

DEATH OF WELL KNOWN CONCORD ATTORNEY.

MR. W. M. SMITH DIED SUDDENLY LAST NIGHT.

Death Caused by Acute Indigestion.— Was in Apparent Perfect Health Only a Short Time Before His Death.—A Graduate of Washington and Lee—Leaves Nine Children.

The life of Mr. W. M. Smith, a well known lawyer of the local bar, terminated at his home here last night at 9 o'clock with a shocking suddenness. He had just returned to his home from a social gathering at the home of Mr. T. D. Maness. During the evening he was in his apparent good health and to those who talked with him there was not the slightest suspicion in his appearance that would indicate his earthly career was so soon to close.

Mr. Smith walked home from the reception and on arrival complained to his two children that he was pretty well out of breath. He was a large man and any kind of exertion usually caused rapid respiration and this did not cause alarm. In a few minutes his condition became suddenly worse and before his two children, Miss Kathleen and Mr. Donnell Smith, who were with him, could summon medical aid the end came.

Physicians soon arrived and pronounced the cause of his death as acute indigestion.

Mr. Smith was 50 years of age and a native of Concord. He was a son of the late W. A. Smith, for many years a leading business man here and grew to manhood here. He graduated at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., and studied law there. He located here and has practiced his profession since that time. When he first began the practice of law he was associated with the late General Rufus Barringer, but since the partnership was dissolved he has not been associated with anyone.

Soon after he began the practice of law he was married to Miss Schaeffer of Staunton, Va., who died several years ago. He is survived by nine children, seven sons, Messrs. Fred and Monroe, of Louisiana; Theodore Smith, of Atlanta; Harris Smith and Julius Smith, of San Antonio, and Donnell and Lewis Smith, of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. William P. Clegg, of San Antonio, and Miss Kathleen Smith, of Concord. He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. W. N. Wells, of Andrews, and Misses Jeanette and Kate Smith, and three brothers, Messrs. Victor Smith, of Birmingham; John Smith, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Capt. Q. E. Smith, of this city.

Mr. Smith had been a prominent figure in the history of Concord for a good many years. He was always deeply interested in the city's growth, and was instrumental in bringing many things to pass which largely contributed to the material expansion of Concord.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home on West Corbin street, and will be conducted by Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier.

Godwin Talks for Oscar W. Underwood.

Washington, Feb. 14.—"Majority Leader Oscar Underwood is the safest leader the Democrats have had in a quarter of a century," said Representative Hamihal E. Godwin, of the Sixth North Carolina district. "He has made less mistakes and shows more wisdom in his work than any of his predecessors; he has the universal admiration and confidence of the Democrats of the entire country and the respect of the Republicans."

The talk heard in some quarters that the South cannot elect a Southern man to the Presidency is considered absurd among a number of leading Democrats here. If the South ever expects to nominate and elect a Southern man to the White House they will themselves have to make the start. As long as Southern Democracy is content to vote for Northern and Western men so long will the North and West insist that a Southerner cannot be elected.

Card Times Congressman Deighton.

Mr. Deighton: There are any citizens in my district who have not received a package of vegetable seed from me by the 1st of March. I will be glad to send them seed if they will send me a card stating that they have not received seed.

B. L. DAUGHTON, M. C.
Washington, D. C.

When someone in South the can prove he is not by arguing with her husband.

AN ELEGANT ROBUSTION.

Mrs. Maness and Mrs. Eidenhour Give Valentine Party at Home of Mrs. Maness.

Mrs. Maness T. D. Maness and R. E. Eidenhour were hostesses to a most elegant Valentine party yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Maness on West Depot street, which was one of the most largely attended social events ever held in Concord, more than two hundred guests calling during the hours from 9:30 to 10 o'clock.

The attractive and well appointed home of Mrs. Maness was profusely decorated, the decorations being marked by a careful and tasteful selection and appointed in most harmonious keeping with the elegant event. The parlor was in red and white and the dining room red and green, lovely red carnations and polka dots making it a scene radiant with loveliness. In the punch room the color scheme of red and green was executed with most pleasing effect. The magnificent punch bowl was surrounded with hucian clusters of fruits and friends.

