



CHARLES H. VAN WYCK

Dies of a Stroke of Apoplexy in Washington, D. C.

A SOLDIER AND STATESMAN

Sudden Ending of a Noble Career—His Wife a Daughter of the Late John H. Brodhead of Milford—His Funeral Held in this Town—A Tribute to the Memory of the Deceased by Rev. Dr. Carpenter.

Ex-Senator Charles Van Wyck, of Nebraska, died at 4.30 o'clock Thursday afternoon October 24th at Washington, D. C. He was stricken with apoplexy Monday afternoon and his condition since had been very critical. He showed slight improvement Wednesday morning, but at night grew steadily worse and since then his death had been momentarily expected. At his bedside when the end came were Mrs. Van Wyck, a daughter, Miss Fannie, and his wife's brother, Mark Brodhead. Charles Henry Van Wyck was born at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 10, 1824. He graduated at Rutgers in 1843 and soon afterward entered upon the profession of law. From 1850 to 1856 he was District Attorney of Sullivan County, N. Y. He served in the Lower House two terms from 1858 to 1863 as a Republican. Before the close of his last term in the House he was chosen colonel of the Tenth Legion, or Fifty-sixth Regiment of New York



EX-SENATOR VAN WYCK.

Volunteers. He went to the front and served with General McClellan in the Peninsula campaign. In 1865 he was brevetted brigadier-general. After the war he returned to the practice of his profession and was again elected to Congress in 1867 and again served two terms. In 1874 he removed from New York to Nebraska and engaged in farming. But he soon drifted back into politics and in 1876 was a member of the Constitutional Convention. He was then elected to the State Senate, where he served until 1880, when he was elected to the United States Senate. He retired from the Senate in 1887 and returned to Nebraska, where he was subsequently twice a candidate for reelection without success. Mr. Van Wyck, although a very rich man, was an implacable foe of corporations.

Mr. Van Wyck married a daughter of Col. Brodhead, of this place, whose son, Rev. Augustus Brodhead, was a well-known missionary in India. The body accompanied by the members of the family was brought here for burial. At Port Jervis the sad party was met by a number from Milford and the remains were conveyed to the Presbyterian church at Milford. The procession was led by Rev. Thomas Nichols and Rev. Hugh Smith Carpenter, D. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y. Then followed the honorary pall bearers: John C. Westphal, Hon. J. J. Hart, R. C. Bull, Col. A. E. Lewis, E. Warner and W. H. Armstrong. The active bearers were A. D. Brown, J. C. Wallace, Wm. Angle, Wm. Mitchell, H. T. Baker, Esq., and J. H. Van Etten.

The body of the late general reposed in a handsome casket which was draped with a flag contributed

by Commander Mat. Van Akin of Carroll Post, G. A. R., of Port Jervis.

Last came the wife, daughter, relatives and friends of the deceased general.

Services at the church were opened by scripture reading and prayer by the Rev. Thomas Nichols, after which the choir composed of Mrs. H. G. Williamson, Mr. Wilfred Brodhead, of Milford; Hon. W. E. McCormick and C. E. Van Inwegen, of Port Jervis, rendered the hymn "Nearer My God to Thee" by special request.

The funeral address was by Rev. Dr. Carpenter, a brother-in-law of the deceased, and was as follows:

I am privileged to make this mention of a life just finished, just finished in its earthly stage, it has finished what the good old Bible calls "its course." A mere shadow of its actual and absolute career, nevertheless symbolical and significant of much both as to character and to destiny. Charles H. Van Wyck was a public man and a person of very strong and striking traits, I mis-spoke when I say was for in such cases what we must say as when one goes on a journey, simply he is departed he has not gone out he has gone on and what he was, in all growth and culture in all faith, hope and character. If he finds the salvation of it in the second man who is the Lord from heaven, he is and will be more than ever as time goes on. Charles H. Van Wyck while he was here evinced large and affluent traits in which there intruded nothing that was scant, mean or small, whatever may have been his faults and infirmities, such as all men have. His disposition was always large and full, and first of all he was an honorable man, his integrity was an imperative instinct, disclosing itself as well in matters small and large, in matters personal and domestic, as well as social and public.

