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GEORGE PAULL DEAD.

The Well Known Business Man Expired Unexpectedly at 8 O'clock On Monday Morning—It Was Thought He Was Improving.

Unexpectedly, shortly after 8 o'clock Monday morning, occurred the death of Mr. George Paull, of 116 South Penn street, Island, after a prolonged illness.

Mr. Paull was known as one of the partners in the wholesale grocery firm of Hubbard & Paull.

He had been in active business life for more than a quarter of a century, and had built up an enviable reputation for business and personal probity.

Last fall Mr. Paull began to suffer from Bright's disease, and a few weeks ago was confined to his home on the Island.

For a time his condition was considered very serious, but within the last three days there had been an improvement that led to the hope that the end was not near at hand.

Sunday night he was in good spirits and chatted pleasantly with callers.

Yesterday morning when Mrs. Paull entered the sick man's room he was sleeping peacefully as a child, but when half an hour later she went up with his breakfast he was found dead.

The end came entirely without pain.

The deceased is survived by his wife, and by two daughters, Mrs. James B. McKee, of Wheeling, and Mrs. A. T. Bowie, of Bridgeport.

A sister, Mrs. A. Allen Howell, formerly of Wheeling, died a few months ago in Cleveland.

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PICKPOCKET CAUGHT

After a Chase Yesterday Afternoon. Tok a Purse From a Woman's Hand in a Crowded Street.

Yesterday afternoon, at the corner of Main and Twelfth streets, a well-dressed young man, apparently 21 years of age, grabbed a pocketbook from a woman's hand, and when accused by the woman's female companion, he strenuously denied the theft.

The woman saw him in the act, and on calling upon bystanders the fellow took to his heels, with the woman's eight-year-old son after him, calling him to stop.

The man ran down Twelfth street and up Water, where he was captured by Osborne Gray, the colored employe of the gas works, who held on with a tenacious grip until Officer Dan Ingram took charge of the man and conducted him before Squire Dunning, where the woman swore a warrant out for him.

Squire Dunning wanted to give him a hearing immediately and settle the matter, but he waived a hearing on the ground that he would not have time to communicate with his lawyer.

He gave his name as George Raymond, and is a stranger in the city.

He was remanded to jail in default of \$200 bond for a hearing at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

The fellow's actions betoken a crook, and it is thought he has been mixed up in similar scrapes before.

He is thought to have an accomplice, as the purse could not be found on his person, and he evidently transferred it to a confederate before talking to his heels.

The pocketbook contained only a small amount of change.

EXTRA SERVICE.

To-night and Monday the W. E. G. R. R. will run its regular service until 12 o'clock, and a late car leaving the city for Elm Grove at 12:40 a. m.

AS TOLD BY SECRETARY THOMPSON.

The "Head Pusher" of the Wheeling Board of Trade Outlines Its Purposes.

ADVANTAGES OF WHEELING

As a Centre for the Manufacture of Iron and Steel and Kindred Products.

You have asked me to outline the plan and scope of the work of the Wheeling board of trade, says Secretary S. A. Thompson, writing for the Ohio Valley Manufacturer.

It would be an easier task to define the things which lie outside the proper field of action of such an organization, than to catalogue the almost unlimited number of objects to which its attention may properly be directed.

For as I view it, religion and partisan politics are about the only subjects which must be rigorously excluded.

Our charter provides that the organization is to consist "of the citizens of Wheeling and its vicinity," and "shall have for its objects the protecting, fostering and developing the commercial, manufacturing and business interests of Wheeling and the towns in its neighborhood, in the states of West Virginia and Ohio, by joint and concerted action."

Naturally and properly, much attention will be given to the development of manufacturing, both by securing the location in this vicinity of additional plants, and the increase of those already here.

The three fundamental factors of success in manufacturing are cheap fuel, cheap raw materials, and cheap transportation for the distribution of finished products.

But it would not be inaccurate to say that the requisites are only two in number, viz., cheap fuel and cheap transportation; since cheap transportation allows the assemblage of raw materials from far distant points, as well as the distribution of products to all the markets of the world.

Cheap Fuel. The cheap fuel is present in limitless quantities; veins of coal crop out on every hillside and underlie every acre of ground, while the greatest oil and gas fields yet discovered lie at the very door.

