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CARDNER LOOKING FOR ABSENT SON

He Disappeared from Jermyn on Aug. 29 Last. BELIEVES THAT HE WAS MURDERED

George Cardner, a man past middle age, came here from Jermyn, Pa., yesterday looking for his 15-year-old son, Edward, who mysteriously disappeared from home on August 29, and has not been heard of since. The father read in the papers of the sudden death from starvation of an unknown tramp at Dunmore last Wednesday and has thought from the description that it might be his boy.

So he came here yesterday to view the body of the tramp, half hoping and half fearing the result. If long and tireless search could create a hope for the end George Cardner experienced it. He told the story of his son's suspicious disappearance yesterday with tears running down his cheeks. Cardner is a tall, spare looking man; grayish complexioned with jet black hair and full black beard. He said that worry had brought the white in his hair.

"I can't make out where that boy is," said the father; "he went away so suddenly, we can't think he left of his own accord."

"When did you see him last?" "In August. On the 29th he and three other young fellows from Jermyn left our house early in the morning to go to Cullis' pond. This is a bit of water about five miles from Jermyn. There's a picnic ground on the side of the pond and my boy Ed, with the other three, were going to spend the day there. Ed took the car from the house and went away. At night those three fellows came back but my boy was not with them. They had the car though. I asked them where was Ed, but they wouldn't tell me. They said, 'oh, we know where he is, we can get him whenever we want him.'"

"AN AWFUL THOUGHT," said Cardner, "I believe my boy was murdered and the body thrown in the woods around the lake. Something happened I don't know what it was. We tramped from the Lackawanna to the Susquehanna and away up in Cayuga county but I can't find any trace of Ed. I don't believe he ran away. He was what you call a mother's boy. I have a younger son and he takes after me. But Ed was always his mother's boy. He couldn't have run away."

When asked why he did not drag the pond and Cardner replied that he had. "But," he said, "what can I do without help. I only had one dog and I couldn't cover the whole pond."

Cardner intended more from Coroner's court regarding the young tramp who died in Dunmore. Edward Cardner was a blue-eyed, fair faced boy, the going man who died so lonely last Wednesday was dark skinned and had a slight beard. The description did not tally and Cardner walked back to Jermyn.

ANOTHER INQUIRY. The police department yesterday received another message asking for a description of the dead tramp. This was from a doctor at Albion, N. J., who had returned from the scene of the crime and had a description of the man.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE. Under this heading short letters of interest will be published when accompanied by publication by the writer's name. The Tribune is not responsible for opinions here expressed.

THE PENSION PROBLEM. Editor of the Tribune: I do not seem to have anything to do with the blackboard, either in the newspaper or elsewhere; but with you, Mr. Editor, who I believe to be the best of all, I have been asked to do something in the New York Sun, I am willing to discuss further the pension problem. When I referred to General Sibley and Beaver, it was because they are considered well-to-do pensioners. You say that the well-to-do pensioner whose place on the pension rolls is secured by a compromise in need or an unnecessary burden upon the backs of the people is deserving not of honor but of shame. Now if matters are as the reformer is well-to-do, if he is deserving, he will not crowd out a candidate in need. This country is able to pay all pensions that are deserved, and the fact that the country has paid out so large an amount in pensions has very much to do with the prosperity and growth of our country.

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per day, as they were in 1871. I have no sense to offer for the pensioner who has obtained his pension by fraud, or for any man who violates any law. And I hereby offer a reward of \$25 for proof that will show that any veteran in the city of Scranton is drawing a pension which he has obtained by fraud. Here is a chance for those taxpayers who have come to man's estate since the war's close.