Welcoming the guests at the door were Miss Rose Willeford and Mrs. E. N. Watson. Mesdames T. D. Maness, R. E. Eidenhour, L. A. Fisher, Robert Graham, of Charlotte, L. A. Weddington, William Linker, and J. L. Ross composed the receiving line. Misses Geneva Parks and Kathleen Smith, welcomed the guests to the dining room, where they were served with a delicious course of salad, almonds, and coffee. In the punch room frozen frappe was served by Misses Blanche Brown, Wilma Correll and Mesdames Lucia Parks Stephens and Nellie Edison.

At the door the guests were presented with a souvenir, a valentine in the shape of a red heart, bearing the inscription: "Valentine, 1912."

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY.

To Be Held at Cannonville Presby-terian Church Sunday Afternoon.

A Sunday School Rally will be held at Cannonville Presbyterian church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, to be presided over by Mr. Jas. C. Pink, township president of the Sunday School Association. The following will be the programme:

- Song—Awaite the Master's Calling—No. 121.
- Devotional Exercises.
- Rev. G. G. Harley.
- Song—Strike for Victory—No. 125.
- Address of Welcome.
- Rev. G. W. Thomas.
- Response.
- J. A. Simpson.
- Song—Scattering Seed—No. 123.
- Address—Rev. J. H. West.
- Song—Gather Them All for Jesus—By Children.
- Address—Rev. A. D. Weahope.
- Song—Never Give Up—No. 169.
- Collection.
- Song—King's Business.
- Benediction.

Miss Alice Aycock to Wed Mr. Clarence Poe.

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—The engagement of Mr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer and widely known magazine writer, and Miss Alice Aycock, eldest daughter of ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock, was announced this afternoon at a brilliant luncheon given by Mrs. Albert Anderson in honor of Miss Aycock and Miss Rose Powell of Goldsboro. There were thirty young ladies who shared the hospitality of Mrs. Anderson for this delightful occasion. Tonight Dr. Anderson had Mr. Poe, the judges of the Supreme Court, State officers and other gentlemen friends as guests at a sort of stag party by Mrs. Anderson. The marriage of Mr. Poe and Miss Aycock is to take place May 29.

Richeson Must Pay the Penalty, Says Fos.

Boston, Feb. 14.—The last hope of Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, under death sentence for the murder of his choir girl sweetheart, Avis Linnell, has been destroyed by a statement from Governor Fos that he will clemency no efforts to save the self-confessed prisoner.

Governor Fos, in conversation with William A. Morse, junior counsel for Richeson, said he would not submit to the executive council any petition favoring Richeson.

Richeson is sentenced to die in the week of May 10th.

Subtractors Open Clubhouse.

New York, Feb. 14.—The Madison avenue mansion recently acquired by the New York State Women Suffrage Association as a home and headquarters for the organization was formally opened today with a housewarming.

The house consists of three stories and is equipped with offices and all of the conveniences of a modern club house.

But a slow going man is seldom overtaken by opportunity.

OSCAR FLOW IN TAMPA.

Tells Party in Monroe That He Was Offered \$1,000 to Leave.—Refused the Money, Was Frightened Away.

Charlotte News.

The recent whiskey sensation, which is not ten days old, followed by the disappearance of the chief witness, named the day after the mass meeting at the auditorium, as Mr. Oscar Flow, a well known citizen of the county, was given a new impetus of interest today by the following letter which came to a prominent citizen of the city from a well known citizen of Monroe:

Monroe, N. C., Feb. 15, 1912.

Dear Sir:—Mr. Oscar Flow spent last Wednesday night in Monroe. He told a friend that he was going to Tampa, Fla.

He also told him he was offered \$1,000 to leave Charlotte, but he refused to do so. He was waited upon, he said, and told that it would not be healthy for him to remain in Charlotte, and that he had better go to another climate.

The News has personal acquaintance with the gentleman who wrote the letter. His statements are strong proof of the fact reported and published to the effect that Mr. Flow had disappeared for cause.

The News made effort to discover his whereabouts in order to get the facts in the case, but he was then, according to the above letter on his enforced leave of absence to Tampa.

