

WITH THE SILENT MAJORITY.

Senator Preston B. Plumb of Kansas Stricken with Apoplexy.

CALLING IN THE VIGOR OF MANHOOD.

Suddenly the Curtain on His Life Was Drawn and into the Shadow Silence of That Far-Off Sea Drifted a Human Soul.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—"Oh my God, my head, my head, my head!" and Senator Preston B. Plumb who, as a representative of the state of Kansas in the United States senate continuously since 1876 has occupied a prominent place in the councils of the republican party, a few minutes after fell unconscious, never to regain knowledge of what was going on about him.

Deep Sorrow Fell.

Vice President Morton was informed of Senator Plumb's death early in the afternoon. He called immediately at the residence of the deceased and extended his condolence. His physicians, Dr. Philip Wales; his clerk, B. W. Flenniken, and his landlady, Mrs. Jennings, were with him at the end.

Shocked and Startled His Friends.

The news of his sudden death shocked and startled his friends and acquaintances, of whom he had a great number. It and out of public life. It being Sunday many persons were at church at the time of his death, and he had been taken ill. Many persons who heard it were almost incredulous of the accuracy of the report.

Ordered to Rest.

It was not until two weeks ago, however, that Dr. Philip Wales was called in and asked for advice as to the trouble. The doctor, after a careful study of the case, informed the senator that he had apoplexy, and that he must quit work and take a rest, but Mr. Plumb was incredulous and thought the doctor had been joking.

Beginning of His Illness.

Shortly before the close of Mr. Jennings was awakened by a knock at his bedroom door. Senator Plumb told Mr. Jennings he was very sick and requested him to come down to see him. The senator's condition was serious, and at 2 o'clock Dr. Wales was summoned.

When Death Came.

Dr. Wales was again summoned. He saw at once that the patient had been stricken with apoplexy. He pressed his fingers on Mr. Plumb's pulse, and he found it very weak. He called for Dr. Jennings and Mr. Flenniken, and they remained with him until the end came at 1:30.

A Distressing Incident.

The news of the sad event spread rapidly. Within an hour after Senator Plumb's death the funeral arrangements were being made. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock on Wednesday.

HOW THE TREATY WAS MADE.

Some Inside History Concerning Recent Negotiations with Indians.

WOODRUFF'S ENTIRE STORY DENIED.

Allegations Made That He Was Looking Out for Personal Interests During the Commission's Work.

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE, 313 FIFTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.

Inquiry made in official sources here would indicate that the facts in reference to the Shoshone and Arapahoe treaties are totally at variance with the statement made by J. D. Woodruff, the chairman of the commission, who in an interview published in THE BEE a few days ago, said that he was on his way here to break up the treaty negotiated by the majority of the commission with the Shoshone and Arapahoe Indians.

What the Records Indicate.

But the records in the Indian office show that the only lands not secured which were taken about was 30,000 acres strip north of the main reservation, so that his 500,000 acres must come from stretching his imagination or from the tract the majority reserved for the Indians.

Springer Will Get the Prize.

"Springer will be chairman of ways and means, unless Speaker Crisp proves a bigger coward and speaker I think he is," said Woodruff.

Difficult to Get Positions.

"I don't think it is possible to get two places in private life, and I am sure that no position under the federal government," said a western senator to THE BEE.

Two Minority Reports.

Mr. Woodruff has submitted two minority reports already, and he speaks of coming here to submit a minority report.

Preparations for the Funeral.

At 10 o'clock in the morning the body of the late Senator Plumb was taken from the apartment he lately occupied to the marble room in the senate.

Senator Plumb Was Popular.

Few men have ever had a stronger hold upon the country than had Senator Preston B. Plumb of Kansas, whose sudden death here yesterday shocked all of Washington.

His Possible Successor.

When Senator Plumb voted two or three times with the tariff reducers in the last congress, he was classed by those who did not understand him as one of the radical "reformers" of the tariff.

How it is Done.

"There is scarcely a democrat held in these departments," continued the senator, "but some of the ordinary clerks and assistants have many republican members of congress to hold them in their places and to prevent their being removed."

Depressing on Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—The death of Senator Plumb has acquired any disposition on the part of congress to engage in legislative business during the few days that remain before the beginning of the holidays.

Killed While Working the Frack.

DRAWBOO, S. D., Dec. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Will Ploby, a boiler maker, was struck by the fly of a Deafield Central engine this afternoon while walking the frack in a nearby mine.

DAN MILLER'S TRIPLE CRIME.

Strange Story of Bloodshed from a Little Iowa Village.

HOW CHRIS McCALLISTER WAS KILLED.

Tragedy of a Farm House—The Trial and Lynching of Pleas Anderson—Dan Miller's Conviction and Confession.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Dec. 19.—[Special to THE BEE.]—One fine day in the fall of 1881 Christian McCallister drove into Albia, and drew from the Monroe County bank a considerable sum of money.

Search for the Murderer.

Among the earliest arrivals at the McCallister farm on the morning in question was Pleasant Anderson. He was one of a number of Ottumwa men who had lived long enough in that section to gain a decidedly unfavorable reputation.

Confession Came at Last.

Meanwhile in his convict's cell Dan Miller's health was failing. "Confinement," which he had been subjected to, was a pardon was made, but failed. His "good time" secured him a reduction of sentence.

Nothing Can Be Learned as to the Truth of Recent Chilian Rumors.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—No information is obtainable in Washington tonight concerning the report of the surrounding of the American legation in Santiago, Chile, by a mob on account of the refugees there.

Fighting in Rio Grande du Sul.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Buenos Ayres says: A skirmish has occurred in Rio Grande do Sul between federal troops and a battalion of the national guard.

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