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DR. JAMES A. RUBLE

In the death of Dr. James A. Ruble East Tennessee has lost one of its most extensively known and best loved ministers. He died last Sunday at his residence at the Soldiers' Home, after a short illness, although he had been in declining health for several months. It seems peculiarly fitting that death should come to this devoted Christian on Sunday and that his soul should be ushered into the presence of his Master on the day we receive as that upon which Christ rose from the dead. For more than fifty years Dr. Ruble has been a member of the Holston conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and in his work has covered more territory than any other minister in that conference. There are few families, indeed, in East Tennessee where he is not known and where he has not been called upon to either marry or bury some member thereof. While being what is known as a Northern Methodist he was a strong advocate of the union of the Methodist churches and wanted to live to see that result. He was broad in his religious views and exchanged pulpits with pastors of all denominations frequently and had done so for years. A funeral of an old resident without Dr. Ruble did not seem complete and his touching prayers and heart throbbing talks always deeply affected the congregation. The life of this man should be an inspiration to young preachers. His actions as well as his words convinced all those with whom he came in contact that religion was a reality and something worth while. He lived it every day and it made a lasting impression upon all who met him. We have known him for more than thirty years and he was so much a part of the church of this section that it seems impossible to realize that the earthly church will know him no more, but his memory will live long and be a great blessing to many. An earnest and devout laborer in the Lord's vineyard has passed to his reward. May his soul rest in peace.

RESOLUTIONS BY THE MINISTERS ASSOCIATION OF JOHNSON CITY ON THE DEATH OF REV. JAMES A. RUBLE.

Living two years beyond the span of the allotted three-score years and ten; born, reared, trained and serving all of these years in East Tennessee; a chaplain in the Union during the sixties; admitted on 1862 to the Holston Conference, in 1867, and to full membership in 1868; ordained a member by Bishop Kingsley in 1867; an elder by Bishop Scott, in 1870; serving his church on circuits, stations, and districts from 1867 to 1902; Chaplain of the National Soldiers' Home at Johnson City, since its organization in 1892.

Friend, spiritual adviser and comforter of thousands; now scattered far and wide; a personal friend and helper to every pastor in our city; known, loved and always welcomed in all of our pulpits; dispensing the spirit of good-fellowship, yet ever making the spiritual the dominant note in all life.—these are some of the outstanding features of the life of our brother, who was called on the Lord's Day, October 29th, 1916, from the church militant to the church triumphant.

We, the pastors of Johnson City, would hereby express the consciousness of our great personal loss, and the sense of impoverishment felt by all of our churches, yet we would at the same time express our gratitude to Almighty God for this beautiful life of faith, and the long years of splendid service in our midst, and we rejoice that in this same faith, he had the abundant entrance into the life eternal.

In these hours our hearts go out in sympathy with the wife and children and loved ones, so greatly bereaved. "And now we commend us to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build up, and to give us an inheritance among them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus."

REV. S. G. KETRON, D. S.
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Don't be in a hurry, little mother on the farm, to send your girl away from home to work. Sometimes it is necessary to do it, but usually the girl can find something to do at home. Many a girl who was her mother's willing helper while she worked at home, goes there only to grumble after she gets to working elsewhere.—Southern Agriculturist.

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REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN FUNDS

The papers have published a list of those who have contributed five thousand dollars or more to the campaign fund of the Republican party. The list is made up largely of those who put money above men, and gold above human flesh and blood. Side by side are Rockefeller and Armour, who have thrived their millions by extortion off of the masses. Armour is responsible for the present high price of meat, and Rockefeller continues to jump up the price of kerosene and gasoline.

Then there are the Astors, Morgans, Vanderbilts, Whitneys, Rockwells, McCormicks, Goetschs, MacKays, DuPonts, Seligmans, and other multi-millionaires, who would like to get rid of the income tax. They gratefully remember the fact that Mr. Hughes, when Governor of New York, sent a special message to the Legislature urging the defeat of the income tax amendment to the Federal constitution. Mr. Hughes, to be consistent, would, if elected president, send a message to congress asking a repeal of the present income tax law.

In the list are the DuPonts and Colts who have grown rich beyond the dreams of avarice; one by making powder and explosives, and the other by the manufacture of revolvers. The business of both, instead of being a benefit, is a hindrance to Christianity and civilization. How many innocent lives have been taken, how much innocent blood has been shed, as the result of the business of the Colts and the DuPonts, God in His infinite wisdom only knows.