REDUCTION OF BOLL WEEVIL AND BIG CROP.

Government Says Reduction of Damaging Insect is Largely Responsible for Bumper Staple Crop.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Reduction of boll weevils in the cotton belt during 1911 undoubtedly had an important bearing on the production of the record cotton crop, is the opinion of W. D. Hunter, of the Department of Agriculture's bureau of entomology. In a report on the movement of the Mexican cotton boll weevil, Mr. Hunter says:

"During 1911 the boll weevil was greatly reduced in numbers throughout its entire range. This resulted from a combination of climatic influences extending over a period of about three years. The insect was exterminated in about 233,000 square miles in northwestern Texas and western Oklahoma. Undoubtedly these conditions had an important bearing on the large crop of 1911."

"Notwithstanding the great reduction, its advance was made to the east and north when the dispersion movement began in August."

The recurrence of the climatic conditions which did so much toward reducing the number of boll weevils can be expected only at infrequent intervals, says Mr. Hunter.

"With the return of seasons favorable to it, the boll weevil undoubtedly will regain all of the lost territory and multiply to the same extent it has in the past," he continues. "It must not be supposed from the situation in 1911 that there is any hope for a permanent elimination. On the contrary it is necessary for planters to continue their fight against the pest according to the plans detailed by the Department of Agriculture."

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Mr. J. F. Cannon is spending the day in Charlotte on business.

Mrs. Robert Graham, of Charlotte, is the guest of Mrs. T. D. Maness.

Mr. R. L. McKinnis, of Charlotte, is a visitor in the city today.

Messrs. L. E. Hoger and Ernest McConnell spent yesterday afternoon in Charlotte.

Mr. W. A. Stone went to Salisbury to see Mrs. Stone, who is in a hospital there, yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Holmes Asking for Divorce.

Greensboro Record.

Judge C. M. Cooks arrived in Greensboro today for only a single session of the Superior court today.

The first case taken up was the divorce suit of Mrs. Francis Holmes vs. Eubank J. Holmes. Infidelity was charged and no resistance was made to the suit by Mr. Holmes.

It will be remembered that Mrs. Holmes sued recently in Guilford court for alimony from her husband, alleging that he was worth between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

J. N. CANON PARDONED.

Conficted of Embezzlement in 1910. Pardoned on Condition.

Governor Kitchin on yesterday granted a pardon to J. N. Canoe, formerly of Kannapolis, who has just completed serving two years of a four year sentence for embezzlement. Canoe is a young white man and while agent for the Southern at Kannapolis organized an organized system of stealing from the railroad. He was tried here about two years ago and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary. The prosecutor agreed that if Canoe pay them the sum of \$2,000, the amount he embezzled, they would recommend a pardon. Governor Kitchin granted the pardon on this condition and that he remain a law-abiding citizen. The reasons for the pardon follow:

"In this case the judge and solicitor recommended pardon on restitution being made by prisoner. The recommendation of the surety company joins in recommending pardon. A representative of the prosecution wrote that he would upon restitution join in recommending the pardon. He has served over two years."

"I pardon prisoner on condition that he pay his former employer, the prosecutor, or pay into the clerk's office of Cabarrus county for that purpose the sum of \$2,000, and upon further condition that he hereafter remain law-abiding and of good behavior."

"I will add that an attempt to escape caused me to defer this action."

OUR CHINA FAMINE FUND.

This paper will publicly acknowledge the receipts of all money contributed to the China famine sufferers, and will forward it promptly to the Red Cross Society at Washington, which will cable it to the proper authorities in the stricken districts. The fund today stands:

Mr. W. C. Houston	\$5.00
Tribune and Concord	5.00
Daughters of the King	3.00
Frances Murdoch Chapter	
Miss Fannie Bynum	1.00
Miss A. Barnhardt	3.50
Maggie Barnhardt	2.50
Elsie Barnhardt	1.00
B. E. Barnhardt	1.00
Total	\$23.50

We shall publish the list each Monday and Thursday.

Death of Mr. James M. Means.

