

### CLAUS HENNINGS DEAD.

**Old Time Resident of Kalispell Summoned to the Beyond.**

Claus Hennings one of the pioneer ranchers of the Flathead valley died very suddenly at his home on Eighth avenue west yestrday morning of fatty degeneration of the heart. His death was entirely unexpected and the blow is in consequence, a severe one to his widow who is herself in poor health. About two years ago Mr. Hennings who previously had been in good health was stricken with a touch of paralysis, and since then had been ailing somewhat although never seriously. During the past week he had been complaining of a severe pain in his breast. Sunday night he retired about 10 o'clock and when Mrs. Hennings awoke about six o'clock yesterday morning she spoke to him and inquired how he felt. He answered that he felt better and appeared to be in good spirits. Mrs. Hennings then arose and prepared breakfast, and about eight o'clock she went to call her husband and found him lifeless. The body was still warm but life had apparently been extinct for some time.

The deceased was 63 years of age being born in Schlesweig-Holstein, Denmark, February 8, 1840, and was a resident of the United States since 1858. He came to the Flathead valley, March 21, 1891, and located on a ranch a few miles northwest of Kalispell, and had since made his home here. About two years ago he retired from an active farming life and purchased a residence in Kalispell where he has since made his home. He was married to Mrs. Fannie Elliott, November 25, 1880, in Hancock county, Ill. Besides his widow, he leaves one brother, John Hennings, and a step daughter, Mrs. Charles Haman, to mourn his loss. The deceased was a man of many excellent qualities that gained for him a large circle of friends, and the news of his death was received with general regret.

The funeral will be held from the Christian church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The interment will be in the new Conrad cemetery, east of the city.

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John Inglis, Jr., or "Bert," as he was known at home, was the youngest conductor on the Big Four. He was only 26 at the time of his death. He was the only son of Engineer and Mrs. John Inglis, and was a brother-in-law of his companion in misfortune, Brakeman Whalen. He commenced railroading before he attained his majority, and was a thoroughly competent and efficient railroad man. His lively, sunny disposition made him a favorite in all circles. All Mt. Carmel sympathizes with Mr. and Mrs. Inglis and the sisters of the dead boy in the great loss they have sustained.

Inglis and Whalen were members of the Knights of Pythias, and the former was also a Knight of the Maccabees, and Master of the local lodge of the Brotherhood of Trainmen. Arnold belonged to no order.

#### TWO OLD RESIDENTS GONE.

##### J. J. Kimmerly and George M. Lakin Have Passed Over the Great Divide.

It is with regret that the Bee is called upon to chronicle the deaths of two of Flathead county's pioneers, J. J. Kimmerly and George M. Lakin, both of whom were among the first settlers in the valley.

Tuesday afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock the death summons came to Mr. Kimmerly. From his immediate family it is learned that the deceased was born in the state of New York, from which state he moved with his parents to Nappanee, Ontario, Canada, where he spent the early days of childhood.

In 1876, December 11, he married Miss Mary Ademan, at Chatham, Ontario, Canada, by whom he had two daughters, Maude and Alice, who, with their mother, were with him at the time of his death.

He had been a sufferer from tuberculosis for many years, having contracted the germs of the disease while working at his trade, that of gold and silver plater, his first serious attack occurring about ten years ago. He rallied, however, and for a time enjoyed fair health; but about two years ago it became evident that his life-work was nearly ended and he gradually sunk beneath the inroads of the disease until death released him from his sufferings.

J. J. Kimmerly arrived in Flathead county in August, 1882, and after looking over this portion of the county, decided to settle near the Flatheads, about two miles west of the present site of Kalispell, having found the ideal spot for cattle raising, with plenty of wild grasses and abutting against the mountains, where extensive range could be had without crowding any who might in after years settle along side of him.

Mrs. Kimmerly was the first white woman to settle in the valley, accompanying her husband on the trip from Detroit, Michigan, to Montana.

The funeral was held from the Episcopal church Thursday, the remains being placed to rest in Demersville cemetery. The exercises were conducted by the Masonic fraternity, of which order the deceased had been a member for thirty years. Grand Master Bose had charge of the services. A large concourse of people were in attendance; besides the Masons the A. O. U. W. was represented, he having been a member of the organization at the time of his death.

In the death of J. J. Kimmerly Flathead county has lost one of her earliest pioneers; the widow, a kind husband and the children a loving father. He was a man of genial disposition and had many friends who extend the "hand of fellowship" to the widow and bereaved children in their hour of sorrow.

Mr. Kimmerly was born in the state of New York in 1847, and was at the time of his death in the 53rd year of his age. He was actively engaged in the dairy business until early last June, when he was compelled to give up active employment. His death had been daily expected for several weeks past, and when the summons came he passed peacefully away as one "who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

GEORGE LAKIN,

Another of the pioneers who for several weeks past has been at the hospital suffering from heart trouble, died between 8 and 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Mr. Lakin had been passed beyond all recovery for the past ten days, and his death was no surprise to his many friends. He had been a prominent man in Flathead county for many years, having settled here in 1881.

George Lakin was born in Henry, Henry county, Illinois, in 1844, and moved with his parents to Oregon in 1852. His father settled upon the site now occupied by Eugene City, Lane county, Oregon, where the deceased struggled with pioneer life until the march of advancing civilization prompted him to seek another frontier home. He was a typical frontiersman, and in his early youth was among those young and daring spirits who took part in the Indian wars of that then young state. He has lived to see the Indian tribes which infested Oregon disappear and large cities grow up in places where as a boy he used to roam shooting wild game and still wilder savages. He returned to Oregon in 1885 and was married in 1886 to Miss Caroline Cowan, with whom he returned to his home in Flathead county where he has since lived continually. His wife and two children, a boy and girl, survive him.

