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PRINCIPLE FIRST

SI. A YEAR IN ADVANCE

## C. A. Ragan Is Dead

C. Arthur Ragan died at his home on Kings Street last Friday evening at six o'clock after a protracted illness of nearly two years. The funeral was conducted from the home at five p. m. Saturday by Rev. E. O. Cole, pastor of the Methodist Church. Interment followed at the Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Ragan was born at Landrum, S. C. thirty-six years ago last February. During his early life he attended school and attained a good education which was finished in Erskine College. While in school he displayed special talent for baseball. He cultivated the art and became a great league player. As he grew into manhood he became a professional ball player which profession he followed until he was elected chief of police of the town of Kings Mountain. He came to Kings Mountain twelve years ago as a ball player. The city council at that time was impressed with his splendid physique and elected him chief of police. During his sojourn here he served six years at the head of the police department and was in that position when his health gave way in October 1913. In October 1913 he suffered an attack of neurostheina. For several weeks it was thought he could not live since that time he was never able to do any work.

During the latter part of June of this year his condition had become alarming and he went to Cumberland Hospital, Lebanon, Tenn., where he stayed for three weeks and came home in worse condition than he went. His condition growing worse after he had been at home two weeks he went to the Charlotte Sanatorium where he remained for three weeks. At Charlotte he made marvelous improvement and when he came home he walked about town more briskly than had for years and said that he felt the best he had in five years. He returned to Charlotte three times a week to complete a course of Turkish baths. On Wednesday Sept. 1st, he developed pneumonia and became alarmingly ill. He was rushed back to the Charlotte Sanatorium but was never rational again. At the suggestion of the Charlotte physician he was brought home Wednesday last week in order that he might die at home. He knew nothing of this last week in Charlotte. He gradually sank until Friday evening when the spirit took its departure. Neither pain nor money were spared in Mr. Ragan's behalf. In all seventeen physicians attended the case but the end seemed inevitable.

Ten years ago and while Mr. Ragan was serving his first term as chief of police here he was married to Miss Lucy Gardner of this town. To the union were born two children who with the mother survive. The home was a happy one and was marked by its hospitality. The popularity of the deceased was attested by the great number of friends attending the funeral and burial. In matters where honor was required Mr. Ragan never flinched. He was a

## Will Build Dixen Bridge

Glory be! Say the Dixen Academy people. The Cleveland County Commissioners granted the bridge the first Monday for which they have striven so faithfully and long. The bridge is to be built across the Dixen pond. It is indefinite as to when the work will be done but it has been ordered to be done as soon as the county's finances will permit. This bridge with about a mile of road which the Grover precinct will build adjacent will connect a new outlet for the Dixen people in the direction of Grover. These people have wanted this bridge a long time but it is right down almost on the line and would serve fewer people of Cleveland County than interior bridges. This fact probably counts for their not getting the appropriation sooner. Chairman H. T. Fulton of the commissioners tells us that the bridge will cost over \$1000.00.

### Sunday Marriage (Cleveland Star)

A loving couple walked into Shelby Sunday afternoon on matrimony intent. They, adorned with a load of love, wished to walk together in double harness "until death do us part," but the would be groom had only \$1.18 cash. Much love and little money were not sufficient for a \$3.10 marriage license, so George Moore and J. M. Elliott took up a collection to help on the good cause and secured the license with a small fee for Esquire T. K. Burnett.

So E. M. Harris, aged 36 and Sarah Docie Miller were married on the court house portico in the presence of 75 spectators. After the ceremony they departed for the Beam's Mill section.

Mr. J. E. Huffstetter, of Kings Mountain and Miss Mary Ross of Cherryville were married Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. Will Jenkins in east Kings Mountain. The bride, with Miss Myrtle Huffstetter, sister of the groom, as maid of honor and the groom with Mr. Fry Smith as best man, entered to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Ethel Davidson. The ceremony was performed by Dr. O. G. Falls.

Mrs. Alice Rudisill and Van Rudisill of Crouse, N. C. were here Saturday on business. This is Mrs. Rudisill's first visit here in fifteen years. She was surprised to see the growth the town has made.

