

DEATH OF CAPTAIN

JOHN H. DAVIS

A MAN WITH A BRILLIANT ARMY RECORD.

He had Served his Country on the Tented Field—Entered the Army as a Private and Came out a Brevet-Major—Came to Montana in 1866.

John H. Davis departed this life at 1 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, Oct. 29th, after intense suffering and a prolonged illness of nearly four weeks. During this painful period he was faithfully attended by a devoted wife and other members of the family, ably assisted by a regular committee of Virginia City Lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F., of which the captain was a member.

The last obsequies were duly observed Wednesday afternoon, in which the Church, Lodge and Grand Army of the Republic participated. The remains were placed in state in the Odd Fellows Hall and on the casket many beautiful floral tributes were displayed. After music by the choir, Rev. Mountjoy read the 23rd psalm, selected especially by Capt. Davis on the sick bed some two weeks since, at which time he seemed to have a premonition of a rapidly approaching end of his earthly career. The minister spoke at length in an address regarding the virtues of deceased as a Christian and citizen, and recounted instances illustrative of the many acts of kindness and generosity toward his fellow man. Then followed the earnest and impressive work of the Odd Fellows craft, during all of which fourteen veterans with G. A. R. badges occupied a post of honor in seats especially assigned to them.

The funeral cortege (which was a long and imposing one) to the cemetery was preceded by file and muffled drums, leading a firing squad, under command of Capt. Reif, from Company D., N. G. M., and the G. A. R., members under command of their Officer of the Day, James How; then followed officers and members of the Lodge in regular order, the hearse, pall bearers, mourners, carriages, etc. Upon entering the cemetery the dirge was changed to the plaintive air of "Down on the Suancee River," in compliance with a wish the Captain was heard to make at the exercises of last Memorial Day. At the grave Wm. Morris, Noble Graft, gathered the members of the craft about it, concluding their part of the ceremonies. The soldiers then surrounding the grave, curtailing the post services to the address of Commander H. L. Childs and Acting Post Chaplain J. E. Callaway, and the floral offering of the officer of the day. The last sad rites were concluded, as a tribute to the memory of a dead soldier, by three volleys of musketry and the long roll call by Company D boys.

Captain John H. Davis was a native of Kentucky, born near Sterling, August 28, 1829. At 23 years of age he emigrated to Illinois, where he worked improving a tract of land near Taylorville until the spring of 1858, at which time he crossed the plains with a mule team to Colorado. The captain successfully engaged in mining until the spring of 1861, when he returned on a visit to his old Kentucky home. At this time the whole country was in the first excitement of civil war.

AS A UNION VOLUNTEER.

Upon returning to Illinois Davis' patriotism asserted itself, when he immediately enlisted as a private in Company J., 8th Illinois Infantry ("Dick Oglesby's regiment"), April, 1861. This was in the first three months call, and after that term had expired he again enlisted in Company B, 41st Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in which service he was elected first lieutenant. At the capture of Fort Donelson he had command of the company, and was wounded in the shoulder by a minnie ball at the battle of Shiloh. At the battle of Vicksburg he was wounded in the thigh by a shell, the effects of which he never recovered from a slight lameness. Lieut. Davis was promoted to the captaincy for gallant service at Vicksburg. He was at the capture of Atlanta and was in command of a pioneer corps that went in advance of Sherman's forces in the memorable march to the sea. In the grand review at Washington Captain Davis and his men were assigned to lead the line in order next to generals.

In brief this patriotic veteran of many hard fought battles was with

Grant from Cairo to Shiloh and through the Vicksburg campaign; after which campaign, was, under Grant's order, with Sherman to the sea. He served his country faithfully for over four years and was brevetted major upon final discharge.

All honor to the gallant warrior. This native of the blue grass region was of the right material, the kind that never shirked in places of danger, and whose history it is the proud privilege of our country to place in the archives over which gracefully floats that which he ventured so much to honor and protect—the stars and stripes of the United States of America.

The record of his country's service so briefly alluded to is an eloquent subject-title for the versatile pens of our great historians, and too deep and lengthy for this humble sketch intended merely as a short tribute of respect to the memory of a good citizen and a brave soldier.

AS A MONTANA CITIZEN.

