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VICE PRESIDENT SHERMAN EXPIRES AT UTICA HOME

END COMES AFTER MANY HOURS OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS.

Nation's Second Highest Official Breathed His Last at 9:42 O'clock Wednesday Night.

Utica, N. Y., Oct. 30.—After a long illness, Vice President James Schoolcraft Sherman, died at his home in this city at 9:42 o'clock tonight of uraemic poison, caused by Bright's disease.

He had been sinking since early morning and it was realized that death was only a question of a few hours.

There was a slight relief shortly after 7 o'clock, caused by an apparent improvement in the condition of the kidneys, but it did not prove real or lasting and at best gave only temporary hope.

At 9 o'clock the patient's temperature rose to 106. From that time his condition rapidly became worse until the end. Mr. Sherman was unconscious when the end came and had been in that condition for hours.

Family at Death Scene.

All the members of the immediate family were witnesses to the final scene. In addition to Mrs. Sherman, there were in the death chamber their three sons, Sherrill, Richard U. and Thomas M. Sherman, and their respective wives; R. M. and Sanford Sherman, brothers of Mr. Sherman, and Mrs. L. B. Moore, and Mrs. H. J. Cookinham, sisters of Mr. Sherman.

Soon after Mr. Sherman's death, Dr. Fayette H. Peck, the attending physician, issued the following statement: "The vice president died at 9:42 p. m., without regaining consciousness for a moment. He was perfectly quiet. He died in the presence of his wife, her brother and sister; his brothers and his three sons, and their wives. He had been entirely unconscious since 7 o'clock when he had a period of partial consciousness, lasting for about 15 minutes, heart disease and arterial sclerosis."

Vice President's Career.

The twenty-seventh Vice President of the United States, and the only one renominated, was christened James Schoolcraft Sherman. But, in nearly a quarter of a century of public life, "Jim" Sherman was to his intimates, and probably half the nation referred to him as "Sunny Jim," a sobriquet he earned as one well might imagine by a never-failing, all-year-round sunny disposition.

Sherman belonged to the school of Republicanism nowadays popularly called "Regular," and fought his political battles shoulder to shoulder with men of his faith without compromise or finching. Like every public man, he had critics, some bitter; but he also had friends, who were a match for his enemies. The events he helped to shape are so comparatively recent that history can not assign him to his proper place until it also records the work of his contemporaries.

To the house of representatives of the 50th congress he came in the winter of 1887, just passed his thirty-second birthday, with the energy and optimism of youth, college-bred from the halls of Hamilton, which has given to public life many other statesmen and public figures, none without some mark of distinction. He had been elected mayor of Utica two years before. Like many others who came to lead in the national legislature, he brought with him an education in law. He was well born and well bred. His father, Richard U. Sherman, was an editor and public figure in New York State.

Elected Vice President.

Two sessions of congress found Sherman defeated and out of office, but not for long. Henry W. Bentley, of Booneville, Oneida county, beat him by less than a thousand votes in the race for the 52d congress. In the interim, Sherman went back to Utica, built up his law practice and returned to the 53d congress with a signal victory. He remained in the house without defeat to the 60th congress, when he was nominated and elected vice president on the ticket with Mr. Taft.

His first years in the house brought him into close association with leaders. Joseph W. Bailey, later a senator; Dr. Chamberlain, Bryan, Bourke,

Cockran, Crisp, Dalzell, Dingley, Doliver, Henderson, Payne, Paynter, Raynor, Reed, Wadsworth, "Fighting Joe" Wheeler and a score of others whose names became household words in discussion of the tariff and other national policies were his fellows. The senate held such men as Aldrich, Allison, Cockrell, Daniel, Frye, Gorman, Hoar, Hill, Teller, Vest and Wolcott. All were not Republicans, but all were "Jim" Sherman's friends, and in such an environment he worked to a high place in the councils and finally was No. 1 of the Big Five in the house.

Cannon, Dalzell, Payne, Sherman and Tawney were the great quartette during the comparatively recent years in which congress was Republican. Each of them invariably wore a red carnation for a boutonniere, and when Sherman went to preside over the senate and occupy the coveted marble room in other wing of the capitol, he took the custom with him and the flower always appeared at every session of the upper house.

