

Maurice H. King

(- 11 Nov 1883)

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Obituary

King. On Sunday, November 11th, 1883, at 5 a.m., after a brief illness of typhoid pneumonia, Mr. Maurice King departed this life to the deep regret of a large circle of friends and the irreparable loss of all whose privilege it had been to know him as an intimate associate.

While in the fresh flush of youth, with high hopes and bright prospects full of the assurances of an honorable and successful career, the grim specter came and beckoned him away.

The bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of all their neighbors and acquaintances who sincerely condole with them on the sad event, which has desolated their hearthstone.

Mr. King was a native of Washington and resided here all his life. He was a graduate of the public schools, and afterwards learnt the art of telegraphy in the office of the Western Union telegraph company, in this city, where he was employed as an operator when attacked with the illness which terminated his brief but honorable career.

During the recent struggle between the companies and the Brotherhood, Mr. King took part, with his fellow-operators, and often when the amount allowed striking operators was offered him he generously waived his claim in favor of someone whose necessities were greater than his own. This is spoken of only to illustrate his generosity of soul, which, indeed, was one of the most conspicuous features of his character. To the voice of pity or distress his ear was never closed, and his tender soul found its highest gratification when alleviating the woes of his fellow-man. Sincerely beloved in life and deeply lamented in death, he has passed the boundary to the unseen world; but his honest, manly, generous character shall remain fresh in the memory of his friends and stimulate them to so live that when the summons comes for them some sympathetic tongue may utter the same words of honest eulogy.

By His Friends.