The captain first came to Montana in 1866, crossing the country from Chicago. He settled at Junction, in Alder gulch, and for about five years was engaged in mining—experiencing the usual reverses and successes of the average miner. Then for a time he turned his attention to stock raising and ranching on the Upper Ruby. Following this he was engaged in quartz and placer mining and the hotel business at Puller Springs and later at Virginia City. As proprietor of the Madison House, and later the Easton, until a few months since, Captain Davis was too well known to necessitate more than a passing allusion.

Deceased leaves a widow, four children by a second wife, viz: Blanch, wife of James Cowan; Jessie, wife of Robert Cowan; Olive, wife of Amos Wiles and John Arthur, all residents of Montana, and also a son and daughter (by a first wife), both married and now living in Kansas. In 1888, four years after the death of the mother of the family named, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Amelia North, sister of said second wife, and widow of Robert North, who lost his life in the Union army.

The captain held the offices of justice of the peace and city magistrate for several years, and was once the nominee on the Republican ticket for county treasurer. He was united with the Christian church about two years since, was an active member and occupied the position of deacon at the time of his demise. He was past commander of Frank Blair Post, No. 6, G. A. R. (in which he was mustered April 9th, 1884,) and was elected Post Chaplain for the present year, 1895.

CITY AND COUNTY.

Thos. Hinds, a Butte mining man, spent several days of this week in Virginia.

BORN.—To the wife of James Woods of Ruby Creek, Sunday Oct. 20, a daughter.

Wm. Houston, formerly foreman of the Ora Cache mine of Summit but now a resident of Butte, is in Virginia on a visit.

Judge Frank Showers has ordered a special term of the district court of the fifth judicial district to be held in this city November 7.

Mr. Charles Leyendecker, of Upper Ruby valley, passed through the city Tuesday en route to the east side to purchase some cattle.

The intelligence is received briefly stating the death of the wife of Dr. I. S. Stafford at Pony, Tuesday 29th. The funeral took place Wednesday.

Prof. Bovee will open his dancing academy with a social this evening. Good music, good calling, and a general good time are guaranteed. Madison House dining rooms.

Members of the Milton Club are requested to meet at the residence of the president, Mrs. Flora McNulty, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of effecting a re-organization.

State Superintendent Steere left for Dillon Saturday. The Beaverhead county institute is in session this week, with Prof. Steere, Prof. Birchard, Prof. Newell and others in attendance.

John Conway expects to make Billings his home in the future. His family left for that place a few days ago, and as soon as he attends to some pressing business matters, Mr. Conway will follow them.

The Associated Press, of Sunday last, relate the nuptials of Lord Bennett and Miss VanMarter, sister of Dr. VanMarter, at Tacoma. Both parties spent a portion of the summer at Summit and in this city.

M. L. Wines, county attorney for Silver Bow county, was in Virginia this week. Mr. Wines will defend Morgan Jones, the young man charged with the killing of Joseph Huneault at Melrose a few weeks ago.

Frank Conway of Farrelton was in town yesterday. He states that the V. F. horse round-up was finished last week, and the colt crop for the last season exceeds the number branded any previous year by over 100.

Dr. Shafsted desires to announce to his Sheridan patrons that pressing engagements prevented him from keeping his Sheridan appointment last week. He left for Sheridan this morning and expects to spend several days there.

Dr. Charles Pankey, brother of Henry and Phil Pankey of this city, arrived from Cripple Creek, Colorado, Saturday. Mr. Pankey is a dentist and has decided to locate in Virginia permanently. He has opened an office temporarily in the MADISONIAN building.

Elsewhere appears a call for a meeting of the representatives of the Telegraph Company's line to Norris and the Telephohe corporation, for the purpose of considering a consolidation of the two properties. It would prove a wise scheme so to do, thus simplifying the operator's duties, avoid delays and place Sheridan and the Ruby valley generally in direct communication with the outside world.

The Mollie Bawn Amateur Company, a company comprising the best local talent of Dillon, expects to visit and give performances at Sheridan, Virginia City and possibly Leiverville, some time this month—about the 15th. The company gave its initial performance at Dillon about two weeks ago, and made such a decided hit that they were subsequently asked to give performances at Bannack and Lima. The Madisonian is of the opinion that they will meet with a cordial reception in Madison county.

