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CAPT. SMITH IS NO MORE.

DROPPED DEAD ON THE STREET ON THURSDAY.

One of Talbot's Oldest and Most Highly Respected Citizens—Sketch of His Long and Useful Life.

Capt. Wm. Henry Smith dropped dead on the street near Covey's livery stable on Thursday morning. He gave no sign of being in pain previous to his death, but simply passed away suddenly.

Capt. Smith is well known in Easton, having lived here many years ago. In fact there is no place where he is more at home. He and his wife moved here again not long ago to spend the rest of their days, and have resided at Hotel Avon.

The Captain was in his seventy-ninth year, having been born in Howard county, March 31, 1818. Up until a year or so ago he was engineer in charge of the right of way and veteran of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and one of the oldest railroad officials in America.

The remarkable experiences and vast amount of knowledge possessed by this venerable and highly esteemed railroad official, which has been accumulating since he entered the railway service of the B. &. O. in 1837, with Blount's Engineer Corps, gives him a history, the most marvelous of any railroad official on record today, extending over a long and interesting period in the history of this country and covering the entire period in the history of railroads in America.

At intervals during his life he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits and land surveying, but the greater part of his time has been devoted to the railway service. He was successfully engaged in cultivation of the soil in Caroline county, Md., from 1859 to 1865, but when the Emancipation Proclamation was issued, depriving him of necessary farm hands, he was compelled to discontinue farming.

While farming in 1860 he managed to accompiish the additional work of building the Dover bridge, connecting Talbot and Caroline counties. In 1849 Capt. Smith was Engineer and General Superintendent of George Creek Coal & Iron Company, living there at Lonaconing, Md., about 16 miles from Cumberland, Md. While at Cumberland in 1849, he met Henrietta Maria Frazier Dimmock, who afterwards became his wife, they being married in 1850.

His wife, who is still living, was the daughter of General Charles Dimmock, of Richmond, Va., a distinguished army officer and a West Point graduate, who took part in the late war on the Southern side.

In 1863, Capt. Smith was appointed by Gov. Bradford, of Maryland, as State Director of the Maryland and Delaware R. R. In —— President Andrew Jackson appointed him Internal Revenue Collector for the First District of Maryland, with headquarters at Easton, Talbot county, Md. From 1878 to 1880, he was also in the service of the Government as Principal Ass't Engineer under Col. Wm. P. Craighill, U. S. Corps of Engineers in making surveys of a ship canal across the Peninsula, connecting the waters of Chesapeake Bay with the Delaware Bay. It was at this time that Capt. Smith met Mr. John W. Garrett, and made his acquaintance, which grew into a warm friendship. Mr. Garrett always entertained the highest opinion of Capt. Smith's character, and had the greatest confidence in his abilities to master difficult problems in railroad duties.

During the lifetime of Capt. Smith he has seen and heard many distinguished men. He was appointed by John Lee Carroll, the great grandson of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, to examine the coal fields of Western Maryland.

The impressions made on Captain Smith's mind by Gen. Lafayette's visit to the United States in 1824 as the nation's guest was on seeing his father mounted on horse-back preparing to participate in the honor of escorting Gen. Lafayette from Baltimore City to Washington, his father being a member of Hollingsworth Troop of Horse at the time. The enthusiasm created by the occasion and the great honor that was paid such a distinguished man made a deep impression on Captain Smith's mind; though young at the time, he distinctly remembered the occasion.

Capt. Smith visited Philadelphia for the first time in January, 1852, and in company with his wife crossed the Susquehanna river on the ice in a full train of cars. He registered at the Girard House, which had just been opened to the public for the first time, and remained in Philadelphia two weeks. On his return trip the warm rains had so melted the ice on the Susquehanna river that baggage and passengers had to be carried across on sleds, and the cars hauled over empty.

This fact has been disputed at different times and looked upon as incorrect, but Captain Smith having crossed the river himself at the time, declared verbally to the writer that it was true, and that he was an eye witness to this fact.

Capt. Smith's first visit to New York city was in 1854, when he stopped at the old Astor House.

His first visit to Washington, D, C., gave him an opportunity to hear great men speak. He saw and heard John Quincy Adams in the House of Congress. He was thrilled with the eloquence and deliberate utterance of Henry Clay and Daniel Webster. He heard John C. Calhoun speak, also Lewis Cass and other distinguished men of that period.

Capt. Smith's limited school advantages compelled him to leave the country school at the age of 17. After working two years on his father's farm he started out to make his own living. Being endowed with extraordinary mental powers and a retentive memory, he was enabled through diligent and persistent effort to make rapid progress in book knowledge. After having once learned a thing he never forgot it. Circumstances did not permit him to acquire a splendid mental equipment and undergo a thorough intellectual training while in his "teens" when it seemed most desirable.

