

REMORSE AND SHAME IS MASON'S PORTION

Rapid Downward Flight of Well Known Corvallis Man—Sought Seclusion in Reported Suicide.

Remorse and shame chased Chester Mason to pretend to seek self-obliteration beneath the cloak of death, but a terrible and overwhelming appetite for morphine placed the oft repentant but still sinning sinner in the clutches of the police; forced him to acknowledge his reported demise to have been merely a ruse to save friends and relatives from the disgrace reflected on them by reason of his acts, and sent him forth again a wanderer in the underworld. Dead and buried in a country cemetery, Chester Mason was a memory that could be reversed. Those who for years had labored and striven in the effort to win him from the influence of a soul-destroying drug, his parents and the ones who loved him best, thought of him and pitied as they thought. Unknown and without friends, a stranger in a strange land, it was said that he had died. There was something pathetic in the thought of a nameless grave, even though that grave had come as the terminus of a railroad of adversity.

Dead, Chester Mason could inspire sorrow. Those who thought of him could recall the best and the halo of forgiveness and forgetfulness over the worst.

But He Did Not Die.

But Chester Mason is not dead; and as a living example of the depths to which a human being may descend in pursuit of the beckoning phantom of temporary pleasure which soon grows to be the stern despot that rules the life, even those who loved him best can see in him only an object of loathing—something to be abhorred.

When Chester Mason went forth from the doors of the Portland police station yesterday afternoon he was a man without hope, without an object in life and without a future except such an one as even he shuddered to contemplate. He had fallen from a position where everything to be desired in life—love, fame, wealth and social standing—were within his reach, down to the lowest depths of personal pollution. He was without honor—almost without shame. Almost without shame, yet not wholly so, for to the judge before whom he was arraigned on a charge of vagrancy, he said:

"I do not care what becomes of me, Judge, if only I can get away from those who know me. I was not always like this but God help me, I never can be anything else again. I thought I had it fixed so my friends would never know."

Work of the Deadly Dope.

"Check Mason, the dope fiend," they call him now, yet at one time he held a position of honor, the inmate of a happy home, the son of parents who considered themselves fortunate indeed to have so promising and well favored a boy. He had fallen from a position where everything to be desired in life—love, fame, wealth and social standing—were within his reach, down to the lowest depths of personal pollution. He was without honor—almost without shame. Almost without shame, yet not wholly so, for to the judge before whom he was arraigned on a charge of vagrancy, he said:

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Shame and remorse possessed him; his very soul rebelled at dragging those who loved him down to disgrace because of his mad acts. But against such remorse was a bitter fight and triumph.

Dead Yet Alive.

There was one way of escape open, and but one. Chester Mason could commit suicide and his appetite could not follow him beyond the grave. Yes, that was the way! One more last feast of dope and then the end!

On January 24 of the present year "Dope Fiend Mason" was before the Municipal Court for vagrancy. He was found by the police, his body in the gutter, his mind wandering in the drug-daze domain of the poppy punisher. He stayed in jail until he "raged" and "got the shakes," and then was ordered out of town. The whole world had turned against him.

It was then that a happy thought struck him. He would go somewhere and die, not in reality, but to all intents and purposes. Then, after his own funeral had been held and while parents and friends were mourning his untimely end, he would come back to Portland and once more embrace the bedraggled goddess of his choice. Even the police would not expect him, and without future, except such momentary visions as come fleeting through his imagination in the morphia sleep.

But, living still, though worse by far than dead, Chester Mason, "Dope Fiend Mason," now and evermore, wanders without hope and without future, except such momentary visions as come fleeting through his imagination in the morphia sleep.

MAD MULLAH ANNIHILATES PLUNKETT'S ENTIRE FORCE

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Hash charged straight at the encircling rows of the enemy and a few—very few got through the lines.

The others, including Colonel Plunkett and 16 of his officers, were killed. Thirty-seven fugitives finally managed to reach the main camp of the British and told the tale of the slaughter. There was great sorrow for Colonel Plunkett, who was regarded as one of the bravest officers in the British Army. Those who escaped from the massacre describe the onslaught of the Mad Mullah's followers as resembling the sweep of the ocean. There appeared to be a perfect sea of men surrounding the English command. The Mullah's men fought with their characteristic fanatical desperation.

Another Force Threatened.

The report to the war office further says that 200 men, 1,000 camels and four days' supply of water, under Colonel Cobbe, has been closely invested ever since the disaster to Plunkett's force.

