

CARBONDALE.

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GRIM REAPER'S HARVEST.

Death of James Allen and Mrs. Mary Egan.

The death of James Allen removes one of the city's oldest residents, who passed forty years of his life in Carbondale. He was born in England, nearly seventy years ago. His death at the Emergency hospital was due to dropsy.

He was an active employee in the Delaware and Hudson shops, and highly respected by all. He leaves one son, William Allen, and a daughter, Mrs. Stanton. The funeral services will be held this afternoon at the house of his brother, William K. Allen, the Rev. W. B. Grove officiating.

Mrs. Mary Egan, after a long illness, passed away on Monday evening, aged sixty-three years. Her husband was killed in the war. Mrs. Egan passed forty years in this city, highly esteemed for her active usefulness. Two daughters remain, Mrs. Thomas Horan and Mrs. Mary Horan; also her son, Thomas Egan, and two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Cummings and Mrs. James Higgins.

Contributions for Pittston Sufferers. The donations and subscriptions already received for the sufferers from the same accident at Pittston amount to the generous sum of \$1,292.96. The congregation and societies of St. Rose church gave of this amount \$87.50. The people have responded with noble generosity to the appeal of the bishop and the efforts of Father Coffey in behalf of those so deeply afflicted.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

George Stephens left yesterday for Niantic, Conn., where he will make his future home with his daughter, Mrs. John James.

Mrs. William Sherrer and daughter Rose returned home Saturday after an extended visit with Mrs. Andrew Wells of Fleetville.

Mrs. John Eedy and daughter of Scranton are the guests of friends in Carbondale. Mr. John Marvin of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. James Norton, returned home yesterday.

Miss Edith Bailey is a guest at J. B. Shannon's cottage at Crystal Lake. Miss Martha Singer is visiting her cousin, Miss Frances Moses, of Mulberry street, Scranton.

Miss Nora Hyland of Brooklyn, N. Y., is the guest of Miss Lizzie Mullally of South Main street. Miss Betty Wilson of Belmont street has returned home from Tompkinsville where she has been the guest of her friends.

Mrs. George S. Russell of Windham, Bradford county, is visiting at George H. McMillan's on Lincoln avenue. The party of Carbondale people who have been occupying a cottage at Lake Sheelidan for the past ten days returned home Monday evening. The party was composed of the following people: Mr. and Mrs. E. Marcy and son, Misses Mary, Minnie and Isabel Marcy, Mr. and Mrs. J. Simons and son and daughter, Miss Maggie Reed, Mrs. Minton, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. O'Neil, Misses Edith and Ollie Moon.

Miss Mary Crane and family and Miss Crane's guest, Miss Rhoadway of Washington, D. C., will return to-day from Preston Park. E. V. Hollenback has returned from a visit to "Crystal" camp at Crystal Lake. Miss Letitia Starkweather of Philadelphia is the guest of Miss Sara Courtwright.

Mrs. M. Grinnell of Canaan street entertained a number of her friends at a tea party in honor of her guest, Mrs. Helen Hope of Brooklyn, N. Y., Monday afternoon. Howard Potter left Monday for a two weeks' stay at Atlantic City. James Stoll and family left yesterday for Pigeon Cove, Cape Ann, Mass., where they will spend the month of August.

Miss Fannie Weidman of Hotel Antheite is suffering from a badly strained arm, the result of a fall from her bicycle. Mrs. Berlin and Mrs. Henry Reynolds leave to-day to attend camp meeting at Harmed Grove. George Hughes and Louis Rehnkop left last night for the Old Fellows' entertainment at Buffalo.

Mrs. Thomas Eitel of New York is visiting at the home of Jacob Eitel on South Main street. The Misses Evelyn Grove and Minnie Stephens of Brooklyn, N. Y., are the guests of Mrs. W. F. Salmon on Gilbert street. The Misses Sallie and Grace Hughes of Wilkes-Barre are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bolton.

Mrs. George W. Dove of Port Jervis is spending the week with her husband at Hotel Antheite. Mrs. Michael Brownan of Philadelphia is the guest of Mrs. Patrick Keough on Broadway street.

TUNKHANNOCK.

Miss Ruth Paen, of Philadelphia, is visiting her cousin, Miss Hope Northrop. Miss Agnes Reynolds, of San Mateo, California, who has been visiting relatives in town, has gone to Scranton for a few weeks. Miss Idell Barnes, of Scranton, and Miss Finliff Martin, of Montrose, are at the Holly Cottage at Lake Winona. Claude Armitz, who has been in Towanda for some time, has returned and will resume his position in his brother's barber shop. George Zintel, of Scranton, who has been in his place, goes to Buffalo, N. Y. The Scranton Railroad Y. M. C. A. defeated the Tritons in a game of ball here Saturday. Mrs. Harry McTeaf gave a reception

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HE STAKED ALL ON GENERAL GRANT

Story of the Famous Republican National Convention of 1860.