His political views may be expressed in almost his own words; when asked where he stood politically, he replied in an enthusiastic manner by saying: "I am an old Henry Clay Whig, and I believe very strongly in the doctrines he taught so forcibly."

He cast his first vote for General Henry William Harrison in 1840, at Cumberland, Md., and can tell something about the excitement of those "hard-cider-campaign and log-cabin days." He changed his political views in 1863, left the Whig and Union party and ever since been a democrat, although still believing in Henry Clay doctrines to some extent.

Captain Smith was a valuable citizen, and was highly respected by all who knew him, and his death is deeply deplored. A wife and several grown children survive him.

The services will be conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Christ P. E. Church by Rev. Mr. Baldwin assisted by Dean Sutton. Interment at Spring Hill Cemetery. The honorary pall bearers are Dr. J. E. M. Chamberlaine, Dr. John C. Earle, Dr. Thos. W. Martin, Robert B. Dixon, Capt. E. L. F. Hardcastle, Col. F. C. Goldsborough, Col. Ed. Lloyd, Capt. J. G. Morris, Col. J. C. Norris, Gen. Richard Thomas, A. A. Pascault.

The active pall bearers are Oswald Tilghman, Matthew Goldsborough, Henry Hollyday, Dr. J. M. H. Bateman, J. Franklin Bateman and Thos. C. Nicols.

TEACHERS IN CONCLAVE.

Monthly Meeting of the Association Last Saturday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Talbot County Teachers' Association was held in the Assembly Room of Easton High School last Saturday. The attendance was very poor, owing to heavy roads, and part of the program was omitted.

In the absence of President D. M. Long, Vice-President N. Price Turner took the chair. Rev. Dr. Hardcastle read a scriptural selection, and Misses Flavia A. Welby and Alice McDaniel directed the musical exercises. Commissioner Nichols and Prof. Chaplain then explained to the Association some of the distinctive features of the recently organized Public School Savings Bank, and the Articles of Incorporation were read. After a discussion on Drawing by Mr. Carroll Edgar and Sue L. Haddaway, Mr. W. S. Jackson, as leader in Paidology, addressed the Association. Professor Chaplain distributed printed copies of his new scheme for grading and explained the same.

After the adjournment of the Association, the directors of the new bank met and elected Miss Flavia A. Welby President and Professor Alexander Chaplain Secretary and Treasurer. The following were appointed to draft a set of by-laws for the government of the organization: Miss Flavia A. Welby, *ex officio*, Prof. Alexander Chaplain, Mr. Wm. S. Jackson, Mr. N. Price Turner, Miss Mary K. Gibson. The committee will meet for this purpose to-day.

The next meeting of the Association will be held Saturday, 27th inst.

A "GREEN" EASTONIAN.

MISTOOK A POLICE STATION FOR A STORE.

It Was Hard to Convince the Thirsty Individual He Could Not Get a Drink—Know Better Next Time.

The Baltimore *Morning Herald* says: It was 1 o'clock yesterday morning, and all was quiet at the Central Police Station, when a well-dressed man, with a John Barleycorn bearing, swung back the doors and advanced to the high desk, behind which stood Lieutenant Fullem.

"Give me a whiskey straight, and give it to me quick."

"Oh, no, my friend," answered the lieutenant, glancing at the clock. "It's after 12, and you'll have to sign if you want a drink."

"Well, I'll do that, if necessary," said the stranger.

"Where are you from?"

"Easton, on the Eastern Shore."

"What are you doing here?"

"My wife's in a hospital here for an operation, and I came up to see her."

"What's your name?"

"My name is Adams."

"What do you take this place for?"

"Well," replied Adams, looking around at the bread and provision for the poor with which the room was filled, "I'd say it was a country store."

"You are not so very far off," laughed the lieutenant, "it's a police station."

"No, stop your kidding," answered the visitor, "and give me the whiskey."

"Do I look like a bar-tender?" asked the lieutenant, drawing himself up to his full height and showing a wealth of blue and gilt and brass.

"Well, now, I thought maybe some bar-keepers dressed different from other people."

The lieutenant finally convinced Adams of his mistake and started him on his to the home of some relatives.

Road Supervisors Appointed.

