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HIS LIFE WORK IS OVER

Ex-Speaker Samuel J. Randall Has Passed Away.

DEATH WON THE VICTORY AT LAST.

Surrounded by His Loved Ones, the Commoner Passed the Portal and Entered the Undiscovered Country—The Interesting Story of His Life.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Samuel Jackson Randall is dead. After a long and valiant battle with the death angel the great commoner peacefully breathed his last at 10:5 a. m., Sunday, April 13. Internal cancer was the malady that ended his career. He was surrounded by his family—his devoted wife and affectionate children, his daughters, Mrs. Lancaster and Susie Randall and his son Samuel—in his last moments. Mr. Randall came to Washington early in last November a sick man, but with hopes of improvement. He expected to be able to take his seat in the house when congress met in December. But when congress convened he was unable to leave his home. Subsequently the oath of office as a representative was administered at his residence by Speaker Reed, and Mr. Randall was made a member of the committee on rules and appropriations—the two important committees he had served on for so many years. Mr. Randall then hoped to be able to take his seat and participate actively in the affairs of the house at the conclusion of the holiday recess, but the dreaded and fatal malady from which he suffered slowly but surely made inroads on his strength, and each month as it passed found him weaker.

SAMUEL J. RANDALL.

He Was Slowly Failing.

Mr. Carlisle, his associate on the committee of rules, and Democratic members of the appropriations committee and other Democratic representatives called frequently at Mr. Randall's home to consult him about party matters and committee work. Some of them who called occasionally, but regularly, noticed that Mr. Randall was slowly failing physically, although mentally he was as acute and vigorous as ever; and for the past two months they felt he would never leave his house alive. During the last few weeks of his life Mr. Randall suffered very much at times and he had become greatly emaciated. His devoted wife and children were untiring in all their attentions through his sickness, and his friends in congress (and he had a host of them of both political faiths) contributed much toward his comfort by frequent friendly visits.

HIS LATE HOME.

His Last Look of Love.

During his last hours his wife and family were constantly at his bedside. Mr. Randall was unconscious at times during the last day or two of his life, and was speechless toward the end. To Mrs. Randall he smiled a last fond look of recognition a half hour before his death.

The funeral will take place here on Thursday morning. The arrangements will be in charge of a congressional committee to be appointed today. Mrs. Randall prefers that the services be held in the Metropolitan Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Randall was a member, and not in the house of representatives. After the funeral services the funeral party will take a special train over the Pennsylvania railroad to Philadelphia, where its interment will take place in the Randall family vault in Laurel Hill cemetery.

The Story of His Life.

Samuel Jackson Randall was born in Philadelphia, Oct. 10, 1828, and his career through life justifies the assertion that he was born a statesman. He received a good academic education and pursued his studies with the intention of devoting his life to mercantile pursuits. After he had finished his studies he obtained a position in the counting room of a mercantile establishment, but in a short time his work became irksome and he conceived a distaste for the duties of a merchant. His father, the late Josiah Randall, was one of the active Democrats of Philadelphia, and he inspired his son with a desire to enter political life, which feeling increased in intensity as he attended conventions and meetings until he finally adopted it as the calling most suited to his taste. In 1856, accompanied by his father, he went to Cincinnati, and assisted at the convention that nominated Buchanan for president. Mr. Randall was elected a member of the city council of Philadelphia, which position he held for four years, familiarizing himself with city politics, and making for himself acquaintances and a record which were afterwards distinct to push forward his political fortunes. In 1858 he was elected to the Pennsylvania state senate, of which he soon became the most conspicuous member.

A Defender of the Union.

When the civil war broke out, he took strong grounds in favor of the maintenance of the Union, and while he differed with the administration on many point of method, he was one of the most steadfast supporters of an undivided country to the end. He was at that time a member of the First troop, Philadelphia City cavalry, and volunteered with his command under President Lincoln's call for troops and served the ninety days. In 1862 he was elected to congress from the Third Pennsylvania district and has been re-elected to each succeeding session, serving continuously since that time. In 1875, when the Democrats gained control of the house for the first time since 1861 his friends tried hard to have him elected speaker, knowing that he possessed the qualities so essentially fit for the position. The party caucus, however, decided against him and in favor of Michael C. Kerr, of Indiana.