One of these men asked me yesterday why he should be compelled to help pay pensions. He did not realize the superior advantage he enjoyed in this land of freedom, the opportunity and the means attainable to no other land beneath the sun. He knew nothing of grim war, which saved this nation and guaranteed him these privileges and made pensions possible. Nor did he know how anxiously this government sought soldiers; how the young men were pleaded with to enter the fight; how this government promised to take care of them, and their wives or families should always be cared for. The government is fulfilling its obligations and carrying out its promises. But to return to the question of fraud, I do not deny that there are some cases, but that they are extensive I do not believe. The Commissioner of Pensions, Edwin Evans characterizes all stories of extensive pension frauds as pure fiction. The queries used are official regarding disbursements, but the allegations based upon them indicate to the commissioner a vivid imagination, coupled with a weak knowledge regarding the method of granting pensions. The commissioner said that some frauds exist, but he says that the department is exposing them. Every soldier person discovered is prosecuted openly in the courts. The percentage of fraudulent cases is so small that they do not justify the outcry being made about them. The Cleveland administration began its career with the announcement of a purpose to purge the pension rolls of the frauds it supposed existed. After years of the closest investigation and inquiry, it was compelled to admit that on the whole, nearly every dollar paid out had been obtained legally. As to the charge that there are more pensioners on the rolls than there are survivors of the rebellion, the commissioner says this is not true. While the total number of pensioners seems large, it must be remembered that thousands of widows and soldiers' orphans help to swell the list in addition to the veterans. Mr. Evans says it is impossible for any amount of fraud to be proved successfully on the Pension Bureau. For himself, he would rather spend \$10,000 in running down a fraud than save \$100 by perpetrating it.

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Proposals. PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the office of the Comptroller and Treasurer of the County of Luzerne, at 220 Madison street, Scranton, Pa., until 10 o'clock on Monday, 31st January 1898, for furnishing stove and iron end at the county prison during the ensuing year. Proposals must be made in writing and must be accompanied by a check for \$100,000, which will be returned if the proposals are not accepted, and the price of each kind of coal named.

PERSONAL. CHARLES W. SMITH, FORMERLY OF Albany, will send his address to "S. R." in this office, he will hear something to his advantage.

Social Events

The first holiday wedding of any distinction—and a very pretty one—was that of Miss Millie Hughes and Charles F. Knight at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Green Ridge, last evening. The bride is a sister of Mrs. John G. Meakin and a daughter of Mrs. Amelia D. Hughes. Mrs. Hughes and her two daughters, Miss Millie and Miss Bertha, formerly residing in Philadelphia, but came to Scranton about a year ago. The groom, Mr. Knight, is the chief designer of the Scranton Lace works.

The Christmas decorations had been left in the church and formed a handsome setting for the event. The pastor, Rev. F. S. Ballantine, officiated. The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Mrs. Lawrence Robinson. Hobart Hayden, Charles Carr, J. L. Chamman and B. Bevan were the ushers.

Miss Hughes wore an entrain gown of white silk which was trimmed with chiffon and Duchesse lace. She wore a veil and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations and maidenhair. The maid of honor's gown was of white organdy and pink silk. Her bouquet was of pink carnations and levardia. There was a reception from 8:30 to 11 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meakin, 1618 Adams avenue. The veranda of the house and much of its interior was trimmed with evergreens and holly. Potted tropical plants were also used. The dining room was arranged in pink and white. There was dancing during the evening.

On their return from a wedding trip of but a few days' duration, Mr. and Mrs. Knight will reside at 174 Sanderson avenue, a home that has recently been handsomely furnished.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jermyn gave a charming reception and dance last night at the Bicycle club. The room was again elaborately decorated by Oyle, Tanner's orchestra furnished the music and Huntington catered. Mr. and Mrs. Jermyn and the Misses Jermyn received the guests, about one hundred and fifty being entertained.

Among them were: Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Weston, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sturges, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kingsbury, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Storrs, Miss Winton, Miss McLeod, Miss Simpson, Miss Coleman, Miss Dale, Miss Archibald, Miss Boles, Miss Gilmore, Miss Wagoner, Miss Williams, Miss McVoorhes, Miss Matthews, Miss Hedin, Miss Bessell, Miss Alice Matthews, Miss Hunt, Miss Parke, Anna Archibald, Messrs. Huntington, Brooks, Bedford, James Blair, Paul B. Bell, Worth Scanton, J. H. Brooks, Whitmore, Bedford, Charles Mortimer Fuller, Russell Dimmick, Walker Frey.

Among those from out of town were: Mr. Andrews, of New York; Miss Holmes, Albany; Mr. Connor and Mr. Felsky, of Philadelphia.

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