ONE MAN'S VERY RECKLESS WAGER

How He Was Saved from Utter Bankruptcy by a Fortunate Side Bet.

Political Paroxysms in the State of Sunflowers.

From the Chicago Evening Post.

Let no man imagine the interest in a national convention is confined to the cities. When politicians gather from all parts of the country to one common center and at that momentous juncture of splendor and enthusiasm of politics they become a magnet too strong to be disregarded. And whether he will or no, the citizen—no matter how far away—thinks convention, eats, drinks, dreams, converses, and goes into a paroxysm of impatience because he cannot quickly enough learn the latest news.

Kansas has more politics to the acre than any place on earth outside a Methodist quadrennial conference, and the national conventions of the Republican party are perfect seasons of fever heat in the sunflower state. Rabid in their partisanship at all times, they are intense, intolerant, abusive when the chiefs are in convention. And they search madly for news.

That was what saved Dick Williams in 1860. He had lived in a state where the people could talk politics within reason, caring no more for it than for their religion or their family ties. But in the lava heat of that place and time Dick Williams simply couldn't lose.

Of course Grant was going to be nominated. Of that no reasonable man could have the shadow of a doubt. He should have been nominated four years before, but some people protested against the third term, so he went around the world, and gilded the skies of foreign lands with a broad blaze of American glory. He came back in 1850 the greatest American—the greatest man, his admirers claimed—and landed in Chicago just before the national convention. He brought the impetus of a famous tour, the weight of a victorious war, and the prestige of two good presidential terms. Could mortal delegate withstand such arguments? No. He had the united strength of John A. Logan of Illinois, Roscoe Conkling of New York and Don Cameron of Pennsylvania behind him; and 200 delegates were pledged to him "first, last and all the time." No man had half that number. There was an air of things to come, a "Grant" sentiment in the convention, but it could not stand. It had no nucleus candidate on whom to crystallize. It was negative. The 206 was a positive force, a loyal following, an active, working, trained, proselytizing army. And it could not fail.

Dick Williams hustled about a good deal, and he managed to find people who didn't agree with him. He was surprised, but some of them were willing to bet. Dick drew all his money out of bank and vested it in the hands of trusty stakeholders. To his astonishment he even then didn't have them betted to a standstill. So he bet his horses one by one, and his farm was next in jeopardy. If he had had wife and children he would have bet the family he would have bet the house. Usually he wagered that Grant would be named on first ballot; but in the case of the land he held out for a better offer, and staked his acres that "the man on horseback" would be nominated, making no limit as to time.

That hot June evening when the convention really met in Chicago Dick went down to the county seat, and joined the noisy, impenetrable crowd that had gone to the telegraph office. He "chipped in" and added the fund which represented the money he had bet. He was more at stake than any of them, and he wanted to know. Kansas was a prohibition state even then; but these substantial citizens threw law to the winds, and either closed their eyes or turned their backs on the window ledge or slipped out cautiously, and as cautiously unbetted.

The telegraph operator first collected the fund which was to pay him. Then he read the first bulletin. It had 306 for Grant and Dick Williams wanted to cheer. He was not for Blaine, and some for Sherman, and some for Hawley, and one for Hayes, and three for Winfield.

Then they sat about for an hour and talked in voices that grew higher and higher as the stock of beer grew lower and lower. And the second ballot was like the first, and the third like the second, and, with some little shuffling of the vote on the unimportant names, all the ballots of the evening were alike. Dick was surprised at midnight to know the beer was consumed and the convention was adjourned till morning, and Grant was not yet nominated. And through his feverish consciousness burned two things—of which he talked till daylight, to all men: "Grant, 306; Winfield, 3."

Next night it was the same thing over. There was a departure from the normal. Excitement seized upon the people. Men of the soundest judgment forgot a lifetime habit. Women of gentleness breeding cut their neighbor women dead because there was a difference of political opinion. Ballot after ballot was taken that second afternoon. Crowds went down to the telegraph office in the evening. Dick Williams refused to learn caution. Gil Martin, the richest merchant in town, was against Grant, and Williams wanted to catch him. He offered all kinds of bets, but Martin was eluding him. The first ballot was read: "Grant, 306; Winfield, 3" with the same old varying range between them. They resorted to the brown bottles, and the telegraph operator tapped on his key and held up his hand. Here was the second ballot. Grant had gained some. Winfield still held three. Williams was in a paroxysm of delight. He was sure to win. An hour's third ballot was announced. Grant had lost, but Winfield held his three. That last became a joke. Still another. Grant had gained. Sherman, Edmunds, Blaine, half a dozen others were more or less. Winfield never varied. They reached for the bottles.