The British have already lost several, including one Lieutenant, killed. Colonel Cobbe, in command of the entire expedition, will march to the relief of one of the principal points evacuated, and several lines of communication, with large quantities of stores, have been abandoned. It is evident that the campaign is a flat failure on account of the lack of sufficient forces.

The present expedition was sent out in order to quell the natives and punish the murderers of the British sub-Commissioner. This latest disaster is the most severe of the campaign and is a great victory for the Mad Mullah.

EXPLODING TANK ENDS NINE LIVES

Burning Oil Scattered Over Score of People.

(Journal Special Service.)

MINNEAPOLIS, April 23.—The explosion of a tank of the North Side Oil Company killed nine people and injured a score more at noon today.

The plant is in flames and the bodies of the dead cannot be reached. Only two persons of the office force composed of ten clerks and a girl can be found. A dozen workmen are also missing. Ambulances and patrol wagons carried about twenty-five of the injured to hospitals.

The explosion was terrific, spreading burning oil all over the nearby buildings and causing a shock that was felt all over the northern portion of the city. Firemen cannot control the flames.

Later—All missing are now accounted for except nine. There is hardly any doubt that they were killed. Two people, according to an eye witness, were blown to shreds. A number of other corpses were seen in the debris. Seven of the injured cannot recover. Others are badly burned, cut and bruised.

LIGHT WORKS CLOSED.

(Journal Special Service.)

PENDLETON, April 23.—A follower-head in the cylinder of a 250-horse power engine in the electric light works broke this morning, creating damage estimated at \$3,000. The engine will be sent to Portland for repairs. The works will remain closed for three weeks.

AFTER MCKINNEY'S FRIENDS

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., April 23.—The sheriff is now after Ingraham and Elmer Potter, who are accused of having aided Outlaw McKinney. The officers are armed to the teeth and a battle is expected. Hulse is still raving and cannot be prevailed upon to rest.

Golden Silence. There is no maxim our generals and admirals have so much need to keep so steadily in mind as the old common-place: "Silence is golden."—Buffalo Commercial.

SUPPORT GOES TO REAMES

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Journal if I am permitted to make one particular statement in this connection which I trust will be the key note of the campaign to be made by those who have been kind enough to come to my support. It is this:

"I do not desire an election to Congress upon negative considerations. In other words, I have no ambition to fill any office that comes to me by virtue of merely adverse criticisms of my opponent. If my friends believe me to be competent to discharge the duties incident to the office for which I have been nominated, I shall appreciate their efforts in my behalf."

It is apparent that Mr. Reames is a man of affairs and that nothing laudatory of him that has been said has been extravagant. His competency, which has been demonstrated thoroughly, is a sound basis for the positive campaign which will be made in his behalf. He is thoroughly in touch with the public affairs of the district and of the country, acquainted with the needs of the people, he is in sympathy with them, and will be an efficient worker in their behalf.

Democratic Headquarters.

Captain Sam White, who will manage the campaign for A. E. Reames, will have his district headquarters in full working order in a day or two. Advices have been received from him to the effect that he will soon be on the ground, to devote his entire time and energy to accomplish the election of the candidate whose interests have been entrusted to him. J. E. Lathrop, assistant secretary, is now on the ground in advance of Captain White, under instructions to make preparations for an active prosecution of the campaign.

Mr. Hermann's Campaign.

EUGENE, Ore., April 23.—Dr. T. W. Harris, chairman of the Republican First Congressional District Committee, was asked today regarding the progress of the campaign of which he has the management in the interest of Mr. Hermann. Dr. Harris said:

"I have not yet had a personal interview with Mr. Hermann regarding the details of the campaign. We have not yet made out a schedule of dates and places where Mr. Hermann will speak, but will be able to give them out for publication in a few days. Mr. Hermann will make a thorough campaign, visiting as many places in the district as can be reached. We propose to push things all along the line, and to make things just as hot as they can be made by the use of all legitimate effort. We are receiving encouragement from every quarter and are working in order and will be the scene of activity from now on until election day, when we will be able to announce to the voters that Mr. Hermann will be elected to Congress from the First District."

REPUBLICAN SAYS A CLOSE CONTEST

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Although he is a Republican and expects the Republican candidate, Blinger Hermann, to win the Congressional campaign now on in the First District, C. D. Gabrielson, a prominent politician and business man of Salem, believes the contest at the polls will be close and does not expect his party to have much more than a winning margin of votes.

"Up to the present time," Mr. Gabrielson said this morning, "it has been the most lethargic political fight in the history of the State of Oregon. Things will have to warm up pretty soon, for the election is but little more than a month away, but there is literally nothing doing at the present time."

