

A SAD STORY

Is the Narrative of the Career of Howard W. Dickinson,

TOOK AN OVERDOSE OF A DRUG

Yesterday Afternoon at the St. Charles Hotel and Died Two Hours Later—Circumstances Point to the Death of Dickinson by His Own Intent—Something of His Career—Was Formerly a Probate Judge in North Dakota—The Coroner's Act.

A career once filled with promise, but which has been clouded by adversity, was cut short in this city yesterday afternoon.

Howard W. Dickinson came of a prominent Virginia family, but he has spent most of his life in the west. He studied law at one of the best universities in the country, the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and in the later eighties began the practice of his profession, settling at Cando, in Towner county, Dakota, north North Dakota. In 1889 he was appointed by the board of commissioners, probate judge for the county, and served in that judicial capacity for several years. He was also for a time a resident of Grand Forks, Dakota, where his sister resides. Later he removed to Broken Bow, Nebraska, where he met a former resident of this part of the country, W. R. Hutchinson, who went west from his home over the river in Belmont county, near St. Clairsville Junction, three miles west of Bellaire. While in Broken Bow he met Miss Martha J. Hutchinson, a sister of Mr. Hutchinson, who was there on a visit with the latter. Their acquaintance ripened into affection and they soon became engaged to marry. Miss Hutchinson returned to her home in Belmont county and Mr. Dickinson soon followed, and the marriage occurred at the Hutchinson home, "The Maples," on October 3, 1894. Mrs. Dickinson became ill and died at the Wheeling hospital, North Wheeling, a little over two months later.

Since that time Mr. Dickinson has been a wanderer, his travels extending to South America, whence he returned about one year ago. Several months ago he made his appearance in Wheeling and secured employment on the Wheeling Register as a reporter. He severed his connection with the newspaper about two months ago, and has since been employed in various lines of business. His latest engagement has been with the Pink Brothers' collecting agency. During the last two weeks Dickinson has been almost constantly under the influence of liquor, and he has also been in the habit of taking opium in its various forms. His conduct during these two weeks has been remarkable in that he has not before been addicted to the excessive use of strong drink. From letters in the possession of the authorities it is thought that news of a business disappointment in the west caused him to fall.

Saturday evening, between 5 and 6 o'clock he went to the St. Charles hotel on Water street, and obtained a room for the night. After that the hotel people did not see him. But a Wheeling newspaper man saw him on the streets about 8 o'clock, so it is thought he returned about 9 o'clock. About noon yesterday he called for the porter, a colored man, P. H. Murphy, whom he asked to get twenty-five cents worth of laudanum. This the porter procured and gave to Dickinson. About thirty minutes later, the porter was again called to the room occupied by Dickinson, who told him that he had taken one dose of the drug. Before this he had told Murphy that he wanted it for use on his feet. Seeing that the man had taken the drug internally, the clerk of the hotel, Henry Robrecht, who went up and saw Dickinson. The latter said he had taken more of the laudanum than he had intended, but did not believe he was in danger, and that he would probably sleep off the effects. Mr. Robrecht, however, was not satisfied with this explanation, and called in Dr. John L. Dickey, who was later assisted by Dr. E. A. Hildreth. A stomach pump was used but to no effect, and at 2:30 Dickinson expired.

Coroner John W. Schultz was called at 8 o'clock and was on the scene. He made a close examination and took the testimony of Dr. Dickey, and that of the porter and hotel clerk. Their stories were in substance as narrated above. The coroner decided that Dickinson had died from the effects of an over-dose of laudanum administered by himself. It was ascertained that he had taken one and three quarters ounces of the poison. There is some doubt whether the dead man took the laudanum with suicidal intent or to bring on sleep, but the general opinion inclines to the former theory. This theory is strengthened, too, by a perusal of a number of letters found on the dead man's person. Among these were letters from his brother-in-law, W. R. Hutchinson, of Salt Lake City, formerly of Broken Bow, Nebraska, and at one time Dickinson's law partner. As stated above, it is probable that a business disappointment in the west caused Dickinson to indulge excessively in drink, which in turn caused him to take his life by means of the drug.

The coroner has notified Mr. Dickinson's western friends of his death and it is expected that they will take steps as to the disposition of the body. It was learned last night that Dickinson was over in Bridgeport Saturday evening, where he purchased some morphine. This he is said to have taken that evening. The impression becomes general that he committed suicide. Dickinson was engaged to be married to a young lady on the island.

DEATH ON THE RAIL

James Baron, Well Known in Wheeling, Killed at Benwood Junction.