There is Vincent Astor, whose father renounced his allegiance to the United States and became a subject of Great Britain, long before the fatal sinking of the Titanic. Vincent would like to escape the payment of income taxes on his inherited millions.

Then there is Mary Lily Flagler, the widow of Henry M. Flagler, who disgraced himself by procuring a divorce from his first wife on the ground of insanity, after he had caused the Legislature of Florida to disgrace itself by passing a law making insanity a ground for divorce. The first Mrs. Flagler was sent to a mad house, and her husband obtained a divorce and married the present Mrs. Flagler. Naturally she does not want to pay an income tax on the Flagler millions.

These plutocrats, who are contributing vast sums of money to secure the election of Mr. Hughes, have nothing in common with the common people. Some of them will spend thousands of dollars for a monkey party, or a poodle dog exhibition, while hungry and ragged children are looked upon in disdain. Why these owners of predatory wealth are supporting Mr. Hughes, we can only judge by the facts as they appear. They like Hughes better than they do Wilson because the former opposed, while the latter favored an income tax. They believe, and for apparently good reasons, that Mr. Hughes will look with more favor upon the wealth of the rich than upon the poverty of the poor. They are warranted in so believing because Mr. Hughes, when Governor, vetoed a bill fixing the street car fare to Coney Island at five cents instead of ten cents. He also vetoed a bill fixing the railroad passenger fare a two cents per mile. Whenever the vested interests come in conflict with the rights of the masses, Mr. Hughes sided with the interests. It is no wonder, therefore, that the interests are giving up their money in the hope of securing his election.

Eight hours for labor means eight years for Wilson.

Mr. Hughes is chinquapinning in Ohio and Indiana this week.

The N. Y. Herald says writing in Detroit is now 10 to 8 in favor of Wilson.

Mr. Hughes has degenerated into a carping critic who can find nothing good in the Wilson administration. But as Hughes gets lower in politics Wilson gets higher in patriotism.

Woodrow Wilson is the first President in the last quarter of a century who has had the moral courage and the political courage to champion the cause of the common people, the cause of humanity, as against the cause of the vested interests, the cause of sordid and unfeeling wealth.

If the railroads of Tennessee can haul passengers for two and one-half cents per mile in our sparsely settled mountainous country, surely the railroads in the great and densely populated State of New York could carry passengers for two cents per mile. And yet Mr. Hughes, while Governor of New York, vetoed a two cent fare bill. Is it any wonder that the Morgans and the Baxters are for Hughes?

The farmer must be an optimist. The man who has not a goodly supply of hope and confidence is foredoomed to failure on his farm. But the man who is unreasonably hopeful, who takes long chances on things going right, is certain to get his bumps. "Hope for the best, but prepare for the worst," is a good motto.—Southern Agriculturist.

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THE SOUTH'S MAGNIFICENT FUTURE IS FORETOLD

First National Bank, Spartanburg, S. C., Sept. 19.

Your letter of September 15 I have read with a great deal of interest, and sent you yesterday the card you enclosed for reports, showing that this institution, though a national bank, has made a gain of about \$40,000 in strictly savings accounts from September to September. This is a net gain.

For the past two or three years we have made a special campaign, educational in every department, endeavoring to inculcate in the average citizen the absolute need of thrift, if our Southland would ever become independent financially. We have been more than pleased with the results. This bank alone, on the 30th day of June, for the period between January 1 and July 1, 1916, paid out in dividends on its capital stock of \$500,000, \$29,000, and also \$10,300 interest on our savings deposits.

For the bank's good, we would prefer not having quite so many stable savings accounts, for our earning capacity is very much retarded, and the gain that the bank makes in its assets is very slow, though it may be sure.

However, the outside needs the education, and it all will ultimately work to the good of us all. This, of course, is all that we are looking for. Any viewpoint, financial or otherwise, that is not taken from the high grounds is not one of improvement or of permanent progress.

Knowing that you are interested in these things, as shown by your continual and consistent great offers, we have gone into this more fully than we did on the card you enclosed. We hope you will keep up your fight. There is no country on earth that has a more magnificent future before it than our Southern States.

