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CONGRESSMAN WHITE DIES IN PHILADELPHIA

Was the Last Member of Race to Hold Seat in Congress—Retiring Speech a Classic—Made Prophecy That Some Day the Negro Would Return to Congress to Stay.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 10.—Hon. George H. White, a member of the Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth congress from North Carolina, died here Saturday December 28. He was sixty-six years old and had been practicing law in Philadelphia for twelve years.

Prior to his service in congress, Mr. White had served several terms in the North Carolina legislature and had been solicitor in his judicial district, embracing five counties in eastern North Carolina. At the expiration of his term in congress, he declined to go south because of the disfranchisement laws of his state.

He was born in Columbus county, North Carolina, and removed to Craven, which was then in the Second district, now represented by Claude Kitchin, who succeeded him.

Upon retiring as a member of the Fifty-sixth congress, Congressman White delivered one of the most eloquent and remarkable addresses ever delivered before that body in the course of which he said: "I go as the last representative of my race in this body; but mark me, sir, the day will come when the Negro will return to these legislative halls and when he returns he will return to stay."

He was assistant city solicitor of the city of Philadelphia, grand master of the Negro grand lodge of Masons of North Carolina and president of the White Lumber company, at the time of his death.

He is survived by two children, George H. White of Pittsburg and one daughter.

ZION BAPTIST
W. F. Botts, Pastor

Last week the Xmas festivities held sway. On Tuesday night the exer-

cises of the Sunday school were held and the long honored "tree" was dispensed with and an Xmas ladder took its place. The diversion was enjoyed by old as well as young.

On Wednesday night the last prayer service of the old year was held and all who were not there have cause to regret it. On Thursday night a mask entertainment was given by the Mission Circle, unique in the fact that the entire program was composed of the elderly ladies of the church. Sister Dotson, in her linen duster as the preacher, was the hit of the evening.

This brings us to Sunday in the morning the pastor talked on "Decision," and in the evening on the theme, "Too Late." The holy spirit was truly with us and several were brought back into the fold by the power of these sermons.

Next Sunday there will be covenant services at 11 a. m., followed by the Lord's supper. If you have been negligent in the past, start the New Year right. Come out and renew your covenant with God and man.

Auxiliaries are working nicely. Come out and find your place.

The sick of the church are improving.

PLEASANT GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH

The last Sunday of the old year found the church well filled at both services and two splendid sermons. Seven were added to the church and five were baptized.

The sick of the church are doing nicely.

Brother and Sister Freeman have returned from Missouri and Mrs. J. Shelton from Atchison.

The Xmas tree entertainment was a splendid success in every way and the program enjoyable.

The pastor was given a raise in salary last week.

Rev. J. Costello and wife were the recipients of many beautiful presents and each of them received a diamond ring.

MRS. JENNIE SELLERS.

LA GRANGE, TEXAS
H. L. Vincent

A goodly number of teachers spent their vacation in La Grange this Xmas.

The committee chosen by the Fayette County Teachers' Institute, to select a suitable faculty for a summer normal to be located at La Grange next summer, met last week. Prof. M. Mason, Giddings, D. G. Duval, William Miller, Schulenburg, George T. Ware and wife, Flatonia, Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews, San Antonio, Miss Nettie Phearse, Hillsboro, and Miss Hattie Tillman, of Port Arthur, were among the visitors.

The funerals of Mrs. Mary Randolph and Mrs. Jane Blank were held last Thursday afternoon. Rev. S. A. Tillman officiated.

Mr. Jonathan Zachary and Miss Pauline Phearse were married Thursday evening, December 26, at St. James M. E. church. Rev. G. D. Mills performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Edith Johnson accidentally ran into a nail last week and painfully injured her eye.

PALESTINE NEWS
H. L. Vincent

The weather is very cold in this part of the world's vineyard. The ground is as hard as a brickbat and you know that is some cold.

The flu is still on the job, but not as actively as it has been.

