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PRESIDENT MCKINLEY DEAD

The Nation's Chief Expires at 2.15 Saturday Morning at Buffalo.

FOR HOURS ON VERGE OF DISSOLUTION

In a Loving Farewell to His Devoted Wife the Dying President's Last Words Were "It is God's Way; His Will Be Done. Good-Bye."

Palestine may some day become a great mining field. One of our consultants there reports that immense deposits of phosphates have been recently discovered on each side of the river Jordan.

A California inventor has a new device for directly utilizing solar heat. In the event of its success economists will regard the waste of energy during the summer of 1901 as little else than a tragedy.

The fellow who stole \$280,000 worth of gold from a California smelter explains that he wanted the money to enable him to invent a flying machine. It would probably have done him more good if he had invented his flying machine first.

Compositors have something to be thankful for. Here is a specimen of a real German word: "Donaudampfschiffahrtsgesellschaftsberdirectionsbureauvorsteher." In English it means, "Manager of the chief director's office of the Danube Steam Navigation company." No wonder there is trouble sometimes in the printing trade in "Fatherland."

The skeleton spectre of famine again stalks abroad in parts of Russia and of Asia. Again the east will cry out to the west to give bread to millions of starving mouths. Even with all the progress of modern civilization hunger seems to torment as vast multitudes as in the days of the Caesars. Times are sadly out of joint in broad regions of the earth.

A monument is to be erected in Chicago to the memory of David Kennison, who died in that city in 1852, at the age of more than 115 years. Kennison was the last survivor of the "Boston Tea Party." He fought through the War of the Revolution in the Continental Army, and at the opening of the War of 1812 was on garrison duty at Fort Dearborn, which then marked the spot where Chicago now stands. He returned to Chicago in 1846. His grave lies in Lincoln Park, not far from the Lincoln statue.

Philadelphia oculists tell us that there is something more in the brassy eye than mere slang. It is a disease and one which affects motormen and conductors on electric railways. Its symptoms are an excessive flow of tears and a dread of light. According to the oculists this is caused by verdigris conveyed by the hand to the eye, and its scientific name is chalkitis. The motormen and conductors whose hands are on brass rods and the like a good part of the time while they are on duty rub the verdigris into their eyes and then the trouble begins. If taken hold of in time no permanent harm results, but if neglected the vision may be seriously impaired; and while it lasts a motorman is not wholly responsible for an accident because everything before his eyes is more or less blurred and he cannot see clearly.

The St. Paul eccentric recluse who provided in his will that all his cash, amounting to some \$50,000, should be burned by his administrators "in the presence of witnesses till nothing but ashes are left," was illogical, not to say lunny. If he had wished to escape the disgrace of dying rich, and to make sure that his hoarded money did nobody any good he should have burned it himself. Of all the ways of proving that one has money to burn this is perhaps the most novel. It has one advantage over the usual method of brainless spenders, which is to burn money in dissipation or foolish extravagance. The post-mortem conflagration, if carried out, will at least not harm the owner and will leave the government so much richer. The incident is another of the little ironies of life that crop out daily in the news. Think of the work and self-denial required to accumulate this considerable miser's hoard, the bitter disappointments in realizing at last that there are no pockets in the shroud, and the hatred of kin and kind displayed in the instruction to burn it—and you have answered before asking it the question, "Was it worth while?" observes the New York World.

William McKinley, the twenty-fourth President of the United States, died at 2.15 Saturday morning.

The bullet fired by Leon Czolgosz, the anarchist assassin, has done its awful work.

The nation is bowed in grief. Theodore Roosevelt, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, is now the President.

President McKinley's end was peaceful. The noble courage and Christian spirit which had characterized his splendid public career and his sweet domestic life were pathetically shown in his last moments of consciousness.

Members of the Cabinet, Secretary Cortelyou and the others who had watched through the hours of suspense and anxiety from the first sinking spell, caused by heart failure, early Friday morning, entered the chamber of the dying President, touched his hand and murmured a word of farewell.

From the time that the President experienced the first severe sinking spell, at 2 o'clock Friday morning, until 7 o'clock Friday evening, digitalis was given and saline solution injected to stimulate the action of the enfeebled heart. Oxygen was also administered.

The physicians disagree as to the cause of the fatal turn in the President's condition and it is already certain that an autopsy will be necessary to determine the exact cause of death.

The members of the family, with the exception of the bereaved widow, were at the deathbed. Mrs. McKinley was in an adjoining room. Dr. Rixey was the only physician present.

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groom of anguish went up from the assembled officials. They cried outright like children. All the pent-up emotions of the last few days were let loose. They turned from the room and emerged from the house with streaming eyes for the fate of the dead President.

He died unattended by a minister of the Gospel, but his last words were an humble submission to the will of God, in whom he believed.

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breastbone did not pass through the skin and did little harm. The other bullet passed through both walls of the stomach, near its lower border. Both holes were found to be perfectly closed by the stitches, but the tissue around each hole had become gangrenous.

The bullet has not yet been found. There was no sign of peritonitis or disease of other organs. The heart walls were very thin. There was no evidence of any attempt at repair on the part of nature, and death resulted from the gangrene which affected the stomach around the bullet wounds, as well as the tissues around the further course of the bullet.

Harvey D. Gaylord, M.D.; Herman G. Matzinger, M.D.; P. M. Rixey, M.D.; Matthew D. Mann, M.D.; Herman Mynter, M.D.; Roswell Parke, M.D.; Eugene Wasdin, M.D.; Charles G. Stockton, M.D.; Edward G. Janeway, M.D.; W. W. Johnson, M.D.; W. P. Kendall, surgeon, U. S. A.; Charles Cary, M.D.; Edward L. Munson, Assistant Surgeon U. S. A.; and Hermann L. Baer, M.D.

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The Third President of the United States to Die by the Hand of an Assassin.

When this was found impossible Mr. Cortelyou made the reluctant announcement.

Senator Burrows, of Michigan, and Representative Alexander left the house soon after the announcement of the President's death.

"It took place at 2 o'clock," said Mr. Alexander. "I went up stairs and met Col. Webb Hayes. 'How is the President?' I asked. 'He passed away at 2 o'clock,' replied Colonel Hayes.

Except for the presence of many of the most distinguished men in the nation the services in the Milburn house might have been the last words said over any of a hundred thousand men.

The coffin was taken down stairs and put in the large library at the front of the house, just off the hall. It rested between the two front windows, with the head toward the street and about two feet from a large pier glass.

Mulburn House, Buffalo, N. Y. (Special).—The following is the report of the autopsy upon the remains of President McKinley.

was concerned, both from a surgical and a medical standpoint. It was successful. The abdominal wound was fatal from the start. The physicians should feel relieved over the result of the autopsy, because it revealed the fact that the abdominal wound was necessarily fatal, and that nothing that was done or could be done would more than delay the inevitable result.

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