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COMP. W. H. REYNOLDS

His End Came Almost Without Warning Friday Morning

PHYSICIAN CAME TOO LATE

Many Tokens of Respect Paid to the Dead State Official.

Comptroller Reynolds is dead. This was the brief announcement that greeted the citizens of Tallahassee Friday morning as they appeared upon the streets. The news was in each case questioned as to its correctness, but the doubters had to surrender.

It was true.

Not a man or woman of high or low degree but that felt staggered upon being told of the sad event. All the years that he had served the State as Comptroller he had been a familiar figure upon the streets, coming and going with clock-like regularity, always with a pleasant greeting for each person on the streets.

If he had ever been sick no one except his closest personal friends knew it. Complaints were never heard from him. Always on duty, always ready to discharge the onerous obligations of his official position, anl known to have gone home in apparent good health Thursday afternoon, the news was absolutely incredible.

But it was, nevertheless, a fact. While too true for further contradiction, yet for hours it could hardly be realized. And during these hours when the whole city was trying to bring itself to a realization of the awful calamity, a careful discerner could readily see the hold that W. H. Reynolls had in a few years intercourse gained upon the affections of our people.

They approached each other with solemn tread, and spoke with hushed voices. "Reynolds is dead" was the greeting on every hand, and the responses, equally brief, but full of pathos, "he was a good man," was upon every lip. Further comment was seldom made. The hearts of the people were too severely wrung for further utterance at the time.

Later questions began to be asked as to particulars, and it was only then that definite information became generally known. It is, indeed, a sad story.

Going home at the usual time (soon after 5 p. m.), he complained to Mrs. Reynolds of a slight pain in the chest, something like indigestion, he said. She advised calling a physician, but he refused, saying it was nothing serious.

About the time of retiring, he again complained of the same pain, but still declined to allow Mrs. Reynolds to call a physician. She, however, commenced giving home treatment and soon he was asleep. Waking about 10 or 11 o'clock, he complained again, but still thought it nothing serious, and refused Mrs. Reynold's suggestion to go for a physician. About 3 o'clock a. m. he was awake again, racked with pain, saying it was getting worse. This time it did not give way to home remedies, as before, and when Mrs. Reynolds urged him to allow her to go for a physician there was no objection. She therefore hurried off after Dr. Moor, who resides on the next block.

Returning home she found him sitting in bed suffering more than he had at any previous time, but he nor herself suspected anything serious. After waiting a few minutes for the doctor, he remarked that he seemed a long time coming.

This was the greatest anxiety or complaint expressed by him, but only a few minutes later he straightened up and fell into the arms of his wife, dying. As the doctor entered he expired.

The Governor issued the following proclamation announcing the sad event:

State of Florida, Executive Office.—William H. Reynolds, Comptroller of the State of Florida, formerly reading clerk in the House of Representatives, chief clerk of the House, secretary of the Constitutional Convention, State Senator, President of the Senate, and Comptroller, distinguished as a soldier in the Confederate service in the war between the States, and as a pure patriot, for many years one of the leaders in the industrial improvement of the State, and one of the foremost statesmen of our State, is dead.

The sudden closing of his life, so honorable and illustrious, in the full vigor of manhood, and when just entering upon the discharge of the duties of his second term, to which the people had called him, causes great sadness to the people of the State of Florida, and deserves appropriate and grateful recognition.

Now, therefore, it is hereby directed, as a mark of regard for the distinguished lead, that the flags upon the capitol and upon all the public buildings of the State of Florida, including the armories of the Florida State Troops, be displayed at half-mast, and that the State offices be closed until and including the day of the funeral, and the officials and citizens of the State, for a like period, are requested to unite in appropriate tokens of respect. Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at the capitol, in the city of Talalhassee, this nineteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and one.

W. S. JENNINGS, Governor.

By the Governor.

JOHN L. CRAWFORD,
Secretary of State.

