

DEATHS

Dr. Carroll E. Edson, a physician noted for his studies of the relation of climate to the distribution of diseases, died suddenly in Denver on January 28th.

Dr. Edson obtained his medical degree from Harvard in 1892, served in the Boston City Hospital for some time, and since 1897 was engaged in medical instruction and in practice in Denver. He was acting Associate Surgeon in U. S. A. in 1898. Dr. Edson's scientific activities were chiefly in the field of clinical medicine, and medical climatology. He was Associate Editor of the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*. He was twice president of the American Climatological and Clinical Association, and for a time was also director of the Tuberculosis Association. When Dr. Edson was east two years ago, he discussed a project, which now, unfortunately, cannot be fulfilled, of preparing a much needed treatise on the medical climatology of the United States.

One of his friends writes, "I know no one who has ever lived in Denver who has not counted as a real asset his acquaintance with that most charming and intelligent man."

EDWARD A. EVANS, in charge at Richmond for 34 years, died March 28, 1930, from injuries received when struck by an automobile a day or so previously. Mr. Evans was born at Brooklyn, N. Y., on May 1, 1858. He entered the Signal Corps December 16, 1879. After a number of assignments, Mr. Evans was in charge at Detroit from 1889 to 1895, and thereafter at Richmond.

HENRY E. WILLIAMS, a veteran of the Civil War and a former assistant chief of the Weather Bureau, died March 28, 1930. Mr. Williams was born on April 3, 1844, at Bethel, Conn. He served with the 17th Connecticut Volunteers through the greater part of the Civil War, rising from corporal to first lieutenant; and with the 2d U. S. Infantry and the 1st U. S. Infantry thereafter until 1875, as quartermaster sergeant and sergeant major, respectively. In 1876, he entered the Signal Corps, and, excepting a short assignment to Rochester and 3 years as assistant instructor at Fort Myer, was attached to the Central Office. Mr. Williams was chief of division, Weather Bureau, from 1895 to 1898; chief clerk until 1903; assistant chief of bureau until 1915, and chief of Forecast Division until he was retired in 1920.—*Official Record, U. S. Dept. Agric.*

WEATHER FORECASTING FROM SYNOPTIC CHARTS

This recent booklet by Alfred Judson Henry, veteran forecaster of the Weather Bureau, is a valuable work for any student of meteorology and especially so to persons studying forecasting.

It contains a brief history of the development of forecasting from synoptic charts in the United States and other countries, a discussion of movements of cyclones and anticyclones, mental processes involved in