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DEATH OF GEN. TOON.

Acute Indigestion the Cause—Valued Statesman, Gallant Soldier, Able Educator.

The Raleigh correspondent to the Charlotte Observer gives the following brief, but comprehensive account of Gen. Toon and his unexpected death.

"The people here were shocked at the news of the death of Gen. Thomas F Toon, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, which occurred Thursday morning after 10 o'clock at his home here. He was thought to be entirely well, and though he had not been in his office since he left it November 20th to go to northeastern North Carolina, he had for several days been consulted about business and was in fine spirits yesterday and today. He felt well at breakfast, but afterwards complained of acute indigestion. A physician was sent for and quickly responded. In a few minutes Gen. Toon said he felt all right. He said he would lie down a little while. The moment he did so his face became purple and death came like a flash.

The news came like a thunder-clap to the State officials, who hastened to his home. The Council of State met and adopted the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That in the death of Gen. Thomas Fentress Toon, late Superintendent of Public Instruction, we, his associates in the Executive Department of the State government, have lost a wise and faithful counsellor and friend and the State one of her most careful and efficient officers. Brave in war and loyal in peace, his heroic spirit is at rest and North Carolina mourns the loss of a noble son.

"Resolved, That we tender the relatives of the deceased our deepest sympathy in their great affliction.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and also be spread upon the minutes of the Council of State."

The flags, State and national, on the capitol were placed at half-staff and the building was closed. At 2 o'clock just before the Supreme Court ended its business for the day, Attorney General Gilmer, made official announcement of the death and the court adjourned as a mark of respect.

Gen. Toon was born in Columbus county, June 10, 1840. He graduated at Wake Forest College in 1861 with very high honors. He enlisted as a private in Company K, Twentieth Regiment, North Carolina Troops, and was a colonel before he was 23 years old. He was

in 1863 appointed under a special act of Congress a temporary brigadier general, and commanded Johnson's Brigade for many months, while Johnson was recovering from wounds. He was then re-commissioned as colonel and resumed the command his old regiment. He was wounded five times. He gave our correspondent two bullets, extracted from him. After the war he was in the service of the Atlantic Coast Line 16 years, then took charge of Fair Bluff Academy. In 1867 he married Miss Carrie Smith who is buried at Fair Bluff. Five children survive him."

At a meeting at the executive office a resolution was adopted requesting that the body might lie in state in the rotunda of the capitol at Raleigh but this was denied as Mrs. Toon wished it to remain in the home till the children could arrive.

The Carnegie Institute.

Doubtless many were like ourselves, supposing the gift of Carnegie of \$10,000,000 for a scientific institution meant magnificent college buildings and grounds at Washington City. Dr. Daniel C Gilman, the president of the board corrects this idea. A building on Fifteenth and K. streets, has been leased as headquarters. The board will appropriate the proceeds of the endowment in the interests of scientific research. It will stand ready to come to the aid of such as are unable financially to prosecute to triumphant ends grand schemes that they are working out.

In short where progressive research and higher attainments in science is trammelled by lack of funds this board will stand ready to aid. It even suggests to the speculative mind that through this institution the north and south poles may yet yield their secrets.

Asked to Withdraw From Court Room

In Salisbury on Wednesday there was a case in which a white lady of unimpeachable character who was the victim of assault by three negroes was on the stand. She asked the court to be allowed to testify only before such as must necessarily hear the harrowing tale. Judge Shaw said he had no right to compel the people to withdraw but he requested them to do so when all save a few negro women of the spectators complied gallantly.

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Eighteenth Anniversary.

This is the 20th of February and is memorable to certain persons. Mr. and Mrs. J C Wadsworth were married in the morning of this day after the evening of the cyclone of the 19th of February, 1884. Mr. and Mrs. R A Brown found themselves beneath part of their house that had blown in at the gable. The writer thanks his stars that the cyclone came at night for the school house in which he was teaching was laid flat and it is presumable that there would have been fatalities if it had occurred in school hours.

The storm swept a path in the forests and blew down and moved houses, etc. It was the fiercest storm on record here.

Rocky River Items.

Harrisburg, Feb. 18, 1902.—The Young People's Missionary Society will hold the February meeting in the church Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. China being the subject for study at this meeting every one is requested by the programme committee to bring some item about China.

Miss Martha Cross, of Burdette, is expected in Rocky River Friday to visit Miss Margaret Grier.

The Rocky River delegation who attended the Sunday School Conference are loud in their praises of the hospitality of the good people of Concord. Everybody was delighted with Dr. Phillip's fine addresses.

Mr. Jack McCurdy, of Flows, has a very sick child. B.

Fatal Accident at Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 19.—As the result of the bursting of a fly wheel on one of the engines of the power house of the Spartanburg Railway, Gas and Electric Power Company tonight one man was killed and two injured, perhaps fatally. The dead: Robert Sample, colored, fireman. The injured: Laurens Wilson, night engineer; T R Pike, employe, white. The engine on which the fly wheel burst was entirely destroyed and was one of the largest engines used for supply power to run trolley cars in this city. The engine room also was seriously damaged.

A Farmer Makes Himself a Set of Teeth.

Numfordville, Ky., Special, 17th, to Philadelphia Record. Farmer Poley O'Neal is using a set of false teeth he made himself out of a piece of seasoned apple tree root with no other tool than his pocket-knife. The teeth are of perfect shape and regularity, and the plate, which is of the same piece of wood, fits his mouth as well as if fashioned by a plaster impression. He can crack corn with these teeth.

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