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BILL ARP IS DEAD.

The Quaint and Charming Georgia Philosopher Passes From Pain to Rest.

Cartersville, Ga., August 24.—Major Charles H. Smith, widely known by the people as "Bill Arp," died at his home, "The Shadows," late this evening, after an illness of many months, which within the past three weeks had become serious. Following an operation for the removal of gall stones, several days ago, he became gradually weaker most of the time, unconscious, until the end tonight. Of his family, his wife, four daughters and two sons were at his side tonight. The four other sons, two in Texas, one in Mexico and Carl Smith, of New York city, have been summoned by telegraph. The funeral will be held Wednesday morning.

SKETCH OF MAJOR SMITH'S LIFE.

Major Charles Henry Smith, the gentle humorist, was born at Lawrenceville, Ga., June 15, 1826, of Scotch-Irish parents. In his later years he developed to a decided extent the qualities of both sturdy races, the rugged honesty and endurance of the manly Scot linked with the sparkling frankness and originality of a son of the Gael.

He began to acquire an education at a manual labor school, attended Franklin College, Athens, now the University of Georgia. Having studied law for two months, he was admitted to the bar. He removed to Rome in 1850, where he became associated with Judge J. W. H. Underwood until the war broke out, in the practice of law.

Major Smith was a staff officer with General G. T. Anderson ("Old Tiger") for eighteen months, after which he was assigned by Mr. Davis to judicial duty with Judge Eugenius A. Nisbet, of Macon, who was the head of a commission to try treason cases. He was thus partially instrumental in convicting three brothers from Columbus for complicity with the enemy and they were incarcerated in Savannah until released by Sherman, with other prisoners, upon his entrance into the city. The court at Macon was dissolved by the Federal General Wilson, when he entered the city on a raid.

Major Smith then journeyed toward Lawrenceville, where his wife was stopping with her father. In crossing Yellow River he heard that the enemy were ahead of him, so tying the records of the treason court up with a cord, he attached a heavy rock to the bundle and they sank forever from sight in the engulfing waters. Another incident of these days was the trip Major Smith took with President Davis from Millen to Macon, during which he nursed Mrs. Hayes, then a very young girl.

The quaintly humorous letters, abounding with homely philosophy and unique observation on men and events, where first evolved from the pen of Major Smith in 1861, being written principally to amuse the soldiers.

After the momentous struggle had been brought to a close, "Bill Arp" led the way in a philosophic acceptance of the result and a determination to make the best of it, and his letters were tuned to the note of refreshing optimism. With a smile he uncovered shams and wrote the truth with a hand so firm and a judgment so true that he diverted the minds of the people from individual misfortunes while he urged a constructive policy upon the stricken country.

Perhaps no writer ever represented so truly the temper of his people, and it is certain that none ever had a more sympathetic class of readers.

In January, 1865, Major Smith got back to Rome with his wife and six children, and Tip, the old family servant.

He practiced law in Rome with Judge Branham and also with Judge Underwood, each for a long term of years.

He moved to the Fontaine

farm in Bartow county in 1877, where Nabor Freeman, a noble friend and good fellow, figured in his letters. "Cabe was a supply font for his quaint philosophy." Major Smith has been contributing regularly to The Constitution for a quarter of a century. No other writer in the South was better known or had a wider circle of readers. His weekly contribution to The Sunday and Weekly Constitution have been eagerly sought throughout the country and the name of the author is a familiar one in nearly every household in the Southern States.

The humor in Bill Arp's letters has been termed quaint and homely. It is that and something more. It is rich and mellow. There was no cynicism in his nature to mar the effect of his work and his letters are without bitterness. Though for the past year he has been racked almost constantly with physical pain, and he had spoken of his sufferings and of the aggressive and affectionate efforts of his devoted wife and children to care for him and make him comfortable, the sunny nature of the cheerful philosopher could be detected underneath his show of resentments of age. His mind remained clear, his nature sunny, despite his knowledge that the shades of evening were gathering fast.

"The crop is laid by," he said, when his children grew up and married off. He hasten children, all living. Lately the grandchildren clung around his knee and revived his paternal solicitude.

Major Smith was heard in many parts of the South on the lecture platform and won success in this field. In addition to his regular letters, he published a history of Georgia, and also a couple of volumes of collected letters and addresses. His latest book is entitled "The Farm and Fireside." In 1877 Major Smith retired from the practice of law and became a farmer, working with the boys until they grew up and married or forsook the farm for more inviting fields of labor. He lived at his old home, "The Shadows," a fine hospitable place in Cartersville, for the past sixteen years.

