

UNIQUE CHARACTER CALLED BY DEATH

THOMAS ERWIN PASSES AWAY AT EAST ST. LOUIS

Deceased Last of Charter Members of A. O. U. W.—Conducted Saloon, but Never Drank or Used Tobacco

CHARACTERISTICS OF THOMAS ERWIN

- Kept a saloon for many years and never drank a drop of liquor in his life. Never tasted tobacco in any form. Was never known to use a profane word. No drunken man was ever allowed to buy more liquor at his bar. Would not tolerate vulgar conversation.

Special to The Herald.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 19.—Thomas Erwin, 67 years old, last of the charter members of the A. O. U. W., which was organized in his home in Meadville, Pa., in 1867, died at his home, Fifth street and Illinois avenue, East St. Louis, Ill. He had lived in East St. Louis since 1875, and was one of the most remarkable men that city has ever known.

For many years he was in the saloon business. As a saloon keeper he was a unique character, with possibly no equal in America. He never touched a drop of liquor, nor used tobacco in any form. Neither did he use profane language, and when the conversation in his saloon bordered on the vulgar, Mr. Erwin entered a protest at once that brought the talk back to good language, or he stopped it altogether. His saloon was known as "The Governor's Bar," because he was popularly known as "Governor Erwin," not that he had ever been elected to such an office, but because he ruled men of his circle by sheer strength of character. During the first term of Mayor M. M. Stephens, which began in 1888, Mr. Erwin served as lieutenant of police, while M. J. Walsh was chief. He was in honor in Meadville, Pa., in 1867, that the Ancient Order of United Workmen was organized, and all the charter members of that order are now dead. Mr. Erwin having been the last of them. He joined Jefferson lodge, No. 1, of Meadville, Pa., and never took a transfer. All his life he was an active worker for the order he helped to organize.

Erwin is survived by several children—Mrs. W. T. Ball of Fort Worth, Texas; William T. Erwin, F. E. Erwin and his twin sister, Mrs. A. L. Hamilton, and John J. Erwin.

FALLING PRAIRIE CHICKEN CAUSES TRAMP TO REFORM

Special to The Herald.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 19.—A prairie chicken falling dead at the feet of "Red" Dumphy, near Miller, S. D., has convinced the tramp that he has received help from above, and he has been converted to Christianity here, after attending several meetings being held by a traveling evangelist.

While all sorts of things have caused men to turn over a new leaf, and the message of a Supreme Being has been conveyed to a surprising number of almost every other agency, it is believed that the case of Dumphy is the first where the message of a protecting force and a provident Creator has been carried to a man by a prairie chicken, as common on the prairie of Nebraska and South Dakota as the sage brush on the western plain.

The story told by Dumphy is believed by the officers of the Salvation Army in St. Louis to be absolutely true, as the man asked no alms from them after his conversion, but started back into South Dakota, declaring his intention of securing work and living "on the square."

ENTIRE BAR FOR THE DEFENSE

Shooting Affair Leaves County with No One to Prosecute the Defendant

Special to The Herald.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct. 19.—A queer situation has developed in Hickory county. William A. Dollar, prosecuting attorney of the county, became involved in a shooting affair and every lawyer in the county has been retained for the defense, leaving no one to prosecute the case before a grand jury which has been called to meet Monday. Circuit Judge Cox has called the attention of the governor to the matter, and the attorney general has detailed Mr. Genry of his office to act as the state's representative.

FORGETFUL PEOPLE DELAY BIG STEAMERS

Special to The Herald.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—The American Line steamship St. Paul had a hard time getting away for Southampton today, being delayed at her pier by one forgetful passenger who held up the midstream to take aboard a tardy woman. Ocean liners invariably sail on the minute scheduled for their departure. The order had just been given to haul away the gangplank when A. G. Snyder, American consul general at Buenos Ayres, discovered he had left his wallet containing his steamer ticket, and had on the showcase in a Broadway store, where he had stopped on his way to the boat to buy a dollar watch.

As he was connected with the diplomatic service the ship was held, while Mr. Snyder climbed in a cab and rushed to Broadway. He found the wallet where he had left it, and when he got back to the St. Paul she backed out into the stream in a hurry. The liner was making the turn in midstream when she was again halted. Bernard Robinson, of this city, was on board bound for Paris. His wife had missed the boat. Mr. Robinson used the subway, and Mrs. Robinson called a cab to go from their home to the pier.

