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CALLED HOME.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson Dies at the Age of 87—Three Sons and a Sister Survive Her—The Last of Three Congenial Landmarks.

Mrs. Elizabeth Phifer Gibson, the venerable relict of Dr. Edwin R. Gibson died today (Thursday) at 1:30 o'clock a. m. at the age of 87 years and some months, having been born in April 1812.

She was married in February 1835 and was bereaved of her husband after 37 years of matrimonial life.

She was the mother of six children. Her only daughter died in infancy. Two sons of manhood age preceded her to the grave, viz: William and George. Three sons now mourn the broken tie of a mother's comforting presence, viz. James C. Gibson, J. Phifer Gibson and Robert E. Gibson.

The deceased has one living survivor of the parental home, a sister, Mrs. Bradshaw of New York.

Mrs. Gibson was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church from early life and was regular in her attendance on the service till enfeebled by age.

Of late years and up to Sept. 21st, 1898 there was a trio of aged landmarks in the town whose intellectual culture and congeniality of spirits drew them together and on occasions they would sip the comfort there was in getting together and rehearsing the memories of the past as such was seen in the light shining bright from the future through a strong and abiding faith.

The people about them looked on in pleased meditation and increasing respect and veneration. On the date above noted Esq. R. W. Allison broke the trio and entered upon faith's fruition. On April 8, 1899 Mrs. Caroline McDonald entered the door to eternity's mystic domains while Mrs. Gibson was bidden to stay amid earthly environments till now.

Who will say that today these kindred spirits are not again basking in the joys of a never ending union while thrilled with the infinite conception of a triune God.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 11 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church by Rev. W. C. Alexander, who will arrive tomorrow morning from Baltimore.

Mr. Brown Sells His Business.

Mr. J. T. Brown, who for some months has been running a barber shop in Mr. M. J. Corl's building has sold his business to Mr. Viola, of Raleigh, who has been here for several days. Mr. Viola, who is an Italian, until some time ago worked in this business at the Buford hotel in Charlotte. He will bring his family here to Raleigh soon.

Washed Some of the Bed Clothes.

An unwatched fire Wednesday caused a little excitement at Mr. J. C. Cass's. The fire popped out and caught the bed clothing, and a considerable hole in

Came Near Being a Serious Affair.

On Wednesday there came near being a serious accident at what is called Crowell's crossing below the railroad bridge. Dr. Pharr, Mr. Jno. Ervin and Miss Agnes Moss were in a buggy and were almost on the track when the northbound fast mail came dashing by them. While no one was hurt and no damage was done, it was an experience that makes one shudder to think of, when death was so nigh. All of them jumped from the buggy quickly, when they realized how near the engine was to them.

An Appeal Taken to Superior Court.

On Wednesday afternoon before Esq. Pitts a case was tried wherein a party was suing the firm of R. B. Wilson & Co., of Richmond, which firm conducted the "bucket shop" here that made an assignment. The party sued for \$100 and \$33 remained in the bank when the assignment was made. The party suing got judgment in the case, but an appeal was taken to the Superior court. Mr. W. G. Means represented the plaintiff, and Mr. H. S. Puryear the defendant.

A Double Wedding Today.

This afternoon in No. 4 township four persons took the marriage vows, which ties let no man put asunder. The contracting parties are Rev. F. W. Bradley, of Gold Hill, and Mrs. Holdbrooks, the widow of Mr. D. G. Holdbrooks, also Mr. A. J. Blackwelder and Mrs. Bradshaw, the widow of Mr. Carter Bradshaw. The brides are half-sisters.

The Drummer Medium.

Mr. George A. Letford, the well known representative of H. E. Bucklen, of Chicago, is again at the Orton. Mr. Letford is known as the "drummer medium," and last evening a representative of the Star saw him give a remarkable demonstration of his power as a medium. A well known Wilmington gentleman had a sitting and the medium told him of many occurrences in his past life, some of which he had forgotten but which he recalled after being given reminders that brought everything back to him. He even correctly told the gentleman certain things that he is contemplating for the future. —Wilmington Star.

[This is the gentleman of whom we spoke some time ago when he was here. Every newspaper office knows Geo. Letford and of his spiritualistic work. He is often consulted to foretell elections, decisions, etc. by the aid of his spirits.]

What the Pounders Get.

We see that the Jeffries-Shaak prize fight pounded out about \$80,000 of which 55 per cent went to the pugilists, the victor getting 75 and the vanquished 25 per cent. The amounts stand \$30,423 for the former and \$10,141 for the latter. The smaller amount seems to pay pretty well for some broken ribs and a banged up countenance of a fellow endowed for his auto labor that he is un-able to perform.

May Find the Men That Blew up the Maine.

Francis Atwater, the field manager of the Red Cross in Cuba, cabled to parties in Meridian Conn. under date of the 16th saying:

"I have just learned from a well known detective that he is now on the trail of the villains who blew up the battleship Maine in Havana harbor, the wreck of which I can see as I send this dispatch. One of the scoundrels, according to my information, claims he has not been treated right. He offers now to turn State's evidence if he is paid \$15,000, to \$20,000, so that he can live in seclusion in some foreign country the remainder of his life, as he well knows that in Cuba or the United States he never would be allowed to live an hour when it was known that he is one of the dastardly cowards who caused the loss of so many lives. He claims that there were seven or eight in the plot, some of them now being in the United States and the others here.

An Exchange of Plantations.

It is not often that two men exchange their plantations in so short a time as did Mr. Ransom Blackwelder, who lives a few miles from here on the road leading to Cold Springs, and Mr. Geo. F. Barnhardt, who lives in No. 9 township. Both were in a trading humor and the trade was soon made. Mr. Barnhardt will exchange his plantation of about 110 acres to Mr. Ransom Blackwelder for his tract of about 130 acres. In the exchange Mr. Barnhardt will have the cotton gin and saw mill also.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. W. J. Swink, of China Grove, is here today.

—Chas. Kimball, of China Grove, was here today.

—Mr. Barney Douglass spent last night here at Mr. Jas. W. Cannon's.

—Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Stevens, of Asheville, are here visiting their friends.

—Mr. P. P. Townsend went over to Charlotte this morning on business.

—Mrs. E. F. [Name] has been visiting at Judge Montgomery's, went to Monroe this morning.

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