

marily in search of health. For fifty-two years he had lived in Windsor, Colo., where he was known as a successful business man, a kindly neighbor, a loyal citizen, a philanthropic Christian, a scientist of more than local renown.

Before he went West he had earned his college degree at Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa., but graduation to him was not a finish: It became truly the commencement of his intellectual life. His library included many of the great books of all times, and was rich in the sciences of botany, zoology and geology, and also in religion and theology. The content of his library is a measure of the man.

He was a member of the Baptist church; studied law following his college days and was admitted to the bar in Pennsylvania; was a fellow and held "life membership" in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was a life member on the Board of Trustees of Keystone College, LaPlume, Pa. His Alumni Association kept his name continuously on its governing council.

The lumber business had engaged his attention since 1885, operated at first by himself but later as the "Osterhout and Charles Lumber Company."

The marriage of Mr. Osterhout and Miss Etta Thomas, of Greeley, in 1894 was an auspicious event. They established a home where their many friends found hospitality and good cheer. Both will be remembered for their quiet, generous, unassuming lives and for their unstinted service to the constructive affairs of the community. Mrs. Osterhout has indeed been the "good wife and helpmate in whom a husband may trust and in whose loving counsel he finds inspiration and strength."

Mr. Osterhout's accomplishments in the field of science may only be mentioned now. Suffice it to say that he stood among the foremost of those who are in the field of botany for the sheer love of the work, rather than as a means to a livelihood. In other words, business was his vocation and science his avocation and his special joy.

His collections are noteworthy in several fields, but his botanical collections are singularly fine. Probably among the privately owned and personally acquired and built, his herbarium has no equal in the West. Its value is not primarily a dollar value. There is hidden in it a personality. A lifetime of quiet enjoyment has gone into the making. The thought and ideals of the owner, as well as his sentiment and love for nature in all her moods is woven into it.

Those who knew him intimately will not forget his droll humor, his integrity and sincerity, coupled with modesty, humility and gentleness. The extent of his

generosity will never be known, for his many benefactions were not heralded for his glorification nor to the embarrassment of those who were helped.

His annual field trips had become to him an *event* which, as a source of happiness, was equalled only by the subsequent hours and days spent in his herbarium-room studying the collections he had secured.

The *Greeley Tribune* in an editorial appreciation of him said: "Leisure time was never a problem to Mr. Osterhout. He has shown to others who dread compulsory retirement at 60 or 65 that their scientific achievements may be geared into public education if they possess aspiring zeal to vitalize the knowledge of the little world about them. School and college may enrich their courses through the results achieved by lay adult amateurs who are willing to share with others the riches they uncover."

The following summary of his papers is brief but it shows the extent of his work. A notable testimony of the esteem of his fellow workers is given by the many new species named in his honor. The list of papers is too long for the complete enumeration of the titles. He began publishing in 1898 and his last paper appeared in 1936. Suffice it to say, there appeared in *Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club*, 17 titles; in *Torreya*, 8 titles; in *The Plant World*, 3 titles; in *Muhlenbergia*, 12 titles. The total number of new species and new combinations proposed and published by him is seventy-one.

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RECENT DEATHS

DR. CHARLES HERBERT LA WALL, dean of pharmacy at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, died on December 7 at the age of sixty-six years.

WATSON G. CLARK, for the last several years assistant state director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey for New Jersey, formerly state highway engineer, died on December 7. He was sixty-six years old.

DR. ARTHUR DAVENPORT BLACK, dean of the Northwestern University Dental School since 1917, died on December 7. He was sixty-seven years old.

WILLIAM COOMBS BAKER, since 1920 professor of physics at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, with which he had been connected since 1895, died on December 4 at the age of sixty-six years.

DR. GEORGE ALBERT BOULENGER, since 1923 director of the aquarium of the Zoological Society, London, formerly chief of the department of reptiles, batrachians and fishes at the British Museum (Natural History), died on November 23 at the age of seventy-nine years.