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FORTY-SIXTH YEAR.

WING THE WHEEL.

The Early Life of Henry M. Stanley No Longer Shrouded in Mystery.

HIS STEPFATHER FOUND.

A Sturdy Welshman in Homestead Who Can Tell All About the Explorer's Boyhood.

NOT BORN WITH A SILVER SPOON.

The Decidedly Humble Origin of the Now World-Famous Hero of the Heart of the Dark Continent.

SALE OF THE LAD TO A SEA CAPTAIN.

Description of an Affectionate Mother and Her Son After Loss of Years of Trial and Separation.

A SISTER WHO IS NOW RESIDING IN COLORADO.

When Henry M. Stanley, the great African explorer, was in Pittsburgh last winter, he little dreamed that a man claiming to be his stepfather was living in Homestead, neither did the father know that his famous stepchild intended to deliver a lecture in this city until after he had gone.

It was ignorant of the other's presence though the old man has longed for years to see Mr. Stanley to tell him about the death of his mother. It is an interesting story and full of pathos. After listening to the

"Then he said you are my mother, and he took her in his arms and they were bitterly. He inquired about his sister Elizabeth. She was at work in the town, and his mother sent for her. He seemed to be in a state of excitement at midnight to catch the steamer at Cardiff for France, and he had come to Wales to get the papers about his birth. My wife felt that my home was in Cardiff, and she had Henry to sleep in, so she insisted that he go to the hotel and she would see him. Stanley asked about a willow tree which she had planted at the corner of the house when he had been a baby. It was a mere twig he had pushed in the sand, and she had seen it when they walked outside to look at the tree. It had grown wonderfully and was higher than the house, long limbs being seen trailing the ground. Stanley looked up, and as the remembrance of his boyhood days came back, his tears rolled down his cheeks. His mother also cried again. The women who were present, who had known him so often since he was a child, and his mother stood under the tree and wept, holding each other's hands.

"In the evening Elizabeth went around to the hotel to see her brother. She was then about 25 years old, and she had not seen or heard of him for 14 years. The girl was very young, and she was dressed in a simple, plain dress. She had a long, straight nose, and her hair was parted down the middle. She was very pale, and she looked as if she had been through a long and hard life. She was very nervous, and she was trembling all over. She was very much interested in the story of her brother's life, and she was very much moved by it. She was very much interested in the story of her brother's life, and she was very much moved by it.

"It is generally understood by the public that Henry M. Stanley is not the real name of the explorer. This is the name of the New Orleans merchant who raised him, as the published accounts of his early life go. The mystery of his origin has never been cleared up to the public ken, though all the facts of his birth are probably known to Mr. Stanley. For certain reasons he has never cared to date upon them, and in consequence a lot of stories about his boyhood days have been published.

It remains for Watkin James, the stepfather, to give a clear and authentic history of young Stanley up to when he was five years old.

A MATTER OF INTEREST.

Anything written about the rescuer of Livingston, which bears the stamp of truth, will certainly be much appreciated by the world. Mr. James relates incidents which will be news to Stanley, and will no doubt be relished by him. It is strange that the news never came out, but when the story is told people will readily understand how in a modest and inability to express himself well in the English language have prevented Mr. James from making himself known to the American and Welsh idiom.

Watkin James is a Welshman, 63 years old, living in Homestead. He has resided in that town for the last five years, and is employed as the keeper of a furnace in Carnegie's Homestead mill. He is a man of rugged build, and has a good, honest face as his picture shows. He is a typical Welshman, and can speak English fairly well. His accent is hard for a native to catch at first, but one becomes accustomed to it in a short time. It is difficult to make him understand questions asked in English, but through an interpreter it was made easy.

Mr. James remained home from work yesterday afternoon to have his picture taken and to keep an engagement with a DISPATCH reporter. He was found in a neat little home on Heisel street, opposite Maloney's Hotel. His Welsh brother-in-law, Mr. Davis, whose wife speaks English fluently, was lounging on the little porch.

APPEARED IN THE DOORWAY.

When asked if Mr. James lived there, he didn't understand the question, and replied in the negative. Just then a rugged-looking man appeared in the doorway. His beard was coarse and white, and covered his neck like Horace Greely's. The hair was removed from the cheeks. He was minus a coat and wore a rough shirt which the mill-men have adopted as their own peculiar style. The face was kindly and full of strength. He looked at the stranger before him for a moment and then said abruptly: "Are you the newspaper man?" When the positive assurance was given, he said in broken English:

"Come in. I am Stanley's stepfather and you are my brother. Do you know Henry? I often read about him in the papers, but I never saw him. I didn't know he was in Pittsburgh last winter or would have called on me here. When he was married last fall my family and I celebrated the event among ourselves here in Homestead."

"Yes, and we had a great time," broke in Mrs. Mary Davis, his sister-in-law, who afterward went to the door.

With the broken and mutual confidence restored by this introduction, it was plain that the man was Henry M. Stanley. The story of Stanley's father and mother at the court and how they were married, and how the explorer had brought from Africa, the suited good-naturedly.

places were like so much Sanserit, but after much questioning all the facts were elicited. HE HAD A GOOD MOTHER.

"Stanley's correct name," said Mr. James, "is Henry Rowlands. His mother was Ellen Jones, and his father Jacob Rowlands. Both were born in Pons, near the New Castle Emlyn, Carmarthenshire, South Wales. Henry was born in the same town, and was from 40 to 45 years old. He has a sister Elizabeth, who is now married to a David Jones, and they are living some distance from here. I remember that my message to America. Stanley's father was a book-binder by trade, and a very clever one, but a good for nothing man. He was very fond of the village, could talk good English, and was very smart. He had a very good sense of humor, and I think the reason why Stanley was so fond of him was that he was a very kind man, and he was very kind to him. Stanley's mother was a very good woman, and she was very kind to him. Stanley's father was a very good man, and he was very kind to him. Stanley's mother was a very good woman, and she was very kind to him. Stanley's father was a very good man, and he was very kind to him.

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Ohio's People's Party Convention Prepares to Nominate.

ROCKS UPON WHICH THEY SPLIT.

Prohibition, Land Taxes and Farm Products Loan Features.

CAUSE A LONG COMING STRUGGLE.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Aug. 5.—The People's Party Convention assembled here this afternoon. The district meetings at 11 o'clock this morning were all well attended, every district being represented. There were slight differences of opinion in nearly every district, but they only grew into the First, Second, Sixteenth and Twenty-first. The Hamilton county now was over the admission of Mrs. Mary Childster who came as an alternate, and the question was as to the legality of the Saturday night meeting which re-elected the delegates.

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