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Preuss, Charles d. 2 Sep 1854 **R96/139**

The Evening Star, Sept. 2, 1854

Melancholy Event

We have to record today the most melancholy event that has occurred in our midst for years. Mr. Charles Preuss, surveyor and companion of Col. Fremont in the discovery of the best rout to California, is no more. Some four years ago he was sun-struck in California, which more or less afflicted his mind ever since. About a week ago the malady became worse, derangement fully appearing when he was kept at home, and carefully attended to. Day before yesterday he walked out, and went to the penitentiary, where he asked the keeper to furnish him with a room. The keeper put him off in a kind manner, when he left the building, and no trace of him could be found until last evening, when his dead body was found back of the farm of Clark Mills, Esq., near Bladensburg. In his insanity he wandered away from home and perished there. Mr. Preuss was one of the most scientific men in his profession, and bore a most excellent character. His last trip was with Capt. Williamson, surveying a route for the Pacific railroad, during which he was afflicted with an attack consequent upon the first injuries received. He was a Prussian by birth, we understand, and leaves a deeply-afflicted wife and family and numerous warm friends to mourn the melancholy event.

Preuss, Mary Augustus d. 16 Feb 1859 5 yrs. **R96/139**

Preuss. On the morning of the 16th inst., Mary Augustus, youngest child of Gertrude and the late Charles Preuss, in the 6th year of her age. The friends of the family are requested to attend her funeral tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 2 1/2 o'clock.

Alas! Alas! I did not think
Amid past days of deep delight
That ought could break the golden link
That then between us seemed so bright.
We little dream what time may bring--
The hart is a mysterious thing;
A change came over this gentle brow,
And we are lonely without thee now.