A. M. CHREITZBERG, Pres.

The Splendid Work of Prohibition is Bringing Increased Prosperity

Union Banking Co., Monroe, Ga., Sept. 29.

We have considered bets to answer your general letter of the 14th inst., relative to savings accounts, by letter rather than the postal which was enclosed.

We regret to say that we have so few accounts that might be classed as savings that they form only a negligible part of our deposits. We have never featured this part of the business especially, for the reason that our people as a whole belong to the farming class, and whatever moneys they have are usually carried on open account subject to check.

We think that the work that you have undertaken will prove of much benefit to our section of the country, and it is a work in which you will have the active co-operation of the bankers, in not an altogether selfish enterprise. Our people do not know the first principles of economy and thrift, and they need to be taught, beginning with the public schools.

Concerning the effect that prohibition had had upon business generally, and therefore ultimately upon the banking business and the matter of savings, it might prove of interest to relate the facts as given the writer by some of the rural mail carriers in this, the county of Walton. We are told that before the first of May this year, when prohibition really went into effect in Georgia with the big clamped down, each of the carriers sold weekly from \$25 to \$35 worth of money orders to negroes and white people who could ill afford to part with this sum of money, which went outside of the State for whiskey shipments. Since the first of May we are told that none of the carriers get \$25 worth of money orders for whiskey within the space of three or four weeks. It is therefore evident that these people are either saving this money or else that they are spending it in a way that will afford better living for their families, providing them with proper clothes and food.

We have the names of several parties on our books with nice balances to their credit who before the first of May usually spent all they earned in drinking, frolicking, etc. One man in particular who had never saved a dollar has accumulated over \$200, and is adding to this sum every week. There is absolutely no doubt that the prohibition law enacted by the Legislature of this State is the best law that ever passed for the benefit of the masses, and we are confident that the time is near at hand when Georgia will come to the forefront in the matter of savings deposits.

We expect to make a campaign this winter for savings accounts, and will be glad to co-operate with you in this fine undertaking in any manner possible.

H. D. SPIVEY, Cashier.

CHILDLESS PARENTS

I saw an old man the other day who was apparently deeply distressed at the prospect that he would have to go to a Masonic home to spend the rest of his days. He had raised a family of boys and girls, working hard and steadily to give them all a good start in life. The girls had "married well," as we say; the boys were all making fair salaries. One of them is in an Eastern city, the others in the West. The old man could not live with the boys in the West because

of the altitude. He came back to his home town where the girls lived, but they would not take him in. The bache or son in the East makes enough to spare his father a comfortable living for his old age, but he does not. So the old man, turned away by his own children, goes to spend his last days as a dependent upon his order.

I would accuse no one unjustly. Old people often fail to fall in with new ways and new conditions. Still honorable old age cannot justly be crowned with humiliation and shame. To turn one's father or mother over to the care of strangers seems to be about as unenviable responsibility as any man or woman, able to work or to provide, could well assume.

"Honor thy father and thy mother," not only that thy days may be long in the land, but that they be days of unshirked duty and justifiable self-respect.—Southern Agriculturist.

GUARD AGAINST FIRE

Every farmer, we believe, should carry fire insurance on his buildings, but he should not stop there. He should use every care to guard against fires. Before cold weather comes every stove pipe, flue, chimney and fireplace should be examined to see that it is safe. Matches should be kept out of reach of children and rats. Open lights should be kept out of the barn and smoking there strictly forbidden to all persons. Gasoline should be stored away from buildings. Screens should be provided for open fireplaces where children stay or where sparks are likely to fly out. A bucket of water should be kept handy if there is no water supply, and one or two chemical fire extinguishers purchased and hung up convenient for use.

A little precaution is better than a big fire.—Southern Agriculturist.

BRIEF ITEMS

Sorghum grain is a valuable poultry food.

The 48 States are now spending \$280,000,000 a year on good roads. Crickets and blue jays often destroy eggs and nestlings of other birds. Disease of animals cause losses of \$212,000,000 a year in the United States. Much of this loss is preventable.

Wash water used in the return should be approximately the same temperature as the buttermilk, or within 2 degrees of it.

More than 260,000 boys and girls were enrolled in 1915 in agricultural and canning clubs conducted co-operatively by the State colleges and the department.

It is estimated that the man who ships 29 cars of grain containing 20 per cent of moisture pays freight on 1 car of excess water, using 15 per cent moisture as a basis.