At a meeting of the Governor and the administrative officers of the executive department in the executive office, the following resolutions were passed:

"Whereas, The Honorable William H. Reynolds, Comptroller of the State of Florida, departed this life at his residence in Tallahassee, at 2 o'clock a. m., July 19, 1901, the following entries are directed to be made on the records of the executive office:

"'William H. Reynolds was born in Macon, Ga., April 23, 1843, and was educated in his native State. As a youth he served in a Georgia regiment in the Civil War and removed to Florida when quite a young man. By his sterling qualities he soon won a place of prominence and high esteem in his adopted State. He served his State with distinction and marked ability and fidelity as chief clerk of the House of Representatives, as secretary of the Constitutional Convention of 1885, as member and President of the Senate, and as Comptroller, to which latter office he was elected in 1896 and again in 1900. As a man of high Christian character, of rare executive ability, of fidelity to every trust, of kindly disposition and sincere friendships, and of spotless private life, he was loved and known by all the people of Florida, who will sincerely mourn his loss, and who will cherish his usefulness in sacred remembrance.'

"In common with all the people of the State, we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

"Resolved, further, That these resolutions be inscribed upon the records in the executive office, and that a copy be furnished to Mrs. W. H. Reynolds.

"W. S. JENNINGS,
"Governor.
"JOHN L. CRAWFORD,
"Secretary of State.
"W. B. LAMAR,
"Attorney-General
"B. E. McLIN,
"Commissioner of Agriculture.
"J. B. WHITFIELD,
"Treasurer."

Saturday the body was taken to Lakeland, the home of the deceased, for interment. It was accompanied by Governor W. S. Jennings, Hon. W. B. Lamar, Attorney-General; Hon. J. B. Whitfield, State Treasurer; Hon. B. E. McLin, Commissioner of Agriculture; Hon. W. W. McIntosh, Jr., chief clerk and auditor of the Comptroller's Department; Mrs. Reynolds and a number of friends.

The funeral took place Sunday, hundreds of people from a distance being present. Polk county, it is said by those present, turned out almost en masse.

REGULAR SUNDAY EXCURSIONS.

The Carrabelle, Tallahassee and Georgia Railroad Company will inaugurate a regular Sunday excursion schedule, to be run each Sunday during the Summer season between this city, Lanark and Carrabelle. Trains will leave here every Sunday at 8 a. m., arriving at Lanark 9.40 a. m. and Carrabelle 9.50 a. m. Returning, they will leave Carrabelle 6.30 p. m., Lanark 7 p. m., arriving at Tallahassee 8.40.

This gives passengers 20 minutes at Lanark for supper.

The price of tickets will be $1.00 from Tallahassee to Lanark, and $1.25 to Carrabelle, with proportionate reductions for intermediate points. Parties unable to take the early train can go on the 2.30 train at same fates.

These excursions should prove very popular with the people, and certainly gives them an excellent opportunity to enjoy a delightful day's outing at the seashore, especially now that the Lanark Hotel is open, under the management of Mrs. Bond, in addition to Panacea and St. Teresa.

OUTING ON THE GULF.

Accepting the hospitaliy of that prince of good fellows, Col. Raymond Cay, it was my happy privilege to form one of as merry a party as ever glided over the briny deep on pleasure bent. Taking the cars, it was not long before we were at St. Marks, one of the oldest ports in the United States, from whence in ante-bellum times over 50,000 bales of the fleecy staple went to New England and European ports yearly. Taking the steamer David Hill, commanded by Captain Tuff, with Admiral Cay chief in command, assisted by Captain Cay McCall, the party was soon on their way up the beautiful St. Marks River, bound for Newport. After remaining there a short while fishing, we started for the light house, reaching there in about one hour. What a feast was spread before us by the charming wife of the admiral in command! The menu fit for a king—diamond back terrapin soup, fish, oysters, crabs, turkey, melons on ice, wines and lemonade—delicacies of every kind. Two of Tallahassee's most charming young ladies, Misses Hall and Genoar, were with the party, and their presence added much to the happy occasion. After spending several days cruising around with gentle breezes night and day, how I regretted to have to part company with so pleasant a party. Long in memory will this happy occasion be treasured up.

C. W. P.

A CORRECTION.

