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DEATH SUMMONS DAVID G. HACKETT

While Yet in Love With Life He Passed to Silence and Eternity.

ANEURISM WAS FATAL.

The final summons came to David G. Hackett, superintendent of the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway, at his place of residence on the Third floor of the First National Bank building at nine o'clock Friday morning, after an illness of several months duration.

At the beginning of his ailment, Dr. Bruner was called in and he gave it as his opinion that Mr. Hackett was suffering from an arterial tumor. Later, realizing that his condition was gradually growing worse, he went to Altoona to consult a physician. He received but little encouragement, and returned home, and then went to Philadelphia, to consult a specialist, who confirmed the diagnosis of Dr. Bruner, and informed him that an operation would be of no avail.

After arriving home his condition took a very serious turn, and several times during the week preceding the end, it was thought he was dying. He apparently fully realized that the angel of death was hovering near, and that the next moment might be his last, still he would rally from the sinking spells, and appear the most cheerful person in the room. Friday morning he had an attack, which proved to be the last. He lapsed into unconsciousness, and closed his eyes in that sleep which knows no awaking.

Mr. Hackett was 49 years of age having been born at Altoona in 1856. He graduated from the public schools of that city, and shortly afterward, entered the field of journalism. His first position, was that of business manager for the Altoona Tribune. He resigned to accept a similar position with the Sentinel, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. This position he filled for a number of years, after which he returned to Altoona, where he became one of the organizers of the Mirror, and was its business manager.

He left the newspaper business, and became associated with his brother-in-law, E. R. Sponsler, of Harrisburg. In the early part of 1901, he came to Bloomsburg, serving in the capacity of superintendent of the construction, and purchasing agent for the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Co., in which position he continued until October 1902, when, upon the resignation of Mr. Fisher, he was made superintendent of the road, and at a subsequent meeting he was elected secretary of the Company. Mr. Hackett was recognized as an accomplished electric railway man, and possessed a thorough and complete knowledge of every phase of the business.

There survives Mr. Hackett his wife, formerly Miss Anna Eyer, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Eyer of West Main street, to whom he was married on the twelfth of March, 1903; one son, Cadwallader, and his parents who reside in Altoona and who were with him when he died.

The funeral took place at half-past one Monday afternoon, and was largely attended by relatives and friends, including many of the prominent men of the town. The services were in charge of Rev. Dr.

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GOOD WILL CO. KNOCKED OUT.

The Council Voted to Recognize the Liberty as the Fourth Company.

Sewers and Paving Considered

The Good Will Fire Company is down and out, so far as recognition from the present Town Council is concerned. The matter was disposed of so quickly that the champions of its cause had scarcely awakened to a realization of what was going on, and then it was all over. The question as to which of these two Companies was entitled to recognition by the Council as the regularly accepted fourth company of the town, is an old one, many times renewed. Several Councils have wrestled with it and it has been before the Courts. The action taken Monday night administers a quietus to the Good Will for at least a year, or until another Council shall have been elected. They may then make another attempt, but this repudiation will serve to put them in a bad light for favorable consideration from the next or any succeeding Council.

When the matter was taken up, President Yetter, in order that the Council might have some information regarding the action taken by previous Councils, suggested that the Secretary read from the minutes.

In compliance, Secretary Quick read from the minutes of the meeting of Dec. 5th, 1901, which showed that on that date R. R. John, Esq., had appeared before the Council with a request that the Good Will Fire Co. be recognized as No. 4. That the matter was discussed, and a motion made to recognize the Company, having its hose house on Leonard Street, as Company No. 4, was carried, the vote being 4 to 3.

From the minutes of June 11, 1902, he read that a petition was presented to Council asking them to recognize the Good Will Fire Co. as the fourth Company of the Town. A motion to recognize them as No. 4 was lost by a vote of 4 to 2.

The minutes of the meeting held July 10th, 1902, showed that Hon. Grant Herring had appeared and asked that the Good Will be recognized as the fourth Company of the Town. There was some dispute over the vote, but the President declared it carried.

At this point Mr. Magee queried if it was proper to recognize a Company without a charter. Mr. Yetter replied that he knew of no objection to it. That he had conversed with several members of the various companies and told them that he was in favor of the company, whichever it was, that had been recognized by previous Councils. That he could allow nothing to be done that would annul the previous minutes.

To this Mr. Magee responded that the Master appointed by the Court had decided in favor of the recognition of the Good Will's as Company No. 4.

This called forth a spirited expression of views, recriminate and otherwise, between Mr. Yetter and Mr. Magee, until the former withdrew from the discussion stating that inasmuch as he was counsel for one of the companies, he did not propose to preside or have any voice in the vote. In the face of this statement Mr. Magee insisted that Mr. Yetter vacate the chair. The

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latter replied that he intended doing so, but not until he was ready. Mr. Magee renewed his objection and requested that his protest be noted on the minutes.