Mrs. Amanda Stanlan and Mrs. Annie King are still on the sick list.

All the churches had fine services on watch night and everything looks promising for a new start. Many have made strong resolutions to do better and if some of them really do anything, it will be well, for they haven't done much yet.

Many boys are returning from the army and the camps.

B. F. White is back on the job after a hard attack of flu. He says it almost got him, but he finally won.

Mrs. Jessie McKinzie says she is a real lover of The Monitor, and Mrs.

Ellis Brooks doesn't want to see me unless I have The Monitor.

RESENTS EXCLUSION OF SERGEANT WATKINS

City, Jan. 3, 1919.

Rev. John Albert Williams,
Editor of The Monitor,
My Dear Friend:

I have just finished reading the letter of Sergeant Lucian B. Watkins to President L. H. Bissell, Illinois College of Photography and I join with my Colored brother and comrade and say most emphatically, I too, resent it with all the might of my rebellious spirit. I resent it in the name of that mighty tidal wave of social and economic justice that is now enveloping the whole world in its mantle of human brotherhood.

Brother Watkins' letter is a classic and should be preserved for the future and I say to our friend, Watkins, "Go to it!" We are with you until hell freezes over and with Bissell under the ice. Justice, truth and fraternity, is marching on and the Bissells must get out of the way.

With fraternal greetings to you and yours and The Monitor for the New Year, I am,

JESSE T. BRILLHART.



DEMOCRACY'S PROBLEM IS IN ITS SCHOOLS

By DR. CLAUDE H. VAN TYNE,
of the University of Michigan.

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—The defects in our educational system pointed out by Dr. Van Tyne are the principal targets at which the National Security League's great nation-wide campaign of "Patriotism Through Education" is aimed.]

Certain fundamental American ideals must be impressed upon the American youth. The crisis through which this nation recently passed before it could be brought to a whole-hearted support of a war begun for the purpose of preserving the most vital principles upon which it was founded has aroused educators everywhere like a fire-bell in the night, to understand that we must employ our educational machinery more than we have in the past to imbue every American citizen with a comprehension of democratic principles.

If we can find some definite means of securing an understanding of democratic ideals, we may expect as a result a patriotic zeal in defending them. If Americanism is a belief in and a habit of supporting such ideals, then we may hope that such a process will produce it.

Opposing Theories.

The American's theory of the state is that it exists to protect him in the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that the individual is the important thing, not the state. An opposing theory, and it happens to be the German theory, is that the state is the important thing, that to it the individual owes everything, life and liberty and even blind obedience of orders to do cruel and brutal acts. Why not teach that difference to boys and girls instead of mere dry facts about the organs of government and their functions. Let us not be so shy and modest about the virtues of our political system. The Germans are not. Let us say frankly that democracy implies a nation in peace, that autocracy implies a nation in arms. We can teach frankly, too, that our great principle of local self-government is wholly at conflict with the German ambitions for world-empire, and with her whole tendency of government in provinces like Poland and Alsace-Lorraine.

"Teach Too Little."

It is the spirit of our institutions which we have failed to impart to the rising generations. We have been afraid to state that our democratic philosophy upholds the Christian spirit of brotherhood, asserts the wisdom of united action for the good of all, and seeks to save the weak from the aggression of the strong. We have refrained from saying that the autocratic philosophy operated to deaden the sentiment of humanity; that in affairs of state it sneered at mercy and gentleness, at love and kindness; that the foundation of that philosophy was the stern law of the survival of the fittest; that, to be concrete, Belgium, a weak state, had no rights when she stood in the way of Germany, a big state.

We have taught the American youth all too little about the foundations of their liberty. The story of the blood and suffering of the builders, of the tempest that raged them while they built, of the martyrs who were the architects of those foundations. This history has been too little told. Autocrats see to it that their people are impressed with their rulers' virtues and those of their ancestors, but democracies leave their citizens to take their liberties as they do the air they breathe. Republics are ungrateful only because there is nobody whose interest it is to inculcate that gratitude.

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