

GEN. "LEW" WALLACE.

Author of "Ben-Hur"—Conversation With Ingersoll—Dies in Peace.

During the night of February 15 the author of "Ben-Hur" closed his eyes on this world, saying to those about him: "I am ready to meet my Maker."

Gen. Wallace was born in Brookville, Franklin county, Indiana, in 1827. His father was Gov. David W. Wallace. As a schoolboy young Wallace cared more for books outside of his course of study than for the lessons assigned him.

His first ambition was to become an artist, but he was prevailed upon by his father to study law. This he discontinued to serve in the Mexican War as second lieutenant.

Gen. Wallace achieved his highest fame as an author, although he made for himself an honorable place in the history of his country as a military character.

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A newspaper correspondent who visited Gen. Wallace at his home last year gives some interesting information in regard to the man and the book.

"I listened to Robert G. Ingersoll one night, all the way from Cincinnati to Indianapolis. He talked infidelity all the way, and while I was not then a religious man, his conversation so stirred me that when I got off the train at Indianapolis I walked in the streets an hour, to quiet myself before going to bed.

Prior to that time I had paid almost no attention to the Bible or to religion. My life had been a busy one, and I had overlooked matters of the soul.

I then decided that these were the great questions for man to study, and also that every man must investigate them for himself. I began at once to read the Bible, devoting my time chiefly to the New Testament and the life and sayings of Christ.

It may not be known that Gen. Wallace was a most painstaking writer. He wrote first on a slate, so that erasures might easily be made; then he copied from the slate with a soft pencil on paper, and when all was to his satisfaction, he copied with ink with such precision that one page of his manuscript made exactly one page of the printed book.

self a deeply pious man, was so favorably impressed with "Ben-Hur" that he appointed Gen. Wallace Minister to Turkey on condition that he write a book during his stay in Constantinople. He said: "I want you to give the world another book as good as 'Ben-Hur.'" Gen. Wallace, realizing that, although his diplomatic work might require all his time, he could at least gather materials for another book, accepted the position on the condition specified, and soon received his commission, with the words and initials, "Ben-Hur, J. A. G.," in the lower left-hand corner.

When one reads "Ben-Hur," the second title of which is "A Tale of the Christ," realizing that the author of the book accompanied every pencil stroke with a heart throb of genuine devotion to his personal Saviour, and that at the close of his life, in his 78th year, he could say, "I am ready to meet my Maker," one is not surprised at the ever-growing popularity of the book and the likelihood of its being a permanent contribution to the literature of the world.—The Children's Visitor.

Award for the Cherokees.

Washington, March 23.—The cases of the Cherokee nation of Indians and of individual Cherokees against the United States were decided by the Court of Claims yesterday. They involve a large amount of money, and are of an unusual and extraordinary character.

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In the present suit the Court of Claims decides that the account transmitted by the Secretary of the Interior, followed by this inaction of Congress, renders the United States liable for the balance of \$1,111,284, with interest from June 12, 1838, which amounts approximately to \$4,500,000.

What a Fortune Teller Knew.

The Greenwood correspondent of The State says: Several days ago a young widow was told by this traveling clairvoyant that if she would look among her deceased husband's papers she would find a title to a valuable town lot in a certain town in Virginia.

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Compulsory vaccination will now be enforced in every county in the State. The State board of health, at its meeting on March 21, passed a resolution, which in a general way meets the requirements of the act passed at the last session of the Legislature, and the Attorney General has been instructed to draw up a skeleton ordinance, which will be sent to all towns and cities requiring compulsory vaccination.

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Mistakes About John C. Calhoun.

The Anderson Mail, of March 18, says: "Just 123 years ago to-day, on March 18, 1782, there was born in the home of a Presbyterian preacher, where Clemson College now stands, 13 miles from Anderson, a little child, who was christened John C. Calhoun, and afterwards became the 'Great Commoner' of South Carolina, and one of the triumvirate of greatest American orators and statesmen, Webster, Clay and Calhoun."

There is a slight mistake in the above, for John C. Calhoun was born in Abbeville county, at the home of his father, and had nothing to do with Fort Hill, where Clemson College now stands, until he was a man of distinction.

"The Great Commoner" was applied to William Pitt, the great English statesman, and is properly used only in connection with him.—Abbeville Medium.

How to Kill Hawks.

John H. Penny, leading farmer and good citizen, advises the people to mix a little strychnine with molasses and put it on the heads of chickens when hatched out. It will soon dry and the first hawk that eats one of these chickens will be a dead hawk in short order.—Abbeville Medium.

Sure He Was a Presbyterian.

In a certain town of Western Massachusetts two of the most prominent citizens are a Methodist brother and a Presbyterian brother, according to Harper's Weekly. These are neighbors, and, for the most part, dwell on good terms, except when they try to effect an exchange of horses, or to talk religion.

On one occasion the two had traded horses and although the outcome rankled in the breast of the Methodist, they had met and started a discussion on the subject of predestination. As usual, an altercation ensued, when the Methodist lost control of himself. With mixed emotions concerning horse trades and John Calvin in his mind, he suddenly exclaimed:

"You're a robber, a liar, and a Presbyterian!"

This proved too much for the Presbyterian, and a fight began, in which the Presbyterian got the best of it. As he sat upon his prostrate opponent, bumping his head on the ground, he said:

"Take it back, take it back, or I'll bump your foolish head off!"

"I'll take it back," gasped the vanquished Methodist, "on the first two counts; you're not a robber nor a liar, but you're a blamed old Presbyterian if I die for it!"

It seems practically a certainty that Senator R. I. Manning, of Sumter county; Hon. M. L. Smith, of Camden; M. F. Ansel, of Greenville, and Senator Brice, of York, will be in the race for Governor in the next primary.

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