

DEATH CLAIMS TOM E. WATSON.

Noted Georgian Passed Away at His Home at Chevy Chase.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Another powerful and picturesque figure has passed from public life in the death to-day of Senator Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, whose death occurred at 2.40 this morning at his home at Chevy Chase.

The Senator had been a sufferer for several weeks from the disease, and only last Sunday experienced an acute attack. Two physicians and a nurse were at the bedside when the end came, but the widow, who is in ill health, and other relatives, were at the home in Thomson, Ga., for which Mr. Watson had planned to depart to-day for the Congressional recess.

For forty years Senator Watson had been active in politics, national as well as State. In 1920 he was elected Senator, as he said, on an "anti-Wilson, anti-League of Nations and anti-war measures" platform, defeating former Senator Hoke Smith and former Governor Dorsey.

Senate flags were placed at half mast for a period of thirty days out of respect to the State Senator and the Senate will adjourn out of respect when it reconvenes. A day also will be set for memorial services.

President and Mrs. Harding headed those who proffered condolences.

Was Vigorous as Ever. During the first year and a half of his term in the Senate, to which he was elected in 1920, Senator Watson gave no indication of any impairment of the vigor and activity which had marked his long career.

In his last speech in the Senate, delivered a week ago last Wednesday, the Georgia Senator severely criticized the administration for its course in connection with the rail strike situation. His previous attacks on the administration, and most notably his charges of illegal hangings in the American Expeditionary forces, the subject of exhaustive investigation by the Senate subcommittee had made him a conspicuous figure in the Senate.

Born at Thomson, Ga., in 1855, Senator Watson grew up and practiced law there for some years before entering State politics. After serving in the Georgia House of Representatives, and later, in 1888, as Democratic elector at large for the State, he was elected to Congress in 1891, on the Populist ticket. After being defeated on that ticket in the next two elections he was nominated as the choice for Vice President of the St. Louis Populist Convention, which endorsed William Jennings Bryan for President in 1896.

Nominated for President by the People's Party in 1901, Senator Watson conducted an active campaign to revive the party. About that time he began the publication of Tom Watson's Magazine in New York, and a year later undertook the publication of Watson's Jeffersonian Magazine, which was continued under the name of the Weekly Jeffersonian. The publications began in that period were suspended during the Wilson administration when denied transmission through the mails after attacks appeared in them against the draft act, the espionage law and other war measures. Mr. Watson then began the publication of the Columbia Sentinel at Thomson, of which he was the proprietor up until his death.

In the Senator's own language, as given in his biographical sketch in the Congressional directory, he conducted his campaign for the Senate as an "Anti-Wilson, Anti-League and Anti-War Measure Democrat." After winning the nomination, he was elected over Harry S. Edwards, independent candidate, who favored American participation in the League of Nations, by an overwhelming majority.

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WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDITIONS AS THEY EXIST TO-DAY?

Reader, when you see the word "vice," is not the first thought that penetrates the mind, woman or girl?

This has long since been the case. In fact, ever since vice—one of the most dastardly acts in the sight of God (and I may add, the writer)—was first committed.

First, I would like to ask this question: Was ever a girl's reputation laid in the dust but that some mother's own precious, clean, innocent son helped to place it there? Then why place a brand on the fair name of the girl and leave the boy to go on in society without even a scar to mar the beauty of his splendid reputation?

Does not man look on woman as being the weaker vessel? Then why in the name of all that is good, do they not treat her as such instead of using all their strength and force of persuasion to get her to barter the one priceless possession that she has—her character.

Fathers, mothers, who is to blame for the deplorable conditions existing to-day.

We have doubtless all read in God's Word where it says, "Whosoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." If it is not too personal I would like to ask you fathers, have you walked and are you walking in the straight and narrow way that you wish your sons to tread?

I say it with shame, but I seriously fear that we have husbands and fathers living at our very doors who are living lives that they would not have revealed to their wives and neighbors for any consideration.

Mothers, do you live the clean, noble, upright life that you should live, and then take your daughters into your confidence and try to indelibly fix in their minds the true value of an unspotted character? Or are you so blinded and rolled up in society, fads and fashions that you scarcely think of your child after you have carefully provided an ample amount of logs to carry her through all the social functions that may be likely to take place?

I say it with all earnestness that I had rather my girl should never cross the threshold of society than to have one word of scandal justly placed on her reputation.

Then, do we as parents expect our children to live cleaner, nobler lives than we do? If so, I very much fear that many are doomed to meet with keen disappointment.

We must reap what we sow—and sometimes the grain yields very abundant returns.

I do not wish to be a pessimist, but the truth is the truth, even if it hurts. And I do not believe there is a man or woman in our country or State, endowed with a reasonable amount of common sense, who will fail to agree with me when I say that morals and modesty are about the cheapest things we have on the market to-day. It almost makes my blood run cold when I think what the conditions will be twenty years hence if things go on at the pace they are going now.