The Tilden-Hayes Controversy.

Then came what was probably the most delicate and trying period of Mr. Randall's political career. In 1876 he was elected speaker—at a time when the dispute about the Tilden-Hayes presidential election excited congress to a condition bordering on fury and almost brought the country to the verge of another civil war. Suspicion was so keen that ordinary parliamentary courtesy to a political opponent was the cause of severe party criticism, and for the last month of the session the speaker had to exert all his ability and strain to the utmost his influance with his party to steer the ship of state safely. Through that exciting ordeal he passed with pronounced success, expediting in a marked degree the settlement of the vexed question which agitated the country.

He was re-elected speaker for the two following terms, serving in that position until March 3, 1881, when the Republicans took the house for a term. When the Democrats again obtained control of the house the divisions in that party on the revenue issues led to his defeat for the speakership and to the election of John G. Carlisle. But Mr. Randall always retained the commanding position his talents had won for him and grew in reputation. As speaker he was not tender in the administration of his office. He was a commander and ruled the house with a heavy hand. From the first Mr. Randall was recognized in congress as a power, and finally he became the recognized leader of his party.

His High Tariff Attitude.

He served in turn on all the important committees—the committee on rules, on banking, on elections and on appropriations, of which latter committee he was the chairman and dominating spirit when his party was in power. For the past few years the stand which Mr. Randall had assumed on the tariff question gradually alienated him from the majority of his party, both state and national; and although no man impeached his fidelity or sincerity to the principles of democracy, this separation from his associates had undoubtedly greatly weighed upon his mind, and added to the other drains upon his physical system. In appearance Mr. Randall was what might be called a peculiar man. His countenance was rather boyish, but singularly winning and attractive. His feet and hands were small and shapely, but he had a way of drawing up his left shoulder that made one of his arms appear longer than the other. In walking he stepped out briskly, with shoulders a little stooped, and a gait that was rather shambling. But though his ensemble was striking, his dress added to the oddity of his appearance. For more than twenty-five years he wore the same style of clothing, and no one ever seemed to have seen him in a new suit of clothes. A cutaway coat thrown loosely back, baggy trousers a trifle bunchy at the knees, and a low cut vest, all with a tinge of age about them; immaculate linen, broad comfortable shoes, and a remarkable hat completed his attire.

He Died a Poor Man.

Mr. Randall was a poor man. He was twenty-eight years a member of the house yet no one has ever been found to reflect even in the slightest degree upon his integrity or honesty. He was probably poorer in purse when he died than when he came to Washington away back in the Thirty-eighth congress. He owned the modest residence in which he lived on Capitol hill. It is situated on C street and is not worth more than $5,000. The modest dwelling represents the savings of nearly half a life time. He made very little money outside of his salary, and, indeed, had very little time to spare from his public duties.

Proof Against the Lobby's Temptations.

The stories gleaned from the lobby as to unsuccessful attempts upon his virtue as a legislator are only unparalleled by the stories told by his friends as to the unyielding front which he always presented to the petition of friendship when it ran counter to his sense of public duty. A lawyer who was his bosom friend tells that he carried $10,000 in his pockets for months, having undertaken to give it to Randall as a retainer in behalf of a certain corporation, but could never muster the courage to give it to him or even broach the subject. On one occasion a wealthy blanket manufacturer, knowing that Randall was a poor man, and having a profound admiration for him, sent him a check for $500 saying that as an old friend and constituent he believed it his duty and privilege to make this subscription to help pay his election expenses. The check was promptly returned with a letter so curt that it would have mortally offended any one who did not make allowance for Randall's infirmity of temper in this respect. When asked once if he did not carry his independence or indifference in such matters to an extreme, he replied: "No, there is no middle ground in such matters. I draw the line at the beginning." His comparative poverty is a monument to his sterling integrity.

