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REV. THOMAS E. SMILEY.

It is human to speculate as to things that might turn or might have turned the course of destiny. If we whose lives are given mainly to the creation of this newspaper had persuaded Thomas Smiley to remain with us, in the place he fitted so well, in the companionship to which he added so much, and which he so greatly enjoyed-had he remained with us, and not gone back to the service of the church which he, and we felt, had the superior claim, would the result have been different? Who can doubt that the progress of the universe is ordered; and if the whole is ordered, every part is ordered; and if ordered, ordered

Circumstance-opportunity- arose whereby he could re-enter the active ministry. He had come here, a stran ger, in the hope that the climate might bring back to health a loved one. There was no organized ministerial work that lay to hand. He took employment in one of the departments of The Gazette-News. He soon found a place in an organization that is lit tle given to mutation. He became one of us. There is mutual work amongst the departments; and it came about naturally that Mr. Smiley occasionally penned a news story or a song for the rear office, although himself connected with the front

As has been said, all acknowledged the propriety of his returning to regular ministerial employment when oc easion arose, but the parting, this severance in the official family, the giving up of one who had found a street house frequently gave personal place in our hearts was an occasion of

of those that have no hope, that he has been taken. His usefulness to mankind was gone, the moment sorrow's crown of sorrows proved too much for his great heart, and darkness descended upon his mind. He went into the spirit land with his soul anchored to the belief that he was rejoining loved ones, and entering the realms of eternal peace.

It is not so much his death, or the tragedy of it, or the pathos of a heart broken that is of importance. His life in the world-that holds the lesson and the interest for us who are left. His soul was so ordered that, at any moment, as he passed to and fro amongst us in his daily avocations, the summons to go upon a long journey could have brought no consternation. He was prepared to die; but what was of more immediate importance, he was prepared to live, and did live, to the full, each successive day and hour.

His was a life of service. He had a cheering smile, a hearty handshake, a word of encouragement for everyone with whom he was thrown into contact. He absorbed more of the sunshine, and the melody of the birds, and the beauty of flowers than he needed. These he stored away and gave to his friends when dark clouds lowered, and there were no blossoms, and no birds singing in meadow and woodland.

Before us lies an autograph copy of a volume of Thomas E. Smiley's "Lays and Lyrics." It's first message, the "Ministry of Song," runs as fol-

Come, singer, sing to me! (Since I am weary of a world gone

But sing no more the glad, weet songs of Arcady, Beloved of yore; Now am I melancholy-mad, And mirth is mockery.

ne, let your voice, subdued and sad (Since one grows weary of a world gone wrong) Chant dirges, worful threnodies, For happiness once had, For friendship spent, For fore long abbed to bitter less;

Worse and yet worse from bad Makes all life's journey ill-content.

Or organ's dulcet strain

went wrong) Thy music brings a flood of tears

That purge self love away; And now I see How idle, misery appears Whilst one hath yet today Much good thy song hath done to me

But the time came when no one sang surcease to pain. He had given vigils of anguish in the long nights comforting a dear one as she slowly sank into the valley of the shadow of death. He had buried his dead. He had endeavored, all along, to give faithful tending to his flock. He had knitted friends to his soul;

desired to remain with them, and the scenes hallowed to him through all time. Orders came from his move, with his little girl, away from those hallowed scenes and those bereavement. The combination of circumstances proved too great for his strength, and the madness of melancholy came upon him, with the de-

