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## William Jennings Bryan Dies Suddenly In Sleep At Dayton

### Death of Great Commoner Shocks Nation. Became Party Leader And Idol Of Millions At 36. Burial at Arlington

Dayton, July 26.—William Jennings Bryan, three times presidential nominee of the Democratic party and known the world over for his eloquence, died here this afternoon at the age of 65.

The end came while the great commoner was asleep and was attributed by physicians to apoplexy. He had retired to his room shortly after eating a large dinner to take a short rest. Mrs. Bryan sent the family chauffeur, Jim McCartney, to wake him about 4:30 and it was learned then that he was dead.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed late tonight, but Mrs. Bryan indicated interment would be in Arlington cemetery. Mr. Bryan who was a colonel of the third Nebraska volunteers during the Spanish-American war, on several occasions had expressed a desire to be buried in Arlington.

Mr. Bryan's death came on the eve of another crusade he had planned to carry before the American people—a battle against modernism. He returned to Dayton this morning after having made addresses yesterday at Jasper and Winchester, Tennessee, and after having completed arrangements for the early publication of the speech he was to have made in closing the trial of John T. Scopes, who recently was found guilty of violating Tennessee's anti-evolution law.

Despite the strenuous program Mr. Bryan had been following as a member of the prosecution staff in the Scopes case and as leader of the fundamentalists, he appeared in excellent health.

**Greatest in Politics.**  
In all the history of American politics there are few names which carry that brilliant luster of spectacular effort which has become a part of the memory of William Jennings Bryan.

His life for almost 30 years was a panorama of national sensations, piled one upon the other. At 36 he became almost overnight not only the leader of his party but the idol of millions.

Three times he carried the party standards as its choice for the highest office of the land; in another presidential year—1912—he reaped much of the credit for placing Woodrow Wilson in the White House; and in almost every other national Democratic convention in a generation he was in the very center of every storm that came.

**In Wilson's Cabinet.**  
As a recognition, many said, of his long leadership, President Wilson made him secretary of state—a post from which he resigned two years later under the most sensational circumstances, because he felt the nation was verging toward participation in the European war. World peace always had been his passion in his earlier years, just as in his later days he made the espousal of religion his all-absorbing concern and turned his talents to an attack on evolution.

Throughout all his active years his followers clung to his standard in unswerving devotion for the man and his ideals, while his enemies reviled and hated him, calling him ignorant and misguided in both his economics and his religion. His great power of eloquence, which first brought him to a place of national prominence, remained unimpaired for many years; and toward the last his old-time brilliance on the platform and stump began to dim perceptibly.

## WHERE BIG PAGEANT WILL BE HELD



A scene in the beautiful amphitheatre of nature in Cleveland Springs Park where the big Agricultural Pageant and Carolinas Farm Celebration will be held Friday, August 21. Governors of the two Carolinas are expected to speak here that day and arrangements are being made to accommodate near 10,000 people.

## LOCAL TEXTILE PLANTS HEADED BY J. R. DOVER HAVE 920 PEOPLE ON PAYROLLS

### MISS LONDON TELLS OF BIG PAGEANT

Three Mills of Which He Is President Have 30,000 Spindles, Use 8,600 Bales Cotton, and Over Two Millions Capital

Farm Gathering at Cleveland Springs August 21st Will be Great Event. Governor McLeod Accepts.

At the Thursday night meeting of the Kiwanis club, Mr. Forrest McGill, field representative of the Cotton Growers association outlined the plans for the big farm gathering to be held at Cleveland Springs Friday August 21st when it is expected that the governors of the two Carolinas and Secretary of Agriculture Jardine will be present. Governor Thomas McLeod has accepted and letters of acceptance are expected from Governor McLean and Secretary Jardine.

