BITUARY BY W. B. MILLER

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Mr. L. H. Neff was born at Alexandria, October 16, 1859 and died at Thomasville, Ga., January 14, 1904. Mr. Neff's father died when he was young. His childhood was spent in his native village and on the farm of his uncle near the same place. His education was obtained in the common schools and at the Martinsburg Seminary in Pennsylvania. About the age of 19 he entered into the mercantile business at Alexandria, Pa., as junior member of the firm of Hatfield & Porter. Afterwards he followed the same business in Somerset County, Pa., for a year or more. Tiring of the limited possibilities of a merchant in a small Pennsylvania town, he determined to go west. He arrived in Aberdeen in June, 1882, and as he knew Mr. Frank Hagerty in Pennsylvania, they decided to start a bank in Groton, which was done in the summer of 1882. Mr. Hagerty was interested in the bank for one year, when Mr. Neff purchased his interest.

January 20, 1886, Mr. Neff was married to Anna Martin, at Martinsburg, Pa., who survives him.

For twenty-two years Mr. Neff has been identified in a marked degree with the growth and life of the City of Groton. Some ten years ago he became with Mr. A. J. Griffin the owner of the flour mill at Groton, and since that time has given much of his time and energy to building up the fine business the Groton Milling Co. now has.

Mr. Neff's health, failing some three years ago, he has traveled much in the hope of a permanent cure, but without avail. To those whom he employed he was ever their friend; a man of sound judgment, strict integrity and a personality that attracted old and young. He made friends on every hand and kept them. Mr. Neff was one of the substantial men of Brown County, well