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BISHOP FITZGERALD.

Death Comes Peacefully at Mont-eagle, Tenn.

Monteagle, Tenn., Aug. 5.—Bishop Oscar Penn Fitzgerald of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died at his cottage here at 3:45 o'clock this afternoon of neuralgia of the heart.

For the last ten days news of his death would not have been unexpected.

The venerable churchman and author had been in ill-health for several years, and during the last year had been very feeble. Ten days ago he suffered an attack of neuralgia of the heart, which was followed a few days later by another attack.

With Bishop Fitzgerald when he died were his daughters, Mrs. J. H. Nye and Mrs. J. B. Robertson, of Nashville; his sons, William S. Fitzgerald, Tullahoma, and Oscar Fitzgerald, Charleston, W. Va., and Dr. and Mrs. Allen G. Hall, Nashville, friends of the family.

FUNERAL AT NASHVILLE.

The funeral was held from West End Methodist Church at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. The services were conducted by Dr. G. B. Winto, Dr. R. K. Brown, Bishop Collins Denny and Dr. Fitzgerald Parker. Burial was at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

The pall-bearers: Honorary—J. W. Manier, Sr., Dr. W. J. Ewing, W. R. Cole, Dr. J. Lewinthal, Dr. J. H. McNeilly, Rev. R. Lin Cave, Jesse Cage, D. M. Smith, Rev. Henry Beech Carr.

Active—Chancellor J. H. Kirkland, Dr. Allen G. Hall, G. M. Neely, John Bell Keeble, John Early, Will Vaughan, J. E. Hart, W. E. Park.

BORN IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Oscar Penn Fitzgerald was the son of Richard and Martha Jones Hooper Fitzgerald and was born in Caswell, North Carolina, August 24, 1829. His middle name was taken from the Rev. Dr. Abram Penn, who baptized him in infancy, praying at the time that he might be a Methodist preacher. He received his common school education in North Carolina.

His first service was in the composing room of the Lynchburg, Va., Republican. Later he became a clerk in the office of the Lynchburg Post, and while so engaged the Mexican war came on. His father, responding to the call of his country, marched to Mexico with Gen. Scott. When the elder Fitzgerald went to fight his country's battles his son returned home to North Carolina to support his mother, doing so by teaching in the neighborhood. When the war was over the young man returned to his newspaper work, going to Richmond, and obtaining a place on the Richmond Examiner, of which Edgar Allan Poe was about to be made literary editor when his genius was stilled in death.

WAS COMRADE OF POE.

It was a favorite reminiscence with Bishop Fitzgerald, this acquaintance with Poe. On one occasion he heard

Poe lecture, the impression being a profound one. Bishop Fitzgerald at this time was about 20 years of age.

From Virginia he went to Georgia, where, after a spell of typhoid fever, his attention was directed to the ministry. In 1854 the Georgia Methodist Conference, meeting at Atlanta, with Bishop Capers presiding, admitted him and he was sent to Savannah as a junior preacher. A short time later he went to the West as a missionary.

In 1867 he was chosen superintendent of public instruction of California, continuing in the position for four years. While in California he was for a time editor of the Pacific Methodist and Christian Spectator. Returning to the South in 1878 he was elected editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, an organ of the Southern Methodist Church, succeeding Rev. T. R. Summers. In 1886, when the general conference of the church met in Richmond, he was suggested as a bishop, and four years later, when the conference met in St. Louis, this honor was voted him.

For many years Bishop Fitzgerald has been incapacitated by age and failing strength, but his interest in his church never flagged. To the end of his days he retained his interest in the newspaper business in which he started his career. He wrote extensively himself, and a son, the late Lee Fitzgerald, was at one time editor of the Nashville American. In 1855 Bishop Fitzgerald was married to Miss Sarah Banks, of Enon, Ala., who survives him with the following children: Mrs. G. F. Nye and Mrs. J. B. Robertson, of Nashville, Tenn.; William S. Fitzgerald, of Tullahoma, Tenn., and Oscar P. Fitzgerald, Jr., of Charleston, W. Va.