The Rural Telephone.

The farmer who enjoys a telephone at his home does not see how in the world he got along without one—and so it is with his rural delivery in the matter of mail. The other day a farmer told us that he wanted to see about tobacco—he was going to go to a market a day's distance from his home, and he happened to think about the telephone—which he didn't have. So he went to a neighbor's a mile distance, used his 'phone, and ascertained a fact that surprised him to the effect that the Greensboro market was paying prices much higher than he expected to secure—so he came to Greensboro and was getting busy to see if he couldn't have the wire run into his home, and said that the one trip would pay for what it cost. And all the farmer needs do is to wake up—to look around and he can get about as many conveniences as the city chap—and yet escape the exactions of city life. The telephone has made all other things possible for him—he is in touch with the town and with its people, and he can sell on a rising market or escape a falling market by talking three minutes with his merchant. Wonderful what electricity has done for the human race—to say nothing about electrocution.—Greensboro, N. C., Everything.

News of Excelsior.

Excelsior, Oct. 31.—Miss Rosalee Wheeler left Saturday for her school at Fountain Inn.

Mr. E. G. Counts has been on a few days visit to Columbia.

Mr. P. S. Cook spent a few days in Columbia last week.

Mrs. Ernest Addy and children, of Saluda county, spent Saturday and Sunday with her father's family, Mr. J. D. Stone.

Miss Lucile Agnew, of Donalds, has been elected principal of Ht. Pilgrim school and opened the same Monday morning.

Mr. E. M. Cook's large new barn is nearing completion and will be a convenient building.

Some few of our people are attending the fair in Columbia this week.

Of course the farmers are busy gathering their crops, but the use of the split log drag would be a great thing to help keep good roads.

Mr. T. L. Wheeler showed us a few days ago a large potato he had gathered from his patch that weighed 4 1/4 pounds and was of the Nancy Hall variety. Mr. Wheeler has a large patch and will make an abundance of them.

The Rev. M. M. Kinard, of Salisbury, N. C., stopped over with his brother, Mr. H. J. Kinard for a few hours on Thursday, while on his way home from the Lutheran synod held in Newberry. This was Mr. Kinard's first visit to his former home here in seven years. Mr. Kinard was looking well. Sigma.

No Chance.

"And what is your occupation?" asked the accident insurance agent.

"I'm a woodsman. During the hunting season I act as a guide.

"Oh, I'm sorry, but my company won't write a policy on your class."

"Why not? Surely I'm a good risk."

"My dear sir, you're not a risk; you're a certainty."—Detroit Free Press.

MRS. CLEVELAND TO WED.

Engagement of Former President's Widow Announced.

Princeton, N. J., Oct. 29.—Mrs. Grover Cleveland authorizes the announcement of her engagement to Thomas Joseph Preston, professor of archaeology and history of arts, at Wells college. The date of the marriage is not yet determined, but will be announced later.

Mrs. Cleveland is a graduate of Wells college, and has been a trustee of that institution since 1887. Her wedding to President Grover Cleveland, which took place in the executive mansion during his first administration, was one of the notable events in the history of the White House. Her father, Oscar Folsom, was a law partner of Mr. Cleveland, who, upon Mr. Folsom's death in 1875, became Frances Folsom's guardian.

After his retirement from the presidency Mr. Cleveland made his permanent home in Princeton, and Mrs. Cleveland has continued to reside there since the former president died, in 1908. Her two daughters, Esther and Marion, and her son, Richard F., are living with her here.

The announcement of the engagement was made tonight by President John Grier Hibben, of Princeton university, who said:

"Prof. Preston is 50 years of age. He is a graduate of Princeton, and one whom we hold in very high esteem. As a young man he began his studies at Columbia, which, however, were interrupted on account of illness. At that time he gave up the idea of completing his education and went into business, in which he made a very rapid and notable success, establishing himself at the head of a very prosperous manufacturing company in Newark, N. J., after securing a substantial fortune and feeling keenly that continued business success could not compensate for his abandoned college career he determined to attain a long desired end, which his earlier years had denied him. Although nearing the age of 40 he, nevertheless, closed his active business career and went abroad to study for two years at the Sorbonne, Paris.

