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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 Residence This Afternoon by Rev. E. W. Cross.

In the death of John C. Manly which occurred at 12:30 yesterday 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, 1845. 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 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 not a boy he went to the front after the Civil War broke out with General Stephen Hubbell 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 Hubbell was replaced by General Veatch.

Mr. Manly returned home and served at 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 the 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 Refreshments so long as he shows signs of apprehension.

May 1 also is a special day for students in our public schools. During the day the children are to be given a special breakfast and a tour of the city by the special arrangement of their teachers. After the special breakfast the children will be taken to the various places of interest in the city and will be given a special tour of the various buildings and places of interest.