the dead in private, before the funeral services begin, after which the casket should not be

"7. Selection of time for the funeral. The day and hour should not be fixed. and certainly should never be published until the minister who is to officiate has first been consulted, that there be no conflict with other important engagements. .

"8. The entrance and departure of the casket and mourners from the church. It is a becoming mark of respect that the whole congregation rise and remain standing while the body is borne into and out of the church and until the family are seated and also at the close until they have passed out of the church.

"We believe the changes respectfully suggested above will commend themselves to every thoughtful mind who appreciates the sentiments of the livis g for the dead; and also the claims of the living, as prompting and maintaining all the sacred and tender associations that cluster around the burial of our beloved dead, and as conducive to the highest interest of the bereaved and often dependent living who are the ministers of Christ's gospel are in left to mourn and suffer from the death of the departed. Convinced of this, we feel assured that our motives in suggesting these changes will also be recognized as pure, and in tender sympathy with all the sons and daughters of scrrow."

This is signed by Revs. McNeely Du-Bosc. J. H. Weaver, W. M. Vines, J. F. Vines, J. J. Gray, E. K. McLarty, J. N. Euggins, T. M. Myers, C. H. Durham and R. F. Campbell.

************ IN THE OLD NORTH STATE

Items of Interest Gathered From the Tar Heel Press.

-Salisbury Truth-Index: Mr. Charite Weilman, who works at the Southorn shops, met with a very peculiar accident last night while asleep. Mr. Wellman sometime ago dislocated his right arm and since then he has sufered considerably with the arm. Last night while asleep he rolled over on the injured arm and the pain that followed woke him up. He discovered then that he had dislocated the arm. It was set by Dr. Crump and Mr. Wellman will lay off from the shops until his arm is improved.

-King's Mountain Oracle: young son of Mrs. Violet Ware of Elbethel was seriously hurt by a fall from a tree a few days ago. A fence extended beneath the tree and in falling his face struk a paling, which in-flicted a very severe and dangerous wound, making a hole almost through He had not climbed much distance up in the tree or he would have been instantly killed. We hope that he is not injured beyond this face wound, which will no doubt heal rapidly.

-Rocky Mount Motor: While sad for anyone, the death of Engineer Cheatham at Garysburg last week, who was literally cut in two in the collision, is peculiarly so. He had attained to about 60 years and accumulated quite to enjoy the balance of his life, having resigned from the service and retired. He made the fatal trip to accommodate a young friend, whose place he took that he might attend a wedding in Pe-

-Fayetteville Observer: Revenue Officer Z. F. Long is out of pocket \$55 and by no fault of his own. A day or two ago he was stamping a number of barrels of whisky at L. L. Stone's still at Silver Springs, near Fayetteville, and had just pasted a \$55 stamp on a barrel when he was called away on some other business, and on his return, after an absence of 15 minutes, he found a billy goat chewing on the last remnants of it, having gnawed it entirely

-Fayetteville Observer: Master Wilile Blackburn, son of Mr. J. T. Blackburn, age about 12, was accidentally shot yesterday evening by a pistol in the hands of Master Charlie Davis, age about 15, at the Holt-Morgan village Davis was carrying the pistol in his pants pocket to swap it for a gun and was in the act of drawing it from his pocket, butt foremost, to show to Blackburn.

SHE FORGOT HERSELF AND USED UGLY WORD

THE STORY OF THREE HILLS OF BEANS AND A FINE.

"A hill of beans," meaning the number of bean stalks that grow in a bunch, is a comparison for insignificance. A triffing thing doesn't "amount to a hill of beans," and a shiftless fellow isn't "worth a hill of beans." But three hills of beans may be a matter or more moment, as was shown in police court at the regular Monday mati-

nee yesterday. The quiet of Laura Atkins' home in Scratch Ankle had been invaded by L. A. Holeman, who averred that he had been feloniously and maliciously bereaved of a gross snuff box, in which three hills of beans were growing and who intimated that said bean garden had been carried into Laura's abode. Laura's indignation was such that the word "damn" was heard to escape her.

