

BLAINE PASSES AWAY.

The Summons Comes at Last to the Great Statesman—The Whole Country Mourns—President.

Mr. Blaine died at his residence in Washington, D. C., at 11 o'clock a. m., Friday, Jan. 27, 1893. James Gillespie Blaine's death, although it has removed from the world a character who has been prominent in everything he undertook, caused but little surprise. The news of it had been so long discounted that there remained but the announcement. It was a foregone conclusion that his battle with death would be the final defeat of his life. Though the facts as to his illness have from the first been studiously concealed, through the official channels of communication, he was a sick man when he returned to Washington to settle down for the winter; death and its bereavements added more and more to his ailments. He has grown worse and continued on his journey to the grave as fast as the days would carry him. And skill has furnished him the weapons of defense for a comparatively long time. But his death has furnished the end of the fight. He was a doomed man from the start and to all intents, he has been a dead man for these many days past. His mind had been almost a blank for weeks past, his lucid moments having been but few and at times far between; but his physical frame has withstood the ravages of wasting disease until now.

Naturally enough there has been a disposition on the part of the family and the attending physicians to either conceal or distort in some way the real conditions existing in the Blaine mansion, but from time to time accurate information as to Mr. Blaine's condition has been obtained and faithfully reported. Dating from the cradle to the tomb, Mr. Blaine's sixty-three years have been active ones. All the trials and tribulations that fall to the lot of a public man have been his, and have earned for him the peaceful ending of a career which closed when life's candle made its last flicker.

In the death of Mr. Blaine, America has lost her most distinguished citizen, and the Nation mourns the loss of its greatest and most beloved statesman since the days of Henry Clay. As our neighbor of the Franklin News well puts it: "Mr. Blaine passes into history as one of the most powerful and brilliant personages of his time and country. His matchless skill in debate, his incisive speech and trenchant logic, his graces of diction and his fascination of manner, will long be remembered. He reigned in the affections of many and he commanded the admiration of all."

Mr. Blaine lacked but four days of being 63 years of age. He was born in the village of West Brownsville, Washington county, Pa., and he was the second son of Ephraim Blaine, his mother being a Miss Gillespie prior to her marriage.

The President issued the following proclamation: "EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27, 1893."

"It is my painful duty to announce to the people of the United States the death of James Gillespie Blaine, which occurred in this city to-day at 11 o'clock. For a full generation this eminent citizen has occupied a conspicuous and influential position in the nation. His first public service was in the Legislature of his State. Afterward for fourteen years he was a member of the national House of Representatives and was three times chosen its Speaker. In 1876 he was elected to the Senate. He resigned his seat in that body to accept the position of Secretary of State in the cabinet of President Garfield. After the tragic death of his chief, he resigned from the cabinet, and, devoting himself to literary work, gave to the public in his 'Twenty Years in Congress' a most valuable and enduring contribution to our political literature. In March, 1889, he again became Secretary of State and continued to exercise his office until June, 1892. His devotion to the public interest, his marked ability and his exalted patriotism have won for him the gratitude and affection of his countrymen and the admiration of the world. In the varied pursuits of legislation, diplomacy and literature his genius has added new lustre to American citizenship. As a suitable expression of the national appreciation of his great public services and of the general sorrow caused by his death, I direct that on the day of his funeral all the departments of the executive branch

of the Government at Washington be closed and that on all public buildings throughout the United States, the national flag be displayed at half staff; and that for a period of thirty days the Department of State shall be draped in mourning.

"BENJAMIN HARRISON.

"By the President, "JOHN W. FOSTER, Sec'y of State."

THE DEAD STATESMAN'S FUNERAL.

All that remained earthly of James Gillespie Blaine, was laid away in its last tenement at Oak Hill cemetery, Monday afternoon, and the funeral that preceded the simple rites at the grave was one of the most impressive in history. Great as he was as a civic hero, renowned as he was as a statesman; worshiped as he was as an American, and exalted as he was as a man, the pomp and pageantry of power had no place in the ceremony that attended his body to its final rest. No soldiery moved with slow and solemn step to mingle its musketry in a final crash of farewell; there was no blaze of brass; no roll of muffled drums. Through streets and avenues, where the people stood with uncovered heads, the long procession, representatives of a sorrowing Nation, paid the dead man the tribute of their tears.

Mr. Blaine could not have a private funeral. Every effort was made to comply with his own understood wishes, and with the expressed desires of his family in this regard, but the surging wave of public interest swept over the barriers imposed and made his private funeral one of the most impressive of public demonstrations in honor of the dead. The most eminent men in the nation stood around the bier. All business in the Nation's capital was suspended during the period when the funeral services were in progress. The presence of the President and cabinet and supreme judges and high officials of congress and of the diplomatic corps, was not more significant than the homage of the waiting crowds, who in respectful silence lined the streets through which the funeral cortege passed.