THE RIVER ITEMS.

There are several cases of fever in our community.

Mrs. Piety Batten while visiting relatives in this section recently was taken very sick.

Quite a number of our people visited Bethany Church Sunday. They report good singing and an excellent sermon.

The cotton crop of this section is very good, the farmers are anxious for it to open that they may sell while the prices are good.

Mr. Jesse B. Creech happened to the misfortune to lose two of his fingers by his hand being caught in an apple mill recently. He is improving now.

Several of our farmers expect to finish curing tobacco this week. If prices don't get better they will not plant the weed next year. We think it a good way to break down the trust.

The boys of this section were some what disappointed last Saturday by the White Oak boys failing to meet them on their diamond, as had been arranged. It was learned that they dreaded our Red Stockings and chose some other diamond. Our boys claim nine to nothing in favor of the home team. If they are not satisfied with this decision, and will light down on our ground it can be decided after nine innings.

Aug. 25. MITTO.

The Death Penalty.

A little thing sometimes results in death. Thus a mere scratch, insignificant cuts or puny boils have paid the death penalty. It is wise to have Bucklen's Arnica Salve ever handy. It's the best Salve on earth and will prevent fatality, when Burns, Sores, Ulcers and Piles threaten. Only 25c, at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

CLAYTON CHIPS.

Mrs. Jim Hinton still continues sick.

Miss Myrtle Jones is on a visit here.

Dr. Holland, of Smithfield, spent Sunday here.

Mr. S. T. Stephenson spent Monday in Raleigh.

Mrs. I. S. Bagwell and baby are visiting in Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey J. Hunter, of Raleigh, were here Monday.

Mr. — Broughton is visiting the family of Mr. George W. Ellis.

Mr. Herbert Hicks, of near McCullers, is a visitor in town this week.

Mr. Jake Parker and Miss Claudia Mitchell spent Sunday here.

Mr. Patterson, formerly of here, spent several days here recently.

Mrs. Gattis and children returned Sunday from a visit to Garner.

Mr. A. D. Parrish, of Greensboro, spent a day or two here this week.

The cotton mills resumed work Wednesday after a holiday of ten days.

Mrs. Dewey Hicks, of Raleigh, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jno. Robertson.

New arrivals continue. The latest is a ten-pound boy at Mr. Jim Stuart's.

Mrs. John S. Barnes and Mr. Paul C. Duncan spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Duncan.

Misses Bessie Deans, of Goldsboro, and Addie Massey, of Smithfield, are the guests of Mrs. N. B. Hales.

Mrs. Jno. W. Hardin and children, of Raleigh, were visitors of Mrs. C. W. Horne part of last week and this.

Mr. Jno. M. Turley spent Sunday in Smithfield. His little son, Joseph, came back with him to stay a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Turley and Mr. and Mrs. Riley R. Gulley attended preaching at Bethesda Sunday afternoon.

Mr. John Hinton, one of Barbour & Sons' clerks, is at home sick. We hope his sickness will be of short duration.

Clayton and Polenta played a game of base ball last Friday afternoon near Mr. G. C. Bryan's. The score stood 24 to 3 in favor of Clayton.

Messrs. Marshall Holland and Arthur Gulley will put in a first-class restaurant and fancy grocery at Mrs. E. A. Tomlinson's store-house Sept. 1st.

The Clayton High School opens Monday with better prospects for a full attendance than ever before. This school continues to grow in favor. Its healthful location, unsurpassed faculty and efficient board of directors necessarily bespeak for it an enviable success. All who send their boys and girls will be glad.

Mr. D. Q. Lowery reports a grand time at the reunion of his father's, on his 79th birthday, Monday. There were children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, 51 in all. A sumptuous dinner was served under the trees in the big grove. At the close of the day prayer was made by Mr. J. S. Atkinson in behalf of all present.

"YELIR."

End of Bitter Fight.

"Two physicians had a long and stubborn fight with an abcess on my right lung" writes J. F. Hughes of DuPont, Ga. "and gave me up. Everybody thought my time had come. As a last resort I tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. The benefit I received was striking and I was on my feet in a few days. Now I've entirely regained my health. It conquers all Coughs, Colds and Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

KENLY NOTES.

Pulling fodder is now the order of the day with the farmers.

Miss Helen Pierce is spending some time with friends in town.