Mr. Randall scorned a public man who appointed any of his own relatives to office. His brother wanted a European consulship, and he could have secured it for him, for he was close to the administration at the time. But Mr. Randall sturdily refused and did the same thing with other relatives. At the same time no man was more loyal to his friends than he.

His Remarkable Reticence.

One of Mr. Randall's peculiarities was his remarkable reticence about himself and his affairs. About twelve years ago, when his name first began to be prominently mentioned in connection with the presidential nomination of the Democratic party, a well known newspaper correspondent who wanted to compile his biography was surprised to find no published data available. He sought Mr. Randall and asked him for some of the details of his early life, telling him the purpose for which he desire them. Mr. Randall told him, in his blunt way, that he would find all that was worth knowing about him in the congressional directory.

The correspondent consulted that repository of the autobiographies of statesmen and was surprised to find that while the records of congressmen hardly known outside of their own district contained between 500 and 600 words, less than 100 were employed to chronicle the record of the man who was the leader of the house. A another instance of his reticence, it is related that just after the famous Oak View conference, where President Cleveland outlined his message to Mr. Randall, a personal friend asked him what he had heard about it. "I did hear," was Mr. Randall's laconic reply, "that they got as far as free whisky." To Mrs. Randall he was singularly devoted.

In July, 1888, Mr. Randall was suddenly taken seriously ill in Washington with hemorrhage of the stomach. During the previous three months he had undergone several very severe and trying surgical operations in Philadelphia, which greatly impaired his constitution. The hemorrhage developed into inflammation of the bowels and his condition rapidly grew worse. He never fully recovered from this attack.

By the death of Representative Kelley Mr. Randall was entitled to succeed him as the "father of the house" by reason of longest continuous service. It may be said of him that he died in the harness—a public man absolutely without a stain.

Fatally Shot in the Mouth.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Frank Witte resides at 355 East Tenth street with his wife, Philip Conger formerly boarded with Witte, but the latter became jealous of Conger's attentions to his wife and put him out of the house three or four days ago. Conger returned to Witte's house and fatally shot him in the mouth. Conger was arrested.

A Count of No Account.

PHILADELPHIA, April 14.—Giuseppe Carusi, known as the Count Di Montercole, was rearrested immediately upon his release from prison Saturday. The charge upon which the second arrest was made was criminal libel, made against him by Frederick Bausman on behalf of his niece, Virginia Knox, the count's wife. The latter was not present, she being confined to her bed suffering from prostration, caused by the slanderous attacks made upon her character contained in a circular distributed about the streets of Philadelphia by the count. Mrs. Josephine Knox, the mother of the count's wife, appeared as a witness against the prisoner. She testified that the charges contained in the circular against her daughter were absolutely false; that her daughter had seen the defendant distribute the circulars in the streets of Philadelphia, and that he had harassed and oppressed her slandered offspring until she was in bodily fear of him. Mrs. Knox was very much moved while denying the charges of infidelity and gross immorality made against her daughter by the count. The prisoner was committed to jail in default of $2,000 bail.

General Markets.

NEW YORK, April 15.—FLOUR—Strong and higher; city mill extras, $4 35@4.60 for West Indies; Minnesota extra, $2.30@5.50; superfine, $2.15@2.60; fine, $1.75@2.10.

WHEAT—Was active, excited and irregular this morning, and prices recorded some wide changes. In the early trading prices advanced ¾c., but subsequently fell back 1½c. From this there was a recovery of ½c. At noon prices were steady. Receipts, 1,800 bushels; shipments, 96,916 bushels; No. 2 red winter, 95¾c., cash; do., May, 97¾c.; do., June, 93½c.

