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Mr. Hinman said: This afflicting event speaks louder, sir, to you and to me, and to others whose heads are blossomed with gray. Our departed friend has left us bright examples to be followed, and it becomes us, sir, on this occasion, to bring the matter home to ourselves. Each and every one of us should ask ourselves the question, whether we are prepared to follow our esteemed friend and brother? Scarcely six months have passed since we, some thirty of us, surrounded this dead and received the oath of our office. Since then, sir, two of us have been called to leave this world. Who, on that occasion, would have supposed that the two who have been selected could have been Edward Duff and John Price Wetherill? I say that these afflictions should be brought home to the feelings and hearts of each individual; and let us endeavor to emulate the virtues of John Price Wetherill, so to conduct ourselves—so to live in our public and private capacities that at our decease the same eulogies, with the same propriety, may be pronounced as upon our esteemed fellow citizen.

The resolutions from Select Council were unanimously adopted. Mr. Diehl moved that the President be one of the pallbearers. Adopted. Messrs. Diehl, Hinman and Abbey were also appointed pallbearers; and Common Council adjourned to meet on Wednesday afternoon, at three o'clock.

CARS RETIRED UPON HIS FARM IN MADISON COUNTY. BRIDGE TO CONNECT NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN.

Mr. John A. Roebling, civil engineer, suggests the following plan of a wire suspension bridge, to connect the cities of New York and Brooklyn. He proposes that it should cross the East river by a single span, at such an elevation as will not impede the navigation. The bridge floor will be continued on each side of the river, descending at a gentle rate, and forming a series of large spans, which will extend over several squares without touching the roofs of the houses until the high ground is reached on which the approaches will be located. Only so much ground will be permanently occupied between the river and the approaches as will be wanted for the foundations of the towers. The present design is to build two floors above each other, similar to the Niagara bridge. The lower floor will serve as an ordinary road bridge for all kinds of vehicles and passengers. The upper floor will support two railroad tracks, on which two trains of cars will be kept running back and forth, performing a trip every five or ten minutes. These trains will pass each other in the centre of the bridge. They will be connected and propelled by an endless wire rope, worked by a stationary engine at one end. One thousand passengers may be conveyed every trip, with all the ease and comfort that well constructed, ventilated and warmed cars will afford. The tops of the towers, elevated over three hundred feet, would afford the best opportunity for putting up government light's, observatories, lookouts, &c. The rate of ascent and descent or the grade of the bridge will depend on the elevation of the river span and the locality of the approaches. The total aggregate height of the mainmast of the clipper ship *Rad Jacket*, one of the largest of its class, measures 210 feet from the step, which length includes the topmast, topgallant royal and skysail. This would be about two hundred feet above the water. In connection with this subject it is proper to add that the present tendency is to reduce rather than increase the height of ship masts. To attain the height of two hundred feet it is necessary only to go back as far as the Park on the New York side, without resorting to a steeper grade than three degrees, or about five feet in a hundred. It is not intended to supersede the now existing ferries. A large portion of the commercial community, transacting business near the river on either side, will continue to patronize them in preference to the bridge. Mr. Roebling thinks that by the time the bridge can be completed the intercourse between the two cities will have so much increased, that not only all the existing ferries may be supported, but enough will be left to make the bridge investment one of the best stocks in the country.

PLAN FOR THE RELIEF OF BROADWAY.

A correspondent suggests the following plan for the relief of Broadway. He proposes to remove the present sidewalks entirely, making the carriage way flush with the buildings on both sides, thus doubling its present width. The windows of the stores might then be set back so as to allow sidewalks of sufficient width to be laid between them and the front pillars, which would be left standing as they now are; or, in other words, forming an arcade for foot passengers which would protect them from the sun and rain, as well as free the walks from ice and snow in winter. Awnings and shades, now so necessary to preserve elegant and costly goods, might be dispensed with, besides numerous other benefits to the pedestrian, as well as the shopkeeper, which are too obvious to need enumeration. The cost would be less than by any other mode proposed, as most of the stores have the pillars already, and it would be only necessary to set the windows back; while the churches would not be disturbed. The whole might be done with a view to architectural effect, thereby adding to the beauty as well as comfort and convenience of this great thoroughfare.