About a year and a half ago he was taken ill from heart trouble, since which time he had been growing rapidly worse, and for the past two weeks no hope was entertained for his recovery.

Mrs. L. J. Parish, a sister, who lives at the lake, is the nearest surviving relative. W. J. Brennan and wife are cousins of the deceased. His other relatives are living in Oregon, near Eugene City, in Lane county, Yoncalla and Drain's Station, Douglas county, and some are residing near Albany, Linn county, in that state.

The funeral transpired from the Presbyterian church Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. Geo. McVey Fisher, who was a firm friend of the deceased while in life, and the sermon was very impressive.

Thus it is that our pioneers are one by

one passing away, and ere long the last of those sturdy pioneers will have been gathered unto the Father. And how true it is that with their passing, each year witnesses also the passing of landmarks, with which their history is blended.

With the deaths of Mr. Lakin and Mr. Kimmerly, so pre-eminently connected with the settlement of Flathead county, the chain has been broken, and their places will be vacant forever; yet their memories as sturdy pioneers and their services to their fellowmen in the early days will remain fresh and green in the memory of those who survive them. There can be no more appropriate epitaph for these two men than "Pioneer."

While mourning the demise of these pathfinders of an early day, yet

"Could we but know

The land that ends our dark, uncertain travel,  
Where lies those happier hills and meadows  
low—

Ah! If beyond the spirit's inmost cavil  
Aught of that country could we surely know—  
Who would not go?"

**Death of Carl Lindlahr.**

Carl Lindlahr, who has been prominently connected with the business interests of the city for almost ten years died this morning at 7:45 o'clock a. m., of typhoid fever, at his home on Fifth avenue west, after an illness of nearly four weeks.

Carl Lindlahr, or Charles, as he was generally known, was born in Germany, moving first to Iowa, then to Marysville, moving to Butte a few years later, and locating in Kalispell in 1891. He was one of the founders of the Kalispell Brewery, a director of the First National bank and proprietor of the Brewery saloon.

Three years ago he married Miss Mary Curran, who is prostrated with grief. They have one child, a boy, almost twelve months old.

Mr. Lindlahr was a prominent K. of P. and is said to have carried a large amount of life insurance. The funeral services will probably be conducted by the K. of P. lodge when the definite time of burial is decided.

#### Death of Doctor McNiece.

It was known a week ago that Dr. T. G. McNiece had but a small chance for recovery from the attack of typhoid fever which compelled him to take to his bed about five weeks ago. It was hoped ten days ago that the fever had spent itself and that the young fellow would soon be out again, but he suffered a relapse a day or two afterward and from that time up to the hour of his death, Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, his condition was never such that any tangible hope of his recovery could be held out. His brother, James McNiece, arrived in Kalispell, Sunday night, from Welland, Ontario.

The body has been embalmed, and after a brief service tonight, at the home of James Broderick, will be taken to the train and, accompanied by James McNiece, taken to Welland, where it will be interred.

Thomas G. McNiece was born at Carsonby, near Ottawa, Ontario, in 1876. He received his early education in the public schools of that town and he afterwards attended the Ottawa collegiate institute. Something over a year ago he graduated with honors from the medical school of McGill university, in Montreal. He came to Kalispell early in June of this year, and was associated with Dr. A. D. Macdonald in the practice of his profession. During his residence in this city Dr. McNiece made warm friends, not only on account of his splendid professional ability, but because of his many admirable personal qualities. There are those who knew him only since he came to Kalispell, who feel his death as a personal bereavement. There was every reason to think that Dr. McNiece would have attained high rank in his profession and his untimely demise just as he had commenced life in earnest is most deplorable. Three brothers and two sisters survive him, both his father and mother having been dead for some years.

**Death of Antoine Therriault.**  
(Communicated.)

Many friends of Antoine Therriault are mourning his sudden death. His noble character and sunny, buoyant nature endeared him to all. To his brothers and sister (Mrs. Adam Ouillette in their sorrow the community at large extends its sympathy. To the wife and baby now journeying the dreary road from Tobacco, no words can convey the infinite sadness of their loss.

Antoine Therriault was born in Maine, 35 years ago. He came to Montana and Flathead valley in 1884, taking up a ranch at Tobacco, in 1887, where he has since resided.

The cause of his death was heart failure following a severe attack of tonsillitis. He had been ill only three days preceding his death. All that a skillful physician and loving friends who were in constant attendance and who were present when he died, could do, was done. But the kind, loving husband, father and brother passed away.

Then came the sad journey down the dark waters of the river Kootenai. Then by rail to Kalspell, where kind lands received the body and relieved the weary vigils of Charles Young, who accompanied the remains, the entire distance.

"There is no death. What seems so is transition;  
This breath of mortal life, is but the entrance to fields Elysian,  
Whose portals we call death."

The funeral will occur tomorrow (Wednesday), Nov. 7, at 2 p. m., from the residence of his brother, Michael Therriault, Fourth avenue east.

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Mr. Whalen was a bright, handsome young man, about 24 years of age. He came here from Loveland, Ohio, and was a passenger brakeman for some time. He was affable and intelligent, and a thorough railroad man. On the 22d day of February last he was married to Miss Bess Inglis, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Inglis. His future was promising and promotion was in sight when he was so untimely cut off just in the beginning of a happy married life. To his young wife and aged parents all unite in tendering sympathy.