There arrived in Dillon Thursday morning one of the finest pieces of horse flesh that ever stepped on our streets. It was a brood mare that Ed Larabee was sending from his Deer Lodge stables to the Brook Nook stock ranch in Madison County. She was in charge of a Mr. Baldwin. Her name is Pearl Fisher. She is a bay and was foaled in 1886 by Altamont, 3,600; dam by Kisbar, 1273; grandam by Oregon Pathfinder, 10081. Bred by Adam Fisher, Clarnie, Ore. She has a mark of 2:18. The sire of Klamath, who was the sensation of the year, is a half brother to Pearl Fisher.—Tribune.

This morning about 8 o'clock, Dillon people were shocked by the announcement of the sudden death of Mr. N. M. White, the well known druggist. He was at work before breakfast, building a coal shed. Several of the neighbors saw him at work. When breakfast was ready Mrs. White went to call him and saw his form lying motionless on the coal. She screamed for help and willing hands were soon doing all that could be done. Dr. Leason was sent for and the inanimate form was taken upstairs and placed on a bed. The doctor soon arrived but found his services unnecessary; life was extinct, and he pronounced it apoplexy. Mrs. White is nearly distracted.—Tribune.

The following from the quill of a local editor should be read by all: "Newspaper men are blamed with a lot of things they can't help—such as using partiality in mentioning visitors, giving the news about some folks and leaving out others, etc. He simply prints the news he can find. Some people inform him about such things and others do not. An editor should not be expected to know the names and residence of all your uncles, aunts and cousins, even if he should see them get on and off the train. Tell us about it. It's news that makes a newspaper and every man, woman and child can be an associate editor if they would."

Mrs. John B. Taylor, wife of one of the pioneers of Alder gulch, died at her home in Boulder yesterday morning, of dropsy. Mrs. Taylor was born in Huntsville, Mo., about 63 years ago. She came to Montana in 1875, years after Mr. Taylor had taken up his residence in the territory. Mrs. Taylor was much beloved by all who knew her. A husband and four sons survive her. The funeral will be held in Boulder, but the interment will be in Helena this forenoon from the Montana Central depot. The body will arrive on the early train from Butte and will be met at the depot by old time friends of Mr. Taylor.—Independent.

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TRANSFERS.

The Following Instruments Were Filed During the Week.

C. B. Word to Wm. Owsley, mining property and water rights; consideration \$800.

J. B. Shermerhorn vs. S. D. Mulinix; notice of mechanics lien.

John McConnel to Puget Sound Mining Co., the Rose Bud Lode, Hot Spring Mining district; consideration \$10,000

Chas. H. McKee to Wm. O'Brien et. al. one-half interest in Occidental Lode; consideration \$100.

Notice of appropriation of water by Geo. E. De Golia; 5000 inches of the lakes at base of Ward's Peak.

Sarg Hall to Wm. O'Brien, one-third interest in Sam Jones Lode; consideration \$100.

Notice of location of the Richmond Lode by P. J. Benson et. al.

Winthrop Raymond to Wm. McCoubie, piece of land near Sheridan; consideration \$100.

U. S. patent to Jean B. Pourier to the southeast one fourth, section seven, twp. six, south range, four west.

Chas. H. McKee to Mary Herhold, the Mohawk Lode; consideration \$50.

Emma O. Armitage and Ellen Marie Burger to Thos. Whitney, the north-west one-fourth of the north-west one-fourth of section 10; and south-west one-fourth of the southwest one-fourth of section three, southeast one-fourth of the southeast one-fourth section four, and the northeast one-fourth of the northeast one-fourth of section nine, twp. six, south of range one west; consideration \$10

Mary A. and D. R. Beck to Henry Eiling, all interest in Home Park Ranch; consideration \$8000.

S. O. Shaw to Geo. H. Long, one-sixth interest in Walker, J. F. Beck and Guy Leonard Lode claims, Tidal Wave district; consideration \$1.

Mrs. Frederick Sweetman to Henry Eiling and S. R. Buford, the Johnson Ranch; consideration \$1.

O. F. Parmeter to Mary Herhold, one-third interest in Star Spangled Banner Lode; consideration \$300.

Frank Woodfin to Chas. Simon, saloon in Sheridan; consideration \$600.

Geo. E. De Golia to Bald Mountain Mining Co., Heaton Lode claim, Bonanza Chief and Daisy Mill sites; consideration \$10.

Notices of location of the Oakland and Haton Lodes by Michael Page and Geo. E. De Golia, and the Daisy, Bonanza Chief and Mountain Queen Mill sites by Geo. E. De Golia.

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