SUNNY JIM" M'NICHOL'S CAREER IS NOW ENDED

PUBLIC MEN GRIEVE FOR DEAD SENATOR

Tributes From Edwin H. Vare, Mayor Smith, Register Sheehan and Others

POLITICAL ENMITY FORGOT

Personal Admiration Obliterates Animosities Engendered by Factional Warfare

PICTURESQUE CHARACTER

Born and Raised in Tenth Ward, He Early Became a Power in City Politics

The death of Senator McNichol was a blow not only to his close personal friends and followers, but to the men who have been his bitter political opponents as well. Men in all walks of life, from his political associates and the leaders in the public affairs of the State and city down to the smallest political follower, joined in paying

him the highest tribute.
State Senator Edwin H. Vare, whose victory over the McNichol faction of the Republican Organization last week hastened publican Organization last week hastened Senator McNichol's end, was so overcome when informed over the telephone at his home in Ambler that Senator McNichol had died that he could not speak at the

SENATOR VARE SHOCKED The two men, though bitter political mists were close personal friends and antagonists, were close personal friends and held each other in high regard and esteem. Benator Vare said:

"Senator James P. McNichol was a strong character. He was a fine, clean, upstanding man. In no respect was this typer than as regards his moral qualities. He had no superior in or out of public life. As regards moral qualities, he may have been said to be without a fault.

"The city and State lose one of their most forceful and best citizens. If we only regard his record as a business man en gaged in large enterprises, that alone would stamp him as a man of extraordinary abil-ity. But he had a genius for politics which no one assessed higher than 1 do, because it was based on an intimate association with him extending back twenty-five years.

"One of the most pronounced characteris-tics of Senator McNichols was his ability to make and keep friends, not only along political lines but social lines as well. Some of his critics have said that he was careless as to the details of politics, but no one who knew him well ever doubted that he possessed at least two qualities which make a man stand out above his fellows, great courage and a broad outlook as to a

FRIENDLY PERSONAL RELATIONS.

"I did not always agree with Senator Me-Nichol politically, and I will give him credit that he did not always insist that I should. On several important occasions we disagreed, but we parted friends and our personal relations, I think I can truthfully say, were not marked by mean or unmanted distilizes. manly dislikes.

"Aside from his great ability as a party leader and a man whose business interests yearly took on immense proportions, Sena-tor McNichol had the faculty of finding time for social affairs in which scores of devoted friends were permitted to join, "No man of my acquaintance could in a

more carefree manner put aside business cares and worries and open his heart and his home to a host of friends, certainly not exceeded by any man in public life in

great courage under fire of covert and unfair enemies who at several stages of his career undertook to undermine his reputation as a public man, but they failed as they deserved to fail. These instances are so fresh in the minds of his friends and the general public that it is not necessary to dwell upon them.

Senator McNichol was dead. I believed and hoped, with his other friends, that he would recover and return to the circles which had long known him as a man among I am sorry that this could not be

"The Senator's widow and children, to whom he was so devoted, have my sin-cerest sympathy."

PENROSE HURRYING HOME

United States Senator Boles Penrose, with whom Senator McNichol had always cast his political fortunes, was out of communi-cation with Philadelphia when his associate

died. He was resting from the campaign at a bungalow above Atlantic City. Samuel Dunbar, one of his secretaries. sent a friend of Senator Penrose in a charsent a friend of senator Penrose in a char-tered boat up from Atlantic City to inform him of the death of Senator McNichol, Pen-rose immediately prepared to leave and is hurrying back to Philadelphia.

