

GENERAL CARNAHAN, HEAD OF UNIFORM RANK K. OF P., DEAD



GEN. JAMES R. CARNAHAN

Gen. James R. Carnahan, major general of the uniform rank, Knights of Pythias, died at his home at Indianapolis, Aug. 5, after an illness of two weeks. The immediate cause of death was stomach trouble and gastric poisoning.

After the war, he studied law and practiced a number of years at Lafayette. He joined the Knights of Pythias in 1874 at Lafayette, went through all the chairs, and was elected grand chancellor of Indiana in 1880. He was regarded as the founder of the uniform rank, and was elected its first major general in 1884, which position he held at the time of his death.

AMERICAN RACE REACHED ZENITH?

Prof. Edward A. Ross of University of Nebraska Declares People Were Finer in Stock Fifty Years Ago

The American race has reached its zenith. After two centuries of existence the "morning" is passing and we are about now to begin the "afternoon" of our career. Fifty years ago the race was several cranks finer in stock than it is today.

Such, in brief, is the opinion of Prof. Edward A. Ross of the University of Nebraska. He is popularly known as the author of the phrase, "race suicide," and is regarded as one of the foremost thinkers along sociological and economic lines in the world. His views were given in a lecture on "The Sources of Americanism" at the University of Chicago.

Two causes are assigned for the early maturity of the race. One is the civil war and the other is what he terms the "great dilution."

"The American race is now at its zenith," declares Prof. Ross. "The western shifting of people has slackened and the bracing selection of the frontier have well ceased."

"Then came the Great Dilution to pull down the average. The newcomer comes one at a time, and hence it is in our politics that the average is most evident. The higher types of men are prompted to act together, because they believe in the same principle or love the same ideal. The inferior pull together from timidity, fear or allegiance to a leader. The growing disposition to rally about persons and the rising value of saloonkeepers, the egg-seller and the boss in controlling city voters would indicate that the electorate has been debased by the too free admission of political incapables.

But, what with shortened lives, bachelorhood, late or childless marriages, and small families, the cities constitute so many blast furnaces where the talented rise and become incandescent, to be sure, but for all that are incinerated without due replacement. This has run down the race kept up by the migration of more than two centuries.

"War lowered the standard of admission to the French army 3 1/2 inches between Louis XIV. and the first republic, but in the meantime three Paris lowered still further the spirit of the initiative of the French. Unless our successful ones hearken belatedly to the gospel of the simple life the afternoon spirit is sure to creep upon us all."

As a race, Prof. Ross believes, however, that the Americans are far in advance of any other.

"In a race, the salient trait is 'energy of will,' he said. "We are suffering from a disease which I term 'will-cramp.' An American never gives up. He never lets go, he does not know when he has beaten in the American action there prevails no imagination or reflection. He is the true embodiment, the occasional raised to the high plane of the American rocking chair, solace of the overfired. Hence the phrases, 'Time is money,' 'boil it down,' 'twenty minutes for dinner,' 'twenty minutes for a college degree.' To the women are relegated religion, art, literature, social elegancies.

"The strong will beeds nothing but the goal. The high village American of the plowshare breed, the common hard and risk, braves alike White Pass and Death Valley. In sport or in battle no one will stand more punishment than he. Body, appetites, inclinations—all are gripped in the iron vise of will. His impulses are kindly, but was to those whose lives block his way.

"The born American feels able to win without stooping. Conscious of strength, he prefers to speak the truth and play fair, not as something due to others, but as something due to himself. Where business or political competition becomes fierce this native morality therefore is compromised by the determination to succeed at any cost. Hence a queer, ring streaked conscience that is amused at the pertness, fraud and grand grand larceny.

"The American race is distinct in its type. The born American is lean and angular. He is usually tall and fashioned after the Indian. It is the result of the strain, the energy, the work of the race. The Gibson girl is a good example of American femininity, with high cheek bones, etc."

Boy Was a Director. While on his present western tour Edward H. Harriman, the railroad magnate, was amused at the pertness and wit of Frank Jones, a boy who had been sent from the master mechanic's office in Cheyenne with a message to Superintendent McKean of the motive department of the Union Pacific. Pushing into the private car of President Harriman, he said: "Hello, I got 'er telegram for McKean."

ILLINOIS NEWS

FEAR FOR NIAGARA

TWO MEN LOSE THEIR MEMORIES

Unique Cases Are Reported From Central Part of Illinois.

Two unique cases of temporary loss of memory have been brought to the attention of the central Illinois authorities.

One, that of Charles West of Weldon, was especially remarkable. He was picked up by Towanda and unable to give any intelligible account of himself until he had been in custody for several days.

The second case was reported from Morgan county, a man who was afterwards found to be H. C. Williams of Mason City, Iowa, being found under a tree there. He was unable to tell his name or his home and appeared to have lost his identity.

Report Catfish Disappearing. Mississippi river fishermen at Alton say that the catfish has become scarce this season that there is reason to fear that the Mississippi river species may soon be a rarity.