CORN—Opened strong at ¼c. advance, but quickly gave way and at noon was weak at ¾c. below the opening; receipts, 13,600 bushels; shipments, 44,381 bushels; No. 2 mixed, 42½c., cash; do., May, 40¾c.; do., June, 41¼c.; do., July, 41c.

OATS—Dull but steady; receipts, 98,000 bushels; shipments, 57,433 bushels; No. 2 mixed, 30½c., cash; do., April, 30¼c.; do., May, 30⅝c.; do., June, 29½c.

BARLEY—Nominal.

PORK—Dull; mess, $14 for new.

LARD—Dull; $6.75, May; $6.77, June.

MOLASSES—In light demand and steady; New Orleans, 30@50c.

TURPENTINE—Dull; quoted at 41½@42c.

PETROLEUM—Nominal.

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FREIGHTS—Quiet; grain to Liverpool, steam, 4d.

BUTTER—Dull but firm; western creamery, fancy, 18c.

CHEESE—Fairly active and firm; Ohio flat, 8@10½c.

EGGS—Fair demand and firm; state, fresh, 12½@13c.; western, fresh, 12½c.

SUGAR—Refined active and strong; cut loaf and crushed, 7c.; granulated, 6⅞c.; mold A, 6¾c.

TALLOW—Dull; prime city, 6⅛c.

COFFEE—Steady; spot cargoes of Rio, 20c.

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FRESH TIPS FROM THE WIRES.

What Is Going on of Interest That Is Worth Reading—The Wheat of the World's News Winnowed from a Whole Week's Thrashing.

Mrs. Mary Soudt, of Pottstown, Pa., dropped dead after snatching two of her children from a railroad track in the face of an approaching train.

Postmaster General Wanamaker has prepared a postal telegraph bill in which the rates are made higher than was proposed in the original measure.

Mr. William N. Wyeth, a well known wholesale steel and iron merchant, died April 15 at Baltimore. He was a member of the firm of Ely & Williams, New York and Philadelphia, and president of the Iron Merchants' association of Baltimore.

Maryland's defaulting treasurer, Archer, has been formally removed from office.

The municipal officers of the cities and towns interested in the Knox and Lincoln railroad have recommended its sale to a syndicate represented by Levi C. Wade, of Boston, for $300,000 cash and $1,300,000 of 4 per cent. bonds.

Deacon Jacob Estey, founder of the Estey Organ company and senior member of the firm, died suddenly April 15 of heart disease at Brattleboro, Vt.

Robert W. Griswold, who was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree for killing Dennis O'Shea, was sentenced to Auburn State prison for a term of fifteen years.

Mike Cushing has posted $100 on a challenge to fight Austin Gibbons for the 126 pound championship and $1,000.

The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed in New York state: T. N. Doubleday, Fly Creek, Otsego county; J. M. Brown, Miller's Place, Suffolk county, and F. B. Fellows, Shutter's Corners, Schoharie county.

Supervisor Henry L. Butler, Contractor John Tobin and Inspector Cook, of the New Jersey State prison, were arrested at Trenton, charged with having violated the law which requires the stamping of all goods made in the prison.

The New York Sun says that ex-President Cleveland has become alarmed at his rapidly increasing weight and has placed himself under the care of a practitioner of the Schweninger system of fat reduction, from whom he is to receive daily treatment until his flesh is reduced. It is said that one feature of the treatment in the ex-president's case will be daily exercise in a sort of treadmill, or "mountain climber," invented by Dr. Schweninger.

The First regiment at Hartford, Conn., has nominated Capt. C. B. Erickson, of New Britain, for colonel and Capt. A. L. Thompson, of New Britain, for lieutenant colonel.

Col. Appleton, of the Seventh regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., says it will be impossible for the regiment to accept the invitation to attend the unveiling of the statue of Gen. Lee at Richmond, Va., on May 29.

Editor E. L. Godkin, of The New York Post, has been arrested, charged with criminal libel by Peter Mitchell, a New York lawyer.