Mr. Sim Lee, of Selma, was in town Thursday working insurance.

Dr. J. C. Grady's little son, Howard, is very sick with typhoid fever.

Elder John W. Alford, of Kinston, arrived Monday to spend some time with relatives.

Miss Ross Darden spent Saturday night and Sunday in the country with Miss Helen Pierce.

Mr. A. J. Williford, of Selma, the State general agent for the South Atlantic Insurance Company, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Emma Matthews gave a Fling Party Tuesday night, in honor of her friend, Miss Helen Pierce, and all had a very delightful time.

Elder W. H. Frost filled his appointment at the Free Will Baptist church here Sunday. Hereafter he will preach only on third Sunday morning and night.

D. T. Perkins has been appointed agent for THE HERALD, and is now ready to take your subscriptions. Patronize home industry and subscribe for your county paper, THE HERALD.

Miss Myrtle L. Harper, of Smithfield, who taught the Primary Department of Kenly Academy last year, was visiting friends in town last Saturday and Sunday. She is always a welcome visitor in our midst.

Mr. J. R. Sauls is fitting up a first-class meat and produce market, and fruit and confectionary stand. May be met with much success, for this is a much needed establishment here.

Many of the young people around here are going on the Kenly Excursion Company's excursion to Wilmington Friday, September 4, and are anticipating a grand time, for these people always give good service.

Quite a large crowd of young people gave a surprise party at Miss Ada Aycock's delightful home in the country Monday night. Among those who went were Misses Maud Edgerton, Helen Pierce, Emma Matthews, Annie Aycock and Ross Darden, and Messrs L. Z. Woodard, C. B. Bailey, D. T. Perkins, George Holland and Jarvis Edgerton.

Aug. 26. REX.

FOUR OAKS NOTES.

Miss Stella Cole is visiting in the Gift section this week.

Misses Bettie Keen and Mattie Cole visited friends in Selma this week.

A meeting will begin at the Baptist Church at this place next Sunday, August 30th.

Miss Dora Anderson who has been visiting in Four Oaks returned to her home in Benson Tuesday.

Messrs. Sidney and Emmett Adams returned home from Cumberland County Monday where they are farming this year.

Mr. Boyett the tobacco warehouseman from Smithfield, was with us Saturday and says that the price of tobacco may advance some, but sees no reason why it should very much.

There was a large crowd here waiting for the excursion Tuesday, and all were disappointed at the train not running. We think Mr. Hatch ought to explain through the Herald the cause. The people are anxious to go to Wilmington and if the manager of the excursion that is going to run Sept. 4th, will have at least 12 cars he will get them full, we think.

Aug. 26. "M"

Why suffer pain and severe sickness from Bowel Complaints, when Arnold's Balsam stops one and cures the other. It has been successfully used for fifty years Warranted to give satisfaction or money refunded by Hood Bros., Smithfield, N. C. 2.

SELMA NEWS.

I. B. Honeycutt and family moved to Durham yesterday.

Mr. Thomas A. Cook, of Wendell, is with R. B. Watley & Co.

Mrs. E. V. Denton, of Raleigh, is visiting her brother Loomis D. Debnam.

Misses Lula and Nora Owens, of Durham, are visiting Mrs. Effie Blackman.

Fab Busbee Whitley and Jim Jeffreys went to Sealey's pond last Sunday.

Mr. Alonzo R. Richardson has accepted a position with the Selma Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Richardson, of Raleigh, are visiting Mrs. C. W. Richardson.

Ernest Womack returned Monday from a ten days' stay at Fuquay Springs.

Mr. Jesse R. Hood has accepted a position with H. H. Hundley & Co., at Star Warehouse.

Our chief of police N. R. Batten and wife visited their old home near Archer Lodge Sunday.

Miss Callie Roberts, of Raleigh, who has been visiting Mrs. John W. Liles returned home Monday.

Misses Bettie Keen and Mattie Cole, of Four Oaks, have returned home after a visit to Miss Lois Warren.

It is said that the Bridge Co. will begin to put up their work Thursday morning. When will it get finished?

The largest break of tobacco this season was last Friday. It seems as if the farmers are going to give it away.

Some few of our people were disappointed when they learned the excursion to Wilmington on the 25th, would not run.

The lights that our city fathers bought last week are a failure. They are no good at all. They bought four, and at no time one hour after being lit have all been burning.

Messrs. R. B. Whitley, M. F. Nordan, Luther Nordan, C. W. Richardson, W. H. Stallings, Richard Waddell, and John W. Futrell went to Asheville on the excursion.

