

was elected Governor of the State in 1862 and in 1864 and again in 1876. While Governor in 1879 he was elected United States Senator and remained in the Senate until his death, April 14, 1894.

A statesman and a great popular leader, Vance is perhaps most famed for his oratory. His most popular lecture, "The Scattered Nation," dealing in a sympathetic and favorable way with the history of the Jews, was delivered in every part of the United States. His humor is vividly shown in his interest in Vance County.

The formation of Vance County was accomplished largely as a political expediency. It was in 1881 when Negroes in large numbers were voting solidly Republican, Granville and Franklin Counties were nip and tuck, Democratic or Republican. From the Democratic standpoint Warren County was hopelessly Republican. But by taking from Granville, Franklin and Warren, those sections that were heavily Republican and out of these sections forming the new county of Vance, the Democratic party could lose Vance to the Republicans and save Granville and Franklin for the Democrats. Senator Vance was a Democrat. He took kindly to this move and thanked the Legislature for honoring him with naming the new county after him. At the same time Senator Zebulon Baird Vance showed his humor by always referring to Vance County as

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