The Board of County Commissioners appointed on Tuesday a number of road supervisors as follows:

Easton District—Thomas E. Leaverton, William A. Pratt, S. C. Rittenhouse, John W. Yewell, Henry Green, John Cooper, George W. Kirk, Hugh T. Harris, Wm. H. Davis, Wm. T. Perry, Charles S. Sharp, J. E. Morgan, Harry K. Brenneman, George F. Kinnamon, Wm. S. Vosheli, Alex McGill, J. E. Price, George T. Fluharty, James H. Patchett.

St. Michaels District—Murray Williams, Wm. L. Kilmon, Philip A. Townsend, J. Wesley Gardner, Chas. S. Blades, Samuel E. Valliant, Thos. W. Jones.

Now in the Jail.

T. John Thompson, indicted by the grand jury at the November term of court for selling whiskey at the old Frame Hotel, north-east corner of Washington and Goldsborough sts., and who went off before the warrant was served on him, is now in jail. He returned to Easton last week, and as soon as the officers became cognizant of his whereabouts they took him in. He was one of the bailiffs of the court and was on duty in the court-room when the grand jury brought in the indictment against him. He escaped from the court-room before the sheriff knew anything about it.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stitchberry Dead.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Stitchberry died Wednesday at the home of her son-in-law, Charles E. Nicols, on West street. Mrs. Stitchberry has been an invalid for a number of years and in her sixty-fourth year at the time of her death. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon and interment was in Spring Hill Cemetery. Revs. Wm. M. Poisal and E. V. Regester officiated. The pall-bearers were J. B. Bennett, Samuel Norris, Samuel E. Tucker, John S. Griffith, Dr. T. J. Smithers and Wm. G. Ball.

A Fortunate Escape.

Mr. B. F. Parlett fortunately escaped from what otherwise would have been a serious accident had he not a gentle horse. The animal slipped on the ice and fell on the hill at North Washington street, throwing Mr. Parlett from his road cart in such a manner that he could not extricate himself except by having the horse lie motionless, which the valuable animal did. No serious results followed.

Lost.

A purse containing valuable papers etc., belonging to Jos. H. Gray was missed on Thursday morning near the postoffice. The finder will confer a favor by returning it to the owner, who will be glad to suitably reward the finder.

EASTON'S FINANCES.

Receipts, Expenditures and Taxes of the Town for the Past Year.

The annual statement of the Board of Town Commissioners of Easton shows the financial condition of the corporation up to December 31, 1896. The total value of the assessable property in Easton was $1,439,438. The town's receipts during the year was $8,691.39. The bulk of it was from taxes. Market stall rents paid $118.50; dog taxes $154; vehicle licenses, $68.41; other licenses $51; building permits, $3. The expenses were $7,660. The collectors owe $4,668.

The regular tax rate is 37½ cents on the $100, with a special tax of 5 cents on the $100 additional to pay off the bonded indebtedness and a water tax sufficient to raise $1,000 for the use of the fire department. Expenses are paid in cash and the statement shows a balance of over $1,000 in bank to the credit of the commissioners. The credit of the corporation is not excelled by any city or town in the State. It costs 4 per cent. to collect the town taxes.

IN OUR CHURCH CIRCLES.

Items Of Interest Of The Doings In Our Churches.

The usual week day services at Trinity Cathedral have been omitted this week, owing to repairs being made to the furnace.

William K. Norris and Oliver P. Barton have been chosen Trustees of Trinity Cathedral to fill vacancies caused by resignations.

A very interesting history of Calvary M. P. Church appears on our third page. It is well worth perusal.

Revival services will commence at Calvary M. P. Church tomorrow. The pastor will be assisted by the Rev. G. Wesley Moore, of the Kansas Conference, who for several weeks has been engaged in revival work in Baltimore churches with great success, and is commended to the Easton church as an unsensational revivalist and a preacher of a high order.

Revival services closed at Ebenezer M. E. Church last Sunday evening.

A VERY USEFUL WORK.

Oldest Records in Talbot Rendered More Valuable.

After a labor of nearly five years, Mrs. Helen Hopkins Jones, of Germantown, Pa., has succeeded in making and presenting to the Third Haven Monthly Meeting of Friends a complete index to the records of that Meeting, extending from 1676 to 1894. She had occasion to consult the records in her genealogical research and at the same time made a thorough index of every name, and the pages upon which it appears.

To give some idea of the immense labor, it took an amanuensis 330 hours to properly compile and arrange the notes extracted by Mrs. Jones. Future geneologists will find this index invaluable and appreciate being able to find at a glance any name in the several volumes of the old records.

Nickerson Fertilizer Company.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Nickerson Fertilizer Company was held on Tuesday, and the following officers were elected for the year:

President—Robert B. Dixon.

