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## TALK OF THE TOWN

### Major J. C. Minor Dead

Last Thursday morning about three o'clock Major John Chew Minor breathed his last after an illness of several weeks from cirrhosis of the liver. Thus passes away an eventful and useful life of a man who was modest, gentlemanly and kind, courteous to all alike and was untiring in his devotion to Dr. Winder of whom the Major frequently spoke and referred to as the venerable old man. No less was the devotion of Dr. Winder to his friend the Major who has been in the employ of the government with the Doctor and Chas. Reiter during the past ten years and their constant association have endeared them one to another.

Major Minor's father was a captain in the U. S. Navy but resigned at the beginning of the civil war and was made chief of ordinance in the confederate army and died shortly after the close of the war. His mother lived until five years ago and though the family had been wealthy they lost everything during the war and all the Major's earnings were sent to his aged mother for her support until her death, at Fredericksburg, saving only enough for his own use. A cousin, Mrs. Grafton, whose husband is an official on the Pennsylvania R. R., is the only relative known, though he has perhaps numerous distant relatives. Little is known of the Major's early life and training as he seldom spoke of himself. During the civil war Mr. Minor, then a young man of 20, enlisted and served under Generals A. P. Hill and J. T. (Stonewall) Jackson as a Major in the confederate army, was wounded in the breast at the battle of the Wilderness and fought in many battles for the cause which he believed to be just and was willing to devote his life to the service of his country and its people.

Since the close of the civil war the Major has held numerous positions of trust and honor, working in charge of a large number of men at Flagstaff, Ariz., for the Sante Fe R. R. Later in charge of the Jamul Cement Works in southern California and again as Chief Deputy Collector, under Collector of the Port, Arnold, at San Diego, Cal. At the latter place he met Dr. Wm. A. Winder, who is a brother-in-law to Admiral Dewey, Dr. Winder having charge of the U. S. Marine Hospital. In 1893 Hoke Smith, secretary of the Interior, appointed Dr. Winder allotting agent at Round Valley, Cal., and the Dr. selected Major Minor and Chas. Reiter as assistants who have been with him to the present time and since March, 1895, have been on duty at Rosebud Reservation, relieving former allotting agent, Craigier.

The funeral services were held at the Episcopal church Monday at 2:30 p. m. and interment made at Mount Hope cemetery. A large number of friends followed the remains to the cemetery.

Our people have seen the familiar forms of the Doctor and Major and noted their devotion to each other. Their fathers were fast friends before them and they seemed like father and son, the Major always attentive and striving to make the Doctor comfortable, who was nearly 20 years older and though more feeble from age has survived the Major and may yet live another 10 years or more.

The Doctor has the sympathy of all who know him and all will feel that he is more endeared to them because of his age and recent bereavement.

### Fire.

Shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday morning as Miss Eason, accompanied by Miss Muchmore, were going to the depot to catch the east-bound train, they noticed that the old court house was on fire. They stepped into the Donoher and notified Mike Clynes, the night clerk, who promptly ran to H. Stetter's saloon and found help to take the hose cart out. Henry Stetter rang the bell vigorously, waking nearly everybody within a half a block of the bell. The citizens turned out and worked with a will to save the building and with success, though it looked at one time as though nothing could save it from complete destruction. Willing workers groped through the thick smoke on the second floor and removed Mr. Cornell's piano from the hall while others poured two streams on the flames below.

The fire evidently started on the first floor in the southeast part of the building, the part occupied by F. H. Baumgartel with a stock of dry goods,

shoes, notions, etc., and his loss is practically total, as all the stock not burned is badly scorched and soaked with water. From the appearance of the building after the fire it is evident that the fire started in the store and burned downward through the double floor and heavy joice and must have smouldered nearly all night, the tight stone foundation not allowing it sufficient air to burn much.

J. C. Webb, proprietor of the Donoher had a lot of his furniture stored in one of the rooms. It was carried out and suffered but little damage, from water.

The citizens worked with a will and the result would have been a credit to the paid fire department of a city. Jas. Irwin, A. Schatzbauer, Allen Sparks, Wm. Efner, Wm. Taylor, Elmer Bristol, Walter Jackson, O. W. Morey and son Ed, Tom and George Hornby, A. G. Shaw, Robert Robinson, Jake Tobein, Wm. Pettycrew, Jack Hooten, John Eaton, T. Cramer and W. H. Weekes, in addition to those who heard the first alarm, and quite a number of others whose names we failed to learn also did good work and were heroic firemen at a time when their services were needed and deserve great credit and favorable mention.

There was \$3,000 insurance on the building, which belongs to Mr. Cornell, which will more than cover his loss. Mr. Baumgartel carried \$4,000 on his stock of goods and Mr. Webb's household goods which were stored in the building were insured for \$800.

### Obituary.

Through an oversight last week we failed to mention the death of J. B. Cox of Crookston. We publish the following obituary sent in from Crookston:

James B. Cox was transferred from the church militant to the church triumphant April 27, 1902.

Bro. Cox was born Jan. 10, 1858. He married Miss Lorilla Ray Oct. 31, 1876. To this union seven children were born, of which five are now living. He came from Missouri to Cherry county, Neb., and made his home seven miles northwest of Crookston. Bro. Cox joined the M. E. church at North Star, April 9, 1899. He was a faithful follower of the meek and lowly Jesus. During the night before he passed away in the morning he sang "Oh, how I love Jesus," "Only a few more trials" and "Why do you wait dear brother?" As a citizen he was generous, honest and kind. As a husband and father he was loving, gentle and true. As a christian he was always true to his Master and loyal to his Church. Truly a good man has gone from among us. His funeral was held at the North Star school house, and a large company of neighbors were there to pay their last respects to the deceased and the mourning family.

His body was laid in the Crookston cemetery beneath the sod to wait the resurrection morn. The mourning family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends. The funeral was conducted by his pastor.

JAMES A. JOHNSON.

### Card of Thanks.

I wish to extend my thanks to my friends who rendered aid, and to those that offered their services through the sickness of my friend, Major Minor.

DR. W. A. WINDER.

C. A. Lovejoy was on our streets Tuesday.

Geo. F. Heine, of Hooper, was in town this week.

John Powell, of Norden, was in our city on business Tuesday.

Hon. Frank Rothleutner, of Georgia, was in town the first of the week.

John Ormesher says the ad brought 'em or something did. The potatoes went like hot cakes.

Will Morgareidge and wife and Miss Morgareidge were among the teachers last Saturday at the association.

D. A. Hancock and F. W. Jersig 'wo Missouri stockmen recently purchasing ranches in this country are in town this week.

John Ballard, of near Simeon, had the misfortune to lose his house by fire last Monday and barely saved some of the contents by quick work.

Jay Moffatt has gone down to his homestead in Boyd county for a week during a shortage of cigar wrappers in the cigar factory of A. E. Webb.

## Alterations

We are busy this week making alterations and improvements, but not too busy to supply your wants.

## Next Week

We will have something to tell you in the way of Bargains and New Goods. Wait and see our new lines of Summer Goods. It will pay you

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