

IN MEMORIAM.

Bernard Crosby Whitman.

DIED AUGUST 5, 1885.

PROCEEDINGS

IN

THE SUPREME COURT.

In the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada, }
September 14, 1885. }

Present:

HON. CHARLES H. BELKNAP, Chief Justice.
HON. ORVILLE R. LEONARD, } Associate Justices.
HON. THOMAS P. HAWLEY, }

Officers of the court and several members of the bar. On opening court, at 10 o'clock A. M., the chief justice announced the death of Hon. B. C. Whitman, a former member of this court, and submitted the following tribute to his memory:

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Since the last meeting of the court, we have learned with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable B. C. Whitman.

He was a member of this court for upwards of six years, and in January 1873, became, by our system of promotion, its chief justice. Some of us were associated with him upon the bench, and all of us enjoyed his personal friendship. In view of our high appreciation of his public and private character, we deem it fitting to make this public announcement of his death, and to render a proper tribute of respect to his memory.

Judge Whitman had by industry, learning and unsullied integrity attained a high position in his profession. As a lawyer he presented legal propositions with precision, clearness and candor. His arguments and briefs were prepared with learning and ability, and greatly aided the court in the examination of the questions to be adjudicated.

Upon his accession to the bench, he brought to this court the qualities that distinguished him at the bar. Of broad experience, great quickness in the apprehension of the material facts of a case, learned in the legal principles and decided cases, and of ready and accurate judgment, he made a most valuable member of the court. To his associates he was uniformly kind and courteous, and in consultations his ready knowledge greatly lightened their labors. He was an able, learned and upright judge, and his opinions, to be found in our published reports, were the result of his honest convictions of right.

In private life he was an example worthy of imitation. His refined taste and attractive manners, united with a pure character and a generous manly nature, made him admired and loved. His considerate tenderness as a husband, his kindness as a father, his devotion to those to whom he was bound by the endearing relations of domestic life, were charming traits of his character. Without intruding upon their grief, we tender them our deep sympathy in this affliction, and commend them to the consolation to be found in the honorable life and exalted character of the husband and father they mourn.

This proceeding will be entered of record, and as a further mark of regard for the memory of the deceased, the court will now adjourn for the day.