

JOHN S. PILLSBURY ENTERS THE RING

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Mrs. E. C. Gale; his son, Alfred F. Pillsbury, and his grandson, John Snyder, a boy 14 years of age. All of them were with him at the time of his death. Henry Little, manager of the Pillsbury-Washburn company, and the governor's chief business associate, is now in the east. A telegram was sent him this morning, advising him of the sad news, and he will leave for home immediately.

A general feeling of intense regret and sadness prevailed at the state university this morning, the faculty and students alike realizing that in the death of Governor Pillsbury the institution had lost its most devoted friend. President Northrop's absence in the east has made any official action by the university authorities impractical at this time, although a faculty meeting has been called for 5 o'clock this afternoon, at which time appropriate resolutions will be passed.

CLOSE TO HIS HEART

The Governor Paid a Daily Visit to the University.

During the last years of Governor Pillsbury's life, after he had retired from active participation in the management of the business of the milling company, his greatest interest was in the university. His home is but a few blocks from the campus, and during the university year a morning seldom passed when he did not go over to President Northrop's office. Usually he walked, and alone. When he was not feeling well, or when the weather was disagreeable, he would drive.

Governor Pillsbury usually sat in a chair directly across the broad table from the president. Dr. Northrop always sought his advice on questions relating to the university, and often upon personal affairs. The governor never obtruded this advice and Dr. Northrop seldom, if ever, disregarded it when given.

It was not unusual for Dr. Northrop to interrupt the governor with some observation like this:

"Governor, here is a young man who is in trouble. He has been brought to me by this time Mr. Pillsbury had walked over to the young man's side.

came to Minneapolis, or St. Anthony, as it was then called, in 1855. I came here in 1857. During that time our lives have run closely together. The last ten years, especially, our relations, both business and social, have been very intimate.

There is no man whom I shall miss so much and whose death I shall feel more deeply. Governor Pillsbury was possessed of a great many very fine traits of character. He was enterprising and painstaking in business, and a hard worker to a fault. Socially, he was kind-hearted, considerate and generous. Few who made a meritorious appeal were sent away from him empty-handed. As a citizen, he was enterprising, broad-minded and liberal. In the development of any great public interest he always responded heartily.

In public affairs Governor Pillsbury reached the zenith of his career as governor of the state, for which position he was chosen three times. Previous to this he served the city and county for many years as state senator, always rendering most efficient service. As governor he rendered the state a special service in saving it from the disgrace of repudiation. No one not familiar with his course on the question of repudiating our bonds can appreciate how much every good citizen of the state owes to him.

His greatest monument is and will be the service he rendered to the state university. On all occasions he has stood faithfully by that magnificent institution. The commanding position it now holds in the educational world is in a great measure due to the loyalty and unswerving devotion of Governor Pillsbury to its every interest. This will be his great monument, more lasting than that of bronze which now adorns the university grounds.

Governor Pillsbury will always be remembered as a great figure in this state in all departments of life. He has gone to his reward with the respect and affection of his people.

A SUCCESSFUL LIFE

It Was Fully Rounded Out Along Many Lines.

John S. Pillsbury was born at Sutton, Merrimack county, New Hampshire, July 23, 1823. His father was early Puritan, a manufacturer, and a man long prominent in local and state affairs. He was a descendant of Joshua Pillsbury, who came from England

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then succeeded in obtaining an extension of time for the payment of his obligations, giving his notes for payment. The times continued fearfully dull, but he worked with desperate energy. He lived in a house for which he paid \$150 a year, and he supported his family on \$400 a year. Neither he nor his wife had a new outfit of clothes for six years.

When his first note for \$1,500 given to one of his largest Boston creditors became due, and was sent on for collection, the best Mr. Pillsbury could do was to pay on it the pittance of \$25. He made that payment and promised to send on some more as soon as he could get together \$25. He kept his promise, and in this way paid the note a few months before the second one of like amount became due.