James Baron, well known in this city, met with death in a terrible manner Saturday evening, near 8 o'clock. He was struck by engine No. 46, on the Baltimore and Ohio track and killed almost instantly. The accident occurred at Lutz switch, at the upper end of Benwood Junction yard. The unfortunate man was walking along the track in front of the engine, and the engineer thought he was going to cross the track, but instead of doing so, he walked along with his back towards the engine, which struck and ran over him, death ensuing in a few minutes.

The body was taken to Becker & Zimmermann's undertaking establishment, in Benwood, and prepared for burial.

Mr. Baron lived with his wife and four children on Fisher's farm, about four miles from Benwood. He is a son of Mr. A. Baron, of Jacob street, and a brother of Dr. Mary A. Baron, of the South Side.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

J. M. Smith, of Bridgeport, was visiting friends at Pocomo, O., Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Ould and Miss Florence Ould leave for Atlantic City.

Col. P. Reister will leave to-day for a short trip to New York, where he will look after business concerning the Opera House.

Hon. Philip Lowery, of New York, is in the city en route home from a western business trip. Mr. Lowery reports business improving somewhat in the silver belt.

Mr. Allan Howell is refitting "Waddington," where he and his family will spend the summer. Mrs. Earl W. Oglebay, of Charleston, will be their guest part of the summer.

where he has bought out the finest haberdashery establishment in that little city.

Among the Wheeling people who left on the Virginia yesterday morning to attend the Cincinnati May Music Festival were Colonel William H. Exley, Captain Will Bodley and Major John H. Rinehart. This array of titles will no doubt build the Cincinnati market, for Kentucky with her "colonels" is just across the river.

CHANGES OF TIME

On the Local Railroads—New Trains on the Pan-Handle Road.

Not long ago the Intelligencer predicted that the officials of the Pan-Handle would soon inaugurate an improved passenger service between this city and Pittsburgh. The prediction is now verified, as the new time table that goes into effect to-day provides for two new trains. Out-going new trains leave at 12:05 and 7 p. m. Incoming ones arrive at 6:15 and 9:35 p. m. The new schedule is as follows:

Departing trains—7:25 a. m., 1:25 p. m., 3:55 p. m., 7 p. m., all to Pittsburgh, and at 12:05 p. m. to Steubenville.

Arriving trains—9:25 a. m., 11:35 a. m., 3:25 p. m., 6:15 p. m., and 9:05 p. m., all from Pittsburgh. The train departing for Pittsburgh at 7 p. m. is the train for which the oil people have been kicking for so long a time. But now that they have it, it will not be satisfactory for the reason that the train from Sistersville on the Ohio River road arrives after 7 p. m. It is probable that the Ohio River will change its schedule so that the trains will connect. The new train from Pittsburgh that arrives at 9:35 p. m. will no doubt prove very popular with Wheeling shoppers in Pittsburgh.

A change of time on the Pittsburgh and Wheeling division of the Baltimore and Ohio went into effect yesterday. The train No. 105 will hereafter be run daily, including Sundays, leaving Pittsburgh at 8:50 p. m. and arriving at Wheeling at 11:30 p. m.

Several changes take effect in the running of passenger trains on the Cleveland and Pittsburgh railroad commencing to-day. The early train up in the morning known as No. 40 will arrive at 5:58. The second train up in the afternoon will arrive at 5:51, passing the regular evening down train at Martin's Ferry. The evening train up at 7:15 will arrive fifty minutes later. No. 39, which arrived at 8:58, is changed to 9:56. The other trains are the same as formerly. The time given is local time, not Central.

TWO SENSATIONS

Suits in Marion County Involving Prominent Citizens.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. FAIRMONT, W. Va., May 17.—Two suits of a highly sensational character owing to the prominence of all the parties, were brought in the circuit court here yesterday by Judge W. S. Meredith. Thomas J. Hartley, one of the county commissioners, and acting as such commissioner in his official capacity, was assaulted by Captain John Righter in Grant district, where Mr. Hartley was superintending the location of a new road. He was for assault and lays his damage at five thousand dollars.

The other suit was for slander brought by Sheriff Z. G. Morgan against Duncan Dewey. Mr. Dewey is a large coal and oil operator and the president of the Koons Run Coal Company. Mr. Morgan sues for ten thousand dollars damages.

SPIRITED CONTEST

Expected in the Methodist Conference Over Bishops To-day.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 17.—The delegates to the Methodist Episcopal general conference found time to-day to discuss politics in connection with the election of the bishops. The failure of any of the leading candidates to receive a two-thirds vote has inspired talk to the effect that a motion will be made to-morrow to change the rule so as to provide that the election shall be by a majority instead of a two-thirds.