Manager—Charles C. Nickerson.

Secretary and Treasurer—Charles R. Wooters.

Bookkeeper—Henry Shreve.

Directors—Messrs. Dixon, Nickerson, Wooters, Wm. R. Martin, Wm. H. Adkins.

These are all reelections except Mr. Adkins, who succeeds Edward H. Roe.

Another Mad Dog.

Another mad dog created a little excitement just outside the northern limits of Easton on Wednesday. Thos. Slaughter, who lives just outside of town, owned the dog, and as soon as it exhibited symptoms of having the rabies, he shut the dog up and sent for Health Officer Councell, who pronounced the dog mad and ordered it to be killed.

The doctor brought it to town with him and on Thursday afternoon inoculated two rabbits with the serum.

A Noted Blizzard and Cyclone Dredger.

Alex Mullikin says that Capt. John S. Crockett is the greatest blizzard and cyclone dredger in existence. He is captain of the sloop Annie, No. 28, and he takes his crew into the teeth of the severest storms that come up the Chesapeake. When they wind up the dredge on deck the "cinders" from the shells cut all the "peeling" off their faces.

AN EASTONIAN INQUIRES,

"CAN A POSTMASTER PROHIBIT SMOKING IN HIS OFFICE?"

A Very Interesting Point of Law—The Rules and Regulations Cited—Some Very Good Suggestions Made.

Section 434, of Chapter 17, page 191, of the Postal Rules and Regulations, which can be found at any postoffice, is specific and reads as follows:

"A postmaster must not allow his postoffice to become the resort for loungers and disorderly persons, or the scene of dispute or controversy; and whenever necessary he should invoke the aid of the civil authorities to expel violators of this rule.

"He is also required to keep his postoffice at all times in such a clean and orderly condition that it may be visited by women and children and others without impropriety or embarrassment.

"He is not authorized to exclude the public from the lobby of his office during distribution of the mail, but may enforce the observance of good order and may prohibit smoking there. When the local authorities refuse to preserve order in the postoffice at the request of the postmaster, he should close the office."

It does not follow where cigars and tobacco are vended, that patrons thereby purchase full and unrestricted liberty to smoke cigars and pipes, and chew at will on the premises and too, with an air of nonchalance to the extreme of impropriety fill the office or store with a dense and impenetrable cloud of stifling and nauseating smoke, and at the same time profusely expectorate, and thus deluge floor and stove. This revolting condition is a spectacle that meets the eyes of genteel persons whenvisiting most, if not all, village and country stores. A hogstye would not be more shockingly obnoxious to sensitive olfactory nerves, or less repulsive to anyone with the least degree of good breeding and refinement.

Let the leading and enterprising stores in this county inaugurate a law of decency and good manners and regard for genteel and respectable patrons. PRO BONO PUBLICO.

FEBRUARY TERM OF COURT.

Judge Stump on the Bench—Jurors for the May Term.

Judge Stump was on the bench on Monday and Tuesday, when the February term of the Circuit Court was in session. From the 150 names put in the box, these were drawn out to serve as jurors for the May term.

Francis H. Johnston,	Wm. Myers, Jr.,
James H. Lomax,	George M. Tarr,
Wm. P. Chaffinch,	Edward G. Lowe,
Thomas T. Didier,	Frank C. Fenhagen,
Charles T. Ratheil,	Wm. W. Baynard,
Daniel Montague,	Mackenzie Goldsboro,
L. S. Fleckenstein,	Wm. C. Littleton,
James A. M. Denny,	Frank W. Conlyn,
Jacob G. Morris,	Edw. P. Sparks,
Matthew P. Flowers,	Oliver S. Gallup,
John Winder Henry,	Jervis Hall,
James M. Cowgill,	Preston B. Spring,
George W. Tyler,	Harry Roberts,
Lawrence A. Skinner,	J. Leslie Beauchamp,
John Thos. Harrison,	Robert Haddaway,
John S. Griffith,	Hedge Thompson,
Clifton Hope,	G. E. Haddaway,
Harry K. Brenneman,	D. N. Carrington,
Alfred T. Warner,	Frank M. Willis,
Charles B. Lloyd,	John K. Caulk, Jr.,
John G. Korb,	Chas. H. Kemp,
Henry C. Haddaway,	James L. Walker,
H. Avery Tuthill,	George W. Mowbray,
Henry Shreve,	Richard E. Ford.

Enlarging His Business.