MAYOR SMITH'S TRIBUTE Mayor Thomas B. Smith paid the follow-

ing tribute:
"The death of Senator McNichol comes as a great shock to me. I inquired about his condition yesterday and was advised that he was improving. Senator MsNichol was a man of achievements; he had the

capacity of doing big things well. His warm, sunny disposition and genial char-acter won him thousands of admirers. He had an exceptionally large personal fol-lowing, by whom he will be sincerely mourned. The city loses a man whose one desire was to see Philadelphia expand and become the greatest municipality in the country. It will be his family, however, who will suffer most by his sudden takingoff, for they are the only ones who will truly appreciate the separation. He was a devoted husband and father. He idolized

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Register of Wills James B. Sheehan, a life-long friend of the Senator, was visibly affected by his grief when he called at the MeNichol home.
"What can I say?" was his only comment. "In the death of Senator McNichol many persons have lost a friend—a friend with real red blood in him."
Charles B. Hall, chief clerk of Selegt Council, who was always associated with Senator McNichol, both personally and politically, until the campaign that just closed, could hardly realize that McNichol was dead. He said:

"It is a terrible blow. I am heartbroken. Jim McNichol and I have eaten together and fought together for twenty years. For seventeen years we have gone South together overy winter. He was the most lovable man that ever lived, always looking on the bright side of life. I can't realize that he is dead."

State Senator Edward W. Patton, who

State Senator Edward W. Patton, who is associated with Senator McNichol in upper branch of the Pennsylvania Legisure, said:

"No matter how he and I stood in politics, is death was as big a blow to me as any-sing that ever happened. I always re-arded him as one of my closest friends."

LABORER'S TOUCHING GRIEF touching incident occurred shortly after ator McNichol died, when a laborer from Tenth Ward called at the home to see Senator in regard to a job that he was ting. When he learned of the Senator's

been engaged in the performance of many of the largest public works in the city, notably, the filtration plants, the Market street subway, the boulevard and parkway

"These works will outlive him and all are essential for the health, comfort and con-venience of travel to the whole public. "By reason of his successful completion of these large works he will no doubt be remembered by the public, and on account of his genial disposition by his friends."

TREASURER McCOACH'S EULOGY

City Treasurer McCoach said:
"In the passing away of James P. McNichol I feel that I have lost a good and
noble friend and the city of Philadelphia
one of its best and truest citizens.

"I have known him since his boyhood and have with pleasure watched the gradual rise of this self-made man. I knew him in his first political position as janitor of the old courts at Sixth and Chestnut streets knew him as superintendent of the smal father and uncle, where under the strict business guidance of his uncle he was so schooled as to enable him to branch out for himself, until at last he became one of the greatest contractors in our State, if

of the greatest contractors in our state, it not the entire country.

"His political tutor was the late William R. Leeds, after whose death he became the leader of the ward in which he was born and has always lived. As in business, he was a success in politics, when his advice was sought and followed in not only city.

but State affairs.
"Mr. McNichol from the meridian of his
life to its close was a just, true and faithful man in every sense of the word and the sunset of his life found him with that which should be the envy of every one, love. nonor and a host of friends. He has left nemory the example of which, if followed by all, should leave the world some degree the better for our temporary sojourn in it. "CAPITOL HILL" SHOCKED

News of the death of Senator James P McNichol was received with sorrow on Capitol Hill, in Harrisburg, where he was known personally by almost everybody and well liked. When the word reached him.

Governor Brumbaugh said.
"I was greatly shocked to learn of Sena-tor McNichol's death. I had hoped that he would recover. While we differed occasionally, our personal relations were al-ways very cordial and I had great respect for his earnestness and enthusiasm." Attorney General Brown said: "I am very, very sorry to hear of it." The death of Senator McNichol is the

The death of Senator McNichol is the third to occur in the Senate among the members of the session of 1917. Senator Charles J. Magee, Pittsburgh, having died just previous to adjournment of the Legislature and Senator William W. Smith, of Philadelphia, in August.

"The death of Senator McNichol is very, very regrettable," said Director William H. Wilson, of the Department of Public Safety, "I knew the Senator for many years and always found him a most amable man. He was a fair fighter and his death is a distinct loss to his friends."

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"Senator McNichol was too young to die,"

"Personally, I feel that I have lost a friend whose place will be hard to take."

said former Mayor Rudolph Blankenburg today at his home, 138 Walnut Lane, Germantown, when told of the death of his former neighbor and political opponent.

The "Old War Horse of Reform," who has been ill for a long time, but who declares he is "getting younger every day," talked to a reporter as he sat in a morris chair in the sitting room of his home, reading his morning mail.