The Tallahasseean's attention has been called to the fact that it was in error in the issue of the 11th inst. in stating that Mr. James Catoe was married on the Sunday previous to the daughter of "the late L. A. Hall." The bride is Miss Mollie A., daughter of the late L. F. Hall, better known to our people as Frank Hall.

Why Hold a State Fair?

(By H. E. Stockbridge, Secretary of the State Fair Association.)

Now that definite plans for the Florida State Fair are adopted, and the management has asked for the cooperation and assistance of the people of the whole State in carrying the same to a successful issue, it becomes evident that such a fair will require a vast deal of genuine work, not only by the officers of the association in direct charge, but also by the citizens of each section and county. It is, therefore, natural to inquire what have the people of Florida and the State as a whole to gain from all this expenditure of time, energy, effort and money? Are the probable benefits worth the cost involved? Before presenting some of the more important reasons for the existence of this fair, and enumerating some of the advantages to result from the same, two facts should be mentioned which are accepted by the management as the basis for their action.

First—The fair is to be primarily a Florida fair for the people of Florida, and not in the interest or for the information or pleasure of people residing elsewhere

Second—Florida has never held a real State agricultural fair or exposition of her entire agricultural resources.

What are the people of our State to gain from such an exposition?

Florida possesses a greater range of agricultural adaptations and products than any other State in the Union. Her range of products includes everything from wheat to rice or from apples to cocoanuts. Of the actual possibilities of our State our own people are far too ignorant, and the fair is the most effective means for informing them as to the resources of our State and of the possibilities of its agricultural development.

If the injunction "Know thyself" applies to people, know thy State is equally applicable and important to our citizens, and the fair becomes the direct means for the imparting of this important knowledge. Too large a portion of the people of Florida actually engaged in the production of crops have never recognized the State as possessing agricultural possibilities. They class themselves as growers instead of farmers, and take apparent pride in ignorance of all knowledge of the staple crops and the great possibilities which, properly utilized, would place Florida in the foremost rank of the great agricultural States. The fair will do much toward counteracting this condition. People outside of Florida have always thought of us as fruit and truck growers, with a "side line" of desirable winter climate, which became our chief source when the orange groves over a large portion of the State disappeared. The fair will utterly destroy the last vestige of such erroneous belief. Both our own people and visitors from abroad will be astonished by the demonstrations which the fair will make of the development in our State of a dairy and stock-producing industry which has already engaged millions of dollars of capital, and in the near future is to place us in the front rank of the great meat-producing centres of the country. The fair will bring producers and consumers together, and effect mutual understanding and sympathy, on the existence of which the greatest welfare of both must depend. Farmers and the manufacturers of the tools and machinery necessary to our business will become acquainted at the fair; the needs of each will be better understood, and the advantages of economical purchase and sale and economy in the cost of production are sure to follow.

The fair will be a great and incomparable school for the crop-producers of Florida. Not only will the display of the resources and products of all sections of the State enlarge the ideas and broaden the understanding of all observers, but the methods of production which will be discussed as people from all sections of the State become acquainted and mutually interested in the surroundings and welfare of people from other sections, but public meetings and farmers' institutes, which will be a prominent daily feature of the fair, will give the best possible opportunity for a comparison of ideas and the seeking and imparting of information. At the fair people from other States will for the first time become acquainted with the real Florida, and Florida will learn much of the real possibilities of their own State, in which they will possess increased confidence and pride. The fair will, moreover, be a great holiday for the people engaged in the cultivation of Florida soils.

These advantages, to which many others might properly be added, it seems to me, are well worthy of the effort of our people, and will amply compensate for all labor and effort involved.

QUINCY VS. TALLAHASSEE.

The Quincy boys came over yesterday afternoon and played our boys an exciting and interesting game of base ball. The game was hotly contested throughout, and was an uphill game for the home team. In fact, until the seventh inning it was Quincy's game. The home team, however, then by hard batting saved the game. The visitors got the toss and went to the field, with Neckbecka catcher and H. Wilson in the box. As shown by the score, Wilson pitched a good game. The home team was retired in one, two, three order in the first inning, and went to the field with McLin behind the bat and Bronson in the box. The visitors piled up three runs in their first inning. Our boys added two to their score in the second, but the visitors doubled upon them with one to spare, and put the score 8 to 2 before they were retired. The third was a white mark for Tallahassee, the visitors doing no better. The fourth saw one more added to Tallahassee and another white mark for the visitors. In the fifth both failed to score. In the sixth Bronson and McLin managed to score, and the visitors added another to their side of the account, the score standing at the end of the inning 5 to 9 in the visitors' favor.

