

MARK SMITH,
Died August 11, 1874,
Aged 45 years.

The casket weighs 800 pounds, and is of course very cumbersome and inconvenient to handle, though arrangements have been perfected by which this fact will not interfere with the ceremonies of to-day. The pallbearers will not bear the weight of this great burden at all, but the casket will be carried in each case by persons hired for the purpose.

Apropos of this sad occasion, the following reminiscence of Mr. Smith, taken from a New York paper, may be interesting:

A little more than twenty-one years ago the late Marcus Smith, who died in Paris, France, August 11 last, volunteered his services for the farewell benefit of Mr. and Mrs. John Ellsler, who at that time were members of the company of Foster's Theatre, Cleveland, Ohio. The following is the cast: "Napoleon's Old Guard." *Haversack*, (the Old Guard) Mr. M. Smith, as played by him with distinguished success in the Southern and Western theatres; *Henry*, Mr. Fardon; *Rawson*, Mr. Stevens; *Lord Beauvelle*, Mr. Brunton; *Melanie*, Mrs. Ellsler; *Lady Beauvelle*, Miss Dyke; *Servant*, Mr. Healy.

The theatre was a new structure, which had been built by Joseph C. Foster, the manager of the theatre in Pittsburg, Pa. At that time, in point of beauty and comfort, it surpassed most of the theatres in the Western country. The season proved financially disastrous, and Mr. Foster retired from the management with great loss. The building, considerably changed, has since been known as the Academy of Music, and for many years past has been ably and profitably managed by Mr. John Ellsler. Joseph C. Foster is still living, and occasionally pursues his profession by producing a grand spectacular drama in gorgeous style in some theatre in the Eastern cities. Mrs. Estelle Potter occasionally appears before the public, acting old women characters. O. E. Durivage, we believe, is dead. George Boniface is now traveling with Furbish's Five Avenue Combination. Dan McMillan died at Little Rock, Ark., in April, 1860. Nicholas Johnson died at Lexington, Ky., December 27, 1857. Mr. Naylor is residing in this city in retirement. Mr. Healy is in Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Ellsler is acting in Cleveland, Ohio, and has charge of the management of the Academy during her husband's absence in Pittsburg, Pa., where he is co-manager of the Opera House. Ben Maginley is manager of Maginley & Co.'s circus and menagerie. Mrs. Bernard is now Mrs. Claude Hamilton, and is still before the public.