A few minutes past eleven o'clock the funeral party took its departure from the house, and shortly after entered the Presbyterian church of the Covenant, where the pastor, Dr. Hamlin, delivered a short discourse, and at 12:45 the casket was again raised and the distinguished concourse began to move toward the cemetery. At the grave Dr. Hamlin read the simple service of the Presbyterian church, pronounced the benediction, and all that was mortal of James G. Blaine was consigned to earth.

Close the gates. Chicago is stirring herself just now to have repealed the clause in the \$2,500,000 appropriation act closing the World's Fair gates on Sunday. Every man, woman and child in Chicago who hopes to prey on the unsuspecting stranger in the city's gates, every shark in the country who hopes to bleed the visitor to the fair; every person who hates the Christian Sabbath; every crank in the land; every confidence man; every buccosteerer; every sand-bagger; every denizen of the slums; every Anarchist, Socialist and Communist; every evil-minded person capable of evil deeds—all want the World's Fair gates opened on Sundays.

On the other hand every person in all this broad land who respects the American Sabbath, who reverences the Sabbath of the forefathers, who believes in a Christian Sunday, will demand that the gates be closed. And they will be closed. The House may, by the wily ways of the windy citizens, be prevailed upon to pass the act repealing the Sunday closing clause, but it will never get through the Senate. The same men who placed the Sunday closing clause in the bill will stand solid against its repeal, and that means its defeat. Among these will be Senator Quay. Recently President Ferguson, of Westmoreland College, New Wilmington, Lawrence county, wrote to Senator Quay referring him to rumors that he had changed his mind on the Sunday closing question, and now favored the opening of the gates on Sunday. In reply Senator Quay wrote as follows:

"I see no reason for changing my attitude on the question of opening the World's Columbian Exposition on the Sabbath day. When the question was under consideration at the last session of Congress I earnestly supported and voted for the provision closing the gates of the exposition on Sunday, and should the question again come up in the Senate I shall oppose any measure looking to a repeal of the law as it now stands."

Pennsylvania can be relied upon to do her whole duty in this matter. Her Senators have spoken, her Congressmen have been heard from, and one branch of her Legislature has declared against Sunday opening. Her whole people—barring a few ultra rabid haters of the Christian Sunday—stand ready to declare for Sunday closing. Therefore, close the gates.

It is rumored that Rev. Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, of Kittanning, principal of the Keystone State Normal School, will probably be the successor of Rev. Dr. D. J. Waller, Jr., State Superintendent of public instruction. The latter's term expires in April.

The proposition is made in Chicago that President Harrison resign and Vice President Morton, who succeeds him shall appoint him to the vacancy on the Supreme Bench. There is one obstacle in the way—the Democracy in the Senate would filibuster and prevent a confirmation. And yet, President Harrison would adorn the Supreme Bench.

The fashion in which Tammany Hall has kept its grip on its quarantine patronage in New York harbor at the expense of protection to the health of the entire country is a fair object lesson of the ascendancy which Tammany is certain to enjoy in national affairs with the Democratic party in power. The emasculation of the Senate quarantine bill is one of the natural fruits of the alliance of the last Presidential campaign, in which Mr. Cleveland's supporters in New York city agreed to let Tammany Hall have its own way in New York city if they give their votes to Tammany Hall—Phila. Press.

And now along comes this item from a Harrisburg exchange:

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The question arises, what has this "Legislative committee of the State Teachers' Association" to do with the business, anyway. It doesn't take a mathematician to figure out that its recommendation that "no changes be made in the present school laws" is intended simply to head off the free school book idea, and therefore curtailing a new lease of life to publishing house steals. The people of the Commonwealth do recommend a change in the present law, to the end that the State take hold of the text book business and stop the robbery. And any legislator who votes against such a measure should receive a through and complete political burial.

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David Mintz's, MARIENVILLE, PA.

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DAVID MINTZ, Marienville, Pa.

COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1892.

Table with columns for DR. and CR. listing financial transactions for James B. Hagerty, Treasurer of Forest County for the year ending January 2, 1893.

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Table with columns for DR. and CR. listing financial transactions for Philip Emert, County Commissioner, in account with Forest County for the year ending January 2, 1893.

FOREST COUNTY, ss: We, the undersigned, Auditors of the County of Forest, do hereby respectfully certify, that we met at the Commissioners' office in said County, according to law and adjourned and adjusted the several accounts of the Treasurer, Sheriff, Prothonotary, District Attorney and County Commissioners, for the year ending January 24, 1893, and find the same to be as set forth in the foregoing report for the year 1892.

Table with columns for EXPENDITURES OF Forest County for the year ending January 2, 1893.

Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES for Forest County for the year ending January 2, 1893.

By balance due by County Treasurer on County Account... \$ 9,170 75

Settled lands returned... 529 00

Balance due by G. W. Sawyer, ex-Sheriff... 20 00

Due by Green Township... 219 35

Due by Tionesta Township... 227 52

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