He never posed in heroics, but he was heroic all the same, candid, outspoken, brave, if sometimes impulsive. It is believed that his political possibilities, opportunities or aspirations were always subordinated to his sense of duty and regard for the rights of others. After serving his state in civic functions he entered Congress and essayed to represent his constituents with much assiduity. At the coming on of the great war he at once laid down his own, his personal interests, and risked his life and enlisted. From the time of his enlistment he devoted his whole energies to the service of the nation and was especially ardent in that consideration for his men in camp and in the field which of itself betokened at once a strict disciplinarian and a warm hearted officer. From the lips of those who served under him comes ample and willing testimony that his bravery was not rashness nor his ardent recklessness. If ever he let himself loose it was in the impulsiveness of speech, but in council and in action, he was always steady and deliberate. In that frame that lies there now before us locked in the motionless and speechless rest that supervenes for every life on earth at last, there lies a wound which through all these years has caused him an effort to suppress the pain of it. For the first time now it lies quiet and insensate, an emblem pledge and token that there is a life, a land in which there shall be no pain, as there is a land, a life, in which neither can they die any more. He was entitled to the compensation of a pension, whatever that may be, but to the best of my knowledge and belief he never asked for nor received it. Returning from the camp he entered again into the halls of Congress as re-elected by large votes and sat himself somewhat conspicuously and even aggressively against the usurpation of monopolies. In after days he was much spoken of and spoken to as a candidate or propounded nominee for higher public functions. Possibly he might have conciliated opposition but he never truckled and he no-

where trimmed. The office must seek him, not he the office. There was already entered in his heart and habit of thought, the same impulse of retirement and agricultural taste and content which swayed the mind of such men as Lycurgus and Cincinnatus, or George Washington, and the life and sweets of domesticity became very precious to him. He delighted in his Nebraska farm and his home life became very dear to his nature. That life had its own enchantment but it was an enchantment which was due as much to his own devoted tenderness as the constant affection of those who shared it with him. I am not so circumstanced that it would be allowable for me to step across this threshold. Always a domestic man, who always cherished and revered his venerable mother to her last days, his godly mother also trained him in the best principles, and, in his maturer days entering into the bonds of matrimony he was the very model of a lover and a husband. Scarcely a day passed without his cheery questioning of his beloved whether her happiness continued, he forestalled all her wishes and all her comforts. Never for a moment did any cloud of discord brood upon this lovely home, clouds did brood and tears of sorrow did rain. Their three children sank away almost at once. They lie there side by side almost of a size and that homestead fell in sleep. I went with them to the burial place and saw them laid to rest here in this charming cemetery where we lay his form to-day. Afterwards the Lord was pleased to bless them with another infant who is living still to share her mother's desolation and her father's memory and honor. Thus now the household is unbroken in the unity of the soul which connects this life in its revolutions to the realm on high. "Part of the host have crossed the flood and part are passing now."

Charles Van Wyck was never a man to speak much of his religion, I feel sure that he lived it. In his home the family altar could be raised, the sanctuary ever had his reverent regard and his liberal support, his gifts were general to the churches and all benevolent objects without regard to sectarian distinctions or local limitations. His plans were enlarging for usefulness and the happiness of others, even as he spent his last day and drew his last breath. He was well honored by the token and tribute bestowed by his adopted state, bearing full witness to his honor as a soldier, a counsellor, a statesman and a man.

But perhaps the chief testimony must be the gratitude of the poor whom he befriended so liberally and incessantly. Just a little while before his death a branch of the Salvation Army came upon his homestead whom he welcomed to its fullest hospitality and when still later a poor woman complained to him that her children were destitute of clothing he first fed them all and then furnished each of them with three suits of clothes. In considering such a character we can allow the words of the gospel to interpret the prospect of higher life: "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord." And again: "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

Vote for Milton Armstrong, Improvements. We note that Frank Crissman, the enterprising and popular landlord of the "Crissman House," finds his accommodations too limited for his rapidly increasing business and is tearing down and building larger. An addition of 24x40 and a lean-to 12x24 will be erected, Carpenter George Smith does the work. Another proof of the popularity of Milford is that H. B. Wells is making a large addition to the Bluff House.

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JUDG, MOTT DEAD.

Settled With a Hemorrhage in His Bedroom.