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"That's too bad," he remarked, "and I am sorry to hear of Senator McNichol's death. He was my neighbor for many years and our relations were always pleas-

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Asked as to his own condition, Mr. Blankenburg replied: "I'm feeling fine and getting
stronger every day." I take a horseback
ride daily and expect to go out this afternoon. Yes. I feel good. I believe I'm getting younger every day."

Mr. Blankenburg added that he expects
to be fully recovered in a week or two
and will be able to return to a daily round

Congressman William S. Vare, commenting upon Senator McNichol's death, said:
"Senator McNichol's death came as a dis-tinct shock. I knew, of course, that his condition was serious, but feit, with his many friends, that his rugged constitution, built upon a clean, moral life, would pull him through.

"I did not always agree with Senator McNichol along political lines, but he had my deepest respect as one whose unquesmed courage, devotion to his friends and nany deeds of charity stamped him as a kind-hearted, generous, manly man. The members of the family have my deepest sympathy in this time of sorrow.

A Merritt Taylor said: "Philadelphia has lost a citizen possessed of remarkable executive ability. He has built many great works which will remain as monuments to his foresight and constructive ability.

"Thousands of Philadelphians whom he

has befriended in time of need and in an unostentatious way can bear testimony to his generosity and sympathetic affection for his fellow men. "Every one feels the deepest sympathy for the bereaved family, as the devotion which existed between father, mother and children marked a beautiful characteristic of Senator McNichol." Former Recorder of Deeds Ernest L.

regard Senator McNichol's death a great loss to the city of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania. His intimate knowledge of city affairs and the readiness with which he was willing to meet and discuss with fellow citizens questions on ublic welfare made him a valuable mem-Senate when Senate. I was a member of the Senate when Senator McNichol was a mem-ber of that body, and I can say that Senator McNichol was of great assistance in shaping legislation for Philadelphia. I al-ways found Senator McNichol willing to discuss any question that concerned the public. He was broad enough to recognize the other man's viewpoint.

STATE SENATOR J. P. M'NICHOL DIES SUDDENLY OF HEART ATTACK

Continued from Page One with his friend, United States Senator Boles Penrose, in indorsing the Town Meeting

William J. McNichol was asked this morning if, during the Senator's illness, he had heard any expression fall from his father's lips as to the election or general political conditions. For a moment he paused before replying, then said:

"I may answer that later." WIFE LOSES RACE WITH DEATH As Senator McNichol was dying, his wife was racing to his bedside in a big touring car from the new McNichol home in Overbrook. After his condition became critical this morning, Senator McNichol's son William telephoned to his stepmother, who was spending the night in the Overbrook restdence built by Senator McNichol some

months ago. Mrs. McNichol hastily called a powerful automobile and told the chauffeur to drive to the Race street house with all possible beed. The car tore into town, but it was a loser in its race against death. Sen-ator McNichol had been dead for five min-utes when Mrs. McNichol reached his bed-

Mrs. McNichol was overwhelmed by her loss. This afternoon, while still bearing her bereavement bravely, it was found necessary to send out for some aspirin to quiet her nerves. Her infant son Robert, two months old, was brought into town by his nurse at noon and his mother watched over the child as he lay in a big wicker basket. filled with pillows, at her feet in the upper room where Mrs. McNichol remained.

A steady stream of friends called at the ouse during the day to offer their condo-Among them was Charles P. Donnelly, the Democratic leader. Fifty or more telegrams of condolence were received, many of them from prominent men in all parts of the United States.

Among the callers at the McNichol home immediately after the death became known were Monsignor Kieran, rector of St. Pat-rick's Church, at Twentleth and Locust Register of Wills James B. Sheehan, a life-long friend of the Senator, and Magistrate "Billy" Campbell.

McNICHOL'S REMARKABLE CAREER The story of James P. McNichol is the story of one of the most remarkable and picturesque characters known in the life of Philadelphia during the present genera tion. It is the story of one man battling against other men, his antagonists narrowing down to more and more powerful in dividuals as he himself grew stronger and stronger.

