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Cyrus L Smith

BIRTH 22 Jan 1845

Wayne County, Ohio, USA

DEATH 21 Apr 1924 (aged 79)

Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, USA

BURIAL Rose City Cemetery

Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, USA

MEMORIAL ID 163952225

C. L. Smith, Noted Farm Worker, Dies

Pneumonia Attack Fatal to Agriculturist

Crops Made Better

Specialist Credited With Introduction of New Methods to Increase Profits

[Photo with caption: "C. L. (Farmer) Smith"]

C. L. (Farmer) Smith, agriculturist for the O. W. R. & N. railroad and for the last 20 years closely associated with the development of agriculture in the northwest, died at 6:40 A. M. yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred N. Kline, 373 East Thirty-first street.

Mr. Smith suffered an attack of pneumonia which was further complicated by heart weakness and it became known last Saturday that he was in a serious condition.

During his activities as agriculturist for the O. W. R. & N., and previous to that for the Southern Pacific, Mr. Smith had interested himself in the building up of diversified farming in the Willamette valley and other sections where wheat raising or the raising of some one crop was proving unprofitable. His work was largely responsible for the development of corn and hog raising in the Yakima district and in improved methods of farming in practically all sections of the northwest.

Mr. Smith Known as Writer

Mr. Smith, in addition to his other activities, was known throughout the country as a writer on agricultural topics. He not only wrote for many farm publications but also issued a number of pamphlets on various questions of agricultural and farm management.

He was likewise well known as a lecturer. He took an interest not only in the methods employed by the farmer but in the home life on the farms.

One of his great works was the introduction of corn-growing on an extensive scale in various parts of the northwest. He was untiringly active in the development of agriculture in this district and until a few days ago was at work.

Shortly after coming west, about 20 years ago, Mr. Smith was employed for a time as a member of the faculty of the Washington State college at Pullman. He taught poultry raising and dairying for a time and later was engaged in field work for that school.

Smith Civil War Veteran

Mr. Smith was a veteran of the civil war, having served through that conflict as a member of the 11th Michigan regiment. He saw fighting at both Gettysburg and Missionary Ridge, and participated in smaller engagements.

Mr. Smith was born in Ohio 79 years ago. Later he removed from there to Michigan and Minnesota. In the latter state he was for a time state dairy inspector and was likewise engaged in institute work.

Twenty years ago he came west to Spokane. He had a farm in that district for a time but his work with the Washington State college at Pullman compelled him to abandon farming.

Mr. Smith had been a member of the agricultural committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce at the Pacific-International Livestock exposition.

Last year he conducted a successful dairy special which was sent through the Idaho district by the Oregon Short Line. That same line was planning on sending a poultry special through the same section this year with him in charge.

He is survived by two sons and two daughters: Mrs. Fred N. Kline, Mrs. J. W. Duff, Ernest C. Smith and L. S. Smith, all of Portland.

The funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow from the Sunnyside Congregational church, Dr. J. J. Staub officiating. Interment will be in the Rose City Park cemetery.

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Gravesite Details

Civil War veteran

Family Members

Spouse



Elvah Finette Weston Smith 1850-1889 (m. (married) 1868)

Children



Ernest Cyrus Smith 1872-1962



Gertrude E Smith Kline 1881-1939



Baby Boy Smith 1883-1883

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