Hon. M. D. Mott, Associate Judge of Pike county, Editor of the Milford Dispatch and Ex-member of the State Legislature, died suddenly at 2 P. M. to-day of hemorrhage of the lungs. Mr. Mott had been in ill health for some time, and recently visited the seashore where he thought he might derive benefit and was contemplating a return. His death was wholly unexpected to his family and friends. He leaves surviving a wife, the daughter of J. C. Westbrook, Prothonotary, three small children, a mother and one brother, Harry S. Mott of Washington, D. C., and two sisters, Mrs. Ann Wells, widow of the late Hon. D. A. Wells, and Besse, wife of C. O. Armstrong.

Mr. Mott was widely known and respected in the community. He was an honorable and just man, a consistent Christian gentleman and a member of the Presbyterian Church of Milford. We tender to his sorrowing family and friends our sincere and heartfelt sympathy. Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

A more extended obituary will appear in next week's issue.

Advertise in the Press. North British and Mercantile Insurance Co. of London and Edinburgh. RYMAN & WELLS, Agents, Milford, Pa.

Game Party. Old hunters say that deer are more numerous than for a number of years past. This county seems to be paradise for game. Recently a party of New York hunters who had been spending a week at John M. Hoffman's in Dingman township killed one doe and three fawns. One of the kid fawns was nearly devoured by dogs and the Union says all were killed in close vicinity to the residence of ex-Sheriff Hoffman.

This must be a mistake. The Act of 1878 provides that "no person shall pursue at any time any deer with dogs, in any part of said county. . . . Dogs pursuing deer may be killed by any person, etc." Now the ex-Sheriff has repeatedly declared that he allowed no one to violate the game law with his knowledge and he keeps no dog but a churmer, hence there were no dogs there.

Years ago some evil minded meddler informed a party known as "The Pike County Game Association" that the Sheriff pursued deer with dogs and he was arrested. At the trial he proved conclusively that he did not run with the dogs, hence he was not pursuing deer with dogs, and was triumphantly acquitted.

The Union should be careful how it insinuates by innuendos. Sheriff Hoffman is an ex-peace officer of the Commonwealth and he says he permits no infringement of the game law by hunters staying at his house. That settles it.

Subscribe for the Press. Young Kirtz Improving. Frank Kirtz, who was so badly wounded last week by the accidental discharge of a gun, the contents of both barrels entering his body, is reported as doing well.

The American Fire Insurance Company, Philadelphia. RYMAN & WELLS, Agents, Milford, Pa.

Administration Notice. Letters of administration upon the estate of Sebastian Newburger, late of Palenray township, deceased have been granted to the undersigned. All persons having claims against said estate will present them, and those indebted to said decedent will please make immediate payment to HORACE E. KIPP, Administrator, Pottsville, Oct. 24, 1895.

OBITUARY.

J. OTTENHEIMER.

The manager of Forest Park Hotel died in New York City Oct. 25th.

Mr. Ottenheimer, well known to people of this county as a progressive and indefatigable citizen and as one who made the wilderness blossom as a rose, died in New York on Friday morning last.

He gave employment to many men, was liberal and will be greatly missed in the community. He was about fifty-five years old and leaves a wife, several daughters and one son.

JANE JURISON. Jane Briscoe died Sunday, Oct. 27th. Surviving her are one daughter, three sisters and one brother.

Vote for C. C. Shannon. A Good Thing if Properly Conducted. The young men of Milford have organized a social circle for literary and general improvement. At a meeting held Tuesday evening the following officers were elected:

President—J. F. Terwilliger. Vice-Presidents—Charles Thornton, Harry Reed, Horace Kipp. Secretaries—Ben Emery, Lewis Rudolph.

Treasurer—John Aldrich. Executive Committee—H. Terwilliger, Emile P. Bergot, George R. Bull, Theo. H. Baker, F. B. Thrall and Walter L. Angle.

The club has about fifteen members and will, when fully launched, offer one evening every week to the ladies.

Vote for J. C. Westbrook, Jr. Our Candidates. There are many excellent reasons why you should vote the Republican nominee this fall in this county.

