

# OLDEST TWIN IS DEAD AT 95

His Brother, at Bedside, May Not Survive Shock.

## HAD LONG LIFE TOGETHER

Last Family Reunion on Christmas Day Attended by Scores—They Were Both in Excellent Health Then—Remarkable Parallels in Life of Two Men—Each Had Eight Children.

Babylon, N. Y.—Samuel Muncy, one of the oldest twins in the world, died at his home here in his ninety-sixth year. Samuel and his brother William were born on the old farm in Babylon on Christmas day, 1818, and lived there ever since.

Last Christmas, when the twins celebrated their ninety-fifth birthday, there gathered about them at Samuel's home thirty of their many descendants, including sons and daughters, grandchil-



Photo by American Press Association. THE MUNCY TWINS.

dren and great-grandchildren. The twins sat side by side at the dinner table. On one side sat the children of Samuel and their children's children, and on the other sat the progeny of William.

Samuel was not in the best of health then, and he grew weaker and weaker, until he succumbed. William was at his bedside, and it is feared that the shock of his brother's death will be more than he can endure. The two saw each other daily and the companionship of the two was keen.

Both men were tall and stalwart. It was only until recently that they could not devote much time every day to some sort of labor. Together they took walks, and the friendship between the two was just as keen as when they went fishing or hunting together as boys.

The two men were proud of their health and longevity. They attributed their long life to work in the open air and abstinence from alcohol and tobacco. They never gambled. Both were ardent prohibitionists and argued hard for the cause. They voted for James G. Blaine for president, but since then they have been in the prohibition party.

The twins were descended from a long line of prosperous farmers. The farmhouse in West Babylon in which they were born is probably the oldest building on Long Island. The twins had two brothers and one sister, but they outlived them all by many years.

The twins married about the same time. Samuel married Rebecca Samuels of Babylon when thirty years old, and shortly afterward William married Mary E. Fleet of Brooklyn. They had been widowers for many years. Both men were blessed with eight children each. Up to a few years ago four of Samuel's children and seven of William's were alive. Just how many descendants of the two are alive today it would be hard to calculate.

At the time of their respective marriages each built a home for himself on the old Muncy farm. After the death of their wives the two went to live together, but they decided finally it would be better for Samuel to have his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Smith, with him, while William went to live with his son, Smith Muncy, near by.

The two men owned a great deal of property on Long Island. Both believed they would celebrate their one hundredth anniversary together, and they decided they did not want their children to wait for years to enjoy things, so they parted out the property.

There was some talk shortly before their last birthday of hiring a special car and sending them to Washington to see President Wilson, but the twins felt they were too old to make the trip, and the project was abandoned.

Government officials received the word on high authority that Huerta deliberately planned the affront to the United States in order to bring on war with this country, for the purpose of uniting all Mexican people.

Secretary Daniels estimated that between 3000 and 3500 refugees either are on their way from Mexico or under protection awaiting departure for the United States.

Reports from the coasts of Mexico from Admirals Badger and Howard, respectively, described energetic efforts, not only of the navy, but German and British vessels, to assist refugees in leaving the trouble-torn republic.

## FRUIT TRADE DOUBLED.

In Last Decade Imports Were \$365,000,000, Exports \$220,000,000.

Washington.—Foreign trade of the United States in fruits and nuts practically doubled in value in the last decade, the total imports having been \$365,000,000 and exports \$220,000,000.

Imports rose from \$24,500,000 to \$48,750,000 and exports from \$19,750,000 to \$33,750,000 in the period from 1903 to 1913. Figures made public by the department of commerce and labor show that imports of fruits and nuts for the first two months of 1914 aggregated over \$6,000,000 in value, or 20 per cent more than those for a like period of last year, while exports amounted to \$4,000,000 in value, or about 30 per cent less than a year ago.

The sharp decrease in exports is accounted for by the shortage in the Pacific coast fruit crops in the past year. The domestic food supply was supplemented last year by \$32,000,000 worth of fruits and \$16,000,000 worth of nuts from abroad and in addition over \$4,000,000 worth of fruits and nuts from Hawaii and \$3,500,000 worth from Porto Rico.

