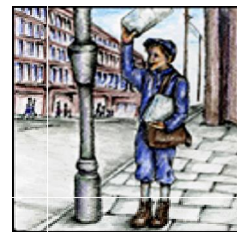




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Death and Burial of Col. McKinney.

The following is a letter giving an account of the death and burial of Col. McKinney of Coloma :

COLOMA, 7th Nov., 1850.

Messrs. Editors: The remains of our worthy and esteemed fellow citizen, Maj. L. H. McKinney, were consigned to-day to their last resting place. His lifeless body was brought on yesterday to his late residence—Rogers' Hotel in this place. On its arrival Dr. Simmon. at the request of the friends of the deceased. proceeded to extract the arrow, or rather that portion of it remaining in the body. On examination it was discovered that the arrow, without a barb, had penetrated through the lungs into the left ventricle of the heart, about an inch and a quarter. and there remained transfixed. having resisted the efforts of the deceased to extract it, breaking off about eight inches in the body. In that condition he lived three hours, retaining his consciousness to the last moment.

The remains of Maj. McKinney were met on the skirts of the towns of Ringgold, Weberville, and Placerville by a large concourse of citizens and escorted through those places on its way to Coloma. At Coloma the citizens and friends of the deceased met the body in a like manner, all appearing anxious to pay respect to the memory of their fellow-citizen.

The Court—Judge Daniels presiding—of which the deceased was clerk, being in session, on the reception of the news of his decease, immediately adjourned, passing an order for its officers to wear crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days as a mark of respect to his memory.

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On last evening a meeting of the citizens was held at Winter's Hotel to make arrangements for the funeral. A committee was appointed to meet like committees from the Masonic Fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellowship, (to both of which orders Col. McKinney belonged,) which also held meetings to pay the last rites of their respective orders to their late brother. The arrangements being completed, at 2 o'clock on the 9th, the brethren of both Societies and a large volunteer corps, together with the citizens *en masse*, proceeded to Rogers' Hotel, where the remains had been prepared for the grave, and listened to an impressive and eloquent discourse from the Rev. Mr. Oliver, late of Illinois, founded on the 90 h chapter of the Psalms of David. A short and appropriate eulogy on the character of the deceased was pronounced by his friend Col. Farewell, when the procession moved, under the direction of the Marshals of the day, Gen. Willock and his deputy, George Killenberg, toward the place of interment. At the grave the solemn and impressive ceremonies of the Masonic Fraternity were gone through with, succeeded by those of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; after which the volunteer corps fired a military salute over the grave, when the clods of the valley were placed over all that remains of the brave and generous soldier and faithful public officer.

The stores and business places of our citizens were closed during the exercises of the day, and the place had more the appearance of Sunday than it ever presented before.

From the first reception of the news of the sad event, a general gloom spread over the town, and many a moist eye was perceptible; evincing the high regard and warm affection which the deceased had in the hearts of all who knew him. Truly, a brave and good man has gone from a community who loved and respected him for his many estimable qualities.

Maj. McKinney held the commission of Major in the Mexican war, and returned to his home in Illinois with honors for his

his home in Illinois with honors for his brave conduct during the campaign. He arrived in California last season, and was elected Clerk of the District and County Court for El Dorado at the last election, by a large majority. On the breaking out of the Indian disturbances, he volunteered his services, and was chosen Lieut. Colonel of the forces raised to act against the hostile savages. He met his death in single combat with a brave warrior; and after receiving his death wound, he sprung from his horse, seized and cast the Indian to the ground, keeping his foot on his neck until one of his command came up and despatched his adversary. The Indian shot his last arrow after Maj. McKinney had ordered him to surrender, and the Indian had assented by exclaiming "no fight"—Maj. McKinney wishing doubtless to take him prisoner instead of destroying him. Thus treachery or misapprehension sent one of nature's noblemen to his long home. The place of Maj. McKinney will not soon be filled in the community in which we live.

The following is an account of a meeting of the citizens of Coloma to take into consideration proper action on the occasion of the death of Col. McKinney.

At a meeting of the citizens of Coloma, El Dorado county, convened at Winter's Hotel, Nov 6th, 1850, to take some suitable action expressive of their deep regret in the death of one of their most distinguished fellow citizens, Lieut. Col. L. H. McKinney, who fell mortally wounded, while leading on his detachment of horse in a skirmish with the Indians, on the 4th instant, John T. Little was called to the chair, and E. S. Hall appointed secretary.

The meeting being called to order by the chairman, Louis M. Booth, of Sacramento City, being introduced to the audience, in a brief and eloquent speech alluded to the early life and public services of the deceased. He spoke of his noble and patriotic devotion to his country, his gallant services in the Mexican war, and the responsible office he filled as County Clerk at the time of his death—that no eulogy or tribute of

of his death that no eulogy or tribute of respect could do justice to the eminent character and self-sacrificing spirit of the brave and generous dead.

At the close of these remarks, on motion of Esquire Anderson, Messrs. Daniels, Farwell, and Gordon were appointed a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of this meeting. On motion of Col. Kendrick, Gen. Willock was appointed marshal and Capt. George D. Kallenberger, deputy marshal of the military procession. On motion of Judge Daniels, Messrs. Crummev and Bekeart were appointed a com-

mittee of arrangements, on behalf of the citizens, to confer with the Masonic and Odd Fellows' societies. On motion of Esquire Anderson,

Resolved, that the citizens and merchants of Coloma be requested to close their stores and business places, after 12 o'clock, A. M., the 7th inst., during the funeral obsequies.