Milton Armstrong, for sheriff, is a man well-known, careful, capable, pleasant in address, judicious in temperament, fair-minded, cool in deliberation and decided in action. His wide acquaintance with the people would inspire confidence in his faithful performance of the duties of the office. His residence here at the County seat where he would always be accessible to those having business in his office, thus avoiding the necessity of entrusting important matters in the hands of a deputy, is a decided advantage to all. If you wish the duties pertaining to the sheriff's office faithfully and impartially performed vote for Milton Armstrong. Mr. C. C. Shannon, the nominee for coroner, is too well-known to need commendation. A life-long resident of the county, he is identified with her interests. As holding the office of justice of the peace and on several occasions having performed the duties of coroner he is familiar with the details and duties of the position. His residence at Lackawanna on the line of the Erie, where most of the cases requiring the services of a coroner arise, and where promptness of action is necessary render it highly desirable that he be elected. These important cases would then fall in the hands of a responsible official. They would not be managed by some justice, who while desiring to do his duty, by reason of inexperience, might fail, and thus the interests of the commonwealth suffer. Let us have capable, intelligent officials and then hold them to strict accountability. In point of fitness for the respective offices of sheriff and coroner we submit our candidates with confidence to the voters of Pike county.

Insure your property in the Fire Association of Philadelphia. RYMAN & WELLS, Agents, Milford, Pa.

We are Here to Stay. A man by the name of Van Etten wants to start a Republican newspaper in Pike county. As a daring adventurer he ranks with Peary.—Lansford Record and Milford Dispatch.

Well we have lived the life of a consistent Republican among Pike county Democrats for twenty-five years. In view of this does any one question our political or moral courage? We do not care to seek the pole or go to Africa, we have work enough right here as an explorer in to some Democratic ways and a reformer of those who still persist in that belief.

PIKE COUNTY COURTS.

The Regular Term Held Oct. 21, 1895.

MUCH BUSINESS DONE.

No Civil Trials—Several Criminal Cases Disposed of—Alex. P. Hoover Committed to Jail for Non-payment of Costs.

The regular October term of courts convened the 21st at 2 p. m. with Hon. G. S. Purdy, President Judge, and Associate Judges present. Hon. M. D. Mott absent on account of ill health.

The constables from the several townships made returns. The grand jury was then given the usual charge and retired.

On motion of H. T. Baker, Esq., Henry A. Knapp, Esq., of Scranton, was admitted to practice in the several courts.

In the matter of the estate of C. Ott, deceased, the heirs were called to accept or refuse the real estate. No bids being offered the court, on motion of J. H. Van Etten, A. D. Brown was appointed trustee to make sale and to give bonds in \$4,000.

Marcus Kroger naturalized. East Stroudsburg Lumber Co. vs. J. Ottenheimer, opinion and order of court quashing writ filed.

Estate Peter Walter, deceased, opinion dismissing exceptions to report confirmed.

Estate Abraham Cross, deceased, order and return of sale of real estate filed, and ordered that a deed be executed unless exceptions be filed within one week.

Estate Mary A. Wiss, deceased, order of sale of real estate and return filed and confirmed "n. si." And that deed be executed unless exceptions are filed in one week.

Estate Anton Bentschel, called Reinhardt. Petition of heirs for sale of real estate, J. H. Van Etten, Esq., appointed trustee to make said sale and to give bond in \$2,000.

Reinhold Wenzel vs. Charlotte Wenzel, divorce, order of publication.

Estate Peter Walter, deceased, alias writ in partition and return of jury of inquest filed and confirmed "n. si."

Commonwealth vs. Frank Moras. Indictment larceny, true bill—Defendant pleads guilty. Sentenced to pay costs \$1 fine and imprisonment in county jail for 30 days.

Ella Gibbons vs. El. Gibbons, Divorce—C. W. Bull, Esq., appointed commissioner to take testimony evidence filed and divorce decreed.

Hoffman vs. Hoffman, H. T. Baker, Esq., appointed commissioner to take testimony.

Phelps vs. Phelps, divorce, on motion of J. H. Van Etten alias writ ordered to issue.

Estate David Howell, deceased. Petition of James N. Howell for partition of real estate filed, and writ awarded.

Court adjourned to 9 a. m. Oct. 22.

Transfer of license of E. J. Denton in Shohola to L. Walter Sammis.