A telegram has been received here by relatives announcing the death of Mr. James M. Means, which occurred last evening at 6 o'clock at his home in Houston, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Means was born and grew to manhood in Concord. He is a brother of Messrs. G. W. and W. G. Means and Mrs. B. M. Johnson, of this city, and Dr. Victor Means, of the navy. Mr. Means was 65 years old and is survived by his wife. He left here in 1874 and located in Texas. A short time after he moved there he began to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad and was for many years traveling passenger agent and was connected with the road attached to the time of his death. The interment will be made in Houston.

The Yadkin River Railroad Company, which proposes to construct a line from Boone, Watauga county, to North Wilkesboro, a distance of 45 miles, was chartered Thursday by the Secretary of State, with a capital of \$225,000. The directors are former Congressman C. H. Cowles of Wilkesboro, W. J. and J. H. Grandin of Petitions, Pa, and others.

Too many men take all their grist to the gin mill.

CAPITAL	\$100,000
SURPLUS	\$5,000

New Accounts

Large or Small Welcomed at This Bank.

Concord National Bank.

FOUR PER CENT Interest Paid on Time Deposits.

DIDN'T KNOW

State Library GIVED IN.

Another Young Man Confused the Name of a City with That of a State.

A young man who should have known better said he never could remember whether Philadelphia or Pennsylvania was the name of a State. He knew that one was a city and the other was a State, but his mind was always confused as to which was which. Still, he wasn't as bad off as the young man who lived in Providence, but didn't know what state it was in. He might be excused, however, on the ground that his State was so small that it could easily be lost.

No, there is no reasonable excuse for either. They were both born in this country and had what is known as a "common school" education. They may have been proficient in other studies, but they had undoubtedly neglected their geography lessons.

Think of such ignorance in this land of free schools! It can be overcome, however, and The Tribune's Atlas makes this possible. It need not be studied for study would doubtless be lost on these young men. But this Atlas should be used as a book of ready reference. It is of convenient size, and in addition to maps of every country, state and district in the entire world. These, as well as other special features, are set forth in such form that you can get the desired information at a glance.

Big first-page headings clipped from The Tribune, together with a small expense fee, will get you this useful World's Atlas. See the announcement on another page of this issue.

New Gilead Reformed Church.

On next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock there will be church service at Gilead Reformed church. Rev. W. H. Causey will preach. A full attendance is very much desired.

A Strong Plot.

In "The Third Degree," Mr. Klein has centered a play of absorbing interest around the tortuous methods employed by police officials to force a person to confess to crime of which he is absolutely innocent. Mr. Klein has also given an enthusiastic treatment of the faithfulness of women. "The Third Degree" plays here on Thursday, February 15th.

These And a Terrific Wind Make This the Worst Day of the Winter, So Far.

Rain, sleet and snow accompanied by terrific wind is the combination of unpleasant elements the ground hog sent out within the past twenty-four hours. Beginning with a steady rain yesterday afternoon the rain storm continued for several hours only to change into sleet and thence back to rain, which descended throughout the entire night and day. The downpour was accompanied by high rapid winds that swept the earth with unrelenting fury.

Trees and shrubbery creak and groan in the grasp of the ice king and telephone poles and wires are swayed groundward by the weight of the ice and the fury of the wind. Large limbs split off and fell to the earth with a crash and the sidewalks are littered with smaller ones. Icicles adorn the edge of every sidewalk and protruding shelter while beneath the water runs in a steady stream.

The Streets are deserted with the exception of a few pedestrians that are driven by the force of necessity to brave the elements. The usual crowd that wends their way homeward for the midday meal was conspicuous by its absence and the street took on an aspect of bleakness that bespeaks of desolation. Inside the stores and offices the clerks and business men are taking things easy. Business is at a standstill and in the place of the hum of commercial activity only the ceaseless beat of the rain upon the housetops and the whistling of the winds can be heard.

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Other New Goods

IN Notion Department.

- HAIR BRAIDS,
- PIN SETS,
- CUFF LINKS,
- HOSIERY,
- ELASTICS,
- BARRETTES, ETC.
- COLLAR PINS.
- CROCHET BUTTONS—BLACK, WHITE, LIGHT BLUE, PINK, ETC.

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