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## STURDY FIGURE OF GRINNELL'S HISTORY

J. C. Manly Exerted Positive Influence  
Toward Good of City and Entire  
Community.

DIED AT HIS HOME  
EARLY MONDAY MORNING

Funeral Was Conducted from the Resi-  
dence This Afternoon by  
Rev. E. W. Cross.

In the death of John C. Manly which occurred at 12:30 Monday morning Grinnell has lost a man who, in his strength was notable in every phase of city life. For a long period of years there was no movement of interest to this city in which Mr. Manly did not have a part. He was not only a useful and patriotic citizen but he was also endowed with a strong business sense which enabled him to see into the future and grasp big ideas. In his own business he was a careful and efficient manager and in public business he maintained the same degree of diligence and industry that he exhibited in the prosecution of his own affairs.

He was born at Schenectady, New York, on the 14th day of May, 1846. His father was a native of England and his mother a native of Ireland and in their early life they crossed the Atlantic to live in the United States. His father, Dominick Manly, engaged in construction work in early life and was foreman for many years with concerns engaged in canal and railroad building. He died in 1851 and later his wife married again, a man with the same surname, John Manly, though the two husbands were in no way related. The second Manly was also a railroad builder.

When the subject of this sketch was seven years old, his mother and stepfather moved from Buffalo to Chicago

and later to Marengo, Ill., where the stepfather was employed by Bristol & Holton, and again engaged in railroad building for a contract for construction on the Chicago, Galena & Union railroad, now a part of the Northwestern System. Here John C. Manly went to school and grew up to his majority. He attended the Marengo High School and the Euphemia Academy at Marengo.

When he was only 11 or 12 years old he went to work in a store in Marengo and later learned telegraphy. He followed the profession of an operator for a number of years in the employ of the Northwestern Railroad Company. Though but a boy he went to the front after the Civil War broke out with General Stephen Hulbert as a telegraph operator and was assigned to the army of the Tennessee. He was placed in an office at Memphis where he remained for a year until General Forrest made a raid and entered the city and General Hulbert was replaced by General Veach.

Mr. Manly returned home and set

ter from W. H. Day, former foreman of the Herald, now of Ashland, Oregon, in which Mr. Day writes a long and entertaining letter to his old friend and brother Mason. He encloses photographs of many interesting sights in and near Ashland and gives a very interesting description of the southwestern Oregon country. Among other things is a photograph of himself and wife which has the old familiar look. Mr. Day occasionally sends us notices of the meetings of the Shrine in that district. He is the recording officer and the programs which the Shrine puts out shows plainly the old familiar humor which so many of us associate with Mr. Day. All their old friends are glad to know of the good health and fortune which has befallen them at Ashland and wish them many years of enjoyment in the good old way.

May 1 has been selected as Baby Day by the Child Welfare Association. We suppose this means that on May 1 you are to wash up the baby, give him clean clothes and a place in the parlor window with a liberal supply of Mollies Food to keep him cheerful

ing those years he helped in the construction of depôts and was an important factor in the upbuilding of several communities.

In Grinnell Mr. Manly served with a special fitness on the city council. After retiring from that position he was treasurer of the city of Grinnell for a long period of years and his books were a model of clearness and efficiency. For 12 years he was a member of the Board of Supervisors of Poweshiek County and every detail of the county business was looked after with the same care and discrimination that he gave to his own affairs. He was a charter member of the K. P. Lodge and was also a member of the Grinnell Lodge, I. O. O. F. and of Fidelity Encampment. He was also for a period of years both a member of the School Board and its president and during this time as in any other activities he undertook, he gave his personal scrutinizing care to the public work which fell to him to be done. He had been a member of the Board of Directors of the Merchants National Bank for many years until the time of his death.

In 1876 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Carter of Woodstock, Vermont. To this union were born three sons and one daughter. Of these the eldest son, Carter, and the daughter, Mary, are deceased. The remaining two, John C. Manly, Jr., and Charles M. Manly, reside in this city and with the wife and mother survive the deceased man.

In John C. Manly's life there is much to commend and in our long acquaintance with him we have never seen anything to criticize or condemn. He was a manly man, a kind, considerate and genial neighbor, a man whose cheery voice always brought good will to the hearts of those he met, a man who never flinched from his duty and a man who, blessed with strength of character and keen mind, gave it all to any trust which fell to him.

He never betrayed a trust, he never lost a friend whom he had once made, but to the end during the years when his health had failed, that same delightful smile and cheerful "good morning" made it a joy to all to be in his presence. In his death Grinnell has lost one of its most remarkable men and for long years to come his memory will be a delightful one to those who had occasion to be associated with him in business, in lodge, or on the many public boards of which he has been a member.

The funeral occurred at 2:30 o'clock today at the home conducted by Rev. E. W. Cross. Music was by Mrs. E. B. T. Spencer. Bearers were business friends and associates, Geo. H. Hamlin, F. P. Marvin, I. C. Tabor, M. W. Swisher, F. C. Willson and H. M. Gove.