Commonwealth vs. Podlanski. Indictment, assault and battery—Quashed for reason that defendant had plead guilty before the justice and should have been sentenced there under the Act of 1861.

Commonwealth vs. Jenny Bonichon and Julius Bonichon and same against same, in case one ignominious as to Julius and true bill as to Jenny.

Commonwealth vs. Thos. Heater. Jury called and Commonwealth offering no evidence defendant acquitted and pros. for costs. Assigned estate of Frank Demegri. In common pleas, Samuel Turn, assignee, H. T. Baker, Esq., appointed auditor.

battery—Trial and verdict not guilty and prosecutor Alex. P. Hoover for costs.

Commonwealth vs. Charles S. Pierce. Indictment, assault and battery—Continued.

Viewers on bridge in Green township, Bortrees's Mills: John C. Westbrook, Jr., Charles Frisbie, Benj. C. Smith, Bridge in Dingman township near Brown's viewers: Frank Scherer, John M. Hoffman, Charles Quinn.

Commonwealth vs. Hausman, two indictments, assault and battery and larceny, true bills.

Commonwealth vs. Jenny Bonichon and Julius Bonichon, Indictment assault and battery, true bill—Verdict defendants not guilty and to pay all the costs.

Grand Jury report that iron work in prisoners' quarters needs painting and coiling of same whitewashing and that joints in stone work on outside of Court House should be cemented.

C. B. Staples, receiver of Monroe Mutual Insurance Co., vs. Emily Cornelius, "n. si."—Bills to show cause why the summons shall not be quashed and time for filing affidavit of defense extended to 15 days after determination of rule.

Gehrige vs. Gehrige, divorce—Subpoena awarded.

Read from Willsborough to Grist mills of Taff and Pierson—Rule granted to show cause why proceedings shall not be set aside.

Estate Peter Walter, deceased, Rule on heirs to accept or refuse at valuation of jury, or to show cause why property shall not be sold.

Court adjourned to Nov. 7, 1895.

BRIEF MENTIONS. —We are indebted to the Dispatch for courtesy shown in this week's issue.

—The Town Council of Milford did the right thing at the right time—cleaned out the street gutters.

—Lundelius, the artist of Port Jervis, N. Y., designed the heading of the Press. It speaks for itself.

—It will pay you to advertise in the Press. We shall send out large editions. Your "ads." will reach every home in Pike County.

—The meritorious H. H. Holmes is on trial in Philadelphia before Judge Arnold and a jury, for the murder of Benj. F. Plevel to obtain an insurance on his life in the name of his wife as beneficiary.

—Much local matter has been unavoidably omitted and the correspondence which should appear is left out, for the reason that want of time and delay in obtaining necessary articles prevented. We are noxious and ask your forbearance for this time.

PERSONALS. —Mr. Thomas Rodman of New Hampton, Orange County, has the honor of paying the first subscription to the Press.

—Mr. Mark Brodhead and daughter Catharine and Mrs. C. H. Van Wyck and daughter Happy returned to Washington Tuesday. Mrs. Van Wyck and Mr. Brodhead will go to Nebraska on business.

—Mr. George St. John of Port Jervis has accepted a position on the Eastern division of the Erie.

—John C. Beck is building a farmhouse 32x36 on his place in Schoepce. Frank Dewitt will be the carpenter.

—Thos. Armstrong is remodeling his house on Catharine street, putting in hot water, etc., and when completed it will be a model residence.

—Mrs. Benschel is visiting in Philadelphia.

—Mrs. Savidge returned to New York in response to an urgent telegram.

—Mrs. J. J. Hart, wife of our M. C. entertained a party of guests consisting of Mrs. C. E. Van Inwegen, and Mrs. J. W. Lyon of Port Jervis, and Miss Huldah Bull, Miss Lizzie Bull, Mrs. J. C. Bull and Mrs. C. W. Bull of Milford at Newton on Monday, this week.

—At the Stauffer-Wallace wedding which took place at East Stroudsburg Oct. 24th Miss Lila Van Etten was one of the bridesmaids.

—John C. Warner and Robert Reid when coming from Port Jervis on Sunday met with an accident by reason of the horse stumbling. Both were thrown out of the carriage and sustained slight injuries.