

MRS. W. H. SMITH DEAD

PASSING OF A GOOD WOMAN WIFE AND MOTHER

Late Tuesday afternoon after a long and weary period of sickness the end came and Mrs. W. H. Smith passed away and her soul took flight to her permanent home in the beautiful world beyond to await the coming of those she left behind. For long dreary months she suffered from her affliction and from separation from those dear to her but she bore it all with cheerfulness and a Christian fortitude and resignation beautiful to behold. Hers as all acquainted with her knew was a good and well spent life full of example and hope and cheer to others and this wholesome influence was continued to the end in the face of death and constant suffering and can always be remembered with profit. This good woman had lately been to the mountain country in search of a cure but could not find relief expected and came home to meet the end surrounded by her family and friends. Father Heck came down from Victoria to conduct the funeral and as desired the services were simple and were held at the family home on Commerce street. A great crowd of the acquaintances of the family and citizens gathered at the home and afterwards the remains were followed to the cemetery by one of the largest processions ever seen in this section. At the grave yard the good father performed other shortened and simple ceremonies and all that remain of the good wife and parent was consigned to mother earth. Messrs. Jno. B. Mahon, D. E. Guidry, J. Lakner, Fred Ullrich, J. D. O'Neil, John S. Boyd acted as pall bearers.

During the burial all the business houses in town were closed and vessels lowered the flags to half mast.

The deceased was born at Indianola Dec. 16th 1861 and her maiden name was Alice Ellen Rahtgens. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband Wm. H. Smith and eight children as follows: Nettie Louisa, William Henry, Owen Edward, Allie Estelle, Stanley Edison, Henry Carlos, Irma Mae, and Loretta Ray and her mother and brother Mrs. Alice Rahtgens and Harry Rahtgens. They have the heartfelt sympathy of the editor of the Wave in their hour of sorrow.