

[Paine, DeWitt Clinton]

Mohawk

From Our Special Correspondence

The funeral rites and obsequies were performed over the remains of ex-sheriff D. C. [DeWitt Clinton] Paine at his late residence on Columbia street Sunday. Rev. Mr. [Daniel] Ballou of Utica [Universalist], officiated and delivered a very comforting and able address from the text found in Ecclesiastes 7:14. The sudden death of Mr. Paine cast a shadow over our community, which will not soon or easily lifted, and we do not alone feel the loss, as was plainly noted on the Sabbath, when there were representatives present [from] throughout the county, who came to pay a last tribute to the departed, who was respected, esteemed and confided in by all who knew him as a friend, or in business capacities. As the ceremonies were drawing to a close, the full rays of the sun, as it had passed the meridian, shone in on the casket and lit up the face of the dead, portraying to the writer this thought appropriate, that the life which was stricken down in the fullness of manhood, although past the meridian, was speeding to its last resting place, but its influence would shine out and on like the sunlight to those who were left to mourn.

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