Miss Virginia Salloway left for her home at Doe West, S. C. Saturday after a visit to her sister, Mrs. E. W. Neal, here.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Lucy Garrett Ragan and two little daughters Daniel age 8, and Mabel age 6, and two brothers and three sisters as follows, Charles Ragan Inman, S. C.; William Ragan, Union, S. C.; and Messames, Bob Bolt, Landrum, S. C.; M. H. Vofall of Spartanburg, S. C. and Miss

## THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., THE PANAMA-CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION AT SAN DIEGO, CALIF., AND THE GREAT GOLDEN WEST.

as seen by  
**Mr. E. S. McSwain and wife Mrs. Ava Herndon McSwain and their little daughter Velda Irene, of Montgomery, Ala., on their recent ten thousand miles tour.**

(Cont'd from last week)

The climate of Seattle is fine averaging about 40 degrees in winter and 64 in summer, and with its pure water from the melting snows of the sea and towering peaks makes it a very desirable place to live. Its lighting system is owned by the city and it is said to be the best lighted city in the world. It has twenty eight improved parks embracing over eighteen hundred acres, with numerous scenic boulevards. To add to its beauty it is built on seven hills, but it has an excellent car service not only over the city but to numerous points of interest outside. Seattle is the home of the tallest building west of New York, the L. C. Smith building, which is forty-two stories high and rises to a height of 484 feet above the ground, and was built at a cost of \$3,035,000.00. From the top of this building I got a splendid view of the city and its surroundings. Around the base of this building is a great place for Old Maids, for there is a belief prevalent that when they are viewed by the sight-seeing tourist at a height of nearly five hundred feet they have the appearance of a Sixteen Year Old, which they, of course, think enhances their chances somewhat. Do you blame them for hanging around?

Seattle has a number of lunch rooms run on the Cafeteria plan, which means that you wait on yourself. Get your own waiter and then serve yourself. The food is well prepared and moderately priced, and while rather odd to people of this section, is not so expensive and requires no tipping. We dined at this kind of lunch rooms at several other places while on the coast and learned to like them.

There were many other things of interest concerning Seattle we would like to mention, but must hasten on. Suffice it to say that it is a very beautiful and attractive city, bustling, modern, wealthy with nice, cordial people, who make you glad that you visited Seattle and sorry that you have to leave it.

We left at 4:15 over the Northern Pacific, and the sad part of it was we had to leave our friends, the Messrs Carter, mentioned farther back, as they had transportation over another line, over which no train ran to correspond with the one we left on. We were, therefore, forced to break a very pleasant companionship and did not have the pleasure of meeting them again,

however but shall be remembered among friends.

Leaving Seattle we traveled down the coast through fertile farming lands, well cultivated and very productive, most all kinds of vegetables and fruits grow and yield well. Oil to our left could be seen a number of snow capped mountains ranging from 8,000 to 14,500 feet high, while down in the valley almost everything let alone and appearing could be seen growing. The breeze either from the Ocean or the mountains was very bracing and we spent a very pleasant afternoon as we sped on our way on the best train we encountered on our whole journey, that is where we traveled on a day coach. This trip being all in day time and the train pulling no pullman cars we took a day coach, which was cleaner and nicer than we found pullman cars on other lines.

At 5:35 P. M. we reached Tacoma, a bustling city of about 100,000, very beautifully in the midst of this very productive section. Our train only allowed us a very short stay, but we felt that much time could have been well spent there.

At ten thirty we reach Portland, our next stop, 187 miles south of Seattle, another growing city that is running Seattle a close second in population and many other respects, having at this time about 300,000 people.

We stopped at the New Perkins Hotel and found the service alright.

June 21st, Monday. We were up early this morning to see Portland, The City of Roses, so named from the fact that roses don't know anything here except grown beautiful fragrant roses in such quantities that the city, in places, looks like roses. They are used for hedges, shade trees, and for hundreds of purposes never thought of outside of Portland. When I said shade trees, I did not mean a harbor of roses, but real trees, as they grow them on trees, larger than my arm with a top like a shade tree with as many as a dozen different kinds of roses on it all in bloom at one time, standing straight up unaided. It has the right name in Rose City.