It is also said that a motion will be made to elect three instead of two bishops. It is not believed, however, that either of these motions will prevail. The friends of Dr. Butts, Dr. McCabe and Dr. Cranston are all confident of the success of those candidates and much earnest electioneering has been done to-day, and the contest, when the balloting is resumed to-morrow, is likely to prove very spirited.



YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES. Zanesville...LORENA, 8 a. m. Pittsburgh...BEN HUR, 5 a. m. Pittsburgh...RUTH, 8 a. m. Pittsburgh...KEYSTONE STATE, 9 a. m. Cincinnati...VIRGINIA, 2 p. m. Sistersville...JEWEL, 3 a. m. Sistersville...LIBERTY, 8 a. m. BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY. Clarington...JEWEL, 3:30 p. m. Parkersburg...BEN HUR, 4 p. m. BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW. Cincinnati...KEYSTONE STATE, 8 a. m. Pittsburgh...HUDSON, 8 a. m. Parkersburg...LIBERTY, 11 a. m. Matamoras...LEXINGTON, 11 a. m. Clarington...JEWEL, 3:30 p. m.

Along the Landing. To-morrow's Cincinnati packet is the Keystone State, with popular Charley Knox on the roof.

The marks at 6 p. m. showed 4 feet 8 inches and stationary. Weather clear and warm. There is very little water to spare now, the larger packets using all there is, especially between Wheeling and Pittsburgh.

The Liberty took out a Sunday excursion yesterday to Sistersville and return. She got back last night at 9 o'clock. The excursion was given by the "Jolly Crowd," of the South Side. Over 500 tickets were sold and about 450 made the trip.

The Virginia shattered her rudder above Wheeling at an early hour yesterday morning. She came on down the river, but laid up at the Belmont coal works yesterday morning, where the carpenters made the necessary repairs. She got away for Cincinnati and way landings early in the afternoon.

A large number of Wheeling people, bound for the Cincinnati May Music Festival, took passage on the Virginia yesterday morning. She had her cabin taxed to its capacity when she left Wheeling, a number of Pittsburgh people making the trip on the new packet.

River Telegrams. OIL CITY—River 1 foot 3 inches and falling. Clear and pleasant.

GREENSBORO—River 6 foot 7 inches and falling. Fair and high winds.

WARREN—River 9 of a foot. Clear and warm.

PITTSBURGH—River 2.5 feet and falling at the dam. Clear and pleasant.

STUBENVILLE—River 3 feet 11 inches and falling. Clear and warm. Up—Ben Hur, Eliza H., Keystone State, Ruth.

POINT PLEASANT—River 4 feet 3 inches and falling. Clear and warm.

PARKERSBURG—River 2 feet 3 inches and falling. Clear and mercury at 72. Up and down—Columbia, Down—Liberty. Due down—Virginia, Little Kanawha falling.

A TARIFF CONVENTION

To Take the Question Out of Partisan Politics—Purely Commercial Matter.

DETROIT, Mich., May 17.—It now transpires that the attendance at the national non-partisan commercial tariff convention, which meets in this city June 2, will be considerably larger than its projectors at first anticipated. Secretary S. B. Archer, of the tariff commission league, has received credentials already from commercial bodies who have chosen a total of over 1,000 delegates. There will also be some delegates from laboring and agricultural organizations. At least double that number of accredited delegates are expected, representing boards of trade and chambers of commerce and other bodies of like character. Other persons who attend will be entitled to vote on all questions excepting those concerning permanent organization. From letters received the sentiment favoring holding annual non-partisan tariff conventions is almost unanimous. The Santa Fe woman's board of trade, the only organization of its kind, sends four delegates. The convention committee, consisting of presidents of boards of trade, commercial bodies and labor and farming organizations representing various sections of the country, will meet June 1, and arrange the final details and choose temporary officers.

Auxiliary to the convention, and designed to facilitate discussion, there will be appointed four large committees. Their provinces respectively, will be: To recommend ways and means for taking the tariff question out of partisan politics and making it a business question; to suggest ways and means for improving the consular service in the way of increasing our foreign trade, especially with the Central and South American republics; to report upon the advisability of recommending to Congress the creation of a department of commerce, manufactures and labor, the chief of such department to be a member of the president's cabinet; to make recommendations as to a permanent organization open and holding of annual conventions for considering the tariff and other national questions.

The convention is to be absolutely non-political and all questions must be discussed from a purely commercial standpoint. The convention will probably continue a week or more.

