

OBITUARY.

Bro. Floyd:

The day Bro. Wright arrived at Harrisburg, Hon. John H. Smith sent a request for him to come out and see him the next day, as he was quite ill. The next morning we hitched team to back and took Bros. Wright and Wiltsey to his residence. He was very sick. Bro. Wright asked him if there was anything he could do for him. He answered he wanted to be baptized, as he never expected to get well, and could not be satisfied to die without obeying his Lord in baptism. Bro. Wright called the attending physician to the bed and asked him what he thought of the propriety of baptizing him, explaining to him how he would proceed, &c.? The Dr. said it could do him no harm. Arrangements were made accordingly to immerse him next morning. A box was prepared and the water warmed to a proper temperature, and after Bro. Smith had confessed his faith in Christ, Bros. Wiltsey, Kelison, Turner and Vernon lowered him on a blanket to the water, when Bro. Wright buried him with his Lord in baptism. When he was raised from the water he clasped his hands and repeated in the language of David in 23d Psalm, "The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want," &c. after being properly cared for he dropped off to sleep, and when awoke he said his mind was at rest now, that he firmly believed that God had accepted him as one of his children, and he only had to regret now he had not obeyed his Lord twenty years ago and devoted his time to his service instead of the profession he had chosen—but Bro. Smith had not long to stay with us, for on the next Lord's day morning (27) he quietly fell asleep in Jesus. The last word he said was "glory hallelujah." On Monday morning just a week from the time he was baptized, Bro. Wright preached his funeral discourse under an oak tree in his yard to a large congregation, from Rev. 22: 14, when in company with about 500 friends we followed his remains to their last resting place, where they were buried with Masonic honors, there to await the resurrection morn. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." May we all live so that when our change shall come we too can die in full triumphs of a living faith.

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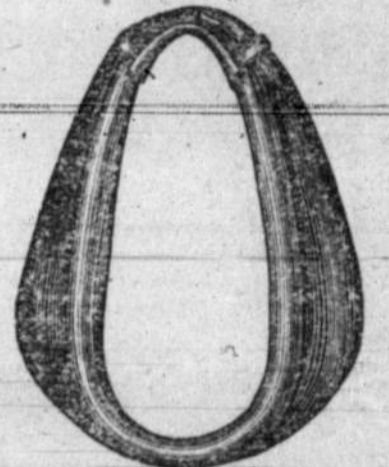
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