Lines of transportation already in existence give excellent facilities, but much remains to be done to bring those facilities up to a point which will fully meet the necessities of the present, while the developments of the future promise to continually outrun every provision made territories, teeming with all the resources of forest, field and mine, which as yet are utterly undeveloped though lying but a little way from great industrial centres.

It will be the work of the board of trade to aid in the adjustment between the necessities of railway corporations and the rights of individual property owners, and to promote the interests of the general public, the claims of which are superior to those of either the corporation or the individual.

Another feature of our work will be to hasten as much as possible a work already well begun—the radical improvement of the Ohio river. What the completion of this work will mean for the upbuilding of municipal, state, and even national prosperity, is but faintly realized as yet.

For water transportation is not only the cheapest form of transportation and the most powerful regulator of railway rates, but, paradoxical though it seems, is also the most potent known, possible promoter of the prosperity of the railways with which it competes.

Iron and Steel. In that great fundamental industry of civilization, the production of iron and steel, the Wheeling district occupies no mean position to-day, but there is room for increase in lines already represented, as well as for bringing in lines not yet established.

Pottery, glass and many other varieties of manufacture, which cannot be catalogued here, are already in existence, the manufacturing interests of the city, since a time of depression for one line need not necessarily be a time of depression in another, so that we shall avoid having "all our eggs in one basket."

Industrial development will necessarily be accompanied by commercial development. The increased population brought in by new factories will make customers for new retail establishments and among these, and in the territory reached by new lines of railway, will be new customers for the wholesalers and jobbers.

Factories, stores and banks are indispensable, but they are not all. There are multitudinous questions which vitally affect the interests of every citizen, and the board of trade will constitute a forum in which can be discussed everything relating to health and sanitation; streets, parks, and the beautification of the city and its surroundings; libraries, schools, municipal administration, and everything that tends to make a city a cleaner, brighter, healthier, happier place to live in.

And the discussion must be followed by action, bringing the concentrated power of enlightened public opinion to bear upon all the servants of the people, to the end that the work of the people shall be well done.

Membership. As shown by the quotation near the beginning, it is written in the fundamental law of our organization that membership therein is open to all the citizens of the neighboring towns, both in West Virginia and Ohio, and the object is to promote the interests of all these communities.

At the first meeting of the board of directors, a committee was appointed to take up the matter of securing joint action by the citizens and commercial organizations of the neighboring towns, and if this desired co-operation is not brought down from the realm of idealism, to the solid ground of actuality, and made a potent factor in promoting the interests of all concerned, it will not be the fault of

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the Wheeling board of trade or its committee.

Not the least important, it may well be that it will prove to be the most important work of the board, will be done through its committees on arbitration between members of the board, and between members of this board and those of other commercial organizations, but also for a committee which may aid in the just and peaceable solution of those questions which arise between employer and employe, between organized capital and organized labor.

Arbitration. New Zealand has compulsory arbitration. Such a law may, or may not, be found adapted to American conditions. It may be that voluntary arbitration, the right of appeal to public boards, constituted therefor, will be the utmost that will be accepted in this country.

Meantime, a great work can be done in creating a public opinion in favor of arbitration; in tendering the good offices of the board in settling the contests which seem to be as inevitable as they are regrettable; and in aiding to work out that ultimate solution which shall secure equal justice between man and man, without the sacrifice of that individual liberty which is the most precious possession of the citizens of the United States.

There are other questions in which we shall be interested as citizens of the states of West Virginia and Ohio, respectively, and still broader questions in which we shall be interested as citizens of these states, and in the solution of these we shall co-operate with other commercial organizations. It may seem that rather a large programme has been laid out, but it is not expected that it will all be carried through for some time to come.

So far as I am personally concerned, I confidently expected that the Wheeling board of trade will find plenty of questions to occupy its time and best attention, long after every present member has joined the great majority.

LITTLE ONES MADE HAPPY.

Santa Claus Makes a Memorable Visit to Webster School.

The tots of Webster school were made happy Friday afternoon last, by a visit from Santa Claus. He was preceded by a messenger bearing the request that all little Santa Claus believers should be assembled in the grammar room promptly at 2 p. m., where Santa Claus would be present to answer their notes in person.

So many responded that even he, whose faith had hitherto been unshaken, feared that Santa would be unable to recognize him in such a crowd, or if he did know him, how would he ever be able to carry a pack large enough to supply each one of them with a gift.

