

From Poverty to Wealth.

A rather remarkable story is told of the sudden rise to wealth of John Brennan, the inmate of the almshouse at Shamokin. It is said that his sister, Mrs. John Carson, of California, has died and left him a fortune estimated at \$2,000,000.

Brennan, who is about 60 years old, has been a miner all his life. One night in December, 1884, while in an intoxicated condition he fell off a bridge and broke a limb. He went to the almshouse for treatment, but on getting well would only work long enough to get a little money with which to go on a spree.

He was at the almshouse when news came of his good fortune. Brennan was born in Dublin and came to this country in 1845 accompanied by two sisters, and went from Castle Garden direct to Pottsville where they remained until 1851. Some time during this year the sisters went to California. John remained in Pottsville only a short time after the departure of his sisters. Leaving there he went to Mahanoy City, from whence he came to Shamokin.

During the years John was wondering about the coal fields the sisters were keeping a boarding-house in Sacramento and, it is said, made considerable money. One of the sisters married a young miner by the name of John Carson, who struck gold and became immensely wealthy. After three years of wedded life John Carson died, leaving a vast fortune to his widow.

Two weeks ago Mrs. Carson died and her fortune fell to her only brother John.

A Failure After a Quarter of a Century.

The American manufacturer suffers now for a market. He has the price he asked for as far as the government can interfere to aid him to obtain it. He has the legislation he has sought. Yet he finds himself with heavy surplus stocks and smaller profits than ever. He cuts wages down and tells his workmen he cannot avoid it—it is, the best thing he can do. Perhaps it is, under the policy he has chosen. But suppose he had adopted another policy.

Suppose, in accordance with the spirit of the age and the enlightenment of an intelligent eye to business, he had said: "I will not continue my efforts to my own country for a market. I will trade with the world. I will rely upon my advantage in possessing the richest nation, inhabited by the most intelligent and capable people. I will not shut myself up, as did my Chinese prototype of old, in it, but will take the chances of these advances which God and nature have given me, and will follow the course that reason and enlightened civilization point out in preference to that which both have exploded. I will sell to those who want to buy the world over, and buy of them, if necessary, as well." Is it to be supposed that under these conditions the American manufacturer would be helpless to-day in the presence of an accumulating surplus of goods and the heaviest tariff of the age, an acknowledged failure for his belief after a quarter of a century of trial.

The favor which General Mahone and General Chalmers have found with the Republican leaders shows the latter have no repugnance or hostility to the "Rebel Brigadiers" when they can be used to serve the purposes of the Grand Old Party. But it is rather hard on the poor negroes of Mississippi to have the hero of Fort Pillow as their candidate for Governor. As if Chalmers should not be enough, the candidate for Lieutenant Governor on the ticket with him is a man named Lynch who has openly and publicly defended the participants in the Kemper county massacre, in which the daughter of Judge Clisholm was slain. All this indicates that politicians are by no means vindictive nor implacable when it is to their interests to forgive ancient enemies. But if the negroes of Mississippi should not rush enthusiastically to the polls to testify their love and admiration for Chalmers and Lynch, the partisan orators and organs would doubtless find in the fact a new occasion for charging the Southern Brigadiers with intimidation and violence.—Philadelphia Record.

The new directory of Johnston has just been published by C. B. Clarke of Altoona. At the time of the flood the whole edition, which was in a book bindery, was lost. From the proof sheets, however, the names were obtained and are now printed as they were before the flood, as well as a special record of those that were lost. The number of drowned is put at 3,200, and that is considered a close estimate, it being impossible to obtain the exact figure. One of the things noted is that of 95 saloons and liquor dealers in the flooded district, all but six were wiped out, and in those remaining the stock was destroyed, so there was in fact total destruction by water. The book has been carefully compiled, and contains many statistics of interest relating to the flood.

The Emperor of Germany recently sent a specimen rifle to the Emperor of Austria, the barrel of which does not get hot. After 100 shots had been fired the barrel was merely warm. The "magazine" of this rifle is in the stock, and the "load" consists of twenty cartridges. It can discharge sixty shots a minute.

Every stranger in Washington is much surprised to see the way in which the shanties of the poor blacks are mixed in with the handsome residences of the fashionable quarter. One colored family sold its small shanty and small piece of land in the most valuable district only last week for \$85,000.

What irrigation will do for the arid lands of the west is well shown in the case of Pasadena, Cal. Fifteen years ago the land where the city now stands sold for \$7 an acre. Seven years after being supplied with water the land sold for from \$500 to \$1,000 an acre for fruit raising. The spot that had been a desert suddenly became the most fertile and delightful part of the whole state.

Afraid of Hastings.

A Harrisburg dispatch to the Pittsburg Post of 29, inst., states that "Chairman Andrews of the Republican State committee; Frank W. Leach, Senator Quay's private secretary; Richard Quay, the senator's son, and James McKean, of Pittsburg, were at the Lechiel hotel to-day, and left this city this afternoon. It was hinted about the hotel that they have gone to hunt for Boss Quay himself, who, it is supposed, is with Senator Cameron at the Donegal farm. The Quay-Delamater-Andrews combination have been much stirred up of late on account of the encouragement General Hastings is receiving throughout the State and it is said the combination will hold a grand convale to determine the best way to 'down' the military aspirant for governor."

