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RICHARD MANSFIELD DEAD.

Best Known Actor on American Stage Passes Away at New London, Conn.-Ambition Drove Him on to Success.

Associated Press dispatches from New London, Conp., dated August 30th and appearing in the papers of Saturday morning, told of the death of Richard Mansfield, America's best known actor. Says the dispatch: "Richard Mansfield, the best-known actor on the American stage, passed away at 6 30 o'clock this morning at his summer residence, Seven Oaks, Ocean avenue. Death was directly due to illness of the liver, aggravated by complication."

We present to our readers the portrait of one of our hustling members of the South. Brother tonia, N. C., and the Conclave in that city is indebted to him, through his zeal and energy, for its magnificent growth.

A short time ago Brother aggravated by complication. There were present at the time of his death his wife, his brother, Felix, his young son, Gibbs, and the physicians and nurses. "Directly opposite Seven Oaks, Mr. Mansfield's late home, is a small burial plot in which are buried the members of the Gardner family, from whom Mr. Mansfield purchased his summer home. There the actor's body will rest. This is at his request, made on his death bed. The tuneral will take place Monday from his late residence. The casket enclosing the body, expensive even in its simplicity, will be enin its simplicity, will be en-cased in a solid steel yault. Rev. Alfred Poole Grant, D. D.,

A Philadelphia dispatch says: E. E. Price, resident-manager of the New Edwin Forest Theatre, who was Richard Mansfield's first acting manager, in speaking of Mr. Mansfield

rector of St. James' Episcopal

Church, will officiate at the services. The pallbearers have

not as yet been selected.

"From the hour we set out from the Madison Square Theatre in 'Prince Karl' 21 years ago Mr. Mansfield was dominated by overwhelming ambition and resistless purpose. He climbed rapidly by successive steps. His own little comedy, 'Monsieur.' - his dual creation in 'Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde,' and his production of 'Richard III' at the London Globe, following our tenancy of Irving's Lyceum with Beau Brummel,' gave him great impetus. He met failures firmly and the non-success of 'Nero,'
'Ten Thousand a Year,' 'Don
Juan' and 'King of Peru' only nerved him to greater achieve-ments, which made him Amer-

ica's representative actor. "Mansfield was a nervous, excitable man of rapidly alternating moods, given to fits of morbidity and suspicion. His early fleath was a foregone conclusion. A splendid athlete, he did not conserve his vital forces. He was a disciplinarian to the point of being a martinet, but his aim was always artistic. Unfortunately he was given to regard his fellows from a wrong angle and he was subject to the delusion that mankind was arrayed against him. Excessivey nervous, given to the exaggeration of small annoyances, much of this due to heredity, his courage was superb and his sense of justice acute.

"There was perhaps no other man in America who could take a mixed company of men, representative in the arts of public life and entertain them at the table with such infinite courtesy, grace and tact. Mansfield was surely no sycophant, but he was attracted to men of high mentality as they were drawn to him. His friends were of the best, such men as Wm Winter, Col E. A. Duck, Gen Horace Porter and Elihu Root, and he held them.

"His domestic life, which I saw develop from his courtship, was blameless and serene. Man-field was a poet, painter, play-wright and player and excelled in every line of endeavor."

Orphans at Dallas.

The singing class of the Oxford Orphan Asylum will give a concert in the auditorium of the this week. Prices right; work day, September 9th, at 8 p. m. The committee having in charge the entertainment is composed oraded school at Dallas Saturof Mr. C. C. Cornwell, Mr. O. F. ry Mason and Dr. S. A. Wilkins.
The people of Dallas are cordially invited to hear the orphans, who always give an interesting concert.

Says a Reidsville dispatch to The Charlotte Observer: Prospectors have been recently investigating with a view to locating a German colony of agriculturists in this county. Lands near Matrimony and Buffalo crecks made.

GASTONIA HEPTASOPH.

Past Archon T. N. Kendrick is to O. H. Advocate, the Official Organ of the Order.

der Heptasophs, of which Mr. Kendrick is an official member: We present to our readers the every respect with each passing

A short time ago Brother Kendrick visited his old home During the great actor's last place in South Carolina, just moments he did not recognize over the boundary line of the the loved ones at his bedside. North State, and among his over the boundary line of the North State, and among his friends secured enough appli-cants to form a Conclave. In memory of his dear father it was decided to name the Conclave after him, J. M. Kendrick, and the Conclave at the present time numbers over fifty members.

Brother Kendrick is looking after our interests in several towns in North Carolina, besides his own home place, and has an article on "The Basic he had been gaining some in through his efforts quite a num- Principles of the Negro Ques- flesh and his condition seemed ber of members are being ob-tained. He is endeavoring to get the consent of all the Conclaves in that section of the State to join in a grand rally sometime this fall, and invite several of the Supreme Officers to attend the festivities.