## TWO TOES HIS FRAT FEE.

Student Loses Them While Stealing a Qualifying Ride.

Kansas City, Mo.—Cameron Reed of Cambridge, Mass., gave two toes as part of his initiation fee in a fraternity at the University of Missouri, where he is a sophomore.

Reed, with three other students, came to Kansas City riding the brake beam in order to qualify for the fraternity. Only those who have traveled "a thousand miles without a cent" are eligible to membership.

The students boarded the rods of a train to make their return trip to Columbia. Reed fell as the train started, and a wheel crushed his foot. He was taken to a hospital, and two of his toes were amputated.

## KEEPS HIS TREASURE IN A MARINE BANK

Snorky Dives to Bottom of River When Funds Are Low.

Washington.—Snorky draws checks on the First Submarine bank of southwest Washington. He indorses them with a file and wrench and cashes them with a cable.

Snorky, known to his mother and two or three others as Edward Thomas, is sixty years old and is to the Seventh street wharves in Washington what a beach comb is to the water front at Apia.

One day about a decade ago they were shunting freight cars down in the old Jersey yards by the gas works when a switch engine ran off a trestle and plunged into the eastern branch of the Potomac. The water is pretty deep at this spot, and securely embedded in the mud bottom of the river the engine reposed as peacefully as a Spanish galleon at the bottom of the Caribbean until Snorky came along.

As a child Snorky had taken a liking to the water, so when the story of the submerged freight engine came to his ears he saw visions of wealth. Going to the point on the railroad trestle from which the engine was reported to have plunged, Snorky dived into the turbid Anacostia river, as the eastern branch is known, and started a submarine investigation. It took two or three dives to locate the engine, but Snorky eventually found it and made an inventory. He filed a claim with Neptune for the engine or such parts of it as he desired and returned to the surface to equip himself with such tools as he might need.

Calling on the junk dealer, he made a dicker with that individual. The junkman agreed to advance tools if, in return, Snorky would give him an initial option on all goods to be replenished from the deep. The covenant was made, and Snorky dived again. He piled file and wrench and screwdriver until he had detached the choicest and most easily obtainable portions of the engine. Then he attached a cable and rose to the surface. Standing on the trestle, he hauled away at the cable until there appeared the beautiful brass bell of the locomotive. This he disposed of profitably and earned his first reward from out the junk dealer's greasy cash drawer. Ever since he has sold the engine piece by piece to the dealer.

## MOVES HOUSE TO DIE HAPPY.

Shifts It From Vermont to Massachusetts, Where It Formerly Was.

Pittsfield, Mass.—Eliaser Larabee has moved his house from Vermont into Massachusetts because he was born in Massachusetts and wants to die in the old Bay State. When he built a home in Williamstown he supposed that he was in the state. Then government surveyors came along and changed the state boundary after he had paid taxes to Massachusetts for several years. Larabee then had a new cellar dug over in Massachusetts and moved his residence into the Bay State. The change cost him \$1,000.

## Millions For Chewing Gum.

Troy, N. Y.—Americans spent \$9,000,000 more for chewing gum last year than they did on foreign missions was the complaint made by Methodist ministers in conference here.

## For Sheriff.

To the voters of Malheur county: I will be a candidate for the nomination for sheriff of this county on the Republican ticket subject to the decision of the voters at the primary election to be held on May 15, 1914.

R. H. McNea.

## For Joint Representative.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for joint representative for Harney and Malheur counties, subject to the wishes of the Republican electors at the primary election to be held May 15, 1914.

Frank Davey.

## For Sheriff.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for sheriff of Malheur county, Oregon, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county at the Primary election to be held May 15, 1914.

If elected as sheriff I will enforce the laws in all cases and endeavor to apprehend criminals of whatsoever character and I shall conduct business as economically as is consistent with efficiency.

