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COLONEL W. R. GIST DEAD.

An Ex-Mayor of Marshall, an Old and Distinguished Resident, Passes Away at the County Farm.

Colonel William Rector Gist, once mayor of Marshall in this city's earlier days, died at the county farm north of town Wednesday, December 12, 1900, at 4:30 in the afternoon.

Since last March, when he returned to Marshall from the Indian Territory, his health has been very poor, suffering intermittently with severe attacks of sickness. During this time, he was cared for most hospitably under the roof of friends, living most of the time at the home of J. A. Fisher, and later at Ed Wood's, north of town. Three weeks ago he took up his abode at the county farm, but his bodily ills daily gained the better of his strong constitution and sapped his natural vitality until death brought relief from his sufferings.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. De Q. Donehoo of the Episcopal church, being held at the farm at 11 o'clock upon Thursday, burial following at Ridge Park cemetery. The pall-bearers were:—D. D. Duggins, R. E. L. Smith, A. F. Rector, D. H. Lyons, J. T. Fisher and R. M. Reynolds.

Colonel Gist was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, sixty five years ago. His parentage was of the aristocracy of that state, which prides itself upon its families. Born amid conditions of affluence and family prestige and distinction, he received a very thorough education, which polished his mind and made him a citizen possessing a high order of intelligence and ability.

Removing to Kentucky early in life, when the civil conflict between the states broke out, he enlisted in the Union army as a second lieutenant and was afterwards made regimental quartermaster of the Ninth Kentucky Cavalry.

At the close of the war, he came to Missouri, first settling in Johnson County, but in 1876 removed to Saline. Here he continued the practice of law which he had begun at Warrensburg, and six years later was elected Mayor of Marshall as the candidate of the young men.

Six years ago, Colonel Gist left Marshall for the Southwest and practiced his profession successively at Coffeyville, Kan., Sapulpa, Ind. Ty. and in Oklahoma.

The Colonel Gist of this last visit to his former home was not the man of former years, as his misfortunes and broken health seemed to have well nigh crushed his former geniality

and dampened the ardor of his spirit. He is remembered by former friends as a most scholarly man, whose intuitive thirst for information had been richly rewarded in the knowledge achieved, which made him a most interesting and instructive talker. He made himself felt in the circles in which he moved; of free and open, yet most polite and courteous disposition, his personality was at first meeting attractive and became influential upon acquaintance. Yet his business ventures were all failures, perhaps due to the fact that his ideas were made to conform to the theoretical and ideal, not the practical. At any rate, his life financially was a failure and he died a pauper.

His name will not be forgotten soon however, not because he was cultivated and intellectual, nor that his manners were refined and genteel, but because his heart was noble and responded freely in all good causes. Generous in the little that was his own, kept him poor, but made him rich in the blessings that come to a happy and contented heart.

THE RIGHT TO CARRY A WEAPON.

A traveling salesman who makes Marshall in his round, Mr. Ed Garland, was brought before Justice Hawley on Wednesday, to answer to the charge of carrying concealed weapons.

The defendant upon October 12th carried a revolver, firing a shot at the dog of G. H. Lytchlitor on that date. Upon appearance in court, he entered a plea of not guilty and asked for a trial by jury.

The verdict returned, held that as a traveling salesman, constantly changing his whereabouts and being at all times among strangers, the defendant had a right to carry a weapon of defense.

VERDICT FOR DEFENDANTS.

In the circuit court of Howard county, last week, the cases of L. W. Scott, administrator pendente lite in the estate of W. R. King, both of which were ejectment suits, one against Will R. King and H. B. Larue, his tenant, the other against Will R. King, the court found verdicts in favor of the defendants.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Bert A. Chapman and Florence Jones, Higginsville.

Sherman P. Houston and Laura B. Brown, Malta Bend.

M. I. Barron and Cora M. Lynch, Woodson.
Amos H. Audsley and Mattie E. Fisher, Miami.

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

J. M. Spahr of Marshall had in 4 cars of cattle on the Chicago market Tuesday, which sold for \$5.25.

T. W. Blackford of Blackburn was in Kansas City Wednesday with a load of cattle and one of hogs of his own feeding.

Piper & Marshall of this county purchased last week from Pat Sullivan, Martin Renken and Adolph Riecke of the southern part of Pettis county 200 head of 1,000-pound feeding cattle.

A. Van Meter of Miami had some heavy steers on Wednesday's Kansas City market averaging 1,800 pounds, which brought \$5.50. An individual in the load weighed 2,330 and brought \$128.15. Another weighed 2,220 and brought \$122.10.

C. E. Rogers shipped to Benedict, Murray & McDowell of Chicago for this week's market:—4 cars of cattle for M. Sparks, 4 cars for S. O. G. Hopkins, 4 cars for Alvis Vawter of Salt Springs, 3 cars for Jos. McRoberts of Malta Bend, 1 car for Ellie Gauldin, 1 for J. V. Corder of Stanhope and 7 cars for Alex. Long of Shackelford.

Col. Chas. E. Leonard, one of our best Shorthorn breeders, and who is proprietor of the famous Ravenswood herd, located at Bell Air, Cooper county, Mo., has again been unanimously re-elected to the office of president of the American Shorthorn Breeders' Association, which position he has filled during the past year with honor to both the association and himself.—Live Stock Indicator.

R. B. Wright of Saline county had in two loads of cattle to the Elmore-Cooper Live Stock Commission Company, which averaged 1,725 pounds, and sold at \$5.50 per cwt. These shipments brought the highest price per head of any cattle offered on the Kansas City market yesterday. It is getting to be quite the thing for the prominent Missouri shippers of finished cattle to ship to Kansas City.—Kansas City Times, Dec. 12th.

Frank M. Arnold, twenty years ago a resident of Saline county, who served as a farm hand near Fairville, living upon his daily wages, was back in his old home community this week, where he purchased from G. G. Hawkins a car-load of Shorthorn bulls to be shipped to his ranch in No-Man's-Land. His home, however, is at Ashland, Kansas, and he is the owner of 15,000 acres of land and 5,000 head of cattle. Mr. Arnold's changed condition speaks for itself of his enterprise and thrift.