Brother Kendrick is a single man, but for fear that some of our young ladies may cast a wistful eye upon him, will state that he expects to become a benedict and put away single blessedness for double happiness within the next month or two. The fair young lady whom he will soon take as a helpmate is a resident of North Carolina. We are sure that all the members, who are acquainted with Brother Kendrick, will wish him much happiness and prosperity throughout his life.

Calder-Simonton.

Correspondence of The Gazette. Kings Mountain, Aug. 31-On Wednesday morning, August 20th, the home of Mrs. S. H. Simonton, of Kings Mountain, was the scene of an unusually pretty wedding. The principal actors in this interesting drama were Mr. Samuel C. Calder, a popular young pharmacist of Atlanta, and Miss Ludie Simonton, daughter of Mrs. S. H. Simonton. Promptly at 9.30, the bridal couple was ushered into the beautifully decorated parlor and took their places in the artistic niche arranged for them, and there, almost surrounded by beautiful palms, ferns and lovely flowers, the mystical words were spoken by Rev. James M. Garrison in his usual happy manner, which united for all time these "Two minds with but a single thought, two hearts which beat as one." Hearty congratulations from the few relatives and friends assembled to witness this interesting event were now in order, after which the party was invited into the dining room where, amid floral decorations, a dainty fourcourse breakfast was served. The bride was unusually pretty in her wedding dress, a dainty creation in gray faille and cream lace fern.

The groom was handsomely attired in the regulation suit of black. The presents were beautiful

and varied, consisting of cut glass, silver and china. The going-away gown of the bride was a Spanish hand-embroidered white linen and was

specially becoming.

Amid showers of rice and good wishes, Mr. and Mrs. Calder boarded the noon train for

Skull Crushed by Engine. Charlotte Observer.

Chester, S. C., Aug. 31.-Mr. Claude Moore, yardmaster for Dow, of Charleston, S. C., are Carolina & Northwestern Rail- visiting at the home of Mrs. way in this city, and a well-known young railroad man, was probably fatally injured this Charlette Observation evening while attempting to cross the track in front of the Chester and Charlotte local 85 the latter was pulling into the yard. The pilot of the engine struck the unfortunate young man, crushing his skull and injuring him otherwise. He has been removed to the Magdalene

Lee Kirk, wanted at Greensho or killing "Black Joe" Morehea as been arrested in Columbi

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

The Taylor-Trotwood Mag-Get Married-So Says the L azine for September is just out and presents a most attractive bill of fare for the magazine The following is clipped from the I. O. H. Advocate, the official organ of the Improved Orattractive yet presented by this magazine, which grows better in

> An article of especial interest to readers in this section is the fifth of a series of articles on "Industrial Education in the South", by Aquila Craig Glenn, which describes the work done at Winthrop Normal and Indus-trial College at Rock Hill, S. C. The value of this article is enhanced by several half-tone cuts. Under the general head of "Historic Highways of the South", John Trotwood Moore, one of the editors, tells of "The Barren Victory of Chickamauga". The same author contributes a story, "The Mystery of Milk Sick Mountain", and a poem, "What Say the Beeches". Gov. Bob Taylor contributes a sketch of Zachary Taylor. Van Leer Polk tion".

In addition to are a number plete and serial; departments. T wood Magazine, though a com-paratively new bidder for public favor, has established itself already as the representative literary monthly of the South.

HILL'S HISTORY.

The Gazette is in receipt of copy of Hill's Young People's History of North Carolina. This is the book recently adopted by the State board of education for the schools of North Carolina. The author of this book has,

during its entire preparation, had constant access to all the records of the State, and he has fully availed himself of the original sources now open to a student of our history. Hence the book is fresh and filled with the life given by first-hand information. In addition to the author's own most careful work the manuscript was suggestively read by several of our State's best historians.

This book will be attractive to children for two reasons: First, its simple clear style. The author wrote with the child and its needs in mind; second, the book is most profusely illustrated. No other book on North Carolina history has ever been so richly illustrated. One hundred and eighty-two pictures, including the Lord's Propietors, nearly all our governors, many statesmen and soldiers, historic and public buildings adorn the

With its full reviews, maps, questions, numbered paragraphs and simple arrangement, the book will be a most teachable one. Messrs. Stone & Barringer, of Charlotte, are the publishers.

DALLAS DOTS.

Dallas, Sept. 1.-Mrs. Fred Robinson entertained Friday evening the Pour de Plais Club and, as always, she entertained to the delight of the club. The members were all present. Miss Lowry Shuford, of Gastonia, and Miss Camille Shuford, of Dallas, Tex., were the guests of honor.

Judge E. L. Wilson and family returned yesterday from au extended trip North and also to the Jamestown fair. - Mrs. Miles A. Carpenter and young son have returned from visiting

home folks in Trenton, S. C. Mr. Miles Hoffman, Sr., is in Arkansas at present getting data for the family history which he is compiling. While away he will visit in Mississippi, Missouri, Cokesbury, the family home of the groom, where a reception was tendered them on Thursday evening.