Mr. Gabrielson came to Portland on business and left this morning for Eastern Oregon points to be gone some time.

"I expect by the time I get back," he said, "that the aspect will have changed and that there will be at least a few speakers in the field. So far absolutely nothing has been done in Marion County."

Gatch Will Help Hermann.

Asked whether Gatch, and others who were candidates before the Republican convention, but who were turned down in favor of Hermann, would go into the field for the party nominee, Mr. Gabrielson said:

"Gatch will do as much for Hermann as he would have done for himself. Of course there are many of us in Marion County who feel that Gatch should have been nominated, but it was a fair field, and Hermann won. Had some of the lesser ones consented to pull out of the race Gatch could have been nominated. But that part of the fight is all over now and what remains to do is for us to elect the man who won out in the convention—if we can."

"I do not look for a very large majority, although, of course, I expect the Republicans to win. The democratic nomination was unanimous, and that means a great deal in a political campaign of this character. But it is time things were living up some if any real contest is to be made."

Mr. Gabrielson does not expect a very heavy vote will be polled in the First District and hinted that it was good politics on the part of the Democrats to delay "whooping things" as long as possible, as it gave the people time to think while quiet work was being done.

Republicans Desert Cause of Hermann

(Journal Special Service.)

SALEM, April 23.—Hon. Blinger Hermann spent yesterday in this city calling on friends and political leaders, and endeavoring to arouse some enthusiasm. He meets with considerable coldness, as the Republicans of Marion County have for years been opposed to Hermann.

Appropos of his visit here, and the efforts being made to hold in line the Republicans who are threatening to bolt the party, it is recalled by old-timers that the Republican candidate who talks so eloquently of "standing by the party" has himself not always been faithful to the Republicans; has not always supported the party ticket.

It is asserted that earlier in his career Hermann fought the Republican

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candidate for Governor—in 1874, when J. C. Tolman was the standard bearer, Hermann deserted the party and supported F. F. Campbell for Governor, Campbell being the candidate of the Independent or "Dolly Varden" ticket. Republicans argue that, under these conditions they cannot be expected on a plea of "party unity" to support Mr. Hermann.

It is becoming evident that he will find himself grievously short of money. Many of the members of the party here assert they will not go to the polls on June 1, while others, bolder than the first-named class, openly say they will support A. E. Reames, the democratic nominee, who has many warm admirers in this city and county.

PERSONALS.

T. V. Hogatt of Alaska is in this city. Josiah Collins is in the city from Seattle.

A. M. Leaman, a physician of Chehalis, is at the Imperial.

I. H. Manners, registering from England, is at the Portland.

A. G. and C. E. Hill, merchants of Elms, Wash., are at the Perkins.

J. W. Travis, a stockman of Heppner, is in this city on a visit to his mother.

Jennie McE. Garbreth is visiting friends in this city from Hillsboro.

A. McDermitt, a farmer of the Wasco district, is registered at the Perkins.

N. C. Evans, a fruit grower of the Hood River country, is at the Imperial.

W. W. Hume, a salmon packer and politician of Astoria, is in this city today.

Leon H. Graham, a business man of Post Falls, Idaho, is stopping at the Portland.

Miss Mattie E. Brokaw, a prominent young woman of Ione, is visiting relatives in this city.

Miss M. T. Nolan came in from the Dalles this morning and will visit friends for some time.

A. S. Bennett, one of the best-known railroad claim attorneys in Oregon, is in this city from the Dalles.

C. W. Taylor, a leading mill owner and lumberman of Cascade Locks, is transacting business in Portland today.

G. H. Routh, a business man of Goldendale, is spending a few days in Portland and has rooms in the Hotel Perkins.

C. E. De Camp, well known in Los Angeles, is making the Hotel Portland his headquarters during a visit to this city.

J. G. Barley of the Dalles will be at the Imperial during a brief business stay in this city. Mr. Barley is Mayor of the Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fulton, Mrs. G. C. Fulton, Mrs. J. W. Fulton, Miss Bertina Hobson, Mrs. W. H. Barker, George Noland, N. D. Bain and G. W. Smith are registered from Astoria at the Imperial Hotel.

ADVANCE ENTRIES AT OAKLAND

Overnight entries for Friday's races are as follows:

First race, one mile, selling:

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Accused Assistant Attorney General Is Involved.

(Journal Special Service.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23.—Postmaster-General Payne, late this afternoon, made public a letter sent yesterday to James Tyner, Assistant Attorney General, for the Postoffice Department, notifying him of his immediate removal from office as Assistant General of the Department.