**Community Life Pageant.**  
Miss Susan Landon is preparing a pageant to be staged by the citizens of the Boiling Springs community, the like of which has never been seen in North Carolina. Towns and cities have their slogans and centers of social activities and Miss Landon thinks the time has come when the rural centers should come to the front and show what they are doing in the various lines of progress, consequently the pageant will have actors presenting the importance of the school as an educational center, the church as a religious center, the model home with its electric lights and other conveniences that lighten work and contribute to the happiness and well-being of the rural citizens, the importance of good books, magazines and newspapers, while scenes will depict rules of sanitation and health, how the farm credit unions enable farmers to secure long-time loans and thus buy and own their own acres, systematic methods of marketing and accounting, etc. The citizens of the progressive community of Boiling Springs have been faithfully at work on this pageant for two or three weeks and hundreds of them will take part on the large stage to be erected in the amphitheatre at Cleveland Springs under the direction and supervision of the state forester who will bring his motion picture machine and show scenes that will further drive home the activities of the rural communities. Music will be furnished that is appropriate to the mammoth pageant.

When the first cotton was put in the breaker at the new Ora mill a few days ago and the machinery set in motion, it made the fifth textile plant which Mr. J. R. Dover and his associates have built in Shelby and he and his good wife started on a Western long deserved tour yesterday, the first vacation, except week-ends, he has had since the Ella mill was completed in November, 1908,—17 years ago. Mr. Dover is very modest and shuns publicity about himself or his mills, but he is away now for three weeks and The Star wants to take advantage of his absence and tell something about him and his industrial undertakings.

**Builds Fifth Mill**  
The Ella was sold to a Northern syndicate about six years ago and passed from his management. Then Mr. Dover was called to Eastside to steer it from distress during the period of depression and save it from becoming a total loss to the stockholders, most of whom are local men and women with a half million or more invested. With that mastery management he saved Eastside while its sister plant at Gaffney went under the auctioneer's hammer. His second industrial venture was the Katherine, built during the war as a weave plant. This has been dismantled and unable machinery moved to the Ora which crowns a hill two miles West of Shelby on Brushy Creek.

**Annual Pay Roll \$600,000.**  
Today Mr. Dover is president of three, the Eastside, Dover and Ora which have a combined capital of over \$2,000,000, employing 920 operatives who with their families are housed in 213 tenement houses. All mills are running at capacity and it has become necessary to rent 20 houses outside the mill property for employees. Dover has a weekly payroll of \$6,000, Eastside \$2,700, Ora \$2,700, making a total of \$11,400 or an annual pay-roll of nearly \$600,000. All houses are modern and attractive and equipped with conveniences which make living in them a pleasure.

**Use 8,600 Bales Cotton.**  
The Dover organization of three mills has a total of 29,550 spindles—12,000 at Eastside, 11,500 at Dover, 6,000 at Ora, Eastside manufactures satens, Ora and Dover specialties. All of these mills use local cotton and consume one-fifth of Cleveland's 42,000 cotton crop of last year, when the crop was the 3rd largest of any county in the state and the largest on record in Cleveland. Eastside uses 3,000 bales annually, Dover 3,600 together with thousands of dollars worth of silk, while the new Ora will use approximately 2,000 bales making a total of 8,600 bales of cotton produced on the farms in Cleveland, "the banner agricultural county of North Carolina."

Mr. Dover has proven such a successful mill man since his first venture with the Ella that he has experienced no trouble in financing a new enterprise in Shelby when once he undertook it. Money came "running" because of the confidence of friends, South and North.

**A Church Builder, Too.**  
And while he is away, let us be a little more personal. He has been the leading factor as a contributor, promoter and worker in three houses of worship. The Second Baptist church was started soon after the Ella was completed, the Eastside church followed the completion of that mill and the Dover church which will serve Dover and Ora mills is now in process of erection to cost with equipment about \$15,000. Wherever he builds a mill, he builds a house of worship and then he works there. For years he has been a Sunday school superintendent and teacher and there is none better in these parts. He is a close Bible student and with out a doubt the most eloquent and forceful lay speaker in this section. Hundreds of times he is called upon for memorial addresses or to teach Bible classes and now and then he accepts and ventures beyond his accustomed field of activity. But with all of his experience he still has that dread of public speaking and the very knowledge that he must prepare something to say, unsettles his nerves, yet his listeners would not know it as beautiful word-pictures, heart appeals and eloquence pour from his silver tongue.

The three industrial plants of which Mr. Dover is president are no greater asset to Shelby and Cleveland county than Mr. Dover himself.

A British scientist asserts that the world's day was once only four hours long. The unions then must have been stronger than they are now.—Los Angeles Times.