Sewerage Accepted.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen have formally accepted the sewerage completed by Sullivan & Long in this city. The system was outlined in this paper last fall. With the exception of a few slight changes the work has been completed according to drawings and specifications. The inspection was finished last week by C. H. Jenks, civil engineer in charge, and the system is declared to be as good as ever turned out in any city. A bond was given by the contractors guaranteeing the work for a term of years.

Part of the system has already been paid for, probably half, and the Board calculates that the last dollar will be paid after the taxes of 1913 have been received. The contract amounted altogether to approximately \$35,000, and the payment of this amount besides the current expenses of the city in three years is very creditable indeed to the business qualifications of the present administration.

The Board contemplates next year the opening of a campaign of concrete walk construction. It is figured that the sewerage contract can be taken care of while this is going on. Walks are badly needed in Union City, and the beginning of this work will be heralded with the heartiest approval.

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County Democratic Committee.

The Democratic Executive Committee of Obion County met at the courthouse last Monday pursuant to call.

Chairman Pleas Hornbeak called the committee to order and announced that he desired to withdraw temporarily from the speaker's chair for the reason that he was a candidate and did not wish to take advantage of his opponents. Carroll P. Wilson, of Troy, was appointed to take the chair. Mr. Green read the minutes and they were approved.

The first item of business was a motion for a uniform ballot. It was decided at the last meeting of the committee that a uniform ballot be adopted, but no provision was made respecting the use of independent ballots. An amendment was therefore offered to the original motion that a uniform ballot be adopted and that independent ballots or any ballots other than the uniform ballot be declared illegal and thrown out if voted. The committee agreed on this motion and no other ballot will be used except the official ballot.

Dr. Wells, of Number Fourteen, offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, first; That Saturday, the 2d day of September, the day for the holding of the Democratic primary election in Obion County for the nomination of candidates for Trustee, Sheriff, and Tax Assessor of Obion County, to be elected in the August election of 1912, be constituted as such by the committee and

that the polls be opened on said day at 9 a. m. and closed at 4 p. m.

Resolved, second; That all known white Democrats who are 21 years old now or before August 10, 1912, who will support the nominee of this primary be entitled to vote in the primary in his respective district or usual voting place only.

Resolved, third; That should only one candidate submit his claims before this primary for any of said offices by August 20, preceding this primary election, such candidate shall be declared the nominee for said office.

Resolved, fourth; That no demands be made for poll tax receipt or registration certificate of anyone who represents himself to vote in this primary.

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The following members of the committee were present:

District No. 3, Mr. Caldwell, proxy; No. 5, Pleas Hornbeak; No. 6, Carroll P. Wilson; No. 7, Hughes Hunt; No. 8, J. M. Foster; No. 10, Luke Latimer; No. 11, Casey Holloman; No. 13, W. P. Davis; No. 14, J. J. Wells; No. 15, E. J. Green.

Committee adjourned.

Democratic Mass Meeting.

Immediately after the meeting of the county Democratic executive committee last Monday a mass meeting of the Democrats of Obion County was held. Quite a number of Democrats from the different sections of the county were present, and a large per cent took part in the meeting. The object of the meeting as outlined heretofore was to bury the hatchet. In other words it was a harmony meeting.

A. Wilson, of Obion, was elected chairman. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions as follows:

G. R. McDade, E. J. Green and D. P. Caldwell.

While the committee was out Dr. McRee was called upon for a speech and responded in accordance with the spirit of the occasion.

The committee reported as follows:

Whereas, there has been in the past a division in the ranks of the Democratic party, caused by a difference of opinion among Democrats as to certain questions of policy and statecraft and whereas such division has caused and engendered a severe breach in the party. Therefore be it resolved by the Democrats of Obion County in convention assembled that it is the sense of this convention that all such differences should be adjusted, the breach healed and harmony prevail, and that in primary elections all Democrats shall be entitled to participate, irrespective of past differences or affiliations, and further that we as Democrats will use our best endeavor to bring about this state of harmony throughout the State of Tennessee.

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