In the seventh inning, our boys found Wilson's balls and knocked them all about the diamond, and they had added 5 more to their score before they were retired. While Quincy failed to score in their half of the inning. The eighth was a whitewash for both teams. But in the ninth Tallahassee increased their lead, putting 2 more to their credit, while the visitors again failed to score. The game ended with the score 12 to 9 in favor of our boys.

The principal features of the game were Bronson's hard hitting, which saved the game, the hard, up-hill work of the home team, and Wilson's good pitching for the visitors. In the fifth inning, Tallahassee put Wilson in the box with Bronson behind the plate, and McLin at short stop.

A sensational double play was made by McLin stopping a hot one at short, throwing to Costa at second, who put out the runner from first, and then to Prince at first, who in turn put out the man from third plate. Costa made a splendid catch, running from second out into left field to take her in, and made the rooters howl. Of the home team Bronson made the best score, having five runs to his credit and no outs, with McLin a close second, with 3 runs and 2 outs. For the visitors, R. Pitman led with Neckbecka and H. Wilson close seconds while M. Wilson had hard luck all through the game, not being able to score, making only one out and being left on bases three times.

Tallahassee failed to score in three innings while they shut out the visitors five times.

Altogether it was a very creditable and interesting game. The gate receipts were $18.30.

Tallahassee is to play Woodville on August 1st. The Woodville boys are crack-a-jacks and will make it interesting for our boys.

THE J. E. M. FLOUR.

It is unsurpassed for purity and excellence. It is made from the soft winter wheat grown on the limestone soil of the Blue Grass region of Kentucky. It comes to us direct from the mill and it makes light white bread of very excellent flour, also fine grain cake and delicious pastry. It goes further than any flour you can use. A fresh lot has just been received at my store.

P. T. MICKLER.

THREE PRISONERS ESCAPE.

Last Thursday three negro prisoners escaped from the Leon county jail, and up to this writing have not been recaptured.

It seems that, as usual, Jailer Strickland went to the door and ordered one of the prisoners to bring out the bucket of slops, which he did. As Strickland stooped over to take up the bucket, the prisoner seized him from behind and called out "all right," when two other prisoners who had concealed themselves in the bath room, rushed out and all then overpowered Mr. Strickland.

They then made their escape, although Strickland recovered himself in time to send several shots after them, one of which he thinks took effect.

Two of the negroes who escaped were charged with assault with intent to commit murder, and the other for burglary. They were Jim Roland, who shot Will Edwards. He is nearly black, between 22 and 24 years old, and about 5 feet 6 inches in height. He weighs 140 to 155 pounds, and has a round, full face with a mole on one cheek. He has pretty white teeth, and smiles when spoken to, and is thought to be wounded with a 38 pistol ball.

Dan Bivins, the other negro, charged with murderous assault, for the shooting of Bob Edwards, is black; from 35 to 40 years old; about 5 feet 8 inches in height, and weighs from 140 to 150 pounds. He has a scar commencing on the nose and extending around and about one-half inch beyond the left corner of the mouth, and has also a scar on the left side of his head. He can grow a good beard or mustache.

Will Myers, in for burglary, is ginger cake in color, between 24 and 28 years old; about 5 feet 4 inches in height, and weighs about 135 to 145 pounds. His nose is inclined to be Roman. He has a small scar on bridge of nose, and two small scars over left eye. He is unable to grow whiskers or mustache.

Sheriff Pearce does not often let a man to escape, and this slip is one of those things that will happen sometimes in spite of all precautions. We have not the least doubt but that all these negroes will soon be in jail again, and will be on hand to stand their trial at the fall term of our Circuit Court.

MRS. ELIZABETH A. BROKAW.