So told, it is at once a drama of American life and a running commentary on American municipal political history. It American municipal political instory. It has its first act, its climax and its conclusion, its underground and therefore unheeded victories of wits pitted against weaker wits, its palpable victories and defeats which all the world may read, and its bright reflection upon the duil and dark-colored waters of civic consciousness. colored waters of civic consciousness.

Most of all, it is typically American in its appeal to the prograatism of "the man in the street." "Jim" McNichol was not boss of a debatable ward in the one of the nation's greatest cities throughout twenty five years without furnishing some perti-nent comment on the political attitude of the mass of citizens. He was not a State Senator for fifteen years without supplying some picture of the link between municipal. State and national politics. He was not a builder of municipal improvements on a huge scale without awakening some vision of the immemorial alliance between "the people" and "the friend of the people."

Fittingly enough, he was a son of no family which had had luster shed upon it family which had had fuster shed upon it by the exploits of its earlier members. What he was he made. Nor can he be re-membered beyond his own generation of politicians any more than the politicians of a similiar type who preceded him, for his-tory is is not modeled upon the lives of municipal contractors. He is to be remembered as a contribution to realism

IN TENTH WARD ALL HIS LIFE He was born on July 3, 1854, and brought to in the Tenth Ward. His father was a contractor, in a small way, as was his uncle. The family was in moderate circumstances, Irish-Americans. The Tenth Ward, at its eastern end, was no sweetsmelling place. The McNichols, however, lived in its western half, a section of homes which had decency without frills.

Jim, a tall, gangling boy with a perpetual

School, at Fifteenth and Race streets. Then he studied two years at a business college. That ended his schooling. When he was twenty he went to work for his father and his uncle. He learned not only how to get a good job of street grading done, but how make friends with the men who worked on the job. If the young men and the older men liked "young Jim" it was because he was a likable lad.

"Jim" McNichol's first "job" was that of janitor in the old City Hall, which was in the east wing of the Independence Hall group of buildings, at Fifth and Chestnut

ill the voters in his division, then the eighth. William R. Leeds was then boss of the ward. The word went out that Leeds was to be overthrown. Jim couldn't see why. He did the best he could to help Leeds in his division. He got licked. He

Then he decided he would have a try for lection to the Republican committee of the ward from his division. He got licked again. Again he laughed,

HIS FIRST CITY CONTRACT About this time he went into business for himself, going into the business of street contractor with his brother, Daniel J. Mc-Nichol, in 1890. He was then twenty-six. They had little more than \$1000 between them to start with, and part of this was borrowed from their father. Three horses and two carts were purchased. Charles A. Porter, who got most of the municipal contracts of those days, turned a little street grading work over to the young men. Jim was more excited over that first job than he was when the first \$5,000,000 filtration plant contract went to his firm ten years

He kept on "mixing" quietly among the politicians of the ward, and in a year or two after his first failure he found that he was the strongest of them all. Leeds had died, and in 1892, when McNichol was only twenty-eight years old, he found himself chosen to the City Committee and leader

of the ward in Leeds's place.

When the next mayoralty campaign came on and David Martin, then the Republican boss of the city, supported Warwick, McNichol worked loyally for Warwick in his ward. After Warwick's election, McNichol was a bidder for city contracts, but lost them to John M. Mack, although Mack's estimate had been higher than his them to John M. Mack, although Mack's estimates had been higher than his. Mc-Nichol merely grinned his wide grin and joined forces with Israel W. Durham, "Dave" Martin's rival for supremacy in the chy's Republican leadership.

RISE IN LOCAL POLITICS

After six years of building up his strength n the Tenth Ward. Jim ran for Select Jouncil and took his seat in 1898. The four years that followed were the most four years that followed were the most critical in his life. It was during them that he first measured his brains against those of the leaders in wards other than his own. It was then that he began to form alliances with leaders of other wards. "The Ward Leaders' Combine," otherwise known as the "Hog Combine," to which McNichol had belonged until he broke with "Dare". Martin, found a new organization forming under the leadership of Durham and Mc-Nichol.

Nichol.

