

## Nathan H. Throop

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### **A Washington Victim**

Among the victims at the Baltimore riots, yesterday, was a citizen of Washington, a young man named Nathan H. Throop, son of J.V.N. Throop, the engraver. He fell at the corner of St. Paul and Monument streets, and was carried to the street, where a medical examination being made, a ball was discovered to have entered his left temple and passed through the brain to the opposite side. Another ball lodged in the right shoulder, and the arm was severely cut, as if by a knife. The Baltimore Sun of today speaks of him as of having been last night pronounced in a hopeless condition, with the brains oozing from the wound in his head; but on inquiry at the house of his parents we learn that he is alive today and able to converse.

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### **The Condition of Young Throop**

The Baltimore Sun of this morning says, "Nathan H. Throop, the young man from Washington city, wounded during the election riots, still lingers at the house of officer Morgan. He yesterday morning appeared somewhat easier and partook of food. He was also able to converse with his parents who have arrived in the city and are in attendance upon him. Prof. Smith, who has him in charge, is of the opinion that though he may possibly survive a few days longer, he cannot possibly recover, as the ball in his head cannot be found and must produce inflammation and consequent death. Of the remaining wounded, so far as we could ascertain, there is no serious apprehensions of fatal results, all their cases evidencing improvement."

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**Dead.** The Perseverance engine house flag is at half mast for the death of young Throop who we learned died in Baltimore at 7 o'clock this morning. The remains will be brought to this city in the afternoon train.

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### **The Death of Young Throop**

The Baltimore Sun of this morning says: "As was anticipated by the physicians in attendance upon Nathan H. Throop, the young man from Washington city, who was wounded in the late election riots, his injuries terminated fatally on yesterday morning about eight o'clock, he having shown signs of a speed dissolution on Sunday afternoon, and continued to sink gradually up to the time stated, when he breathed his last without any apparent increase of pain. Coroner Chalmers was summoned and proceeded to hold an inquest over the remains and there being no evidence direct as to the shooting, a post mortem examination was made by Drs. Smith and Johnson. They found that the slug had struck the middle of the left temple passing obliquely through the skull backwards and towards the other side, making a breach through the substance of the part of the left hemisphere of the brain, perforating the dura matis of the cerebrum and lodging under it, against the inner surface of the skull where it was found. This wound, in their opinion, caused his death. The jury thereupon rendered a verdict that his death was caused by a ball from fire arms by some party to them unknown.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the remains were removed to the depot attended by his relatives and a number of friends, who left for Washington with them in the five o'clock train. His funeral will take place from the residence of his parents, No. 500 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, during today. This makes the fifth victim of the disgraceful and inhuman riots of Wednesday last.

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### **The Death of Young Throop**

The Baltimore Clipper of this morning almost goes into black over the death of Young Throop of this city, killed in the recent Baltimore election riots, characterizing him as a "young and promising American" and abusing our foreign-born citizens in its well known way, of course, in the same connection.

The citizens of this city, many of whom knew the lawless and otherwise disreputable character of this young man well, will be surprised to see the Clipper's statements.

Now, we have to say that the deceased was well known to the police of Washington as one of the most desperate of a gang of young rowdies, thieves and desperados, and had himself not infrequently been in the hands of officers of justice under charges of stealing, rowing, etc. On the day before the Baltimore election, he applied to a respectable citizen of Washington, who had been in the habit of hiring to him a gun for hunting, for a revolver, boasting that his purpose was to shoot a foreigner, and saying that he was going to Baltimore. He was refused. He then applied to another citizen for one, who also refused to let him have it on being cautioned by the person who had first refused him.

Previous to being shot he was seen to fire two shots at the Democrats from behind a grating near the base of the Washington Monument. This we learned yesterday from one of the first citizens of Baltimore. There is not a shadow of doubt of the truth of that fact, which will be proved beyond all question when the circumstances of the fight at the Baltimore election shall be investigated.

We repeat this city held no more disreputable, mischievous and dangerous youth of his age than this "young and promising American" of the Clipper, who was pretty much such another as Washington Nailor, Ray, Croggin, Bailey and Co.

In view of these facts, our fellow-citizens, hundreds of whom are personally aware of their truth, will comprehend that this misguided young man, who had been a nuisance and a terror here for years, has simply met the fate that is apt to overtake such evildoers.

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### **The Death of Young Throop.**

The following is an extract from the article in the Baltimore Clipper of Tuesday last, which devolved on us what we regarded to be a duty to criticize it as it was criticized on the same day in the Star:

"Death of Young Throop – Nathan H. Throop, the victim of a depraved and bigoted mob of Irish, died at the residence of officer James Morgan, No. 85 Ross street, at quarter past eight o'clock yesterday morning. It will be recollected that this young man, but little over nineteen years of age, was standing quietly in the neighborhood of Mount Vernon Place on election day, when the Irish, with all the fury of their illiterate and demon-hearted race, rushed up the street, and finding nothing more formidable to heap their vengeance upon, one of them fired at him, and he fell wounded in the leg. Whilst in this helpless condition—a condition which would excite the commiseration of any man with the least spark of human kindness in his breast—another Irishman approached, and, placing his musket within a few feet of him, fired a slug into the brain, and, as he fell over upon the pavement, the Irishman pierced him through the arm with the bayonet attached to his musket, and rifled his pockets of all the money they

contained. There were five bullets in different parts of his body. It seems too shocking for contemplation. A young and promising American shot down in the streets of his country by a band of transported and beggarly foreigners, and whilst gasping from the effects of his fatal wounds to be robbed. This murder is almost without a parallel in heinousness."

This article, embraced as will be perceived, seeping and unjustifiable charges against a large and worthy class of our fellow-citizens, as well as false statements as to the circumstances under which the unfortunate youth received his death wound.

This morning, we are informed by a citizen of well known character and deserved influence, that the unfortunate youth had for the last two years been almost immediately under his eye, and had given, so far as he could perceive, every promise of making a useful citizen, notwithstanding his more youthful aberrations. We publish the fact with more true pleasure than we can express, because though impelled by what we thought to be a grave duty to the public involved on us, our sympathy with the parents of the deceased was and is as active and sincere as that of any man in this community.

We deplore that the unfortunate youth failed to be guided by what we learn to have been the earnest advice of his older brother given on the morning of the sad affair, to keep away from the scene of the contest.