"Returning to America, he came to Princeton for two more years of additional study. On account of the wide range and unusual excellence of his work, both in under-graduate and graduate studies, he took at the same commencement not only the degree of Litt B, but the degree of Ma as well, a very unique attainment. He was also elected at that time to the Princeton chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa society.

"Prof. Preston was exceedingly popular and made many friends while at Princeton. He was subsequently appointed fellow of the American School of Classical Study at Rome, and later won a competition open to all universities of the United States, the fellowship of the Archaeological Institute of America. After pursuing his studies abroad he returned to Princeton and took his degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He was then called to his present professorship of Wells college.

"Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Preston, Sr., live in South Orange, N. J." Mrs. Cleveland is 48 years old.

Baptist State Mission Board.

Abbeville cor. The State, 30th.

The state mission board expends annually \$40,000 in its work, and the expenditure of this vast sum is under the management of a judicious board, composed of such prominent business men as C. B. Bobo, of Laurens; W. R. Brown, of Spartanburg; L. S. Mattison, of Columbia; C. B. Edwards, of Darlington; T. O. Lawton, Jr., of Greenville; S. J. Watson, of Winnsboro; W. H. Hunt, of Newberry; Lieut. Gov. Chas. A. Smith, and others.

To Meet in Columbia With National Corn Exposition.

The committee chosen to look to the entertaining of the American Berkshire congress is composed of A. G. Smith, Columbia; Dr. E. Barnett, Columbia; A. D. Hudson, Newberry; J. R. Fairry, chairman, Fort Motte, and T. C. Moss, St. Matthews.

THE QUESTION OF SUCCESSION.

Several Problems Presented by Death of Vice President Sherman.

New York, Oct. 30.—The death of Vice President James S. Sherman gives point to the serious discussion of the question of the succession to the vice presidency. As is well known, there is no provision of law for filling a vacancy caused by the death or retirement of a vice president, but Mr. Sherman was a candidate for re-election and his death prior to the election or prior to the action to be taken by the electoral college in January is giving much concern.

His death occurring prior to the election, it would not be necessary to make any change in the ballots already printed for November as cast directly for the vice president. Electors are chosen to cast the ballots of their constituents for candidates for president and vice president, and while there is a moral obligation resting on those electors to support the nominees of the party, the instructions are merely directory and not mandatory.

The death of Mr. Sherman, of course, relieves them, if elected, from the moral obligation to vote for him. As it is a party matter and the governing body in the party is the Republican national committee, it would be the proper function of that committee to recommend to them a candidate for vice president to be voted by them. It would be essential to have concerted action in either of two contingencies—first, if the Republican ticket is successful, and second, if the election is to be thrown into the house of representatives.

The Republican national convention delegated to its national committee power to fill a vacancy on the ticket, but it is known that the committee will not be assembled at this time.

Should the Republican ticket receive a majority of electoral votes, the importance of selecting vice presidential candidate is evident, but if next Tuesday no presidential electors receive a majority of the electoral votes, then, by the constitution, the election will be thrown into the house of representatives and the candidate to be voted for in the house by States would be limited to those voted for by electors in the electoral college, but the house, as at present constituted, would be unable to make a decision, because the States' vote units, and about one-half of the States are represented in the congress by Democratic members. The decision would, therefore, go to the senate.

The senate is limited in its choice to those two candidates who receive the highest number of votes for vice president in the electoral college. If it results on Tuesday that the election rests with congress, the selection of the candidate for vice president has the utmost importance, because the Democrats are in a minority in the present senate, and if a Republican candidate for vice president is selected he succeeds to the presidency.

Already there has been discussion of the availability of Governor Hadley, Governor Deneen, Senator Borah, Senator LaFollette, Former Vice President Fairbanks, Senator Root, Senator Burton, Senator Lodge, Governor Goldsborough and others.

Sunday School Convention.