A movement to raise funds for a monument to the late Samuel J. Randall has taken substantial form in Philadelphia.

The body of a man named Maiers, who was murdered in Denmark, was found in a cask of lime at the appraisers' stores in New York. It had been shipped to a fictitious firm in Racine, Wis., by Phillipsen, the Danish murderer.

The Republicans in the assembly at Albany have unseated Michael Gillice by deciding that Leroy was elected in the Cohoes district.

John Welsh, a well known Democratic politician, was stabbed in the side at Trenton, N. J., by Jonathan Coakley, a notorious character. Mr. Welsh will probably die.

The assignee of John F. Plummer & Co. announces the following schedule: Liabilities, $877,605.32; nominal assets, $1,041,548.60, and actual assets only $75,803.44. There were also filed individual schedules of Mr. Plummer showing his liabilities to be $70,259.67; his nominal assets, $591,905; while his actual assets are valued at $128,586.08.

Mrs. Robert Ray Hamilton's motion to compel her husband to pay her counsel fees in defending his suit for divorce has been denied. When the motion for the fees was argued Mr. Hamilton's affidavit was read, showing that the woman had $3,000 last fall. As this was not disputed Judge Andrews had to deny the motion.

Matthew Harris, Parnellite member of parliament for East Galway, is dead.

George Shafer, of last season's Detroit club, and Taylor Shafer, of the Toledos, have signed with the Athletic club of Philadelphia.

John W. Davis will be the next governor of Rhode Island.

The United States supreme court has decided that Marshal Neagle cannot be held responsible for the killing of Judge Terry, in the California state courts. Justice Miller says Neagle's act was proper under the circumstances.

C. W. Hatch, accused of the murder of his uncle, Henry W. Hatch, near Flagler, Colo., a year ago, has been acquitted.

Engineer George Kerr, of Trenton, N. J., was scalded to death beneath his engine at Bordentown, April 12.

Mrs. Sarah M. Brunner, of Asbury Park, N. J., widow of the late William Brunner, of Doylestown, Pa., lost every penny of her property—about $20,000—by the defalcation of J. Munroe Shellenberger, of that place. She has two children dependent upon her.

Of the twenty-six starters in the Pittsburg walking match, only the following were on the track at the finish: Score, with purses—Herty, 565¼ miles, $840; Moore, 530 miles, $515; Hughes, 530 miles, $315; Noremac, 501 miles, $210; Howarth, 479 miles, $126; Horan, 476¾ miles, $84. At the end of the race Hughes challenged Herty for a race for $1,000 a side.

The Samoan treaty has been ratified by the nations affected by its provisions.

Potter Johnson, a prominent Plainfield (N. J.) contractor, was killed by the cars Saturday afternoon.

In the Virginia contested election case of Waddell against Wise, Mr. Wise (Dem.) was relieved of his seat in the house at Washington and Mr. Waddell declared entitled to it.

Jacob Shaefer won first prize in the fourteen inch balk line handicap billiard tournament at Chicago. Ives took second money, losing to the winner only. Slosson secured third place and Catton was given fourth money.

Mr. Joseph Francis, the venerable inventor of the life saving car, was on Saturday presented in the Blue room at the White House, by President Harrison, with a medal especially voted him by congress. The medal is valued at over $3,000.

Daggett's Postal Card Works Attached.

NEW HAVEN, April 16.—Wilkinson Bros. & Co. have attached the postal card works at Ansonia on a claim of $40,000 under instructions from Washington. The government officials have recently found fault with the cards made by Contractor Al Daggett and he was forced to procure a new supply of paper from Lawrence, Mass. It is hinted that the contract made by the government with Daggett may be annulled.

They Scorned $1 a Day.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 16.—The city council a few days ago appropriated $1,000 to be expended on the streets, and authorized the employing of destitute miners of this city. Eighty-five men were recommended by the charity committee now relieving the poor of this city, but when they were informed that they were to receive but $1 a day they refused to go to work, demanding higher wages.