They found allies in the downtown wards in the persons of two brothers named Vare, street-cleaning contractors, who were just beginning to use their employes to form the nucleus of an army of voters. A dozen years later the Vares were to become the worst thorns in the flesh of McNichol and Boies Penrose, who, elected United States Senator to succeed J. Donald Cameron, had taken the place of Durham as the power had taken the place of Durham as the power behind Philadelphia's city politics. From its formation in 1890 until 1901, when Jim McNichol ended his term as Select

From its formation in 1890 until 1901, when Jim McNichol ended his term as Select Councilman, the McNichol contracting firm had executed city and private contracts aggregating more than \$5,000,000. A milliondollar share of this was the paving in connection with the Hestonville Railroad system. Work for the Philadelphia Traction Company, the Electric Traction Company and the Union Traction Company was done. Callowhill, Wharton, Federal, Ellsworth and other streets were paved by the firm.

On Christmas Eve, 1901, the firm got its first big plum—the award of contracts from the city worth \$5,000,000 for the building of the filtration plant at Torresdale. The award went to Daniel J. McNichol. James P McNichol had been working sedulously in Councils for the plan to equip the city with the great system of filtration plants which was eventually to give the McNichol firm \$90,000,000 of contracts.

James P. McNichol. elected a State Senator to represent the Third Philadelphia District, which included the Fifth, Sixth, Tenth, Eleventh, Tweifth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Sixteenth and Eighteenth Wards, took his seat in the Legislature in 1902.

Hardly had he done so when Durham instituted suits which held up the filter appropriations and contracts until the bids and figures were readjusted. The legal fight dragged on for nearly two years. McNichol won. Discussing it some years afterward, he said:

"From the day the fight was started I was confident that sooner or later I would win. I knew this when the opposition made the filtration question the basis for the fight. I was conscious that I had a voucher for every item of expense, even though the

fight. I was conscious that I had a voucher for every item of expense, even though the amount was no more than five cents. I knew that I had checks showing every payment made. I knew that my payrolis and bills showed the cost of the work. I knew that an honest examination of my books would clear me of every charge. I was confident of my position because I knew that sooner or later the case was one that would so to the courts and there be fairly ould go to the courts and there be fairly

it had been a straight-out political I shouldn't have cared so much. In "If it had been a straight-out political fight. I shouldn't have cared so much. In fact, I rather enjoy a fight now and then. But I looked upon the fight as one to disgrace me, and my family through me, and to break me down financially. I had to fight back. I wouldn't have been much of a man had I surrendered. I started out to secure a vindication. I think I have succeeded."

INPERVAL OF 1985

UPHEAVAL OF 1965 In 1905 came the famous upheaval in city politics in which the City Party over-threw the Durham-McNichol organization. The Tenth Ward, McNichol's, was the scene of excitement in its Tenderloin division which was not paralleled until the outbreak of 1917 in the "Bloody Fifth." McNichol took the realignment of political strength with smiling cheerfulness and set to work with Senator Penrose until the Penrose-McNichol organization once more gathered Nichol organization once more gathered

To the building of the Torresdale filtra-ion plants, from 1992 to 1998, Senator Mc-Nichol gave a tremendous amount of personal attention. It was his greatest achieve-ment. With it he pushed through to comple-tion, between 1906 and 1908, the Market sonal attention street and 1908, the Market street andway, a \$7,250,900 job, which pre-sented enormous engineering problems. In fifteen years the two carts and the team of horses with which he had started had grown to a business in which 7000 men

ere employed. Municipal contracts were far from being the only work done by the McNichol con-tracting sems. One piece of construction for the Eric Rallroad was completed at a cost of \$4,500,000.

Senator McNichol's first speech in the Pennsylvania Legislature—he was not a speaker and seldom spoke in Councils, the Legislature or in political campaigns—won him the nickname of "Strawberry Jim." He had introduced a bill to amend the "bius laws" of 1794, forbidding the sale of any article on Sunday, so as to permit working people to buy soft drinks, cigars and the ke on Sundays.

"They haven't got a chance to enjoy themselves on any other day in the week." he said hotly. "A workingman gets home at night and he's so tired that he can't do anything but smoke his pipe and go to bed Sunday is his only day for recreation. Can't he have a chance to buy anything of that day in the line of harmless recreation? He's not like the rich. He don't have strawberries; he has beans for breakfast.'