## CROWDS ATTENDING SUPERIOR COURT

### Judge Shaw Pays Tribute To W. J. Bryan, Nixon Acting As Solicitor for Huffman, Who is Ill

Crowds almost equalling those that flocked to Shelby for the sensational Philbeck-Francis case are attending the summer term of Superior court which convened here Monday. With the opening Monday morning the entire court room was packed and the colored gallery overflowing. Major interest seems to be with the whites in the trial of Bonnie Suthers, young bobbed-hair auto bandit, while the negroes are on hand for the murder trial of Charlie Abrams, who shot and killed Will Carpenter, colored chauffeur, on the streets of Shelby several Saturday nights back.

Judge Shaw is presiding and Attorney Kemp Nixon, of Lincolnton is prosecuting in the absence of Solicitor Huffman, of Morganton, who is ill.

In his charge to the jury Judge Shaw in mentioning the name of Bryan stated that "There is no man in America for whom the entire nation would sorrow more." And in a few well spoken words of sorrow the eminent jurist spoke a tribute that held not only the attention of the grand jury but of all the court room.

"In all America there was no man who held a greater personal following. Men loved Bryan for what he was, for his convictions, and not for party faith and loyalty. He will be remembered in a sense far above politics, of which he was a master. He was the one man the world could place a finger on, for William Jennings Bryan always decided without dodging and stood by what he thought right. His valiant defense of the Bible, which he believed to be the revealed will of God, will carry his memory through the ages," was a part of the tribute.

## Once More History Repeats; This Time In Baseball Game

History repeats. On July 25th, 1896, Shelby and Gaffney City engaged in a baseball contest. That's history and a part of the "29 Years Ago" column of The Star.

Almost three decades have passed, and on Saturday which if you will note was July 25, Gaffney and Shelby again played baseball in Shelby.

The game 29 years ago ended in the seventh frame with the score 7 and 7. Gaffney claimed that one of her players was sick and for refusing to play the game was forfeited. The game 29 years later was won by Shelby 11 to 1.

Another odd note in the account of the game near thirty years ago was the statement that "the umpire, who was from South Carolina, gave general satisfaction." It's a joy to note that umpires once gave satisfaction, even that long back.

The two neighboring towns in adjoining states have changed much in the 29 years that elapsed between two baseball games played on the same day of the year but 29 years from now if Gaffney and Shelby should play baseball it will likely be in an organized league and considerably more different from the contest that would then date back in history 58 years.

Life runs in a circle, the wise men say, why not baseball?

## GOV. McLEOD COMING FOR CELEBRATION

### South Carolina Governor Accepts Invitation Here August 21. Will Speak to Farmers at Event.

The formal acceptance of Governor Thomas G. McLeod, of South Carolina, to attend the big Carolinas Farm celebration here on Friday, August 21, has been received by Miss Susan Landon, who is acting as representative for the farmers supporting the big event.

The letter from the executive office of the neighboring state also adds that the governor will speak on "A New Day in Community Life." The South Carolina governor is an entertaining speaker and has always been interested in farm life, making his visit here of more interest to the many farmers attending the celebration and twilight picnic supper.

The letter to Miss Landon follows: "I take great pleasure in accepting the invitation so kindly extended me to speak at the Agricultural pageant to be held in Shelby on the 22nd of August. I am anticipating with interest my visit to Shelby.

It is my understanding that I am to speak on the subject, "A New Day in Community Life." I am intensely interested in co-operative marketing and have the honor of being one of the pioneers of this movement in South Carolina. It is my belief that co-operative marketing will be the greatest economic factor in the future of farming throughout America. It is certain to assume a large place in the development of our community life."

## MR. MORRISON MAKES PUBLIC STATEMENT

Admits His Wrong Doing In Liquor Matter And Asks For A Chance To Make Good In Legitimate Way.

To Editor of The Star:

Because of the wide publicity given in your paper concerning my unfortunate situation last week when the officers found liquor in my store I feel constrained to make the following statement:

I want to be set straight with myself and the community in which I live. I want the people to know my feelings in the matter. It is far more easy to try to justify yourself in doing wrong than it is to confess the wrong.

I spent some years of my early life in the west where liquor was used so freely that I never realized the seriousness of hawking and using it as I should. I want to say to all the people of Shelby and Cleveland county that I now realize that I did wrong and am truly sorry for it. I wash my hands of the traffic which has done so much hurt to our people—a traffic which has been justly outlawed by our nation.