J. A. Wroten.

## For County Treasurer.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of county treasurer for Malheur county, Oregon, subject to the approval of the Republican electors at the primary election to be held May, 15th, 1914.

J. Ralph Weaver.

## Administrator's Notice.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Malheur County.

In the matter of the estate of G. W. Downs, (otherwise known as George W. Downs), deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Malheur County, administrator of the estate of the said G. W. Downs (otherwise known as George W. Downs) deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased, are hereby notified to present the same to me for allowance duly verified as required by law, at the office of C. McGonagill, at Ontario, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at Ontario, Oregon, this 30th day of April, 1914.

O. S. SMITH, Administrator.

## Warrant Call.

Notice is hereby given that I have funds on hand to pay all General Fund Warrants ordered not paid for want of funds.

Interest ceases May 5th, 1914. Dated at Vale, Oregon, this 24th day of April, 1914.

J. R. WEAVER, County Treasurer.

## Administrators Notice.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Malheur County. In the matter of the estate of Peter Bouton, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, the administrator of the estate of Peter Bouton deceased, has filed his final account of the administration of said estate in the above entitled Court. And that Friday the 15th day of May 1914, at 11 o'clock A. M. at the County Court room in the court house in Vale, Malheur County, Oregon has been set by the Judge of said court as the time and place for the hearing thereof. All persons having any interest in said estate are hereby notified to be present on said day at 11 o'clock A. M. and show cause if any there be, why the said final account should not be accepted and allowed, and the said administrator discharged and the estate of the said Peter Bouton deceased distributed according to law. This notice is published by order of Hon. Geo. W. McKnight, County Judge of said County, dated April 9th, 1914.

Wm. Bouton, Administrator.

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## For Sheriff.

To the voters of Malheur county: I will be a candidate for the nomination for sheriff of this county on the Republican ticket, subject to the decision of the voters at the primary election to be held on May 15, 1914.

Robert Odell.

## For County Commissioner.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of county commissioner for Malheur county, Oregon, subject to the approval of the Republican electors of said county at the primary election to be held May 15, 1914.

Melville D. Kelley.

## Train Service.

West bound.

No. 17 Oregon Wash Ltd 4:17 a m  
No. 75 Huntington Pass 9:42 a m  
No. 9 Fast Mail 6:15 p m  
No. 77 Huntington Pass 6:33 p m  
No. 5 Oregon Wash Express 6:50 p m

East bound

No. 18 Oregon Wash Ltd 2:51 a m  
No. 76 Boise passenger 8:50 a m  
No. 10 Fast Mail 12:12 p m  
No. 78 Boise passenger 3:50 p m  
No. 6 Oregon Wash Express 6:15 p m

Malheur Valley Branch

The Vale train leaves Vale daily at 8 a. m. arriving in Ontario at 8:40. Returning will leave, except Sunday, at 10 a. m., arriving at Vale at 10:40, leaving for Brogan at 10:50, arriving there 11:59, returning will leave Brogan at 12:30, arrive at Vale 1:30. Leave Vale at 2:35, arriving at Ontario at 3:30, and return to Vale at 7 p. m. On Sunday the train will come to Ontario in the morning and return at 7 p. m., making the run to Homedale on that day instead of Wednesday.

The Juntura train will leave Ontario Monday, Wednesday and Friday in 7 a. m., returning at 6 p. m., teaching Juntura at 12:05 and leaving at 1 p. m.

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Local Market Report.

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cantile Company.

Eggs, per dozen. 17c.  
Butter, per pound, 25c.  
Oats, per hundred, \$1.50  
Wheat, per hundred, \$1.75.  
Hay, per ton, \$8.  
Potatoes, per hundred, 1.00  
Onions, per hundred, \$2.00.  
Apples, per box, \$1.00. to \$1.50  
Chickens, dressed, per pound, 18c.  
Pork, dressed, 8 1/2 to 9 1/2 c.  
Veal, 9 to 10c.  
Beef 11c to 12c