Through the center of Portland runs the Willamette River, which is spanned by numerous bridges. To the north of the city runs the Columbia River, famed for its fine fisheries, salmon and others. This is also a great lumbering center, being the largest lumber export market in the world, and also the largest

## Graded School Struck By Train At Gastonia.

The Kings Mountain Graded Schools opened Monday morning with the highest opening attendance ever and the brightest prospects for a successful session in the History of the school. The spacious auditorium was filled almost to the overflowing with pupils leaving scarcely seating room for the school board and the patrons and friends present.

"Come Thou Almighty King," led by Supt. Yoder was sung in great spirit after which Rev. E. O. Cole, pastor of the Methodist Church conducted the devotional exercises which consisted of a scripture reading and prayer. Extensive speeches were made by the following in the order: Rev. C. K. Bell, Editor G. C. Page, Attorney N. F. McMillan and Chairman of the school board, W. L. Plank. All the speeches gave evidence of the splendid school spirit extant. Supt. R. A. Yoder introduced the new teachers and then read a list of rules and regulations for the government of the school. We publish below a list of these rules relating specially to patrons approved by the board for publication. As soon as the pupils reassembled in their respective rooms the editor together with Chairman Plank made a canvass of the grades finding 375 pupils present. Mr. Plank stated that it was the biggest first day attendance in the history of the school, the nearest approach being two years ago with 300 pupils.

The following are excerpts of the regulations passed by the Board of Education for the city schools. Those of the most important to the parents are quoted here.

General  
III- Pupils who are entering the first grade for the first time should enter during the first two weeks of the term, or during the first week of the County public school term, unless they can be placed in classes already formed. Pupils who will become six years of age before the first of December may enter at the opening of the term.

IV- The daily session of the shall commence at 8:45 a. m. and close at 3:30 p. m. except that the Primary grades (I, II and III) may be dismissed earlier at the discretion of the Board. No grade shall be dismissed earlier than the regular time, except by the specific permission of the superintendent. There shall be a morning recess of 15 minutes, and a noon recess of one hour.

Pupils—  
I- Pupils are not allowed to assemble on the school grounds or in the immediate vicinity before 8:30, except on a rainy day or by special permission of the teacher in charge. Upon entering the building, the pupils shall go directly to their respective rooms. Loitering in the hall shall not be allowed at any time.

II- When dismissed for the day, they shall at once leave the school grounds and go home without delay. Athletic teams may remain for practice when a teacher is in charge of them.

III- During the daily sessions no pupil shall be permitted to

Glen Turner, eight-year-old son of Mrs. Logan Turner, who lives near the Old mill, was struck and painfully injured by southbound Southern passenger train No. 45 at 5:45 yesterday afternoon at the North Merriott street crossing. The train had slowed down for the station otherwise the boy would doubtless have been killed. Fortunately he was not run over. The engine struck him and threw him away from the track. His collarbone was broken and he was badly shaken up and considerably bruised. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and hurried to the City Hospital where his wounds were dressed by Dr. J. M. Sison. The Southern's surgeon. It is stated that the hospital this afternoon that his condition is not considered as serious. He has been in a semi stupor since the accident and has been vomiting today but it is not thought that he is internally injured.

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### LOCALS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bedford Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1915, a daughter.

Mrs. Charlie Stowe and children returned Thursday from Lowell, N. C. where they visited her mother, Mrs. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Parsons and children returned last week from Rockingham where they had visited relatives.

G. G. Boone and family expect to move to Bessemer City some time soon. Mr. Boone has work with one of the mills there.

Mrs. J. G. Ford and Miss Margaret went to Charlotte last Friday.

T. F. Graber and sister, Miss Beulah Graber, of Salisbury stopped over here a few days ago. Miss Graber had been to visit her brother at Mt. Zion, S. C. and he was returning home with her. Mr. Graber was formerly telegraph operator here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Biel of Columbia spent last week at Esq. G. W. Kendrick's.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coleman of the Sevier Mill died week before last and was buried at Bessemer City.

time for dismissal except on written request of the parent or guardian for a valid reason, or unless the pupil has been sent home by the teacher for a valid reason.

VIII- A pupil has been absent or tardy shall bring to the teacher a written excuse signed by the parent or guardian, stating the cause, and the teacher shall be the judge as to whether the excuse is satisfactory or not. The only excuses which shall be held as satisfactory are: sickness of pupil; sickness in the family of pupil requiring the pupil's presence at home; or other urgent cause rendering the attendance of the pupil impracticable.