When this was sent on for collection all the notes came with it, and Mr. Pillsbury, for collection." He could not understand it at first. It was a strange proceeding to have his own notes returned to him in this manner. However, he finally paid every obligation and was on his feet again in five years. He then bought a new suit of clothes and went on to Boston. His old creditor treated him very cordially, saying: "You are the man who would do it. \$25 at a time. I am glad to see you." Then turning to his manager he said: "Whatever Mr. Pillsbury wants at any time, let him have it, and if you haven't it, send out and buy it for him, and if they want to know anything about Mr. Pillsbury tell them that he is the best man on earth," or words to that effect.

Mr. Pillsbury was now stronger than ever. Notwithstanding the pecuniary condition of general western credit at that time, he could command whatever he needed.

Active in Public Affairs.

Although he was so absorbed in business that an ordinary man would deem it work enough, Mr. Pillsbury did not neglect his work as a citizen. He was always actively interested in public affairs. In 1856 he was elected a member of the council of St. Anthony, which was then the center of political control. By repeated re-elections he served in this body for six years. He was a sturdy lad, he commenced learning the printer's trade. The business, however, did not prove congenial, so he abandoned it, and secured employment as a clerk in the general store of his older brother, George, at Warner, N. H. After four years George sold his business, and John continued to work in the store under the new proprietor for two years longer. Then, shortly after he became a partner in the business with himself, and with Walter Harriman as partner. It is worthy of remark that each of these partners was afterwards governor of a state—Mr. Harriman governor of New Hampshire and Mr. Pillsbury governor of Minnesota. When the partnership was dissolved he went to Concord, in the same state, and engaged in business as a merchant tailor and cloth dealer, which he continued for two years.

His First Trip West.

In the meantime, becoming satisfied with his aptitude for mercantile life, he was on the lookout for a good place to settle permanently. In 1853 he made a tour of the west for this purpose. The Falls of St. Anthony captivated him. He was satisfied that Minneapolis would grow up around them. Without loss of time he settled on the east side of the Mississippi river at St. Anthony. He engaged in the fur and business and because of the large demand for such goods in the rapidly developing community, his enterprise was at once prosperous.

The Only Way for a Merchant to Obtain Goods in any Considerable Quantity at that time was by water transportation up the river from the railroad terminus. It was therefore necessary to secure in the fall a stock sufficient to supply the demand until navigation opened the following spring—this, for five or six months. In the fall of 1856 Mr. Pillsbury had safely housed in his warehouse a large consignment to supply his trade. It was difficult to obtain insurance, there being only one small Illinois company represented in the town, and that not being very strong. Mr. Pillsbury's store was insured for a small amount, but the warehouse, containing the bulk of his stock, was considered as not being in much danger. But a fire started and a high wind soon destroyed this warehouse with its valuable contents, involving a loss of \$85,000. The goods had been bought mostly on the usual credit terms. Then to make the matter worse, the panic of 1857 came on.

A Man Who Paid His Debt.

Those who now know Mr. Pillsbury's capacity for snatching victory from apparent defeat in the university matter, and in the railroad bonds matter, will not be surprised to know that, instead of succumbing to the appalling disaster, he went to work to retrieve his misfortune in a manner which may fairly be called heroic. Of course, he was compelled to ask an extension from his creditors. One or two small ones, however, determined to take advantage of the law by suing for a small amount, but the warehouse, containing the bulk of his stock, was considered as not being in much danger. But a fire started and a high wind soon destroyed this warehouse with its valuable contents, involving a loss of \$85,000. The goods had been bought mostly on the usual credit terms. Then to make the matter worse, the panic of 1857 came on.

The Railroad Bond Fight.

But Mr. Pillsbury believed that honesty was just as obligatory upon the state as upon an individual. He became terribly earnest in his determination that the state should be honest. He wanted to be his home and he did not want to live in a state which repudiated its debts—no matter how they had been contracted. He was almost alone in these views. There were only seven other prominent men in his own community who favored the payment of the repudiated bonds. He did not hesitate to urge at all times the liquidation of the debt. His views were known when he was elected governor. In five successive messages to the legislature and in every legitimate and honorable way he sought to bring about a settlement. The opposition contended that the bonds were illegally issued. It was difficult to get a judicial decision from the

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Fine Sateen covered and lined Comforts, finished with white cotton, regular \$2.25 values, for Saturday, \$1.48

Extraordinary bargains in guaranteed strictly all wool Blankets, regular \$5.00 values, for Saturday, \$3.98

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At money saving prices for Saturday only.