The long and painful illness of Mrs. A. E. Brokaw was terminated at daybreak on the morning of July 22, 1901, when she fell asleep and quietly passed into the painless and deathless world. Mrs. Brokaw was the oldest child of John and Phoebe Tatum, and was born in Buford District, South Carolina, in December, 1826. In her early childhood, her parents moved to Florida and settled on Forbs' Purchase near Tallahassee, and in this vicinity, she spent the greater part of her long life. Her first marriage was in April, 1849, to Mr. John B. Keen. After his death, she was again married, in December, 1865, to Mr. P. B. Brokaw, whom she survived almost twenty-six years.

For many years Mrs. Brokaw had been a member of the Presbyterian church in this city, and had lived a consistent christian life. To her, it was a matter of deep regret that, during the latter years of her life, ill health so frequently prevented her from attending the services of her church, and that she was no longer able to contribute as much to its support as her generous disposition prompted.

Her liberal hospitality was often and justly praised. The needy and helpless were sure to find a friend in her, and none were ever turned from her door. It was her constant pleasure to use whatever means she possessed in making others happy, and, even in his age, when favors are little appreciated and gratitude is a rare virtue, there are many who, remembering her kindness, would rise up and call her blessed. "I was an hungered and ye gave me meat, I was thirsty and ye gave me drink, I was a stranger and ye took me in."

J. W. WHITAKER DEAD.

Mr. J. W. Whitaker died in this city Tuesday morning about 1 o'clock at the age of seventy-eight years. The home of the deceased was at Miccosukie, but his declining days were spent among his children, a son at Valdosta, another at Tampa, and W. A. Whitaker, of this city, at whose house the end came.

The funeral took place Tuesday at Indian Springs Church burying ground. Deceased was a devout missionary Baptist and was funeralized by Rev. E. Trice, of this city. Something of the esteem in which he was held at his old home was manifested by the large number who turned out, including both sexes, in perfect torrents of rain to pay their last respects to the departed.

The son from Valdosta, who is a prominent attorney there, arrived just in time to accompany the body from home to the burying ground. Others who were present from this city were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whitaker, Rev. E. Trice and William Sauls.

BOYS SOCIAL CLUB.

On Thursday, July 18th, at the residence of Mrs. Bowen, the Boys Social Club entertained their young lady friends with a social. During the early part of the evening the assembly indulged in all the popular games as "steal partners," "spin the plate," and last but not by any means least, "good night," after which refreshments were served.

The rest of the evening was gaily passed away with some of the above named games and promenades with the fair sex.

All who attended went away well pleased with the entertainment and will remember it as long as life lasts. The following couples were present: Rutledge Alford and Willie Johnson, Edgar Bowen and Clifton Byrd, Bradford Byrd and Alma Cates, Clyde Evans and Hattie Perkins, Julie Evans and Bessie Damon, Kent Johnston and Clare Bowen, Flagg Rawls and Ebie Quaile, Joe Shutan and Katie Mickler, William VanBrunt and Ollie Wilson and Walter McLin, Alex. P. Harrison, an honorary member.

N. W. BUTLER DEAD.

Tuesday, after a lingering illness of ten days or more, Mr. N. W. Butler breathed his last. About ten days or two weeks ago he had a stroke of paralysis, and a few days subsequent another. Being about 76 years of age and quite feeble, he never rallied.

Mr. Butler was one of our oldest and most widely known citizens. He came to the territory of Florida long before it was admitted into the Union, and was a walking encyclopedia of by-gone days in Middle Florida.

He was so retiring in his disposition that, notwithstanding he counted as his friends all who knew him, he served very little in public life. He was once a member of the Legislature, and filled a few minor positions, being postmaster at Ocklockonee for a long number of years.

For some months past he had realized that time was short with him but talked of it in his usual cheerful manner. Verily, he was a good man, and his familiar figure will be missed upon our streets.

A FIREMAN'S CLOSE CALL.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa., "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and, after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists. Price 50 cents.

GEORGIA SCRIBBLERS

Have a Big Time at Pan-American Exposition

BANDS PLAY POPULAR AIRS

Other Interesting Facts Concerning What is Going on at Buffalo.

