

### **Death of Owen Smith.**

A feeling of sincere sorrow pervades the executive department to-day because of the death of Owen Smith, the faithful colored man who for the past nine years has served at the executive chambers in the capacity of messenger. The JOURNAL mentioned the fact yesterday that he was very low and the announcement of his death, which occurred about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was not a matter of surprise.

His illness dates back only about ten days, and on Thursday last he returned to his work at the capitol, but finding that his strength was inadequate he returned home. Pneumonia fastened itself upon him, and although on Monday he appeared to be much improved, he suffered a relapse which resulted in his death as above stated. Governor McDaniel, Adjutant General Stephens and Major J. W. Warren, called upon him yesterday and found him suffering terribly.

When Governor Colquitt was inducted into office in 1877, he gave the position of messenger to Owen, which he retained up to the time of his death. In ante-bellum days he was the property of Mrs. Colquitt, and remained a servant in the family until he came to Atlanta from Southwest Georgia. His face has long been familiar to callers at the executive department, and his quiet demeanor and faithful attention won for him the kind regard and respect of all who knew him. He was 45 years of age and left a wife and young son.

The Governor and other officials of the executive department will in all probability attend the funeral.