While the St. Paul was in midstream Mrs. Robinson's cab dashed on the pier, nearly knocking down a woman and reached the end of the pier in time to have an officer set a flag for another passenger. Mrs. Robinson gave the captain of the tug John Mitchell \$10 to take her and her trunk on the St. Paul. When she was on board the steamship hurried off down the bay.

Confagration, Venice Halloween evening.

JOHN BRYSON, SR., NEARER RECOVERY



JOHN BRYSON SR.

John Bryson sr., the aged pioneer of Los Angeles, who was reported near death yesterday, was much improved late last evening and hopes were entertained of his recovery.

Mr. Bryson, who is at the home of Mrs. G. L. Lambertson, 803 Bonnie Brae street, who has cared for him the past fourteen years, suffered a paralytic stroke about two years ago, from which he never fully recovered. He has recently been suffering from congestion of the brain and neuralgia, which have brought on an attack of nervous prostration and in view of the advanced age of the patient the complication will be hard to overcome.

Mr. Bryson had a severe congestive chill early yesterday morning and for

some hours he was in a critical condition, but later in the evening rallied and seemed much better.

Dr. John Trueworthy, the attending physician, expressed hopes for the recovery of Mr. Bryson last evening, and said that the patient had a wonderful constitution.

Mr. Bryson has been visited by his children, with the exception of one son. He has been separated from his wife a number of years.

Mr. Bryson, who is 86 years old, came to Los Angeles when a young man, and amassed a fortune. He built the Bryson block, corner Second and Spring streets, in which he now has a half interest.

Mr. Bryson is well known in business circles and at one time was mayor.

WINS DAMAGES IN ONEONTA WRECK

Jury Decides That Victim Adams Is Entitled to a Verdict of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars for Broken Ribs

A jury in department nine of the superior court yesterday allowed A. N. Adams \$2500 damages in his suit against the Pacific Electric company for injuries received in the wreck at Oneonta Park some months ago.

When Adams appeared in court to testify he still bore the marks of the fearful disaster. Several of his ribs were broken at the time and his left lung was punctured by one of the bones. He still has his left arm in a sling from injuries received in the accident and his appearance bore out in detail his story of the accident. The wreck was one of the most terrible in the history of the southwest. A Sierra Madre car was run down by a Southern Pacific engine at the Oneonta Park crossing on July 28. The wreck with sixty passengers was hurled 125 feet and Adams was among the injured.

In his suit he alleged that the company was at fault because of the negligence of motorman and conductor. A warrant for the arrest of the latter still remains unserved.

The company admitted the negligence of the employees but denied the responsibility of the company. The jury did not consider Adams' request for \$10,000, but thought the lesser amount about right.

DENVER HAS A COW THAT CLIMBS UP ODD STAIRWAYS

DENVER, Oct. 19.—Maud isn't it with a cow that visits the rooming houses on Blake street and the whole case. The cow, who has galloped merrily into the office and was having a splendid time tossing bags of coffee to the four corners of the office.

After a skillful chasing she was caught and put out of the office. From there she went down the street, where she saw little Mabel Dryer, who was just leaving her house at 1610 Blake street for the Longfellow school. The girl lives on the second floor, and just as she reached the bottom of the stairs she saw the cow waiting to greet her. She made a dash upstairs, with the cow after her, but as the hall was very narrow there was no room for the cow to make the necessary turn to reach the room, so the little girl was safe, but a prisoner.

John Wilkins, another roomer in the same house, was awakened by the thundering of feet outside his door. He jumped for his gun and made a rush at his door, threw it open and confronted the cow. With the aid of a couple of men he got the cow downstairs, where they found a distracted cowboy who proved to be her master. He did his best to drive her, but she would not go. Finally he roped her and in this way got her to the stock yards, where she will probably sell at a big price as the "Only stair-climbing cow in America."

Scientists Reach San Diego SAN DIEGO, Oct. 19.—A vessel which is thought to be the Carnegie Magnetic survey brig Galilee, with a party of scientists aboard, is off the entrance of the harbor.

HEARD AROUND THE CORRIDORS BY THE EAVESDROPPER

BOUQUET WITH QUESTION ALMOST SPOILS DINNER

Down at the Angeles they are telling a good story on Dr. H. Gordon Bayless, the house physician, Dr. Bayless, who he it whispered, is something of a Beau Brummel, was entertaining a very beautiful and charming young widow and her mother at dinner Thursday evening, and that's where the story begins.

Among the guests at the hotel is C. H. M. Vervoert, an Englishman who is spent much of his time in Holland. It appears that in Holland it is the custom to send a bouquet to the table if you see a man friend dining with a young woman. I believe it is almost equivalent to the question: "Are congratulations in order?" Such a bouquet delivered at the table where Dr. Bayless and his guests were sitting. It was of bride roses and maidenhair ferns, and the significance could not escape the eye of any one of average intelligence.