The people of Shelby have been kind to me. I want to live here and do a legitimate business.

Where I made the mistake is where I expect to redeem myself. Will you give me a chance?

E. G. MORRISON.

## Destructive Hail Storm in Toluca Section Saturday

It was reported here yesterday that a destructive hail storm struck the farming section around Toluca in Upper Cleveland about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, destroying and damaging the cotton crop to a considerable extent. It hailed, according to Mr. Edney Willis, for about 30 minutes and the hail as large as he has ever seen. Cotton on several farms was so beaten into the ground that it is now hard to tell the nature of the crop and the corn fields were riddled. The big tent at Toluca, in which a joint revival is being conducted, was also damaged by the hail.

The hail, it is estimated covered a four mile stretch, width unknown, from around Carpenters Knob south to the Rockdale section on Buffalo. Among the farms suffering heavy damage were those of Messrs. John Rand and Willie Sain.

## Birmingham Man Dies Here Friday

Francis Justice, Native of Cleveland, Here on Visit, Succumbs to Heart Trouble.

Mr. Francis Justice, 62 years old, died suddenly Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of his brother, Rufus Justice where he was visiting, having come to Shelby a week ago from Birmingham, Ala., to visit relatives. Mr. Justice has been up town Friday morning but was feeling bad and went home and took his bed. An hour later the end came from neuralgia of the heart.

Mr. Justice was the son of John Justice. He has been living in Birmingham, Ala., for 35 years and following the trade of a contractor. Ten years ago his wife died and his body was taken Saturday night to Birmingham for interment beside her. Surviving are two brothers, Rufus O. Justice and John Justice, two sisters, Cynthia Justice and Mary Eddins. His remains were accompanied to Birmingham by John Justice and J. Andrew Dellinger, the interment taking place at Birmingham Monday afternoon.

Woman has always given so much attention to her clothes that it was to be expected that sooner or later she would start a great movement to redress her wrongs.—Arkansas Gazette.

If France really wants to stand off the Riffians, she should send some of these commissions that have been making arrangements to pay war debts.—Omaha World Herald.

## Shelby to Request P. & N. Extension By This Route

Will Co-operate With Chesnee, South Carolina, And Other Towns in Asking This Route.

Shelby, Rutherfordton, Cliffside, Caroleen and Chesnee, S. C., together with other towns along the route will make an active bid to the Duke interests asking that the P and N. electric railway be extended to Spartanburg via Shelby and Chesnee. Since talk of the extension has started many towns along several routes have been active in presenting advantages offered by particular routes, but until last week no organized movement was evident here. It has been the general impression for several years that the P. and N. would come by way of Shelby if ever extended, but since the announcement that it may be extended little interest has been shown.

At a meeting Thursday night of the Shelby Kiwanis club a committee was appointed upon a motion by Hon. Clyde R. Hoey to present the Shelby plan to Duke. The committee appointed by President Newton follows: C. R. Hoey, O. Max Gardner, C. C. Blanton, J. J. McMurtry and J. D. Lineberger. Since the meeting President Newton has received a letter from Chesnee, South Carolina, chamber of commerce urging that the towns get together and open an organized movement for extension along the western route. By the Shelby-Chesnee route the P and N. would tap rich textile centers and an agricultural section not touched by the Southern or competitive lines. It would also open the hill country of North and South Carolina, rich in natural resources as well as the big textile centers along the border of the two states.

## DOCKET OF CIVIL CASES IN COURT

The following is the docket for the civil cases to be taken up by the summer term of Superior court, which is now in session here:

**First Week.**  
Thursday July 30.—Hoyle vs. Willis. Williamson vs. Bratten. Doster vs. Doster. Towery vs. Willis. McKnight vs. McKnight. Kennedy vs. Kennedy. Morehead vs. Morehead. Dixon vs. Dixon. Jarrett vs. Jarrett. Norwood vs. Norwood. Smith vs. Smith. Fortenberry vs. Fortenberry.

Friday July 31st.—Finance company vs. Goforth. Harrell vs. Harrell. Brosey vs. Corbett. Plonk vs. Stern. Dorchers. Hoffman vs. DePriest. Hawkins Brothers vs. Brackett. Webb vs. Washburn. Carpenter vs. Kings Mountain. Ryburn vs. Cline. Leventis vs. Hester and Gregory.