Through the indomitable energy of Mr. M. T. G. Earle, his shirt factory is to be enlarged and incorporated with the Norfolk Manufacturing Co., which is to move its plant to Easton. Several business men have taken stock in the enterprise with a guaranteed five per cent. dividend. This will give steady employment to over one hundred persons. Mr. Earle not only deserves success, but Easton is to be congratulated in having so enterprising a citizen.

A Reminder of Army Life.

Mr. Lou Smith, editor of the *Commercial*, Meyersdale, Pa., says: "A chronic diarrhoea that returns at frequent intervals, as a reminder of army life, has been more effectually controlled by Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy than any other I have ever used. It possesses true merit." For sale by H. Roberts, Easton; P. M. Pastorfield, Royal Oak; J. F. Sisk, Cordova.

Early Wedding.

Mr. Wm. H. Whitby married Mrs. Annie Rowell at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Silas Lane at six o'clock Thursday morning of last week. The happy couple were joined in wedlock by the Rev. W. M. Poisal, and were the recipients of many presents from numerous friends. They took the early train north.

A Bazaar For the Fair.

The directors of the Talbot County Fair Association, at a meeting on Saturday, decided to hold a bazaar at Music Hall for the benefit of the Fair. J. B. Harrington, M. M. Higgins, John M. Elliott and Alfred J. Wilson were named as the committee to perfect the plans of the bazaar.

News of The Week ... Told in Brief.

The wind storm on Tuesday evening did considerable damage to the electric light wires in Easton.

La Grippe is very prevalent, but few persons escaping symptoms, and many confined to their homes.

Coins bearing the date of 1897 are already in circulation. Most of the new ones are dimes, quarters and half dollars.

The town commissioners have made public the statement of expenses for the town of Easton for the year 1896. It is published on fifth page.

Why are ladies the biggest thieves in existence? Because they steel their petticoats, bone their stays, crib their babies and hook their dresses.

The cold spell of last week has been succeeded by a general mixture of weather—sunshine, rain and snow. Colds are still numerous, but are less severe than they were.

The present year, 1897, began on Friday, will end on Friday and has fifty-three Fridays in it. Superstitious people believe that this is ominous and are looking for all sorts of terrible things to follow.

Tuesday was ground hog day, and it is fair to presume that his pigship failed to observe his shadow, and therefore, according to superstitious belief, the backbone of winter is broken and spring, gentle spring, will soon be with us.

According to report, the famous Chesapeake bay terrapin are scarcer than ever this year, and it is feared that unless immediate steps be taken for their protection, the last specimen of the tribe will disappear. Efforts at raising them in inclosed tracts have not proved successful, owing to their slow growth and their roving propensities.

PERSONAL PRATTLE

Mrs. Frank H. Schofield, who has been abroad so long, will visit her mother, Mrs. Mary H. P. Cox, at "Perry Hall," coming this week and remaining a month or so. Her husband, Ensign Schofield, U. S. N., has been appointed Superintendent of Ordinance at Hartford, Ct.

Misses Ollie McWharten and Minnie Mullikin, who have been spending several weeks as the guests of Miss Sadie Pippin, left Easton Tuesday for Millington, Kent county.

Mrs. Annie Taylor, of Easton, has been called to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Erwin, in Burlington, N. C., on account of the death of their little child.

Miss C. Virginia Bartlett, with her niece, Miss Blanche Harris, is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Harry B. Sheppard, New York.

Mr. Walter Johnson, of Cambridge, spent a few days in Easton with his brother, Mr. Wm. C. Johnson, of the Adams Express Co.

Commissioner Trax installed the officers of Centreville Conclave of Heptasophs last night.

Miss Sadie Pippin is visiting her brother, Dr. William M. Pippin, at Church Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Larrimore, of Baltimore, arrived in Easton Thursday night.

Mr. Luther Wright, of Baltimore, is visiting relatives in Easton.

The Gazette Man in Florida.

The Fort Myers Press, Southern Florida, of Jan 21st says:

J. E. Tylor, associate editor of the Easton Gazette, was here for a few days this week, prospecting and deer hunting. He has been successful beyond measure in his pursuit for game, having killed a large buck his first morning out. When we met Editor Tylor, he was just returning from a trip up the beautiful Caloosahatchee with a bag of young alligators. He had killed the old mother 'gator and captured eighteen young ones. He felt much elated over his success as a 'gator hunter. He very kindly gave the writer one of his little amphibian prisoners, which was immediately expressed to Illinois, where it will prove quite a curiosity. Editor Tylor will take a large rattler's skin home with him.

DIED.

ERWIN.—In Burlington, N. C., of pneumonia, on February 4, 1897, Joseph Kenton, son of J. Locke and Ida Erwin, aged 18 months.