The bill was passed. But even more widely than as "Straw berry Jim" was Senator McNichol known as "Sunny Jim." He was a man of stalwart frame, more than six feet in height, without an ounce of superfluous flesh upon him and his tall form was topped by a face in which a wide, humorous mouth was perpetually spread in a grin that made friends varywhere. He grinned that as broadly everywhere. He grinned just as broadly when he lost as when he won. He was never a "quitter," always "a good loser" which means that he was bound to win

centually. (Senator McNichol's one recreation during senator accisions one recreation during the last ten years was horse racing, and he never got over his love for fine horses of which he owned several. He owned the trotters Dago, Roy Miller, Darrah and Jacqueline P., and the pacers R. H. Brett. Maxime Audubon and Beldon. R. H. Brett. with a record of 2:02%, was regarded as champion of the Grand Circuit. In one year the bay gelding brought in \$12,000

Senator McNichol was twice married. He is survived by twelve children, who are Dunstan, William J., Harry A., Joseph P., Frank J., Edward J., Daniel J., James J., Jr., John F., Robert, Helen and Agnes, Besides the twelve living children there were two who died. Mrs. McNichol before her marriage to the Senator in 1909 was Miss Margaret Donahoe. She was chief nurse at the Philadelphia Hospital at the time of her marriage. Two boys, Robert and Dunsother ten are the children of Senator Mc-Nichol's first wife, who was Miss Anastasia Fasey. He married her early in life.

Senator McNichol's family was his chief interest, for to it he gave every possible coment away from politics and business "There is only one thing I am working for,' he once said. "I want to give all my chil-dren a good education and set that they are started in life. I want to teach my boys to be good business men so that they will be able to take care of themselves after I am gone. I want to give my family all the comforts possible and help a few others the comforts possible and help a few ere and there to get a little sunshine out

of life. That he succeeded in helping not "a few others," but very many, "to get a little sunshine" is well known, in spite of the fact that Senator McNichol never referred to his charities. There is a home for or-phans in Sea Isle City which received muc. of its support from him. In the days of the coal strikes of fifteen years ago he supplied coal to hundreds of poor families. On of his standing orders to division lieuten-ants in the Tenth Ward was to see to it that any needy family was helped. Many a ragged youngster has been supplied with new shoes, warm stockings and other cloth-ing by Senator McNichol's orders.

Several years ago Senator McNichol built a spacious residence of twenty-two rooms at 222 West Logan square, a few doors from the residence of his old political for. from the residence of his old political foe, ex-Mayor Blankenburg. The building was appraised at \$153,000 when the Parkway plans called for its demolition as well as that of ex-Mayor Blankenburg's. It has

'HE WAS A CLEAN MAN," PROVOST SMITH'S TRIBUTE

Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith, provost of the University of Pennsylvania, who was a close friend of Senator McNichol, said, when informed of his death by the EVENING LEDGER:

"I am sorry indeed to hear this news. You know, after he left his sickroom to go to the polls to vote at the recent elections and suffered a relapse as a result, I dropped him a little note to say how sorry I was, and asked if I might not drop in to see him for a minute or two as soon as he was able to see his friends once more. He wasn't able to receive any one—and now that opportunity will never come to me

again.
"I have always had high esteem for Senator McNichol—I have known him for many years, you know. We had many interests in common—not in political nor business matters, but socially. He was a man of remarkable brain power. Although he had never enjoyed the educational ad-

he had never enjoyed the educational advantages which others may have had, he was a very clear thinker. I knew his sons well. Four of them attended the University—fine boys, with good records.

"I admired him, too, because he always stood firm on the subject of drink. He never drank himself and his attitude was an example to others. He was a clean

an example to others. He was a clean man.

"I admired him immensely for his invariable square-dealing. And I admired him for his public spirit. You recall that when the Subway appropriations were held up. Senator McNichol, knowing how much the Subway and the Frankford Elevated is needed, simply said, "I'll go ahead." He was willing to risk his own money and to wait. I think that was a pretty fine thing for any man to do.

"I'm sorry to hear that he has gone. That's all I can say."



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