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GEORGE N. SMITH

Very briefly we spoke last week of the death of George N. Smith, brother of F. H. The Cassleton, N. D., Reporter of last Friday, gives the following account:

"One day in the best of health apparently, and full of life and energy. The next finds him cold in death. Such were the conditions as to our late neighbor and well known Rush River farmer, Geo. N. Smith whose sudden death Wednesday afternoon about 2 o'clock, startled the city and adjacent country as the information was phoned about.

"The circumstances were as follows: Mr. Smith was at section 5 farm, about two miles north of the home place. He was in the barn giving directions to some of his men, when suddenly, without the slightest warning to those about him, he toppled over, and his spirit had fled without a sigh or a struggle. Medical aid was summoned from Cassleton but the physician, on arrival, found only the remains of what had been a capable man and highly respected citizen.

"Deceased was born in Wyoming county, New York, on the 2nd of April, 1848, and was therefore 62 years of age last spring. He went from New York state, with his father to Schoolcraft, Mich., in 1854, and there received a liberal education ending with a business college course at Kalamazoo. He came to North Dakota in 1879 and has lived here continuously since. He has always been recognized as unusually capable in all lines, his large land interests, added to from time to time, and his well cared for farms and excellent crops giving evidence of marked ability in his chosen vocation. He has occupied positions of trust locally, and was also a member of the second legislative session--1891-3.

"Deceased has all along through the years been associated with his brother, Forester Smith, in business, and on their lands northeast of this city, east of Mapleton and in South Dakota, they have between 4,000 and 5,000 acres. Two brothers, Forester Smith, of Minneapolis, and Avery M. Smith, of Cassleton, and two sisters, Mrs. Carlene Chcate, of Kankakee, Ill., and Mrs. Sarah Luce, of Schoolcraft, Mich., survive him. The Minneapolis brother arrived this morning.