Solon B. Smith.

Ex-Police Justice Solon B. Smith died yesterday at his father's home, 232 East Fiftieth Street. He was forty-three years old and was unmarried.

Mr. Smith was born in the old Tenth Ward of this city in 1852, and was educated in the public schools, where he was recognized as a bright pupil.

He was elected a member of the Assembly from the Eighth District in 1873, and earned a creditable reputation as a legislator. While in the Legislature, he was instrumental in having framed and passed the former Police Justices' bill. He later held the office of Clerk of the Court of Special Sessions for two years. For four years he was Secretary of the Republican Central Committee, and for six years he was Chairman of its Executive Committee.

Mayor Cooper appointed him Police Justice in 1880. He served for a term of ten years and was then reappointed by Mayor Grant for the unexpired term of Justice Welde. Had his health not prevented, he would have been reappointed for a full term. He was a close personal and political friend of President Arthur.

Although not a lawyer, Mr. Smith was thought to be a good Justice, with a full knowledge of the law such as he was called upon to administer in the police courts and Court of Special Sessions. He was quick to perceive and generally accurate in his decisions. He was ill for many years with a complication of diseases.

Eli Whitney Blake.

Eli Whitney Blake, until the close of the last college year, Hazard Professor of Physics at Brown University, Providence, R. I., died at Hampton, Conn., yesterday, aged fifty-nine years. He was born in New-Haven April 20, 1836, his father being the well-known inventor of the same name. He was graduated at Yale in 1857, after which he spent a year at the Sheffield Scientific School. He then spent several years in Europe, where he studied chemistry and physics in the Universities of Heidelberg, Marburg, and Berlin.

Returning to this country, he was made Professor of Chemistry and Physics in the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College. He was Professor of Physics and Mechanic Arts at Cornell University from 1868 to 1870, and a portion of the time he was Acting Professor of Physics of Columbia College. He filled the Chair of Physics at Brown from 1870 until last June. He was a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a member of other scientific bodies, to whose proceedings he contributed valuable papers.

He married Helen Mary Rood of New-Haven March 8, 1860, and she survives him, together with one son, Eli Whitney Blake, until recently in charge of the Associated Charities in this city, and one daughter, Mrs. Barclay Hazard. Prof. Blake's illness began in the early Spring. It was a deep-seated digestive disease. Since the close of the college year he has been at Hampton, where his death occurred.

OBITUARY NOTE.

—Capt. John Shaw, part owner of the big freight steamers Penobscot, Selwyn Eddy, E. C. Pope, and C. A. Eddy, died at Bay City, Mich., yesterday. He was about sixty years of age. He was widely known around the chain of Great Lakes.

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