As the bells jingled and the fairies chanted their Christmas carol, childish fears were soon dispelled by the arrival of Santa himself bearing a huge pack, and yes, sure enough, there was a present for each of them.

One mighty shout of joy proclaimed his welcome. After the distribution of presents and a kind word to each, he was off again, carrying this time a great burden of love and good wishes from his little friends.

As he disappeared Sammy said: "Ain't you glad, Jack, that our school has a big furnace

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If you want to. But look out, or it will get the start of you. If it does, you will have dyspepsia, indigestion, biliousness, sick headache, poor blood, constipation.

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Instead of an old stove? 'Cause Santa could never have carried such a load down any stove pipe that ever was made."

PERSONAL NOTES.

Going and Coming of Wheeling People and Visitors.

Mr. James L. Hawley, of Wheeling, who is interested in Niagara Falls real estate, being the owner of fifteen lots in the vicinity of Nineteenth street, between Niagara and Ferry avenue, left last night for his home, after spending a week here.

Mr. H. Kraft, of Selo, Ohio, is in the city on business.

H. P. Haller returned home yesterday from Pittsburgh.

John N. Wilson, of Sistersville, is a Grand Central guest.

J. H. Hartley, of Sistersville, is in the city on business.

Mr. C. W. Brockmiller will leave this evening for New York.

Frank M. Clark, of New Martinsville, is registered at the Stamm.

Mr. B. Packer, of Allen, W. Va., was in the city on business yesterday.

Will Farris is home from Pittsburgh, spending Christmas with his parents.

Jesse Phoebus, of the Register, is spending Christmas in Philadelphia.

J. B. Martin and wife, of Fairmont, are the guests of friends in the city.

H. B. Wilson, of Mannington, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. Edward J. McGown left yesterday for Philadelphia, to be gone for a few days.

H. W. Kellar and Joe Kellar, Jr., of Parkersburg, are guests at the McLure.

Will Hall, now located in Sharpsburg, W. Va., has returned home for the holidays.

Miss Ida Sedle, of Pittsburgh, is the guest of Miss Mollie Beltz, of Eighteenth street.

Charles Gaus, of Beaver Falls, Pa., is spending a few days with his parents on the Island.

D. F. Burley, of Hundred, W. Va., is the guest of friends and relatives on South Eoff street.

Sidney Anshutz, of the Register, is here from Philadelphia, greatly improved in health.

Mrs. Marcus Pitner, of Mannington, is the guest of Mrs. H. L. Bond, on South Chapline street.

Jacob Roff, of Byersville, Ohio, is spending the holidays with his parents, on South Eoff street.

Mr. H. Criswell, of the Island, has accepted a position with the Wheeling Corrugating Company.

E. C. Shane, traveling passenger agent of the Northern Pacific railroad, is home to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kimball, of Wadestown, are the guests of friends on South Chapline street.

Jacob Hillenbrand has accepted the position as fireman of the Wheeling & Lake Erie freight sheds.

Samuel Elliott, of New Martinsville, and Thomas Wilson, of St. Mary's, are registered at the McLure.

Charles Jackson, formerly of this city, but now of Columbus, Ohio, is in the city the guest of relatives.

W. R. Rine and wife, of New Martinsville, and H. K. Napp, of Sistersville, are registered at the Park Hotel.

Mr. E. E. Weiss, of the Pan Handle freight department, is spending the holidays with relatives at Toledo, O.

Joseph Steger arrived home from Indianapolis yesterday, to spend the holidays with his parents, on the Island.

Albert and John Benke, who are attending school at Cincinnati, are visiting their parents, on the South Side.

Miss Carrie Osborne, of South Chapline street, has returned home, after an extended tour of six months in the east.

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DIED.

REYNOLDS—On Sunday, December 23, 1900, at 6 o'clock a. m., HOWARD J., son of Andrew and Elizabeth M. Reynolds, aged 17 years.

Funeral services at residence of his mother, No. 49 Eighteenth street, on Tuesday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. Friends of family respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Peninsula cemetery.

PAULL—At 9 a. m. Monday, December 24th, 1900, at the South Penn street, GEORGE PAULL, aged 44 years.

Funeral notice hereafter.

UNDERTAKING.

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