#### INCIDENTS OF PLATT'S CAREER.

Some interesting stories are now being told of the late Senator Platt. It is now said that he, more than any other Republican leader, was responsible for the act of his party in taking the rigid stand on the money question. McKinley was a little weak on the gold standard, and Platt opposed him for that reason. He, together with his friends, Quay and Alger, concluded that McKinley must be defeated, a decision arrived at after one f those famous conferences among Republican leaders in the corner at the Fifth Avenue hotel, where the Easy Boss spent so many years of his life. It was later discovered, however, that these gentlemen had underestimated the strength of Mr. Hanna, who had for two years been at work to bring about the nomination of McKinley, one notable ichievement being that he had lined up the Southern delegates for the Ohio man. Alger, and then Quay. discerned the handwriting on the wall and in time they made the inevitable trip to Canton to say "me too, Platt never did that, but he of cours gave McKinley loyal support after the convention, where he got a compromise in the form of support for the gold standard. Perhaps this spectacle of Hanna using this unbroken block of Southern delegates as club with which to beat Republicans elsewhere nto line had a bearing on the attitude of Platt later, when he took a stand in favor of the curtailment of Southern representation in the conventions.

With reference to the part played by Platt in former President Roosevelt's public career, the New York Sun says the course of a news story;

Senator Platt at his Sanday morning gatherings in the West Eleventh reminiscences. He told how Roose-velt happened to be nominated for governor in 1898. One morning Rep-It is no occasion for immentation, as resentative Benjamin B. Odell, jr., and the time called on Mr. Platt in his partments at the Arlington hotel in Washington. This was in April, 1898. Odell said "Senator, we've got a candidate for governor for you. You don't think Frank Black can win, an f you still think so, why not nominate Roosevelt?

"You folks must be drunk or crazy, replied Platt, "don't you know that coosevelt as police commissioner under Strong showed his enmity to me and that he tore up every recommendation that I made through Edward auterbach, our president of the county committee, and that Roosevelt dead against the Republican organzation of New York State?"

"That's all right," replied Odell, but we've got to win, and Roosevelt eems to be the man.

Platt nominated Roosevelt and in 1900 jammed him down Marcus A. Hanna's throat at Philadelphia for vice president, but Mr. Platt later carried around with him in his inside coat pocket a detailed memorandum of his efforts to promote Roosevelt's political ambitions.

The fact that the bride of P. C. Knox the younger has chosen-if it is does not of itself reflect any discredit 2600 strikers returned to work. on the youthful bridegroom's judgment or sense of fitness of things. There have been, are now and will be in the future many excellent women and many real ladies clerking stated that 500 "boarders" who are in stores. The presumption in favor in the sympathetic strike made this of a saleswoman is that she is essentially a lady, even though she may not have the knowledge, the accom-plishment and the polish of a "fine did not return to work by that time lady." Sometimes she has these. If the mills might remain closed down she has them she would object very until fall.
-While accession to the strikers' emphatically to being called a "saless ranks were reported from some of the new Mrs. Knox is a good and from the Baldwin locomotive works, there were many reports of strikers sensible girl young P. C. is in luck, returning to their old place whatever his father may thing about

The general strike order of the not get the printers out. We do not know whether an effort was made to get them out or not, but they are not out. Those employed in newspaer work could not have struck without doing violence to contract. The Typographical union is one of those that can be depended upon to do the hing that appears to be right.

Those Philadelphia strike breakers

dows which they used as port holes to shoot into the crowd, because one of their number had been hit with a brick, doubtless concluded they had turned the other cheek about long enough.

# BROCKENBOROUGH LOSES HIS SUI

Appeals Court Affirms Judge Boyd's Action in Ordering a Non-Suit.

A message received here this afernoon from Richmond announced church authorities that he should that the United States Circuit Court of Appeals had handed down a decision in the suit of Edward H. Brockenborough against the Champion Fifriends whose companionship he felt had company affirming the decision of to their places of employment. Union he needed so much in that hour of sore the lower court. The case was one leaders denied that there were any in which damages to the amount of defections. \$61,000 were sought by the plaintiff against the Fibre company upon alleged breach of contract and was tried efore Judge Boyd here in November. After hearing the evidence Boyd sustained the defendant's motion for a non-suit upon the grounds that the plaintiffs had not shown sufficient grounds for the alleged breach of contract. From this the plaintiffs appealed.