Old Settlers' Picnic. The annual reunion and basket picnic of the old settlers of Madison, Bond, Montgomery and Macoupin counties, will be held at New Douglas, Aug. 22 and 23, under the auspices of the old settlers' association.

Purchase Coal Rights. The Vandall mineral company, a syndicate organized to purchase mining property in southern Illinois, has purchased coal rights in St. Clair county, on the townships of O'Fallon No. 4, Caseyville, for \$11,371.95.

Ask \$5,000 for Damages. John Koek, minor, by his next friend, Harry King, filed suit in city court at East St. Louis against Morris & Co., a National stock yards firm, for \$5,000 damages for personal injuries.

Sues for \$25,000. Robert L. Anderson of Decatur has started suit for \$25,000 against the Washburn Railroad company. He was striking a conductor when injured at Staunton.

Little Girl Breaks Arm. Nellie Warder, the 7-year-old daughter of Herman Warder of Hixley station, fell from a rear porch at her parents' home, breaking her left arm.

Man's Arm is Crushed. John Simmons of French Village has a crushed arm and hand, caused by being caught in a threshing machine with his wife working.

Falls With Lamp. Mrs. Moses Stare, aged 55 years, fell while carrying a lighted lamp in her home at Decatur, and was so badly burned that she will die.

Decatur Taxes. County Treasurer Moffett has settled with the city of Decatur, paying the contractor \$147,222 for expenses as delinquent taxes for the city.

Glass Furnaces Are Rebuilt. Seven furnaces at the glass works at Alton have been rebuilt since July 5 and are ready for the resumption of work September 1. Four others in process of reconstruction are about finished.

Wife Murderer Takes Appeal. Notice was received at the office of Attorney General Steel that an appeal had been filed from the case of Victor Roland. She, recently convicted of murder in Cook county.

FAMILY CAMPS ON THE PRAIRIE

John Hammill Compelled to Ask Aid After Three Days' Struggle.

Stranded in Chicago without funds after having been ejected from their home by John Hammill, his wife and seven children, the situation bravely and camped on the open prairie west of Austin for three days, during which time the husband and father tried vainly to find work.

Chilled by the rains, the youngest child, a girl 7 months old, became ill, and, fearing the little one would die, Hammill finally gave up the struggle, and with his care-worn wife carrying the sick child and the little band of hungry children following him, he walked to the Harrison street station and asked for aid.

Hammill told Sergeant Grady that for several years he had lived in Syracuse, where he was until recently employed as a stationary engineer. Some time ago his run became due but he was unable to pay and was forced out by the landlord.

Oppose Police Chief. A peculiar condition of affairs has arisen in the city council of Duquoin between Mayor B. W. Pope and seven of the aldermen.

Pay \$10 for Kiss. John Peters, a farmer near Westfield corner, was riding on a street car at Rockford, Ill., when he met and took a seat in front of him.

Miners Aid Their Friend. Mayor B. W. Pope of Duquoin, on behalf of the United Mine Workers of America, has received \$2,000 from the miners of the city.

County Seat Fight Ends. The Henderson county case has handed down an opinion in the favor of Henderson county seat case denying the appeal of Stronghurst and giving a decision in favor of Oquawka.

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CASE THAT AFFECTS PHYSICIANS

Court Holds License Law of 1899 Is Not Ex Post Facto.

The appellate court has affirmed the decision of the Kanakake county circuit court in the case against Dr. Langdon on the charge of practicing medicine without a license, deciding in favor of the doctor. State Attorney Miller, who has been pushing the case, declares that the state will take the case up to the Supreme Court.

SUES JUDGE FOR FIVE CENTS

Santa Fe Railroad May Carry Case to the Supreme Court.

A demurrage claim amounting to 5 cents, brought by the Santa Fe Railroad Company against Judge W. R. Bowers, 1234 Pennsylvania infantry, through the Supreme court, before it is settled.

Deaths at Soldiers' Home. The following deaths occurred at state soldiers' home at Quincy in July: John Odes, company D, 8th Missouri infantry; Henry Fius, company E, 4th Illinois infantry; Charles Bowers, 1234 Pennsylvania infantry; George Pax, company A, 11th New York infantry; Albert D. Walker, company B, 2d Illinois light artillery; Charles W. Spillman, company A, 2d Minnesota cavalry; Henry Finerman, company E, 7th Illinois cavalry; John M. Peterman, company G, 7th Iowa cavalry.

National Guard Orders. Adj. Gen. Scott has issued the following orders: An election is hereby ordered to elect B. 1st cavalry, Bloomington, at 8 p. m., Monday, August 14, 1905, for captain, and to fill such other vacancies as may exist at the time of this meeting.

Sues State for \$20,000. Albert W. Laidel of Greenville has brought suit against the state of Illinois for \$20,185.50 damages for injuries sustained while he was in charge of the stone quarry at the Chester penitentiary, last February.

Invest in Coal Mines. The sales of the coal lands near Centralia are still being made. Several hundred acres have been bought outright. One or two more are expected to be in operation within the next few months.

Adams County Free Delivery. If the grant for a system of rural free delivery for mail routes in Adams county, as outlined by Special Agent Morgan Griswold, are approved by the department at Washington, a daily delivery over 1,000 miles will be covered, and 4,233 families will receive mail on six days of the week.