The doctor is not lacking in this particular, and neither was his fair guest. They both blushed and blushed again, with the result that the continuous blushing quite took away their appetites. In the gentleman from Holland had only known he might have sent his bouquet a little later than the soup course. It was a pity to spoil the entire dinner, but then he will be better off for the winter. Customers next time. The doctor has been "explaining" ever since.

On Automobile Tour

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hanson, who came down from Redwood in their prize touring car, and have been at San Alexandria for a few days, are going to continue their trip farther south tomorrow. They will go first to Riverside and will also stop at several other points in that vicinity.

Personal Mention

C. N. Post, secretary to the attorney general, is at the Hollenbeck. Frank M. Raff, a mining man of Reno, Nev., is at the Hollenbeck.

D. S. Walker, a shoe manufacturer of Milwaukee, Wis., is at the Hayward. John Denaf, a division superintendent of the Santa Fe, stationed at Needles, is at the Hollenbeck.

Theodore A. Bell, candidate for governor on the Democratic ticket, is again at the Hollenbeck.

R. A. Grant, a prominent business man of Salt Lake, who is in Los Angeles for a few days, is at the Hollenbeck.

S. E. Shaw and wife of Moundsville, W. Va., who are enjoying their first trip to Southern California, are at the Hayward.

Fred H. Solomon, an importer of Japanese and other oriental goods, and his wife have taken apartments at the Hayward for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dawson and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dawson, prominent Denver people, who are making a pleasure tour of the Southern California resorts, are at the Angeles.

A. D. Wunder, a manufacturer of stoves from San Francisco, is at the Hayward. Mr. Wunder is making the stoves for the new San Francisco, and he finds it no small task. He is in Los Angeles on business.

I. W. Hellman, wife and maid arrived at the Alexandria from San Francisco. They left the north immediately on receipt of a telegram announcing the serious illness of Herman W. Hollman, but arrived too late to see him alive.

R. R. Browning and Robert W. Francis of the Dearborn Drug and Chemical company of Chicago are at the Alexandria. Mr. Browning is on his way to Honolulu, where he goes to take charge of the company's interests.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Fay of Boston, Miss R. McNamee and maid of New

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MAMMA'S PIE MAKES PAPA FEEL AWFUL BAD

Special to The Herald. NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—"Oh, Mr. Policeman," exclaimed a 12-year-old girl as she ran up to the entrance of the Eagle avenue high school, in the Bronx, last night, "I want my mamma in a hurry. Papa is very sick at home."

Policeman Thomas O'Connell of the Morrisania station asked the girl where her mother could be found.

"She is in the school taking lessons in cooking. Please get her quick for me," replied the maiden.

"Now, don't get excited, miss. Take your time and tell me all about the trouble. What is the matter with poor papa?"

"He came home late to supper," replied the girl, "and mamma had gone to school. Mamma couldn't wait. Papa ate his dinner and had some pie, and became awfully sick. He says it is indigestion. Oh, please get mamma quick. Maybe she will know what to do."

"Maybe she will if she made the pie," said O'Connell, trying to look serious.

"We'll see if we can't get your mamma out of that cooking class. What is her name?"

"Elizabeth Jennings, and my name is Maria."

"And you are 12 years old, you say, and your mamma has only begun to take cooking lessons?"

"Yes, Mr. Policeman; but do hurry, please."

O'Connell walked into the school and sent one of the teachers for Mrs. Jennings. When she appeared on the stoop Maria threw her arms around her, crying:

"Oh, mamma, papa is awfully sick. He has indigestion. He ate some of your pie."

Then mother and daughter hurried home.

Fire Destroys Pianos

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—Fire destroyed an uninsured stock of pianos valued at \$75,000 in the storerooms of Kohler & Chase at Bush and Franklin streets at 7:30 this morning. The blaze is attributed by the fire department to debris believed to have been smoldering since the site was swept by fire on April 20. The firemen saved the building.

Advertisement for Perfection Oil Heater. Features an illustration of the heater and the text 'Have You A Cold Room? PERFECTION Oil Heater (Equipped with Smokeless Device) In most houses there is a room without proper heating facilities... THE Rayo Lamp is the safest and best all-round household lamp. Made of brass throughout and nickel-plated. Equipped with latest improved burner. Every lamp warranted. An ornament to any room whether library, dining-room, parlor or bedroom. Write to nearest agency if not at your dealer's.'

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