Texas, California and New Mexico. During his absence Mrs. Hoffman, Miles Hoffman, Jr., and Miss Sarah Hoffman are spending the time in western North Carolina.

Mrs. McDow and her charming daughter, Miss Gladys Mc-

Old Anson Goes Dry.

Charlotte Observer. Wadesboro, Aug. 31.-After an unusually quiet election to-day prohibition went in every precinct in the county by a total majority of 603. The very best feeling prevailed among both sides, and it is believed that the result will be taken as a final settlement of the walse, question in this county. The election was held to ratify a election was held to ratify a for a medical depository similar to the one in Union county.

CHIEF ALEXANDER DEAD.

Head of Gastonia's Police Department Passes Away After Long Illness - Death Came Almost Suddenly-Body Taken to Mecklenburg County for Burial-A Popular and Efficlent Officer.

The aunouncement Sunday night of the sudden death of Chief of Police I. N. Alexander came as a shock to most of the citizens of Gastonia, the fact that he was seriously ill being known to only his family and a few intimate friends. He had been confined to his bed in his apartments at the city half only since Thursday afternoon, when his physician was called in. Friday afternoon he was feeling better and was up for awhile. Saturday and Sunday, however, he grew gradually worse until the end came shortly after 6 o'clock Sunday evening.

Though he had been in failing health for the past two years, he was actively engaged in the discharge of his duties as chief of police up to the time of his death. For the past few weeks

pelled to give up his work for several months and went to his old home in Mecklenburg to recuperate. On his return last fall he resumed his work and had remained at his post of duty continuously since.

Chief of Police I. N. Alexander, though a native of Mecklenburg county, cast his lot here many years ago and adopted Gaston as the county of his choice. He was born in Sharon township, Mecklenburg county, Feby. 21, 1850. He was born and reared on the farm, where he remained until he came to Gastonia in 1889. He has been chief of police ever since with the exception of two years, 1897-98, which he spent on police duty in South Carolina. He received his education in the hool at Sharon and at the pub lic schools of Charlotte. Mr. Alexander was a great grand-son of Adam Alexander, one of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. His brother, the late Mr. M. E. Alexander, was sheriff of Mecklenburg for fourteen years. In 1882 he married Miss Mollie Query, a

daughter of Mr. F. E. Query, of Charlotte, Mrs. Alexander died in 1896. One son, Mr. S. J. Alexander, is foreman of the construction department of the telephone company at Asheville. Two daughters, Misses Frankie and May, also survive.

When he came to Gastonia the population of the town was 1,033 and Chief Alexander was policeman, tax collector, superintendent of streets and cotton weigher.

Chief Alexander was known to nearly everybody in Gastonia and was universally liked. A terror to evil-doers, he was kind hearted and generous to a fault. He numbered his friends by the hundred and to all these the news of his death came as a distinct shock. As chief of police he was ever alert and active in searching out crime and bringing the criminal to justice. Under his supervision Gastonia has been kept remarkably free from crime and has a record in this line that it is justly proud of. The funeral services over the

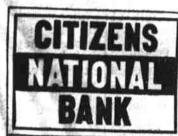
remains of Chief Alexander were held at the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. C. Anderson. The words uttered in connection with the service were pathetic, in keeping with the occasion, yet full of comfort and cheer to those suffering sorely on account of the bereavement. Mr. Ander-son paid a fine tribute to the deceased. He was a man, a Christian man, a strong man, full of courage, yet possessing a greaterue heart. He was ten-der and kind as a father, he was faithful in the service of his town, in the position he held. He was a man bigger than the position he occupied, and he held one of the most responsible positions in the community. Few ever criticised Chief Alexander in his official capacity, for he was ever faithful to duty, performing well his tasks, diffic though usually they were. The pall bearers, active and honorary, were the mayor, the mem-bers of the city council and the price of seats is 50 cents to \$1.50

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Furore Over "The Clausman."

Manager Blanton of the Auditorium, Shelby, N. C., urges patrons in their own interest to secure their seats as early as "The Clansman" on Monday dan, Bruce Richardson, George evening, Sept. 9. This is the big event of the dramatic season, Ruth Hart, Violet Mersereau. experience showing that the Guy B. Hoffman, Joseph to accommodate the throngs that desire to see the play. The price of seats is 50 cents to \$1.50 police force.

Immediately after the services at the church the body was orders accompanied by remittaken to the depot and sent on tances will receive prompt atten-

"The Clausman" is in four acts and five scenes which are described as exceedingly beautiful and effective. The company is the strongest that ever presented the play in this vicinity, including such favorites as Franklin Ritchie, Eugenie Hayden, James J. Ryan, Maude Dur-