

## OBITUARY

JOHN WHITE

The Hon. John White died at his home on Rockport street, on Thursday night, Dec. 7, after an illness of about five weeks.

He was born on the old homestead near Berkley town where he lived the greater part of his life and was one of the family of twelve children of William and Mary White. At an early age he took charge of the farm and continued to do so here until in 1869 he moved to Hackettstown. He married Bessie, daughter of Mr. John Bird, of Hackettstown, with whom he has lived nearly 30 years. He has a wife and three children, being the father of six and a half of five children of whom one is dead, and seventeen grandchildren, making the number of his descendants to be two, of whom six are dead.

During his life he held several of the offices of state, among which was that of member of State Legislature from the 1st District to which he was elected in the fall of 1884, and represented the District for three years. He was never an office seeker, but the people recognizing his worth sought him for the positions.

He was converted under the ministry of Rev. Mr. Howley in 1847 and became a member of the Presbyterian church at this place. Seven years after this he was elected to the session and remained a ruling elder up to the time of his death. He has for several years past had charge of the highest work of the church and has done great good in his direction. He was a very frequent attendant at Presbytery and Synod and fully comprehensions have at different times been manifested to him. His position was greatly relied upon and it was often his duty to settle difficulties which had arisen in various churches. Three years ago he accompanied the pastor to the General Assembly held at Madison, Wisconsin. He was always an active and earnest worker in all branches of church and Sunday school. He was a member of the Association Bible Society and the Board of Christian Missions. He was for about 15 years Superintendent of the Berkley town Sabbath school and afterwards a teacher in the Presbyterian Sabbath school in this place. In the children's school work at large. He was an officer of State and County Sunday school associations and for many years was the Secretary. He was always an earnest advocate of temperance and did much to further the cause and member of the Temperance Alliance.

At his death the town loses an able and comfortable, high minded citizen and the Presbyterian church one of its strong pillars. He was always to be found in the place of duty and did his good deeds so unostentatiously that he will be greatly

The funeral services over his remains were held in the Presbyterian church on Friday afternoon and the large gathering filled the room in which the deceased was laid. The pastor of the church was assisted in the services by the representatives of Presbytery, Revs. Donnet, Clark, Brown, Sumner and Long, and by Rev. Mr. Lutz of the M. E. church and Dr. Williams of the Eastern. His Sabbath school class acted as pall bearers. The text chosen was Rev. 14:13, "And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'It was over and done by, by my means, and here I occupy the scene of his life to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of one whom they knew and loved, and yet the first hymn sung seemed to voice the feelings of that vast multitude."

John White, deceased, is buried in the cemetery at Hackettstown, Pa. His remains will be buried in the cemetery at Hackettstown, Pa. His remains will be buried in the cemetery at Hackettstown, Pa.

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