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Obituary Notice.

Died at the residence of Mr. G W. Matkin, his son-in-law, near Wray, Washington county, Colorado, Tuesday morning, Dec. 11, 1888, Mr. Nathan Squires.

Deceased was born in Southport, Chemung county, New York, February 7, 1810; lacked but a few days of being 79 years of age. Mr. Squires was possessed of a remarkable degree of agility for one of his age. His parents emigrated to Pennsylvania when he was a mere youth. Returned to the home of his childhood at the age of 17. At the age of 22 he was married to Miss Rosetta Christian at Menty, Cavuga county, New York. With his beautiful and amiable bride he emigrated to Chicago, Ill., in 1842. Here he became acquainted with John Wentworth. Their acquaintance grew into friendship, remaining so during his stay in Chicago. The population of Chicago at that time was small. During the cholera season which occurred during his stay at Chicago he lost one of his children with that most dreaded disease. In the year 1853 he engaged in the mercantile business, remaining at that business until the breaking out of the late rebellion. With three of his sons he enlisted in the 52d regiment of Illinois volunteers. Was afterward discharged on account of disability. With his companion and those of his children remaining at home, he emigrated to Nemaha county, Neb., in 1863. There he experienced the privations that accompany homestead life. Remaining on his farm eight years he then moved to Nebraska City where he remained eight years. Leaving Nebraska City he moved to Thayer county, Nebraska, residing there two years. Purchasing a farm in Republic county, Kansas, and remaining there until his death.

On account of his wife's health they were on a visit to their daughter Mrs. G. W. Matkin who resided in Washington county, Colorado. Soon after arriving at that place he contracted a severe cold which settled on the left lobe of the lung, causing pneumonia. After four days of intense suffering his spirit took its flight.

His remains were brought from Wray, Colorado, accompanied by the grief stricken wife, two sons, and one daughter, for interment in the Evergreen cemetery near his old home in the Illinois settlement. Four of his sons being present were pall bearers, presented a beautiful and yet a solemn scene. The last sad rite was performed by those nearest and dearest. We could but shed tears of sympathy as we greeted his life-long companion.

The deceased leaves his companion and eight children to mourn his loss. Mrs. Squires will remain with her eldest daughter, Mrs. J. Johnston, who resides four miles south of Talmage. Four sons and one daughter reside in Nebraska; one daughter in Colorado; one in Illinois, and one son in Missouri.

Yes, father has gone! Mother is alone now. For years they have lived and toiled for each other. Now he has gone! This tenement of clay that we were wont to call, Father—The bone and muscle garment which the spirit has worn for years has been properly conveyed to its last resting place in Evergreen cemetery; while the eternal inmost—the spirit—has passed to a fairer country.

As the bud bursts and discloses the flower in all its beauties, so his spirit as it escaped from this form, launched out in all its splendor to behold the beauties of the celestial world. A light has been extinguished on earth, to grow brighter in the land of spirits. In that land of departed dear ones, progression is inevitable. Its pathway is onward and upward, leading the happy pilgrim nearer and nearer to the eternal one, and Oh! what a consolation to know that we shall meet beyond the Gate.

One by one our loved ones leave us,
As the hour of life grows late;
One by one their partings grieve us,
They are passing through the gate.

One by one we all are going,
Down the pathway steep and straight;
Ah the joy there is in knowing,
We shall meet beyond the gate.

Could we by some mysterious magic wand,
Restore to health our dearest our most loving friend;
Could we with iron grasp and firmness say:
Grim death! thou must thy progress stay.

As we beside the couch of dying friends do stand,
Beholding the grasp of death's cold icy hand;
As we behold the last imploring gaze on us,
We then must say: "'tis well," for God hath made it thus.

In agony we bow, and kneeling kiss the rod,
In fancy we behold the path the Savior trod
A consolation in his word we then shall find—
He, by his agonizing death, restoreth all mankind.

MISS MARY SETZ.

TALMAGE, NEBR., Dec. 29, 1888.

A Railroad Train in a Forest Fire.

The train, lessening its speed, was soon obliged to creep cautiously between banks of rosered embers or solid cords of roaring wood—the wood which had been cut and piled for commerce. The pine-branches on the flat car ignited, driving the brass band into an inclosed carriage for shelter. Men with buckets dropped to ditches beside the track and dipped up water to throw on the train, creeping on the platforms again with scorched clothes and hands and faces blistered.

One who has never been in a forest fire can scarcely imagine its intense heat, the acrid blinding smoke, the suddenness with which trees flash from root to crown, and grass blazes far from any spark, as if the earth itself were burning, the furnace glow of piled logs, the heated air from baked ground.

Incredible sights showed through that nightmare of fire. Moss inclosed stumps spurted flame many times their own height. Young ferns, scarce unrolled, sprang green and fresh from one side of a log, while the other side quivered in living coals.

The train stopped. It could creep in retreat no farther, for its track was burned, the rails warped into fantastic curves. Blackened and blistered paint ran down the car sides.

The doors and windows had all been closed to keep out smoke and sickening heat. Every passenger in the carriage gasped for breath. The floor was so hot it burned their feet. The window glass could not be touched. They could all see the wooden sides of the inclosure warp.

When the doomed train had hung a minute in the midst of this furnace, some one opened a door and shouted that it was on fire. Into the blistering, smoke darkened air, and out upon a forest floor spread with embers and quivering with heat, the people all rushed. Women fainted and were dragged up and carried by their fathers or brothers. The escape valve of the locomotive was left open by its flying engineer, but it uttered its steam wail briefly, being relieved by explosion.

When days had cooled the forest to blackness, a distorted boiler and some rows of iron wheels were found where the train came to a stop.—From "The Bells of Ste. Anne," by Mary Hartwell Catherwood, in ST. NICHOLAS for January.

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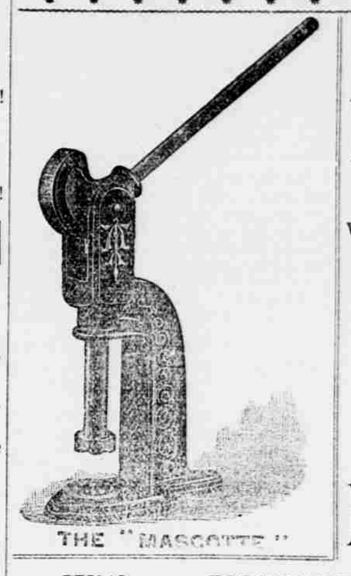

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