REGISTRATION IN THE MERCHANT SERVICE.

STATISTICS OF LONDON.—London covers at present a space of 122 square miles. It contains 327,301 houses, and 2,362,236 inhabitants, the annual increase of the population being upwards of 40,000. The length of all the different streets is 1750 miles. The paving of them cost £14,000,000, and the yearly cost of keeping the pavement in repair is £1,800,000. London has now 1937 miles of gas pipes, and the same length of water pipes. The introduction of gas cost £3,000,000. There are 360,000 burners in the city, which consume every night 13,000,000 cubic feet of gas, valued at £500,000, or \$2,500,000. The Bankers of London have under their control a capital of £84,000,000, and the different Insurance companies have a cash capital of £10,000,000 and £28,000,000 in negotiable paper. The taxes on houses amount yearly to £12,500,000. The furniture of these houses is insured to the amount of £168,000,000. Twenty thousand persons are constantly employed in keeping the docks in repair. —[N. Y. Evening Post.]

Where in this vast community, could we have selected one more generally known or deservedly appreciated than John Price Wetherill. His life and actions have been reviewed for the last ten days by the entire people, (as evinced by an unprecedented anxiety in the result of his disease,) and their return has been a unanimous verdict of "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." It is a source of peculiar gratification, Sir, to those who loved him best, to know that in his last hours he felt and bore evidence of that feeling that "is not 'the whole of life to live, nor all of death to die.'" He met the stern demands of that fell destroyer with a warm, confiding faith on his acceptance in "another and a better world." He was possessed of that indomitable energy of character, unswerving integrity and devotion to the best interests of the city, which has associated his name with its most prominent benefactors; and will go down to posterity enshrined in the gratitude of our citizens as an object of emulation to those who may be called to fill the various public trusts discharged by him with so much honor and efficiency. I arose, Sir, to second the resolutions, which I now do.

The resolutions were passed unanimously. Mr. Waterman moved that four members of Select Council and four members of Common Council be appointed to act as pall bearers at the funeral of the deceased. Messrs. Waterman, Perkins, Lancaster and Lennig were appointed. Select Council then adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

COMMON COUNCIL.—After presenting the preamble and resolutions from Select Council, Mr. Snowden, President, said—Councils have been convened in consequence of the decease of John Price Wetherill, President of Select Council, who ended his mortal career in this city, surrounded by his family, on Sunday, the 24th inst., at 3 A. M. On Wednesday, the 18th, in company with the President of the United States, Mr. Wetherill left this city to attend the World's Fair, in the city of New York. Previously to leaving the city, he was very active in making arrangements for the reception of the President, and after he had done this, he devoted all his time in extending to the President the hospitalities of our city. On Friday evening, the 15th inst., Mr. Wetherill was taken sick in the city of New York, and on Saturday, the 16th, he left in company with the President, on his return back to this city. I heard from him at one o'clock on that day, by telegraph. When he arrived here, at two o'clock, he was seriously indisposed, and had suffered much on his journey from New York to Philadelphia. After his arrival he made no complaint of pain; he appeared at that moment to have been stricken with death, although I had not formed that opinion, and did not until Monday, about one o'clock, when I had serious fears for his recovery.

In his death society has lost a useful member, this city a brother and a friend, and his family an indulgent parent and husband. I now move that this Chamber concur in the preamble and resolutions as offered and expressed by the member from Select Chamber.

Mr. Diehl said—I am aware, Mr. President, that these resolutions contain all that can be said of our deceased brother, and it may be unnecessary for me to say a word. They speak, I am sure, so truthfully the sentiments of every member in this Chamber, that I have no doubt they will receive a unanimous approval. I know, sir, that it is the lot of man to die. I know it is our duty to bow submissively to the will of an All-wise Providence. I believe that these dispensations of our Creator are the severest trials we are called upon to bear. Upon an occasion like this, and under circumstances like those with which we are now surrounded, it appears to me to be eminently proper that something more should be done than offering these silent tributes of respect, however proper and appropriate they may be. When the ties of friendship, induced by a long acquaintance, strengthened by a high regard for the deceased, is thus severed, it is proper that the tongue should give expression to the sentiments which the heart prompts. Death, sir, is an event of no ordinary moment.