Brockenborough had a contract with the Fibre company to cut cliver chestnut wood from territory adjacent to Old Fort and Marion to the mills at Canton at a certain stip-

ulated price. At the time Brockenborough wishd to begin the delivery of the chest nut wood, the Fibre people claimed were overstocked with chestnut wood, the yards at Canton filled with cars and it would be impossible for them to handle chestnut wood at the time. To clear chestnut wood at the time. To clear the yard at Canton, an embarge was strike of organized and unorganized placed for some time upon shipments f chestnut wood. Oma Carr. ager of the extract department of the Fibre company, offered to allow Mr. Brockenborough to cut and deliver spruce wood from the lines of the C., & O. until the company could handie chestnut wood. This, however, did not appeal to Mr. Brockenborough, who applied at Marion, although e had no chestnut wood to ship, fo car for chestnut wood. He was told there was an embargo, and in his The Jury in the Case of Henry Hardin mit, he alleged that this embarge was placed and that it amounted to a reach of contract on the part of the libre company.

This is a very important suit and vas hard fought. Davidson, Bourne Parker represented the Champior Fibre company while Judge J. H. Merrimon, Pless & Winbourne of Marion and Mr. Kilpatrick of Lynchburg

Almost All Local Hotels Are Being Very Well Patronized.

With the beginning of warm weath-Florida the northern tourists are beginning to turn homeward and many of them are stopping off at Asheville. Inquiry at the hotels to day revealed the fact that practically all of them are enjoying a much better season than last year. The Manor. Margo Terrace and Battery Park are having good crowds. The guest list at the Battery Park shows that the nation. hotel has had during the last two months from 50 to 75 more people daily than the corresponding period of last year. The new train from Florida is bringing in its quota of people.

In this connection it is stated that the incoming and outgoing mails at the Asheville postoffice are becoming daily heavier, which would indicate that business and tourist conditions are improving.

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"GENERAL STRIKE

Continued from page one fact-is a saleswoman in a store while 1900 workers walked out today, To Close Down.

Leading manufacturers of hosiery met today and decided to close down their plants, employing 20,000 workers, until Monday. The employers step necessary.

This announcement was coupled with the statement that if the em-

lady," knowing that the term is as the manufacturing plants, including incongruous as 'walesgentleman." If the admitted walkout of a few men Manufacturers declared that many union men were disappointed over

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the failure of the general strike to force the Rapid Transit company to arbitrate, and that they went back

One interesting development in connection with the strike was the appeal by the Philadelphia National Baseball league to the strike leaders The baseball interests asked that the union men who have been working on the ball park improvements be permitted to continue and complete

the work. Unless the entire work is finished by April 15, the opening of the Na tional league season, the ball men represent, that the club will be badly The labor leaders handicapped. promised to place the matter before the full committee.

Would Call Nation-Wide Strike. Newcastle, Pa., March 9.—The ninth of Labor, in session today, unanimous ly passed a resolution asking that in the event of failure to arbitrate the more Philadelphia carmen's strike question

Had Trouble in Arriving at

a Decision.

prrespondence of The Gazette-News Bryson City, N. C. uarch 8 .- The oring term of court convened here Monday, Judge Joseph S. Adams of Asheville presiding. Thad, D. Bryson s the solicitor.

This week is being taken up with the trial of criminal cases. The case of State vs. Henry Hardin was tried Monday and Tuesday forenoon. Harin is a Kentuckian and is charged with assault with deadly weapon or me Cherokee Indians at a game of baseball at Yellow Hill tast summer or fall. The jury had failed to agree up to noon Tuesday

Solomon Gallert of Rutherfordton Inquiry Today Reveals the Fact That is in town looking after his political fences. He is one of the five candidates for the democratic congressional nomination in the Tenth district.

Ex-Congressman W. T. Crawford and Attorney James W. Ferguson of Waynesville are attending court this

Gigantic Automobile Trust.

New York, March 9 .- The consolidation of certain large automobile inerests involving a capitalization of several hundred million dollars, is be lieved to be under way. J. P. Morgan & Co., who purchased the E. M. F. company, will mance the combi-

Onion Sets, Carolina Pharmacy.

Political Announcement.

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