

John C. Proctor

(- 12 Jul 1876)

Proctor. On Wednesday evening, July 12th, 1876, at 6:20 o'clock, after a brief illness, of typhoid fever, John C. Proctor, aged 43 years, 1 month and 16 days. His relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral tomorrow (Friday afternoon), at 2 o'clock, from his late residence, W and Boundary, near 9th street northwest.

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Death of Mr. John C. Proctor

Mr. John C. Proctor, for the past two years local editor of the Critic; died last evening at his residence, corner of W and Boundary streets -- near the head of 9th street. Mr. Proctor had been in ill health for some months past, and on the 3d of July was seized with a severe bilious attack, which a few days ago assumed a typhus form. He was born May 26th, 1833, in Cavetown, Washington county, Md. He was raised on a farm, and at 17 years of age went to learn the printing business on the old "Hagerstown News," finishing his trade in this city with Mr. Alexander, in the first ward. In 1856 he returned to Hagerstown, but came back to Washington in the early part the war, married and settled here. He was for a time a member of The Star's reportorial corps, and subsequently was employed by the Philadelphia Press, and by the Republican, Chronicle and Critic, of this city, filling the position of city editor of the Chronicle and Critic. Under Mayor Bowen he was the treasurer of the public schools, and many of our teachers will remember the strict and careful manner in which he discharged the duties. He was for sometime a clerk in the Pension office. He was faithful and conscientious in whatever position he was placed. As a newspaper man he was an untiring and intelligent worker, kind, obliging and generous in disposition, and strong in his friendships. He had many friends, both in and out of the profession, who will sympathize with his bereaved family -- a widow and five children.

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The Late John C. Proctor

A Meeting of the proprietors and employees of the "Critic" was held last evening to take action as to the death of the late John C. Proctor, for several years the city editor of the "Critic." Resolutions were adopted eulogizing the deceased and expressing sympathy with the afflicted family.

The members of the press of the District held a meeting at the "Critic" office yesterday afternoon for a similar purpose, and Mr. C.M. Barton, of the "Chronicle," presided, and Mr. John B. McCarthy, of the Baltimore "Sun," was elected secretary. Several brief addresses on the life and character of the deceased were made, and resolutions were adopted paying an appropriate tribute to his memory, expressing sympathy with his family, and resolving to attend his funeral this afternoon at 4 o'clock in a body. The following committee to represent the press at the funeral was appointed: -- A.J. Clarke, "Chronicle;" T.C. Grey, "Star;" C.J. Spencer, "Critic;" James McNabb, Baltimore "Gazette;" John B. McCarthy, Baltimore "Sun;" E.A. Jacobs, "Sunday Herald;" E.W. Ward, "Forney's Sunday Chronicle;" G.W. Alexander, "Sunday Gazette;" B.G. Lovejoy, "Sunday Capital;" T.J. Brashears, "Daily News;" Hugh Coyle, "Daily Telegram;" Louis Schade, Washington "Sentinel;" Werner Rupp, Washington "Journal;" H. P. Godwin, "National Republican."

The Evening Star, July 15, 1876

The Funeral of the late John C. Proctor, city editor of the "Critic," took place from his late residence yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends of the deceased, among them a number of representatives of the press, some of our prominent men, and a committee of Columbia Commandery, K.T. The remains were encased in a casket, on which was placed wreaths and other floral tributes of friends. Dr. J.G. Butler, of the Memorial Lutheran church, conducted the service, during which he spoke of the character of the deceased. The cortege proceeded to the Congressional Cemetery, where the remains were interred. The following Sir Knights of Columbia Commandery, No. 2, acted as pallbearers: Thomas Foster, Wm. Rothwell, Thomas Thompson and Joseph F. Barker. At the grave Dr. Butler performed the final service, and the Templar service was performed by W.S. Fletcher, Eminent Commander; Mathew Trimble, Generalissimo; T. Langley, Prelate; and S.R. Barr, Warden.

Note: Journalist for the "Philadelphia Ledger". Father of John Clagett Proctor, who was a writer for the Washington Star and author of books on Washington History (also known as the successor to the "Rambler"). John Clagett Proctor is interred in Rock Creek Cemetery.