**Second Week.**  
Monday, August 3rd.—Harrison Black vs. Hoffman. Corbett vs. Hudson. Will of Ellen F. Ellis.

Tuesday, August 4th.—Courtney vs. Rhyne. Francis vs. Mooresboro and Latimore Cotton Oil Co. Empire Sales company vs. Southern Metal Works. Scott vs. McCraw and Hester. United Business vs. Harry. Keller and Towery vs. Willis.

Wednesday, August 5th.—London vs. Shuman. Ramsey vs. Green. Wood Preserving Co., vs. Welch.

## LARGE CROWD ATTENDS FUNERAL OF CHAS. SMITH

A large crowd attended the funeral of Mr. Charlie Smith at Pleasant Grove Baptist church, Beams Mill, on Thursday afternoon. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Rush Palgett, assisted by Rev. A. L. Stanford and the new made mound was covered with a wealth of beautiful flowers. Serving as pall bearer were his neighbors who held him in high esteem: Hoyle Alexander, Julius Branton, W. V. McCall, Flay Whitworth, Joe Cobain and Ogden List.

## First Building On Fallston Fire Ruins

Several New Dwellings Are in Process of Erection at Fallston. Other Stores to Go Up.

Mr. R. A. Lackey and his son Dr. Lackey are erecting the first store room on the ruins of the recent fire which swept the business section and did damage amounting to \$75,000—the heaviest fire damage ever recorded in Cleveland county. On the site where the postoffice was burned, the Lackeys are erecting a brick building to be used as drug store. On the corner where the Memry Smith garage was destroyed, the Gulf Refining Co., is putting up a filling station, while Stamey company is planning to erect sometime in the fall a handsome brick store room where three of their warehouse buildings were destroyed. Most of the debris from the fire has been cleared away.

A number of handsome new homes are in process of erection. Herman Beam, cashier of the Fallston bank of the Union Trust Co., is completing a pretty brick veneered bungalow with tile roof and electric lights. Tom Sweezy has a large two-story brick veneered home in process of erection, while Claude Stamey is breaking ground, in a beautifully shaded grove on the road leading into Fallston from Shelby, where he will erect a handsome new home.

The Fallston light line is giving splendid satisfaction and new patrons are being added rapidly.

## TO CLEAN OFF GRAVE YARD AT SHARON JULY 30

All who have relatives or friends buried at the Sharon graveyard are asked to meet there Thursday morning to help clean it off. The protracted meeting starts next Monday.

Another pathetic little feature of every-day life is an interurban railway company hopefully waiting for the reaction against automobiles to set in.—Ohio State Journal.

## HOME COMING AT CAPERNIUM AUG. 1

Annual Home coming at Old Capernium, one-half mile south of Waco, will be held Saturday August 1st.

The program begins at 10 o'clock, as follows: Songs by Waco choir. Short talk of welcome and church history by Prof. Clyde Erwin of Cliffside. Sermon by Dr. Barret of First Baptist church of Gastonia. Dinner on the ground at 12:30 o'clock.

In the afternoon an old time singing by Mr. Frank Lee and choir of Lattimore.

Everybody invited to come with well filled baskets.

The committee arranging the home coming follows: Mrs. J. M. Putnam, Mrs. Joe Kendrick, Mr. J. L. Putnam, Mr. N. B. Kendrick, Mr. P. J. Kendrick.

## Rural Carrier Drives Horse 50,000 Miles

Rutherford Sun.

Mr. G. W. Hodge was 65 years old Tuesday, July 21st. The law allows a mail carrier to retire at the age of 65 years on a small pension, if he so desires. Mr. Hodge says he will retire. He began carrying mail April 2, 1906. Mr. Hodge drove one horse 10 years, or over 56,000 miles. The horse is still working. Mr. Hodge has traveled a total of over 133,000 miles on R. F. D.'s. He has worked under six different postmasters. He was postmaster here four years, assistant postmaster and star route carrier one year. His father carried mail on the star route for many years.

Mr. Hodge has been a faithful servant of Uncle Sam for many years.

Having lost the Kaiser, Germany has some reason to feel that she won the war.—Chicago Blade.