

COL. F. W. FOSTER DEAD.

A Valuable Citizen Identified with the Industrial Life of Wilmington.

(Special to the News and Observer.)

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 5.—Col. F. W. Foster, aged 63, a well known citizen of Wilmington and president of the Gore & Foster planing mill, sash, door and blind company, of this city and Castle Haynes, died here this afternoon of cirrhosis of the liver.

He was born in Canton, Pa., and was prominent in Republican politics for a long time until a few years ago when he renounced the faith and became a Democrat. He served two terms in the Legislature from Bladen county just after the war, and had at different times been a member of the board of aldermen of Wilmington and chairman of the New Hanover board of county commissioners. He was noted for his generous spirit and keen business management.

As he passed away his attorney here was reading in his office this afternoon the copy of a favorable decision in a big suit by which it was sought to throw Col. Foster's company into the hands of a receiver.

The funeral will be conducted from the late residence at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.