Township No. 7 Sunday school convention will meet at Morris church, near Chappells, on Saturday, November 9, 1912, at 10:30 a. m. Public invited. Bring dinner. The following is the program:

Devotional exercises by Rev. T. C. Croker.

"How best to organize a Sunday school and then maintain and increase interest"—Dr. E. C. Jones.

"What is the value of the cradle rolls of the home departments?"—Mrs. M. A. Carlisle, Mrs. A. P. Coleman and Mrs. A. J. Bowers.

"What is best way to increase the regular weekly attendance and offerings?"—Rev. R. E. Johnson.

Recess for dinner.

"Who should select the officers and teachers of Sunday schools?"—Rev. T. C. Croker.

"What interest should parents take in the Sunday school?"—Dr. W. D. Senn.

"What is a Sunday school worth to a community?"—J. R. Irwin.

Doing a Good Work.

Mrs. George S. Milligan, State organizer of the Anti-Cigarette league of America, is in Newberry, visiting the schools and colleges.

The high school boys and girls listened very attentively to the lecture delivered Wednesday morning and Mrs. Milligan expressed herself as delighted with the calibre she found in Newberry.

The following splendid boys signed the pledge for life:

"Realizing the danger from the use of liquor and tobacco, I hereby pledge myself, with God's help, to abstain for life from their use and to use my influence to induce others to do the same."

The business men of the United States are asking for boys and men who do not use the cigarette and in many cases any kind of tobacco.

These boys and young men will be noticed on our streets, wearing the A. C. L. badge: William Halfacre, Julian White, Robert West, Irwin Satterwhite, Willie Mayer, Bailey McCullough, James Gaillard, Joe Norwood, Marion Baxter, Carl Julian, John Kinard, Neely Cromer, Thomas Ray Gallman, John D. Davenport, Henry Rikard, Douglas Hornsby, Eldridge McSwain, Abraham Vigodsky, David Thornton, Lonnie Franklin, Forest Dickert, John Higgins, Fred Paysinger, Charlie West, Willie Wicker, Willie Thornton, Carlisle Fridy, Strother Paysinger, James Dennis, Thomas Parks.

Boundary Street School Boys—Nat Gist, Dewey Addison, Emory Bowman, Clark Floyd, Callie Boyd Parr, Clyde Ward, Tommy Paysinger, Dwight Jones, Otto Klettner, Tincy Davis, Jno. Floyd, Ellis Williamson, Harry Epting, Worth Spearman, Gary McGraw, Forest Crotwell, Lawrence Hardeman, Irwin Leavelle, Edgar MacConnell, Robert Lee Schumpert, J. T. Senn, Wm. Daggett Norwood, Carroll Sumner, Bachman McIntire, Edgar Paysinger, Foster Smith, Oscar R. Sumner, William Ward, Hansford Earl King, Caldwell Simms, Robert Ross Davis, Robert Lee Norris, Marion Wicker, Harry Hardeman, Vernon Porter, William Sample, Luther Cousins, James Bowers, Earl Adams, Earl Chandler, Malcolm Williams, Walter Denning, Fred Rodelsperger, Jerry Howard, Walter Lee, Tinnie Derrick, Harry Sumner, Sam Norris, Cornelius Davis, Herman Dickert.

Speers Street Boys—For life: Arnold Davis, Frank Davenport, Paul Dean, M. L. Bullock, Tommie Davenport, Jack Dunston, Jones Long, Horace Alewinkle, Grover Thomas, Vernon Taylor, Enoch Bradley, Fulmer Wells, Edwin Setzler, Burton Wells, Herbert Franklin, Edward Davis, Walter Burton, James Lane, Joe Vigodsky, Floyd Davenport, Beal Cromer, Julius Fox, George Earhardt, Ralph Langford, Walter Lindsay, Thos. Hair, Geo. Ammons, Frederick Sale, Ambrose Donahue, Ernest Digby, Ed. Morris, Lee McSwain, Claud Tarrant, Till 21: Horace Jones, Adrian Shimmer, Turnie Sumner, Joel Werts.

KEEP "WILSON-MARSHALL DAY."

Columbia Democrats to Hold Big Meeting on Saturday.

