

Chief Prophet

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Funeral of a Winnebago Chief

On Saturday last, a brave named "Pa-ser-ich-kwa," or Prophet, died at the Juanita House, in this city of pneumonia. He was one of the delegation of Winnebagoes with which the treaty has just been concluded by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Chas. E. Mix, Esq. Prophet was probably about 55 years of age and was a brave and active warrior. He was with the war party of Winnebagoes who under Wah-con-de-cor-ah took part with the whites in the Black Hawk war, and took that chief prisoner. His title of "Prophet" was given him by the whites, for what cause we are not informed. He was buried yesterday at the Congressional burial ground, and the funeral was numerously attended. The ceremony was simple and brief, and the slice of his brother chiefs better expressed their grief than language could have done. Among those present at the funeral we observed Senator Rice, Commissioner Mix, of the Indian Bureau, nearly all the clerks employed in that Bureau, the Superintendent. Agents and interpreters now in the city and a number of distinguished gentlemen connected with the General Government. This death will delay the departure of the Indians until tomorrow or next day, and they evince deep feeling on account of their loss having occurred so far from their homes.