"But time for another ballot?" called Williams to the operator. "That worthy made no gain." "I bet Grant gains on the next ballot!" shouted Dick excitedly. "I bet Winfield has three!" cried Gil Martin, the rich anti-Grant man. The politicians laughed. "What'll you bet?" demanded Williams. He was minded to make a little losing, for the fun of it.

"I bet my store against your watch and chain," cried Gil Martin, for he too was in a mood for the speculation. "I'll take you," roared Dick Williams. "That's a bet, Dick," cried Martin. He knew Williams had been laying for him.

"You bet it's a bet. Here's a dollar to you." The telegraph man could scarcely get the crowd's attention. "Thirty-fifth ballot," he droned. "Grant, 306"—then some about Garfield and Sherman and Blaine and the rest and then silence. "Gil Martin stood as if carved in stone." "Where's Winfield?" he asked, gasping. "Not mentioned," said the operator, who didn't care.

The end of it was but briefly postponed. Grant fell to the 398, and never below it. But Garfield was named and Dick Williams had lost. What made him forget the Gil Martin winning was his real sentiment of regard, of loyalty for Grant. His soul was bound up in the man. He was a hero worshipper. After a while he remembered it. Gil Martin said he was "only fooling." But in Kansas, as elsewhere, bets "go." Finally Gil Martin—who was fearfully scared, as all betters were—always is, met Dick with a fair proposal.

"I'll settle all your Grant bets if you'll let me off on this." And poor Dick, who had not yet returned so near the normal as to sense the awful condition in which his betting had placed him at first refused. But he agreed to it later—and calculating Gil Martin settled all the claims and still saved something. While Dick Williams, rescued from bankruptcy by Winfield's fortuitous ill fortune, forewore speculation as well as bet, he never again watched but bet for reports from a national convention.

AVOCA.

Miss Jennie Newlin was a visitor at Scranton yesterday. A ball will be held on Aug. 21, in O'Malley's hall, for the benefit of James Dobbs, who was recently in an accident in Law's mines. Luke Nolan is spending a week at Lake Ariel. Miss Ella O'Malley spent last evening with Scranton friends.

The funeral of Bartley Curran will be held this morning (Wednesday), at 9:30 o'clock from his home on Grove street, with a high mass of requiem at St. Mary's church. Interment will be made in St. Mary's church, Avoca. Although the funeral will be private, no carriages are expected. Miss B. and Mary McDonald, of Arch-bald, are visiting friends in town. Miss Alice Morahan is visiting friends in Scranton.

Misses Annie Lyonn and Nellie Hagarty, of Scranton, were guests of friends here last evening. Misses M. A. O'Malley, James Lunny and P. F. Brown, of Scranton, were visitors here yesterday. Miss Margaret Gaughen is spending today with friends in Plains.

VICTOR AND VANQUISHED.

From the Bookman. Through the crowded streets returning, at the ending of the day. Hastened on, whom all saluted as he sped along his way. In his eye a gleam of triumph, in his heart a joy sincere. And the echo of shouting thousands still resounding in his ear. Passed he "neath a stately archway toward the goal of his desire. Fill he saw a woman's figure loiling tily by the fire.

"I have won," he cried exultant: "I have saved a cause from wreck, I crushed the rival that I dreaded, set my foot upon his neck! Now at last the way is open, now at last men call me great. I am leader of the leaders! I am master of the State!"

Languidly she turned to listen with a decorous eye, but her cold, patrician features mirrored forth indifference. "Men are always scheming, striving for power, the other, fairing homeward with dejected step and slow; Wistful, peering through the darkness, till he saw, as oft before, Whom the human mind impatient at the threshold of the door.

"I have lost," he faltered faintly. "All is over." Then he paused and gazed expectant at the face beside his own. Two soft eyes were turned upon him with a woman's tenderness. Two white arms were flung about him with a passionate caress. And a voice of thrilling music to his muted ears uttered these words: "If only you are with me, what is all the rest to me?"

All night long the people's leader sat in silence and alone. Dull of eye, with brain unthinking, for his heart was turned to stone; While the hours passed all unheeded till the hush of night had ceased. And the hazy dawn returning flecked the melancholy east.

Each had grasped the gift of fortune, each had counted up the cost. And the vanquished was the victor, and the winner he that lost.

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