Some of our young people enjoyed a hay ride to Mr. Duncan Hamilton's, last Tuesday night, where watermelons and ice-cream were served. We could not get the names of all but among them were Mr. Fab. B. Whitley and Miss Effie Blackman, Mr. Will Nordan and Miss Nora Owens, Mr. Noble Blackman and Miss Owens, Mr. H. B. Pearce, Jr., and Miss Ora Hamilton.

Aug. 27. SENEX.

SANDERS CHAPEL.

We are wrestling with the dog days.

The tobacco subject is a sore one and amounts to about a straddle.

Mrs. Mary Perkins, of Goldsboro, is taking fresh air at Mr. L. B. Holt's this week.

The health of this community is exceptionally good. Crops are fine, fodder pulling and hay saving in full blast.

Mrs. M. F. Sanders, of Calypso, is rusticated in this neck of the woods. She is from the famous trucking region, and gives a glowing account of the spring shipments.

Mrs. L. L. Matthews and children, of sweet Sampson, "bless your soul gimme a chaw tobacco fame," are spending sometime with parents and friends. They represent well "watered" stock.

Mr. R. B. Smith from the huckleberry range waddled his meat around our camp this week, as jovial as two school girls. He says that the tune of "bob-tailed dog in the huckleberry bushes" is still popular down in the big blue region.

Messrs. George Robinson and James Chestnut from the same range, broke bread and inspected meat in this ranch last week. A span of nice horses and our good roads soon landed them in Smithfield and suburbs. The constellations and man in the moon may know the rest.

War on Bucket-Shops.

In his charge to the grand jury at Charlotte last week, Judge Walter H. Neal declared war on the bucket shops.

He charged the jury that it was a crime under our law to buy or sell for future delivery on margins, corn, cotton, wheat or other food or agricultural products, that the law made it illegal to operate so-called bucket shops, and those who were in charge of such shops, as well as those who buy or sell therein were guilty under the law.

He informed the grand jury that such establishments were being operated in Charlotte and that a number of people were dealing, according to the information that had come to him.

Judge Neal called upon the jury to make a searching investigation, and if it found such establishment operating here it was the duty of the grand jury to have such parties brought before the court; that the above instructions were in the manner of a test for the present jury system in that it would show whether people with means and influence were just as amenable to the law as poor people without any influence.

Judge Neal stated that the statute under which the men in charge of bucket shops, as well as those who trade therein, may be indicted, is found in the laws of 1889, chapter 221 entitled "Crimes and Other Vicious Contracts Indictable."

First Bale of Cotton.

First bale of cotton has been sold by L. J. and P. E. Ratcliffe, of Morven. The grade is strict middling and it was sold to Harrison Co., for twelve cents. The bale weighed five hundred and nine pounds.—News and Observer.

MASSEY CHA. NOTES.

Miss Ophelia Woodard spent last week visiting in Kenly.

Mr. A. T. Wiggs made a business trip to Goldsboro Wednesday.

Mr. Will Sullivant, of Gettysburg, is visiting in the neighborhood.

Mrs. E. H. Wadsworth and Richard Overman, of near Goldsboro were in the community last week.

Tuesday evening, Aug. 18th, Miss Lillie Ingram and Mr. Benjamin Edwards were married. We wish them abundant success.

A number of our young people attended an ice-cream supper at the home of the Misses Mazingo Saturday night.

The Brown School boys and Selma's second nine played ball Saturday on Pine Level diamond, resulting in a glorious victory for the B. S. boys, 13 to 6.

Arthur Wiggs and Albert Woodard attended an ice-cream party in Wayne, at the Misses Grantham Saturday night. The party was given in honor of some visiting friends and indeed was an enjoyable occasion.

Friday morning Arthur Smith (colored) and brother ran away and went boating in the creek near Smith's Mill. The larger went across. Then Arthur tried but the water was so strong that it carried him down and he was drowned.

Aug. 26. W.

Lord Salisbury, one of England's great statesmen, died Saturday, aged 73. He was fifteen years a Cabinet Minister, fourteen years Foreign Minister, and twelve years Premier of Great Britain.

In Tuesday's race for America's cup the Reliance won by a little over one minute. This cup was first won by an American boat in 1851, and though England has tried to get it back again, it still remains on this side of the Atlantic.

Wake Forest College opened Wednesday with a registration of 193 students—the largest in its history.

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