For the purpose of supporting his proposition, Mr. Yetter called upon Harry Stees Esq., who stated that Mr. Yetter had informed him that he would vote for the company that had received recognition from previous Councils. Secretary Quick further sustained Mr. Yetter by stating that Mr. Yetter did not know until he heard the minutes read which company had been recognized. Then Mr. Giger broke in that the Liberty Company had been recognized and in service two years before the Good Will's. He was followed by Mr. Deily who had been listening to the controversy with marked disapproval, with the suggestion that all the companies be ousted and that new ones be formed. "There is no use" said he "in wrangling all night over the matter." This view found favor with Mr. Giger, whereupon Mr. Yetter asked if Council was ready to vote. Receiving an affirmative answer he vacated the chair and Vice President Magee took up the sceptre of authority.

Mr. Giger insisted that the Liberty Company be recognized as No. 4.

Mr. Runyon moved that the Liberty Hose Co., be recognized by the Town as the fourth fire company, and that the Good Will Fire Co., be dropped. The motion was seconded by Mr. Giger, and being put to a vote was carried. All the members voted aye except Mr. Magee and Mr. Yetter neither of whom voted.

Mr. Yetter then resumed his chair. Isaiah Deily, a member of the Liberty Company thanked the Council and extended the members an invitation to visit the hose house.

Mr. John G. Harman was present and stated that he had just come from a meeting of the directors of the Land Improvement Co., and that they were considering the construction of a sewer. The matter was not settled and he was not in a position to state just what the Company would give or do toward it. He said he was satisfied that they would lend their aid, and recommended that a committee from the Town Council, Land Improvement Co., and the Hospital have a meeting and go into the matter so that they can act intelligently.

President Yetter voiced his approval of the sewer, and said that he was heartily in favor of its construction if the financial condition of the Town would permit of it, and if this year's taxes would pay for it. He did not think it right to burden a future council with a debt of this sort, but was satisfied that the sewer can be constructed and paid for by the Land Improvement Co., is willing to bear its share of the expense.

Mr. A. Z. Schoch stated that the matter was one of great import to the town, as the building of the Jos. Ratti Hospital depended upon it. The sewer he said is indispensable to the hospital.

Mr. Yetter stated the sewer was needed and should be constructed, hospital or no hospital, as the Market street sewer was entirely inadequate.

Following discussion developed the fact that the Land Improvement Co., had made a proposition to Mr. Ratti, that in the event of the sewer being built, he would be given certain land adjacent to the proposed hospital which could be used for additional buildings etc., and that Mr. Ratti would give the value of the land so acquired in

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money to the Town, which could be applied toward the expense of constructing the sewer. It was finally decided to hold a special meeting tomorrow night when the matter will be disposed of.

In regard to the matter of a sewer on East Third street, Mr. Runyon moved that the same be built from Locust street down East Third street to connect with the present sewer. That a six inch pipe be used, that bids be asked for and that the work be done under the direction of the Town Engineer. Seconded by Mr. Magee.

The next matter taken up was the paving of Center street from Main street to the alley below the Opera House. J. R. Fowler and C. W. Miller were present and submitted an estimate of the cost. The Town's share would be \$500. This amount H. J. Clark and J. R. Fowler agreed to pay providing it be deducted from their taxes until it is wiped out. The desirability and necessity of the improvement was fully explained by Mr. Miller.

The Council was divided on the matter. Mr. Magee and Mr. Runyon opposed it on account of the present depleted condition of the treasury and the latter stated that it was only a matter of pride.

Mr. Giger and Mr. Deily favored the proposition, and thought this a good place to start the paving. After some discussion Mr. Giger moved, seconded by Mr. Deily that the Town accept the proposition and pave the street. Mr. Magee again expressed his opposition and stated that a large part of the expense would come off of this year's taxes. Mr. Fowler sought to overcome this latter objection by offering to pay their taxes in full this year if Council would pave the street, and changed the proposition to Council accordingly. Mr. Magee made an amended offer that inasmuch as Mr. Townsend another property owner was not included in this proposition the whole matter be laid over until the next meeting. This was put to a vote and carried.

The matter of exonerating new industries for a period of ten years was favorably acted upon, after which it was voted to borrow \$3000 at a rate not to exceed five per cent, in such amounts as may be required to run the town affairs, until the taxes come.

Orders for bills presented were issued, and the meeting adjourned.

A number of the Elks of town, are planning to attend the re-union of the order to be held in Buffalo, on June 10th.

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