Columbia, Oct. 29.—With the purpose in view of obtaining a rally of the Democratic voters to celebrate "Wilson-Marshall Day" on Saturday with the people of the nation, County Chairman Edmunds has asked the presidents of the city Democratic clubs to meet in Washington Clark's office tomorrow afternoon to arrange for a mass meeting of all the clubs in the city to be held jointly at the theatre on Saturday.

At that time the rousing rally will take place, and the message of Governor Wilson will be read to the voters, as it will be done to the Democrats of the nation at the same time.

Carolina Defeats Clemson.

Special to The Herald and News.

Columbia, Oct. 31.—The University of South Carolina this morning defeated Clemson college at the fair grounds in the annual football contest, by a score of 22 to 7. The game passed off quietly, and no one was seriously injured. Much interest was taken in the game, which was witnessed by a large and enthusiastic crowd.

NAME INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE.

Opposition to Rector Result of Greenville Mass. Meeting.

Greenville, Oct. 30.—The most remarkable gathering of a political nature held in Greenville for many years was the mass meeting of the citizens of Greenville county at the board of trade rooms tonight, for the purpose of formally naming an independent candidate for the office of sheriff of this county.

The result of the gathering was a unanimous endorsement of Mr. W. F. Verdin, of Austin township, as the independent candidate to oppose Mr. Hendrix Rector for this highest executive office of the county. In the meeting were men from all walks of life. The mill operatives, the farmer, the clerk, the merchant, the mill superintendent, the mill president, the banker the broker and the barber were all represented. A more comprehensive collection of men it would be very difficult to find.

The meeting was the culmination of the opposition to Mr. Rector, because of the alleged part he took in the arrest of Messrs. Gilreath, Gosnell and Phillips. The meeting was not extensively advertised, being more in the nature of a voluntary uprising of the conservative citizens. Of the approximately one hundred and fifty men who were on hand, perhaps twenty-five gave expression to their views. The keynote of all these speeches was that the oaths of the primary were absolved, because of the fact that matters have now risen above the standard of politics.

The question, as these speakers put it, is no longer one of loyalty to a more or less perfunctory form, but of "loyalty to the manhood, prestige, dignity and welfare of the county." As one of the gentlemen who addressed the gathering stated, the call was no longer one of politics, but of "simple manhood and decency." It was pointed out that the movement on foot is not one to split the Democratic party, but to preserve it from men who would vitiate it.

Rector Confers With Vaughn.

Columbia, Oct. 30.—Hendrix Rector, nominee for sheriff of Greenville, and two other men, the names of whom are not definitely known, held a conference here today with T. U. Vaughn. Just why the conference was held and the matters discussed is not known.

STATE WITHDRAWS WARRANTS.

Cases Against Greenville Officers Probably Ended.

Greenville, Oct. 30.—O. K. Mauldin, Esq., attorney for the prosecution, withdrew this warrant; therefore, no charges exist against this defendant, and he is honorably discharged by this court.

So wrote the venerable Capt. Stradley this afternoon across the back of each of the warrants issued for Police Inspector Jeff D. Gilreath, Patrolman A. A. Phillips and Constable Reuben Gosnell, charging them with aiding in liberating T. U. Vaughn from the county jail last June.

The judgment of the court was inscribed on the instruments upon which these well-known and respected citizens were confined in jail last Sunday night, under the most humiliating conditions, only after the prosecution had requested that the warrants be withdrawn, as they were unable to then produce the evidence necessary to make out a prima facie case against the defendants.

The last scene in the rather dramatic episode was enacted in the rooms of the board of trade, where Magistrate Stradley was forced to repair in order to accommodate the scores of people who crowded in to hear the proceedings. It was the hour set for the preliminary hearing of the cases against Messrs. Gilreath, Phillips and Gosnell, but instead of a preliminary being gone into, the session resulted in an argument for and against a postponement of the hearing, at which time the prosecution requested a withdrawal of the warrants, for the reason that they were unable to produce their witnesses and the evidence.

If a woman is unable to reform a man during courtship she'll never be able to do it after marriage.