Buffalo, July 13.—Wednesday the strains of "Maryland, My Maryland and of "Dixie" mingled with the flow of a thousand fountains as Governor Smith escorted by a brilliantly uniformed staff and the Pan-American officials entered the exposition now in progress by the "great waters of the North." The visiting Marylanders all wore the colors of the city, orange and black. A blue silk banner bearing the elaborate coat of arms of Lord Baltimore was borne in front of the procession with the Stars and Stripes. Among those present in the party when it arrived at the grounds were Gov. Smith, Col. Albert Sisk, Col. John P. Moore, Gen. Murray Vanliver, Col. Arthur D. Foster, Col. John Waters, Col. George M. Upshur, Gen. Charles A. Chipley, Adjt.-Gen. John S. Saunders, Gen. John B. Schwatka, Col. Israel Rosenfeld and Col. Goldsborough, Francis K. Carye, Franklin P. Carter, John S. Gibbs, Reuben Foster, Samuel Rosenthal, Col. Herman Stump, Oswald Tilghman, Norval E. Foard and the President of the Commission, Ferdinand C. Latrobe, Judge Thomas J. Morris, Harrison Tilghman, C. H. Forrest, Lloyd Wilkinson, Samuel Dennis, Gov. Smith's private secretary and Bernard Courlaender, assistant general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and many others. Arriving at the Temple of Music, Mayor Latrobe made the first address. In concluding he gave utterance to what applies to the entire South:

"Here you will realize what the United States can produce. We have coal enough to supply the factories and the navies of the world. If they don't want coal, we can give them oil. If oil is not satisfactory, let their factories come to Buffalo, and we can turn their wheels with electricity produced from the harnessed waters of Niagara. Our visit to your city, where at your exposition we have asked for a Maryland Day is not altogether a matter of sentiment. We have shown on your fair grounds in what we have sent here, that we have goods to sell. You have shown that you have goods to sell, too, and, what is more, the money to buy our goods. I advocate closer trade and social relations between Maryland and Buffalo. Let us, over the iron links that bind our States together, be closer brothers in trade and commerce. May the Pan-American Exposition be the means of a nearer relationship than that which now unites Buffalo and Maryland together."

President Milburn extended a cordial and courteous welcome to the visiting Southerners, to which Governor Smith of Maryland gracefully responded. He also expressed sentiments of sincers regret that every State in the South was not represented here. He said:

"It is a source of regret to me that Maryland is not more extensively represented. She is rich in all things, and it had been my intention to have her represented not merely by a creditable exhibit ,but by one that could not be surpassed by any State or equaled by any foreign country. Hence I say that any country or any State that fails to participate liberally in such expositions is lacking in appreciation of them, and is laggard in taking advantage of opportunities for material advancement. This observation applies, I regret to say, to a certain extent, at least, to my own State."

And it applies to many others as well. Maryland appropriated something for the Pan-American Exposition, and has a very creditable though small exhibit, but it is very inadequate.. She has in the Mines Building a geological exhibit which is one of the most artistic installations on the grounds. This is the work of Dr. Wm. Bullock Clark, State Geologist. A sample of semi-bituminous coal from the Georges Creek district out of the famous big vein is shown. The sample is eight feet nigh and three and a half feet wide, making a mass of solid coal weighing about three tons. The coal territory is restricted to the western portion of the State; in Alleghany county. Specimens of smaller veins are shown. All the veins are now being worked to their full capacity, and the supply seems inexhaustible. The exhibit of soil types is very interesting, being made up of samples of the soil from the different sections of the State, showing the constituency of the soil. This exhibit shows the natural soil in a large glass vial, then the soil subdivided in seven divisions in small tubes, each tube showing the percentage of clay, silt, very fine sand, fine sand and medium sand, coarse sand and gravel. Nine samples of soil are exhibited, showing the characteristic soil of the State. This exhibit is one of the most complete from a scientific point of view, the arrangements being very simple and capable of being understood by the general run of visitors. It is of importance to agriculturists in determining the best section of the State in which to grow special crops. Another interesting exhibit shows the results of tests of un-