Shellenberger Seen Again.

DOYLESTOWN, Pa., April 16.—A former citizen of this place has telegraphed from Tacoma, Wash., that Shellenberger, the defaulter, was in that city. Word was returned to have the fugitive arrested.

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS.

Items Which Are of Particular Interest to Pennsylvanians.

IN THIS AND NEARBY COUNTIES.

Brief Mention of Matters Which Everybody Should Know About—A Week's Accidents and Crimes Accurately and Concisely Chronicled.

WEST ELIZABETH, Pa., April 10.—Two children of George Beattie, aged 7 years, were drowned here while going to school. They were crossing a swollen stream on a foot log. The little girl fell in and was swept down with the current. Her twin brother jumped in to rescue her and had almost succeeded when his strength failed and both were drowned.

Left for Parts Unknown.

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—A dispatch from Doylestown says that James Monroe Shellenberger, a member of this state board of charities, and one of the best known men in that borough, has left for parts unknown and is charged with being short in his accounts fully $30,000. He left the town, so it is said, last Sunday afternoon, and was last heard from at Atlantic City. Mr. Shellenberger was a Democrat in politics and served one term as district attorney of the courts. He was chairman of the county Democratic standing committee. The cause of his alleged defalcation is extravagant living. An effort will be made to settle with his creditors. The alleged misappropriated cash is said to have come mainly from estates of which he had charge. His property is said to be entirely in his deceased wife's name.

The Lehigh Valley Must Settle.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 10.—Two opinions have been handed down by the court in the state cases against the Lehigh Valley Railroad company on appeals by the defendants from tax on gross receipts. Both opinions are for the commonwealth, one judgment being for $2,377.54 and the other for $1,747.84.

Bucknell University's New President.

LEWISBURG, Pa., April 11.—H. S. Hopper, a Philadelphia banker, son-in-law of the late Mr. Bucknell, has been chosen president of Bucknell university, vice William Bucknell, deceased.

The Flood at Johnstown.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., April 11.—There is little danger of loss of life by the present flood in the Conemaugh Valley, but the damage to property is already past calculation. Wilmore, twelve miles from Johnstown, is entirely inundated. Woodvale is partly under water, and the flood is running all over the lower part of this city. Many of the families who were driven from their homes when the South Fork dam burst are again forced to seek shelter on higher ground.

United After Many Years.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., April 12.—A remarkable case of the reunion of mother and child after forty years of hopeless separation has just occurred here. Mrs. Sadie Krechebaum, who was stolen from her home when she was 5 years old, has returned to her mother's arms, but she is now a woman of 45 and the mother of several children. Mrs. Krechebaum is the daughter of John Gilbert, of Northumberland, Pa., whose nearest neighbor was John Malthias, a childless farmer. In 1850 Malthias moved to Indiana, at which time he kidnaped the 5-year-old girl. Gilbert spent his fortune in the search for his child and died broken hearted. His wife married again. The little girl grew up in absolute ignorance of her parentage until it was revealed to her a few months ago, upon the death of her abductor. She at once came on here, found her mother, who is again a widow, and will take her to her western home, which is now in Youngstown, O.

A Philadelphian's Suicide.

PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—Herman Myers committed suicide last night after making two futile attempts to kill his wife, who had left him on account of ill treatment. The tragedy occurred at 300 Lithgow street, where Mrs. Myers was living. Myers was 28 years old, and had no permanent residence.

Look Out for the Frauds.

CARLISLE, Pa., April 14.—About a hundred farmers in Adams and York counties have been defrauded of a sum aggregating about $125,000 by swindlers who sell them fictitious rights to sell wire fence. They take their notes for $125 as a guarantee for their share of the commission on the first 1,000 rods, which are afterward disposed of in some way. No arrests have as yet been made.

Philadelphia's Licenses for 1890.

PHILADELPHIA, April 15.—The liquor license jud