On motion of Col. Kendrick, resolved that a copy of the proceedings of this meeting, signed by the chairman and secretary, be published in the Sacramento City papers.

On motion of Esquire Anderson, the meeting adjourned to meet at the same place at 8 o'clock, P. M., the 7th instant., to hear the report of the committee on resolutions.

The following is the report of said committee at the adjourned meeting :

Whereas, the sad intelligence of the death of our fellow citizen, Lieut. Col. L. H. McKinney, while engaged in checking the ravages of hostile Indians in our vicinity, has reached us, spreading gloom and mourning through her midst, therefore,

Resolved, that we, the citizens of Coloma and vicinity, cherish the memory of the deceased for the many estimable qualities possessed and exercised by him during his brief, private and public career among us, his upright and honorable deportment as a citizen and a civil officer, having won the esteem and respect of all.

Resolved, that in all the walks of life Lieut. Col. McKinney was one of nature's noblemen, his was a warm, generous and brave soul, which was evinced by his kindness and benevolence to the unfortu

kindness and benevolence to the unfortunate, his readiness to forget and sacrifice his own interests and ease for the benefit of others, and to assist and relieve the wants of the the distressed.

Resolved, that we have lost one of our most esteemed, worthy and loved citizens; one we have delighted to honor with our confidence, in his election to a responsible office of trust and profit; one of the bravest of the brave, ever ready to defend the rights and laws of his fellow citizens, at any peril to self.

Resolved, that we hold the name, fame and memory of Lieut. Col. McKinney, as bright ornaments to our young and puissant County, and would hold him up as a glorious example of emulation, for all who wish to gain the respect and esteem of their fellow-citizens, and leave an untarnished reputation.

Resolved, That these resolutions be transmitted to the parents, brothers and sisters of the deceased, at home, as some evidence of the regard and estimation in which his friends and associates in California hold his memory; trusting that the poignancy of their grief will be assuaged by the high position their lost one had obtained among his countrymen.

JOHN T. LITTLE, Ch'n.

E. S. HALL, Sec'y.

MEETING OF ODD FELLOWS.

At an informal meeting of the I. O. of O. F. to make the necessary arrangements to join in the funeral procession of their deceased brother Maj. L. H. McKinney, Bro. H. C. Worth was called to the chair, and J. R. Witherell was appointed Secretary.

On motion, a committee of three, viz: John T. Little, Louis M. Booth and E. S. Hall, were chosen to report resolutions expressive of the estimation in which the deceased brother was held. The committee, in pursuance of said duty, presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the members of the I. O. O. F. in Coloma and its vicinity have heard with deep feelings of sadness and regret, the sudden and untimely death of their esteemed brother, Major L. H. McKinney, County Clerk for the county of El Dorado.

County Clerk for the county of El Dorado.

Resolved, That in the death of brother McKinney the Order has lost one of its brightest ornaments, its ablest supporters, its most consistent members, and its able advocate.

Resolved, That this community have been deprived of one of its best citizens, of a high minded, honorable and brave man, of a popular and honest public officer; the unfortunate, of a warm and sincere friend; and all look upon their loss as irreparable.

Resolved, That we condole with the bereaved friends and relatives of our deceased brother, in the States. His aged parents will look in vain for the return of their loved and loving son; his brothers and sisters will no more greet on earth their affectionate brother; friends will no more see the manly form of him whom they respected and esteemed for his disinterested friendship, his active and warm benevolence, his devotion to honor and correct principles.

Resolved, That our deceased brother and soldier was a man of undaunted courage and bravery, and the very soul of honor: as an officer, he was firm, yet kind and courteous; as a son and brother, he was reverential and affectionate; as a citizen, he was upright and honorable in all his intercourse with his fellow men.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of the meeting be instructed to forward these resolutions to the relatives of our deceased brother, as a feeble evidence of the esteem and respect with which their son and brother was held by his friends and brethren in this section of the country.

PSEUDO SQUATTERS IN SACRAMENTO.—In relation to the disturbances of August last, the New York Herald says:

Some of the disciples of the *Tribune* having emigrated to California, attempted to carry into practical operation the same ideas there; and a similar result is before us. Under the leadership of a man named James McClatchey, who the *Tribune* said belonged to New York, and was identified with land reform agitation here, they banded together, issued a proclamation that they would set the law at defiance, and resisted

the execution of process issued by the courts of California. The consequence was a terrible riot—the city of Sacramento was put under martial law, and the officers of justice were shot down in the discharge of their duties. This Mc'Clatchy, in all probability, when he was in New York, belonged to the clique of socialists and pseudo-reformers by which the *Tribune* is surrounded. The owners of the land in California, which was the cause of those violent outbreaks and riots, may, or may not, have good titles; but it is clear that the squatters have none, and never had. We have no doubt that an immense amount of villany has been practiced in California, in the way of land titles; but that is no excuse for a set of men putting the law and the decisions of the courts at defiance. They should have appealed to Congress for the adjustment of their disputes, and not to the revolver and the bowie knife. They acted in precisely the same manner as the anti-renters in this State did a few years since, and no doubt they were incited to do so by the socialist organ in this city. Truly that paper has influence—influence to compass evil, but not good—to promote dissension and anarchy, not only on the Atlantic seaboard, but in our new territories on the Pacific.

☛ Littlefield of Parkman tragedy memory, is exhibiting a representation of the whole affair in wax figures, and the identical "sink" in the bargain.