For twenty-five years has the deceased been in the municipal bodies of this city, during which time he had freely devoted himself to the advancement of the city of his birth, and I may say, the city of his love. There has not existed a more earnest, industrious member of the community, in all things relating to the prosperity of Philadelphia, than he. The void created by his death is no ordinary one, not only in the household of which he was the honored head, but in this community, of which he was a member. If you speak of him as being extensively and honorably known in this community—that is what we all know—you affirm nothing but what we all believe. For myself, I am free to say I know of no man whose death has occasioned more entire regret.

I notice, Mr. President, that the tear of sorrow is in your eyes. It is just that it should be so—it is honorable to you that it is so—for you have enjoyed the privilege of a more extended, and, perhaps, more intimate acquaintance than any around you, and had the opportunity of judging his works. I wish that I had the power to speak of John Price Wetherill as he deserves to be spoken of; but it is only left for me to join with you, and those around you, and our fellow citizens, in respect to his memory.

Mr. Griscorn said—I feel as every member must feel, that each of us, on this occasion, should have the privilege of saying a word, to express our feelings on this solemn and most unexpected event. This community has been stricken by a blow as unexpected and as violent, so far as regards the feelings of almost every man in the community, as has befallen us these many years. I had not the honor of being intimately acquainted with John Price Wetherill until after I was elected a member of this Chamber. I must say that no one who has enjoyed that friendship, could separate from him without feeling that he had lost one on whom he could rely on all occasions, in time of need, as a warm, ardent, sincere man. He was a man of eminence—not by any qualities that affect display; for he was a man unpretending, and totally void of all ostentation—but he arose to as high a position in the affections of his fellow citizens, and the esteem of every good man, as any citizen in this community. It was the triumph of moral worth, as contrasted with ostentation, he spent a whole life-time in doing good, and was never known to do evil. No individual can put his finger upon a single act of his, and show anything inconsistent with the dignity of a moral citizen. I am well aware that John Price Wetherill had his errors—so has every living being. He was ever satisfied, and consciously never did wrong towards any one. That is the best, the wisest eulogium that can be paid him. Never was this community in such a state of excitement—a lively interest was awakened by the precarious condition of our fellow townsman. The rumor got abroad that he was dying; and you could not walk a single square without inquiries as to the health of John Price Wetherill. Persons standing upon the corners would have for their evening topic the illness of Mr. Wetherill.

With regard to his public acts, it does not become me to speak before those who have known him longer and better. I am glad that the opportunity has been granted me to speak and join with my whole heart in the resolutions, and everything else.

Meeting of City Councils.—Death of John Price Wetherill.

A special meeting of Councils was convened at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, for the adoption of some appropriate testimonial of respect to the memory of the late John Price Wetherill, Esq.

In Select Council, Mr. Hagert, on motion of Mr. Duffee, was called to the Chair. 60-1

Upon taking his seat the Chairman spoke as follows:—"It is my melancholy duty to announce that it has been the pleasure of an all-wise Providence to remove from the scenes of his life, JOHN PRICE WETHERILL, late President of the Select Council. He died at the United States Hotel, in this city, at 3 o'clock on Sunday morning, surrounded by affectionate friends, and in the enjoyment of all his faculties. I assure you in communicating this afflictive bereavement no heart feels more keenly and more deeply that I do, the grief which pervades us all.

Having now announced to you his departure, it remains for us to proceed to make the necessary arrangements to do honor to his memory. Gentlemen, I feel as you all feel, I know, on this solemn occasion. Can it be—can it be, I say, that JOHN PRICE WETHERILL is no more? It is hard—hard, indeed, to realize it. Can it be that the cold and icy hand of death has been laid upon that warm and generous heart? So it is, and sad it is; but nevertheless it is true! It would be highly improper for me and altogether out of place, if I had the ability, to deliver an eulogy on his character. It is written on all we see around us, all that is beautiful and prosperous in our beloved city. He was generous, manly, of strict integrity, of great industry and sterling worth. You will now proceed to do honor to his memory."