The United States Department of Agriculture has a large force which devotes its entire time to developing new by-products and methods of saving material now wasted.

The population of the U. S. has increased by 24,000,000 people in the last 15 years, and the number of beef animals has decreased 6,000,000 and sheep 10,000,000, while hogs have increased only 11,000,000.

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KINGSPORT, TENN., NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. M. S. Ketron and daughter, Effie, have been visiting relatives in Virginia this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Nelms and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Nelms and children spent Sunday with relatives in Fall Branch.

Mrs. Chas. Smallwood and Miss Ida Adams, from Holston Heights, spent Monday with Mrs. Jim Crum and Seviere Terrace.

Rob Crum spent Saturday night in Bristol visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Groseclose and family, from Texas, are here to spend the winter.

The Teacher-Parent Association met at the Baptist church, Tuesday afternoon.

The new churches will soon be completed.

Mr. David Heller, the cement inspector, is here on business this week.

Miss Effie Lee, of Bluefield, W. Va., is the guest of Mrs. Mahan on Sullivan street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Kinzer spent Sunday and Monday at J. A. Kinzer's, near Johnson City.

Mrs. Arbitrator and family, of Max Meadows, Va., are here to make this town their future home.

Rev. Mr. Cates, pastor of the Baptist church, filled his appointment on Sunday.

Work of paving Shelby street is progressing nicely. It will not be long till all the principal streets in Kingsport will be reached.

E. L. Haynes, of Yuma, Va., is here working on the wholesale grocery building.

Mr. G. D. Larkin, of Church Hill, left this week for El Paso, Texas.

Be a booster for Kingsport.

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Mrs. J. L. Warrick, of Cherokee St. was visiting in the country this week.

W. B. Poling was in Bristol Monday day.

B. H. Kinkead, of the Kingsport Furniture Co., and Paul Dishner, of the Federal Dye Plant, made a business trip to Bristol Monday.

Mrs. Victor Patton, of Old Kingsport, was in the city Monday.

J. H. Lynch, of Lane, Va., was in town Monday.

Attorney Barnes, of the law firm of Barnes, Dobson & Worley, was over from Johnson City Monday.

John Kinzer, of one-story, was in the city this week.

H. O. Bunn, of Hotel Kingsport, was in Bristol recently.

R. W. Davidson, of Church Hill, was in town Monday.

Mr. A. F. Hoss left Monday for N. C. points. He will be gone most of the week.

N. J. Bassell, of Cameron, Tenn., was in town last Saturday.

Dave Morrison, of Morrison's Chapel, was in our city the first of the week on business.

Rev. J. C. Kinzer spent Saturday night and Sunday with Robert Quillin in Scott county and held a religious service at Antioch on Sunday; having been pastor of the Gate City circuit 27 years ago.

Kingsport has a splendid Sunday school. Mr. A. F. Hoss has a large class composed of the young men of our town. Every one seems to take an interest in Sunday school and church work and as a result our town is growing morally better. Boost for your Sunday school and church, and these institutions need your presence and help.

Rev. French Wampler, pastor of the Broad Street M. E. church, will preach in the school building Sunday at 11 o'clock. At 7:30 p. m. Rev. M. P. Carico, presiding elder of the Big Stone Gap district, will also preach. The public is cordially invited to attend both services. (These services will be held in the Grand Theatre instead of the school building.)

We are glad the moral temperature is increasing, and that so many of our fellow townsmen are working to lift up poor fallen humanity. Let every one lend a helping hand to the individual who is down and out. This is the best evidence of Christianity and Kingsport is a good field for the laborer.

CHURCH HILL, ROUTE TWO

J. S. Alley is visiting friends in Alley Valley this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lambert were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Alley last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Brown, of Cameron, were visiting on Route 1 Sunday. Hiram Alley and Beachard McConnell, of Alley Valley, were visitors on Routes 1 and 2 Saturday.

Misses Lula and Lillie Larkin were the guests of Miss Hazel Lane on Route 1 Sunday.

The school at Okalona is progressing nicely under the management of Misses Emma Starnes and Cordie Huddle.

R. S. Ross has just received a nice pair of Poland China hogs from Cynthia, Ind. They were very expensive, but are sure to prove profitable to him and the community.

Worn Out?

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