The Denver Case.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 17.—In the United States circuit court Judge Sage overruled demurrers filed by defendants in the case of Mary Denver Lindley against Louise C. Denver and others. This is the suit wherein the plaintiff, a daughter of the late Governor Denver seeks to set aside conveyances of real estate made by her whereby she disposed of her interest, or nearly all of it, in the estate of her father. The charges are that she was induced to sign papers by false and fraudulent representations and that she signed some papers not knowing what they were. The defendants will have to answer the severe charges made in the petition.

The case is one of widespread interest, as Governor Denver, the father of the plaintiff, was of national reputation and the suit involves property to the amount of at least \$1,000,000.

Will Disband.

DENVER, Colo., May 17.—The Syracuse bicycle racing team, which has been training in this city for two weeks, will probably be disbanded, as David G. Shafer, manager, has resigned, alleging that the company has broken its agreement. The team was to leave for the east to-morrow to open the summer campaign with a match race between Hamilton and Nat Butler at Boston on May 30.

Noted Physician Dying.

LONDON, May 17.—Sir John Russell Reynolds, physician in ordinary to her majesty's household, and president of the royal college of physicians, is in a critical condition, and is growing weaker. Sir John is sixty-eight years old, and the result of his illness, it is feared, will prove fatal.

BY THE B. & O.

The German Catholic Societies Go by This Road to Pittsburgh To-day.

The German Catholic Societies and their friends have arranged with the Baltimore and Ohio for a special train to leave here for Pittsburgh, Monday, May 18, at 1:30 p. m. The fare for the round trip will be \$1.25, and the tickets will be good returning three days. A big parade will take place at night, and returning the special train will leave Pittsburgh about midnight.

Gloom

Of ill health, despondency and despair, gives way to the sunshine of hope, happiness and health, upon taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, because it gives renewed life and vitality to the blood, and through that imparts nerve strength, vigor and energy to the whole body. Read this letter:

"Hood's Sarsaparilla helped me wonderfully, changed sickness to health, gloom to sunshine. No pen can describe what I suffered. I was deathly sick, had sick headaches every few days, and those terrible tired, despondent feelings, with heart troubles so that I could not go up and down stairs without clasping my hand over my heart and resting. In fact, it would almost take my breath away. I suffered so I did not care to live, yet I had much to live for. There is no pleasure in life if deprived of health, for life becomes a burden. Hood's Sarsaparilla does far more than advertised. After taking one bottle, it is sufficient to recommend itself." Mrs. J. E. SMITH, Beloit, Iowa.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All Druggists sell. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

It cures all liver ills, biliousness, Hood's Pills heal, headache, 25 cents.

CLOCKS, ETC.—JOHN BECKER & CO.

After House Cleaning . . .

You will need a good CLOCK to help brighten the PARLOR. We have in stock a large assortment at very low prices.

Perhaps you are short on SPOONS, KNIVES or FORKS. We can help you out. Our best quality Silver Knives and Forks at Prices that it would be cheaper to use than Steel Knives and Forks you are continually scouring to keep bright.

To stimulate trade during the dull months of the year, we will sell our goods at greatly reduced prices. We have in great demand the following: HOUSE SETS and BELTS. They will save money and trim up your wardrobe. Buy with a House that buys goods for Cash.

JOHN BECKER & CO.,

JEWELERS AND OPTICIANS, 3527 JACOB STREET.

Advertisement for Blackwell's Genuine Durham Smoking Tobacco, featuring an illustration of three men and a coupon for a gift.

SUMMER FURNITURE—G. MENDEL & CO.

Summer Furniture.

The warm days and nights have come and with them the need of Out-Door Furnishings.

- High Back Arm Rocker, Cane Seat, \$1.48
Large, Folding, Sleepy Hollow Chair, 95c
Japanese Rugs, 36x72, . . . . . 65c

Don't use the parlor furniture and rugs dragging them in and out of the house. Get something appropriate, something a shower of rain won't even hurt.

G. Mendel & Co.

HEADQUARTERS FOR OUT-DOOR FURNISHINGS.

Advertisement for Lightning Hot Drops, listing various ailments cured and the price per bottle.

Advertisement for Majestic Cooking Ranges, highlighting their steel construction and durability.

Advertisement for Hood's Sarsaparilla, featuring a testimonial and the product name in large letters.

Advertisement for Restored Manhood Pills, claiming to be a cure for nervous prostration.

Advertisement for Paris Green, London Purple, and Insect Powders, listing druggists.

Advertisement for List's Drug Store, 1010 Main St.

Advertisement for Williams Typewriter.

Advertisement for 'You Cant Tell...' with a testimonial.

Advertisement for John Becker & Co., Jewelers and Opticians.

Real Estate advertisement for 'FOR SALE' properties, listing various houses and lots with prices.

Real Estate advertisement for 'FOR RENT' properties, listing houses and rooms.

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