Creamery at Dix. The citizens of the south part of Marion county and the north part of Jefferson have subscribed \$4,000 for the building of a creamery at Dix.

Randolph County Old Settlers. September 4, 5 and 6 have been decided upon as the dates for the reunion of the Randolph county old settlers' association at Percy.

Marion Sunday Schools. The annual convention of the Marion county Sunday-school association will be held at New Bethel church August 17 and 18.

National Bank Cashier. Frank C. Hickman of Hillsboro has been elected cashier of the newly organized national bank at Gillespie.

Three Hundred at Family Reunion. The tenth annual reunion of the Hall-Adkins families took place at Parkman's grove, two miles south of Charleston, on the 14th and 15th inst. were present. A big picnic dinner and a programme of songs and speeches was given.

Man Gets Fortune. Joseph B. Thompson of Canton has been advised that he was one of six heirs to an estate of \$1,000,000 left by an uncle, John A. Thompson of Wichita, Kan. The latter died recently.

IMMENSE VOLUME OF WATER DIVERTED FROM FALLS.

Commercial Enterprises are Making Heavy Drains on This Famous Show-Place—Its Tremendous Electrical Power the Inducement.

Niagara Falls, August 7.—The volume of water being diverted from the historic Niagara Falls is reaching such proportions that the people of the State are trying to pass laws which will prevent the possibility of a practical wiping out of this sublime natural spectacle.

Water sufficient to develop nearly five hundred thousand horse-power continuously, twenty-four hours per day, for industrial purposes, is now being taken from the river above the falls, and further developments requiring more water are contemplated. Probably the largest user of the electricity produced by the waters of the mighty river above the falls is the five or six thousand degree heat of the electric furnace bridge line and coke into unwilling union, thereby creating a waste which is known as Calcium Carbide.

Dry calcium carbide is lifeless as so much broken rock, but in contact with water it springs into activity and gives off the gas acetylene. The light resulting from the ignition of acetylene is the nearest approach to sunlight known.

These facts, though of comparatively recent discovery, were seized by men with an eye to the commercial possibilities and to-day calcium carbide is being shipped everywhere and used for dispelling darkness in buildings of all descriptions, from the ordinary barn of the farmer to the country villa of the wealthy, as well for lighting the streets of a large number of cities. Acetylene can be easily and cheaply installed, and the manufacture and sale of acetylene generators has become a business of recognized standing, has assumed large proportions and is steadily growing.

The Pennsylvania Solomon. Pennsylvania now boasts a modern Solomon. Unable to decide which of two contending parties had the best title to a horse which they claimed, the Board of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., had the horse brought to his office and continued the hearing of the case on the sidewalk, where the horse could be seen. He told the defendant and prosecutor that which part of the horse they liked best. One chose the hoof, the other the tail. "I'll take the hoofs and shoes for coats," said Donohue, as well as a constant, ordered him about the horse and divide it. Instantly prosecutor and defendant were pleading for his life, and he gave them four days to come to an agreement.

Dick Turpin's Secret Refuge. Workmen engaged in tearing down the Plough Inn at Little Ealing, England, discovered a secret chamber a few days ago. It was elaborately furnished in old oak. The house is over 600 years old, and at one time belonged to the grandmother of Dick Turpin, the famous highwayman, whose celebrated ride to York is still the delight of the English schoolboy. The chamber is supposed to have been his retreat when too closely pursued.

Geese and Feather Beds. The plains of Hungary are well adapted for the raising of geese, and the country are often entertained by seeing, from passing trains, great flocks of geese feeding in the fields and watched by goosherds. So many feathers are yielded by these geese that four or five feather markets are held annually at Budapest and at each market from 600,000 to 700,000 pounds of bed feathers are placed on sale.

Grave of William Hurry. The grave of William Hurry, who on July 4, 1776, on the old liberty bell the fact that proclaimed liberty throughout the land, has been found in the burial ground of Pine Street church, Philadelphia. Philadelphia. The Daughters of the Revolution, Colonial Dames and Sons of the Revolution have taken it in charge and the plot will be put in good condition and cared for.

BABY'S INSTINCT

Shows He Knew What Food to Pick

Forwarding a photo of a splendidly handsome and healthy young boy, a happy mother writes from an Ohio town: "The enclosed picture shows my 6-year-old Grape-Nuts boy. He was 2 years old he has eaten nothing but Grape-Nuts. He cannot get sick, his food three times a day. This may seem rather unusual, but he does not care for anything else after he has eaten his Grape-Nuts, which he uses with milk or cream in the form of 'hot food.' His meals are simple. Even on Thanksgiving day he refused turkey and all the good things that make up that great dinner, and ate his Grape-Nuts and cream with the best results and none of the evils that the other foolish members of the family experienced. "He is never sick, has a beautiful complexion, and is considered a very handsome boy. May the Postum Company prosper and long continue to furnish the wholesome food." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. "There's a reason. Read the little book, 'The Road to Wellville,' in every page."