Mr. Waterman then arose to submit a preamble and series of resolutions, which he prefaced with the following remarks:—"We have met to-day upon a mournful occasion. The fell archer has again sped an arrow that has cut down in the prime of his usefulness, our President, our brother, our friend. John Price Wetherill is no more. 'Tis a sad and sorrowful matter to contemplate death under any circumstances; but when it enters our own chamber, and strikes down a friend and brother, it does indeed cast a saddening gloom over us. In the death of Mr. Wetherill, so sudden, so unexpected—until within a few days—we have lost one of our most useful members. He was warm and ardent in what he undertook; liberal and expanded in his notions, and in his public career the advocate of measures tending to the improvement of our city.

But, though we mourn his departure, deeply and sincerely, it is in his own domestic circle, around his own family, beside that his loss will be most felt—he was a kind and affectionate husband, an indulgent and devoted father, and a warm-hearted and generous friend, whose philanthropy was broad enough to cover and relieve any case of distress that came to his knowledge—in his death, the poor have indeed lost a friend, whose hand was ever ready to extend relief. But why spend time in recounting the many noble and generous qualities of our departed friend and brother—one, whose heart was ever warmed and animated by the most generous impulses—one so universally known—so universally respected—he has gone—he has entered the "dark valley of the shadow of death," and we shall see him no more; but his many virtues will linger around us like the sweet odor of a flower before it withers and dries up. With these few prefatory remarks, I beg leave to present the following preamble and resolutions:—

Whereas, The Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia being specially convened, to receive formal intelligence of the death of John Price Wetherill, President of the Select Council, have learned the event with the profoundest regret, and testify their sentiments on the occasion in the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That this body has lost by the death of John Price Wetherill, its chief officer and ablest member—one whose services, continued uninterruptedly through upwards of twenty years, have been less remarkable for the long period over which they have extended, than for the intelligence, diligence, energy, honesty, and disinterestedness, with which they have been rendered for all ordinary purposes, as well as for the promotion of most important measures.

Resolved, That looking beyond the course of official services here, we find Mr. Wetherill, from his earliest youth to his latest day of health, actively devoted to every duty which distinguished the private and public life of a good man and a true citizen—industrious and persevering in his business; adding the hard labor of his own hands to the solid improvement and useful exercise of his mind; as a scientific manufacturer and merchant in the city, and as a farmer beyond its limits—setting an example of care, knowledge, and prudence, deservedly rewarded by prosperity; as a husband and parent most kind and devoted; as a friend ardent and sterling; as a republican independent and simple, loving his whole country with the largest patriotism, and cherishing the community of his home with his wise counsels and unremitting exertions; as a philanthropist, delighting in unostentatious benevolence, in the relief of distress and the promotion of every worthy enterprise; as a Christian, exhibiting the best attributes of the name, not only in the earnest profession of his faith, but in the native goodness of heart, and the practical, fruitful virtues of his life.

Resolved, That the loss of such a man, as it is deeply deplored in every relation, so should the sense of it be signalized with more than usual tokens of regard and respect, and that therefore it is further:

Resolved, That members of Council will attend the funeral of their late fellow member, John Price Wetherill, wearing the customary badge of mourning; and that the State House bell be tolled for one hour at the time of the funeral, and that Council Chambers and the Speaker's chair and desk be hung with mourning for one year.

Resolved, That these proceedings be furnished to the widow and family of our deceased friend and brother.

Mr. Perkins seconded the resolutions with the following remarks:—

I rise, Mr. President, with the feeling of mournful satisfaction to second these resolutions—even grief is alleviated by giving it utterance. It was not my good fortune, sir, to be intimately acquainted with our much regretted colleague, Col. Wetherill, until since I have had the honor of a seat in these chambers. He was one of those peculiarly constituted men, possessed of certain enabling characteristics, which to know, was to endeavor whilst living, and consecrate his memory in our lasting regard. But, sir, it has pleased the Almighty to call him from the scenes of his usefulness and philanthropy, and it is not for us to scrutinize or murmur at the decree, but whilst we bow in deep humility to the stroke, to offer our feeble tribute to his memory.

'Tis said that death loves to select a shining mark—and twice, sir, within the last twelve months, has he taken down two of the most energetic, warm-hearted and devoted of our colleagues.