Readers, can we not throw out the life-line and rescue the perishing by first living lives that will enable us to wield an influence, then praying for and giving kind advice to those who are sinking into sin and shame? Let's get to work and try to better conditions rather than sit idly by and expect some one else to do the "rescuing" while we sing the song.

Subscriber. Marriage Not Becoming Obsolete.

Greenwood, Sept. 27.—One thousand and twenty-three couples were bound fast in South Carolina in the record of Judge of Probate John F. Wideman, of this county, in the past five years.

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Make it Just Any Old Place.

Columbia, Sept. 28.—Three men and two women were arrested and a large quantity of liquor seized in a series of raids made to-day by police and Federal prohibition officers.

Report was made to Governor Harvey that Joe W. Wessinger had been arrested near Chapin for operating a still on his kitchen stove.

KILL THE 1923 WEEVILS NOW.

Destroy Cotton Stalks Early is Advice of C. A. Whittle.

(By C. A. Whittle, of the Soil Improvement Committee.) By destroying cotton stalks early, weevils starve in winter. If not plowed under, then rip up cotton stalks. Weevils can feed only on green cotton.

One of the most effective steps in boll weevil control is the early destruction of cotton stalks. Just as soon as the cotton can be harvested, go into the cotton field and either turn under the cotton stalks or rip them up with a plow.

Weevils cannot feed on dead cotton stalks. When their food is destroyed they migrate to where they can feed or else go into winter quarters. Whether they are thus driven away from your farm or driven into winter quarters, the probabilities of their damaging you again next season are greatly reduced.

Over most of the cotton belt it is possible to gather the cotton early enough to permit of the destruction of the cotton stalks three or four weeks before a killing frost will destroy them.

It is the last weevils that go into winter quarters that cause damage in the cotton crop the next year. If all of these were starved out by destroying cotton stalks early there would, of course, be an end of the weevil. While one cannot expect that cotton will ever be destroyed early and completely enough to accomplish a complete eradication of the weevil, it is true that to the extent that this is done the number of weevils and their damage will be reduced.

Chopping down stalks leaves stubs that sprout new growth on which the weevil can feed. Therefore, the only safe way is to uproot the stalks, or else, with the aid of a drag chain, to turn them completely under the furrow slice.

Knowing that many cotton farmers do not plow deep enough to cover up cotton stalks, the safest general advice is to uproot the stalks with a plow and to watch that no new growth starts up.

As long as there is green cotton growth in the field the weevil will be found.

It will crawl into a sock of cotton or half open bur to keep warm, and come out when the sun shines to feed on the green stuff.

Don't burn the cotton stalks. Let them lay on the ground. When the ground is plowed they can be turned under, where they will decay and add to the organic matter which the soil so much needs.

Why not organize a community-wide, or county-wide, movement for the early destruction of the cotton stalks? It means less trouble from the weevils next year.

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Duke Gives Million to Trinity. Durham, N. C., Sept. 28.—Gifts totaling \$1,025,000, coming from James B. Duke, the tobacco king, for Trinity College, were announced to-day by Dr. W. B. Sew, head of the school.

It was said that Mr. Duke has given \$25,000 to the new gymnasium, that he will give \$30,000 toward a \$100,000 law building, that he will donate \$50,000 toward a \$100,000 building for the new school of religious service, and that in addition to those gifts he is adding \$1,000,000 to the endowment of the school.

Vets to Ride Free at Fair. Columbia, Sept. 28.—Confederate veterans will be transported to and from the State Fair this fall free by the Southern and Seaboard Air Line railroads, it was announced to-day by the South Carolina Railroad Commission.

Statement of the Condition of BANK OF WEST UNION, located at West Union, S. C., at the close of business Sept. 15th, 1922.

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TRUE BILL AGAINST ACKERMAN.

Colleton Sheriff is Short—Twenty-Three Hundred Dollars at Stake.

Waterboro, Sept. 27.—The grand jury of Colleton county yesterday afternoon returned a true bill against Sheriff W. B. Ackerman, charging malfeasance in office.

The alleged shortage was discovered recently when the books in the county offices were audited by expert accountants. The amount involved is alleged to have been collected as delinquent taxes.

Sheriff Ackerman is asking that an immediate trial be had, but Solicitor Murdaugh says that some time will be necessary to make thorough preparation in the case, and it is not likely to be heard at this term of court.

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Auto Supplies and Clothing Stolen.

Spartanburg, Sept. 27.—C. C. Pruitt, of Chesne, was arrested yesterday by rural policemen, charged with larceny. A search was made of Pruitt's property and it was said that automobile supplies stolen in Shelby were found. He is said to have made a confession and told the officers where several suits of clothes might be found.

Robbers Get \$12,000 from Bank.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 28.—Five men entered the Hamilton County Bank on Woodbury avenue to-day, struck the cashier over the head and escaped with \$12,000, according to a report received at police headquarters.

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