"I do not think, Your Honor," said the lady's attorney, Mr. Carter, "that the law condemns a woman who, falsely accused of the larceny of beans. happens in an unguarded moment to

say 'dammit' in her own house." "Let each of them pay a fine of \$1 and cost for using profane and vulgar language," said Justice Gudger.

Bianton Thatcher, the rug collector, is tried every day or two on additional indictments for larceny. One of the latest of his thefts to be discovered by the police is an alarm clock-an article, it would seem, that none but a bold, ed dead to the ofttimes prurient curios- reckless thief would monkey with. So lictments against Thatcher

REPUBLICANS

MISQUOTING

They Are Evidently in Desperate Straits.

POPULISTS AND REPUBLICANS TO STRIVE FOR MAJORITY IN LEGISLATURE.

Raleigh, N. C., June 18.-Heavy rains have fallen, no doubt to the satisfaction of the farmers. The rainfall for the 40 hours ended at 8 o'clock this morning was 3 1-3 inches. Cool weather came along also, the temperature this

morning being 60 degrees. The Republican faithful made their pilgrimage to their Mecca, Philadelphia, in very good style indeed. From here Postmaster Bailey, Revenue Collector Duncan and Corporation Commissioner Abbott went. It is unusual for a national convention to be held so near here as Philadelphia.

The Tennessee Press association passed here yesterday afternoon, homeward bound from Morehead City. It was the first salt water experience of most of them and they greatly en-

The Populists say they are about ready to begin their campaign and that their organ, the Caucasian, will this week publish the list of appointments. Senator Butler was here today, looking after his political fences. The Populists are joining with the Republicans in a desperate attempt to get a majority in the legislature.

The state charters the Goldsboro Navigation company, with an authorised capital of \$50,000. It will operate

eteamers and barges on the Neuse river. Many years ago steamers used to run as far as Goldsboro and some three quarters of a century since one came up from New Bern within six miles of Raleigh, on the Neuse, to a rapid known as Hinton's falls-so near that the bells in Raleigh were heard to ring. But the streams in this part of the state have shallowed remarkably even in a quarter of a century.

The Republicans are in desperate straits; so desperate that they are now misquoting Charles B. Aycock. They want to make it appear that he said the Democrats intended) to rule by fraud, whereas he said and said plainly that they meant to rule by law.

The Southern railway is making good progress in the heavy work of Janie Reynolds, ballasting the North Carolina railway. All the stone, and it is extremely hard, comes from Hillsboro.

It is learned from railway people that the Seaboard Air Line intends to build Its line to Boca Grande, 100 miles south of Tampa, in order to be that much nearer Cuba, and at a point where there is deeper water.



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will address the meeting. Music by First N. C. Regiment Band.

All white people invited to attend and join in this movement for the welfare of the State and the permanent settlement of the race question in North Carolina.

Special arrangements will be made for the ladies and they are all invited to attend.

Notice.

State of North Carolina, Buncombe County-In the Superior Court, Before the Clerk. N. A. Reynolds and J. W. Spears, administrators, and Mamie S. Reynolds, administratrix, of W. T. Reynolds, deceased, vs. George Spears Reynolds, Robert R. Reynolds and the only heirs-T. W. Reynolds, Joseph T. tleceased, minors, vier, guardian ad litem of said min-

ors, and Mamie S. Reynolds.-Notice. The undersigned commissioner appointed by the Clerk of the Superior Court in a certain judgment made and entered in the above entitled cause on the 22d day of May A. D. 1900, hereby at the court house door, in Buncomba on county, on

MONDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 1900

debts of W. T. Reynolds, deceased, the following described real estate upon the following terms, to-wit: No. 12 in Block No. 5 of the Atkinson, Reynolds & Company plat, recorded in office of register of deeds in Book 74 at page 50, for cash; lots Nos. 16, 17, 24, 30, 56 and 57 of the plat made for C. E. Graham, recorded in Book 72 at page 421, for cash; Lot No. 3 Block No. 14 of the plat of Skyland Springs, the deed for which is recorded in Book 73 at page 353, for cash; the interest of W. T. Reynolds in a certain lot of land situated on the south side of West College street and the east side of Water street, and at the intersection thereof, fronting fifty (50) feet on West College street and running back eighty (80) feet on Water street, with buildings and improvements thereon, subject to the dower sight of Mamie S. Reynolds, widow of W. T. Reynolds, deceased, and subject to a mortgage of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000) executed by said W. T. Reynolds, for cash; one undivided half interest in several tracts of land situated in Buncombe county on the west side of the French Broad river, and known as the Fagg-Reynolds waterpower property, to be sold for onethird (1-3) cash and the balance of the ben R. Rawls on the 6th day of March. installments due respectively six and

12 months after date of sale, with inter- deeds in the register's office of Bunest from date, deferred payments to be secured by notes of the purchaser, the titles in every instance to be retained until the purchase money is paid. This the 22d day of May A. D. 1900

N. A. REYNOLDS, 5-22-d5t-tues Commissioner.

Notice.

By virtue of the power contained in a deed in trust executed to me by Reuben R. Rawls on the 4th day of August, 1897, and registered in book 42, on page 388 of the records of trust deeds in the Register of Deeds' office of Buncombe county, North Carolina, to secure the payment of a certain note fully des-cribed in said deed in trust, and degives notice that he will sell at public fault having been made in the payment auction to the last and highest bidder, of said note and interest thereon I will

THE 17TH DAY OF JULY, A. D., 1900, at 12 o'clock m., at the court house door in the city of Asheville, county of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for in order to make assets to pay the cash, to satisfy said note and interest, the following described lot or parcel of land, situate in the city of Asheville, county and state aforesaid, on the west side of Main street, and bounded and more particularly described as fol-

lows: Beginning at a stake in the southern margin of Willow street and the western margin of South Main street, and the with western margin of Main street one hundred and nine and one-half feet to the northeast corner of the Asheville Tobacco Warehouse company's land; thence with northern boundary line of said company west two hundred feet to a stake, the southeast corner of E. T. Clemmons' lot; thence with the line of said lot north to the southern margin of Willow street; thence with the southern margin of Willow street to the beginning, the same being the land where now stands the Swannanoa hotel.

This June 16th, 1900. JOSEPH S. ADAMS,

By virtue of the power contained in a deed in trust executed to me by Reuon page 170 of the records of trust

combe county, N. C., to secure the payment of certain notes therein described, and default having been made in the payment of said notes I will on THE 17TH DAY OF JULY, A. D., 1900,

at 12 o'clock m., at the court house door in the city of Asheville Buncombe county, North Asheville, Buncombe county, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said notes, and interest, the following described lot or parcel of land situate in the city of Asheville, county and State aforesaid, situate on the west side of South Main street, in said city and bounded and more particularly described as follows: "Beginning at a stake in the southern margin of Willow street and the west-ern margin of South Main street and runs with the western margin of Main street one hundred and one-half feet to the northeast corner of the Asheville Tobacco Warehouse company's land; thence with the northern boundary line of said company west two hundred feet to a stake, the southeast corner of the E. T. Clemmons lot; thence with the line of the said lot north to the southern margin of Willow street; thence with the southern margin of Willow street to the beginning, the same being th property on which the Swannanoa hotel stands and embraces all land owned by said Reuben R. Rawls in that particular lot. This 16th day of June, 1900.

Notice.

North Carolina, Buncombe County-Superior Court. Samuel Clayton and others VS.

David Shorter and others. The defendant, David Shorter, above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Buncombe county, for the sale and partition of certain lands situated in said county and state, and the defendant, David Shorter, will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the clerk of the Superior court at his office in said county on the 20th day of June, 1900, and answer or demur to the complaint now on file in said action, or the plaintiffs will apply to court for the relief demanded in the complaint. This the 18th day of April, 1900. MARCUS ERWIN. purchase price to be paid in two equal A. D., 1897, and registered in book 42, Clerk Superior Court of Buncombe

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