There is trouble reported in the ranks of the women's Christian Temperance Union of Pennsylvania, and it is said that Mrs. Swift, the President, will resign next month, giving as a reason for withdrawing from the organization that the Prohibition party is absorbing it. The State Convention meets in Philadelphia on October 9th and then Mrs. Swift will lay down the reins. She has already withdrawn from the Swift Union, the first organized in the State, and her determination is declared to be unchangeable, as she cannot endorse any organization that becomes part of a political party.

The earnings of the Pennsylvania Railroad for August were the largest of any month in its history. In August, 1888, they were \$2,360,000. The earnings for last August will probably reach five and a half millions. This great railroad never was more prosperous than it is to-day, and the increase of business is so great that the enormous resources of the company are constantly taxed to furnish cars sufficient to move the passengers without delay. This is a good indication of general business prosperity over the country and it is hoped it may continue through the coming autumn and winter.

The October number of St. Nicholas contains an unusually long list of contributors, among them are such names as Joel Chandler Harris, Celia Thaxter, Harris Prescott Spofford and others of equal fame. The Century Company, Union Square, New York.

The October number of the Cosmopolitan comes overflowing with fresh, readable matter. Count Vasilio describes "The Reconstruction of the French Army." "From the Point" to the Plains" is the most interesting tale contained in the number and is from the pen of that able author, Captain Charles King, U. S. A. Edited by John Brisson Walker, 368 Fifth Avenue, New York.

General O. O. Howard has written an article for the young folks who read Wide Awake entitled "How many Indians in the United States?" In the same number Miss Rose Kingsley has a valuable contribution about "The Boy who invented the Telegraph." Claude Chappuy. Mrs. Goddard Orpen in her "Famous Stones" series, gives a very different page of French history in the story of "The Diamond Necklace." After excerpting Mrs. White's Public School Cooking paper about dainty preparations for invalids, and the kindred one by Mrs. Gavazza about "Sleep Slippers," and Prof. Starr's "Geological Talk," and Mrs. Claffin's "behavior" letter, the remainder of the number is given up to stories, poems and pictures, all of a most entertaining character; Wide Awake \$2.40 a year. D. Lothrop Company, Publishers Boston.

The Century Magazine closes its nineteenth year with a number for October which, besides its leading serials on Lincoln and Siberia and the old masters, contains several papers of peculiar importance. One of these is a study of "Moliere and Shakespeare." Another "Reminiscences of the Herschels," by the celebrated American astronomer, the late Maria Mitchell. A group of brief illustrated articles on manual training presents this subject from three different points of view. There is great variety in the story element in this number of The Century. The "Strange True Story" "The Longworth Mystery," "Ben and Judas," and Mr. Harris's three part serial and the conclusion of an extremely timely illustrated paper is that from the expert hand of Mr. Walter Camp and entitled "Base Ball for the Spectator." Mr. Wilson has a paper on "Three Jewish Kings," which will especially interest those who are following the International Sunday School Lessons. Mrs. Mary Hallock Foote, in her "Pictures of the Far West," portrays "A Pretty Girl" of that part of the country, and the letter press supplies on her existences, her illusions and her dangers. "Topics" and "Open Letters" are on the Professor Alexander Johnston, of Princeton; "Disasters"; "A New College for Women"; "View of the Confederacy from the Inside," bearing upon the subject treated in the Lincoln installment; "The Single Tax on Land Values"; "Country Roads"; "Prohibition in Iowa"; "A Tenor Farm"; and "Irish Estates." The list of poets in this and other numbers of the Century hardly sustains the charge that "Our young poets get no chance in the leading magazines."

Democratic County Committee, 1889. Bellefonte, N. W. C. M. Bower, S. W. Patrick Garvey, Centre Hall Borough, J. W. McCormick, Howard Borough, M. I. Gardner, Milesburg Borough, J. Willis Weaver, Philipsburg, 1st W. D. Ritter, 2d W. Jackson Gordon, Unionville Borough, L. J. Bing Burnside, William Hepple Benner, John Meckley Bigger, N. P. Philip Confer, W. P. T. Adams, E. P. L. Hartman, College, Daniel Grove Curtin, F. S. Delong Ferguson, B. T. Cormick, W. P. Samuel Harpster Jr, Griggs, S. P. Geo. B. Crawford, N. P. C. Roseman, Haines, E. P. J. A. Bowersox, Halfmoon, C. A. Weaver, Harris, C. C. Meyer, Howard, Franklin Dietz, Hinton, John Q. Liberty, D. W. Herring, Mariota, J. A. Henderson, Miles, J. J. Gray, Patton, D. L. Meek, Pater, N. P. W. Smith, Pater, N. P. B. Arroy, Rush, S. P. G. L. Goodheart, N. P. H. H. Wilcox, Snow Shoe, W. P. William Kerrin Spring, E. P. R. J. Haynes Jr, Taylor, Wm. T. Hoover, Walker, H. M. McClellan, Worth, Levi Reese, WM. C. HEINLE, Chairman.

A dispatch from Berkeley Springs, W. Va. says: "A large stone in the shape of a wheel, used by James Rumsey, the inventor of the steamboat, in a grist mill in Allen district, this county, over 100 years ago, is now on exhibition in front of the court house. A movement is on foot to have the stone incorporated in a monument to be erected to Rumsey's memory, either at Berkeley Springs or Shepherdstown. The first boat ever propelled by steam was launched by Mr. Rumsey in the Potomac river at St. John's Run. This fact has been settled, and he is clearly entitled to the honor. The monument will likely be erected during the coming year." Robert Fulton was the father of the steamboat. These West Virginians have check.

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