Men's Teck, Imperial, String and Bow Ties, worth up to 47c. Saturday choice 23c

Wool Half Hose for men, black only, usually sold at 10c, tomorrow, at, pair... 10c

Heavy fleece lined Shirts and Drawers, regular 50c quality; Saturday, each... 29c

Men's fine, all-wool shirts and drawers, satin trimmed, finished seams, pearl buttons, actually worth \$1.25. Saturday... 89c

Extra fine Australian wool shirts and drawers, plain and derby ribbed, tan or gray color, single or double breast, worth \$1.50, tomorrow, each... 98c

Single and double breasted Jersey and blue flannel overshirts for men, extra special for Saturday, \$1.48, 98c 49c

Men's fancy Dress Shirts, laundered, detached collars to match, 75c values. Tomorrow, each... 45c

Men's 25c working Gloves... 12 1/2c

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4c Sewing Needles, paper... 1c

2c Pins, 2 papers... 1c

2c Wire Hair Pins, paper... 1c

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Straight Front Corsets, well boned, two side steels, fitted steel, trimmed top and bottom with lace & ribbon, all sizes and colors, sold regularly at 75c, for Saturday, only... 42c

Tucked Satin Belts, assorted styles and buckles, worth 89c, each... 48c

300 pairs women's kid Gloves, made of good serviceable materials; qualities usually sold at 85c; tomorrow, any color, any size, a pair... 58c

Women's plain and fancy gloves and Scotch gloves; very special, a pair... 25c

"Kaysers" two-clasp knit gloves in red, gray, black and white; also 2-clasp Cashmere Gloves, regular 75c values; Saturday, a pair... 50c

When the railroads defaulted upon their contracts to build railroads, the lands granted as aids were forfeited and reverted to the state. These were sold to settlers. Afterwards the state gave new contracts to railroad companies and returned the lands to them, except that the agreement and deed provided that the settlers who had gone on and improved their land in good faith. This gave rise to many contests between the settlers and the railroad company. One agreement required the settler to go to the capital, St. Paul, to fight for the lands. Governor Pillsbury took the attorney general and judge and proper officers to hold a court in the counties where these lands were in dispute. He was generally successful in securing the expense of a journey to St. Paul and maintenance while there waiting contest for their farms. The governor spent eighteen months in settling these claims, and saved the farms of 400 settlers.

The attempted bank robbery at Northfield, where the brave cashier who foiled the robbers was killed, brought out another praiseworthy trait of Governor Pillsbury's character—that of coolness and judgment in times of excitement. There was a clamor for calling out troops to arrest the bandits, who were trying to escape from the state. Believing that quick action was better than military expedition, necessarily slow, he offered on his own responsibility a reward for the arrest of the outlaws. His plan was successful, and the most of them were killed or captured within less time than it would have taken to get a military column in motion.

Used His Private Funds.

When it was decided by the legislature to enlarge the capitol by the addition of a new wing to the old building, \$14,000 was appropriated for the purpose. No one could be found to take the contract at that price, and it was generally predicted that it would cost two or three times that amount. Governor Pillsbury hired men and supervised the work himself and brought the work within the sum mentioned. The legislature adhered to the original contract, and neglected to make the necessary appropriation for paying the current expenses of the state penitentiary at Stillwater. To prevent the calling of an extra session of the legislature, which would cost the state from \$50,000 to \$75,000, the governor advanced \$50,000 from his private funds to keep the prison running and it was generally predicted that it would cost two or three times that amount. Governor Pillsbury hired men and supervised the work himself and brought the work within the sum mentioned. 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