

Obituary.

DAVID CRAWFORD.

Hardly twelve months have passed since it was our painful duty to record the unexpected death of Mr. Geo. Denison, of New York, the senior member of the well-known racing confederacy of Denison & Crawford, so honorably known and esteemed on American turf. It now becomes our mournful task to chronicle the death of the surviving partner, Mr. David Crawford, who died, after a brief illness of about six days, in this city, on Sunday, Dec. 21, in the forty-fourth year of his age. He was born in Vermont, and was a son of Col. Crawford, who attained distinction in the war of 1812. Coming to New York in 1850, he became a member of the present house of Clark, Dodge & Co., and became distinguished as a successful financial negotiator and prompt business man. In 1868, he made his first essay on the turf, having formed a racing confederacy with the late Mr. George Denison. Their first purchase was the two-year-old brown colt Narragansett, by imp. Eclipse, dam by Arlington, owned and bred by Mr. Francis Morris, who had just won both the Hopeful and Sequel Stakes, for two-year-olds, at the Narragansett Park running meeting. The price paid was \$10,000, being the highest amount ever paid for a colt of that age, but his subsequent racing career showed that the purchase was a judicious one. Although, unfortunately, not engaged in the great three-year-old stakes of the following season, he clearly showed that he was the best colt of his year by winning the Mile and Quarter Sweepstakes, for all ages, at Saratoga, when he beat a field of the fastest horses that probably ever faced the starter; among them being such flyers as Corsican, Coltrill, Alta Volta, Banisher, Metairie, Lancaster, and Nemesis. At the same meeting, he won the Sequel Stakes, two miles, carrying 110 lbs., in a canter, from eight opponents, in 3:37. Onward and Delaware were their next purchases, and later on Grinstead and Rutherford carried the popular orange and white of the confederacy to victory in many a well-contested race. The death of David Crawford will be received with universal regret among turfmen, with whom his genial courtesy, honorable character, and kindly demeanor had made him highly popular. Spirit.

WILBUR F. PARKER.

"Wilbur F. Parker departed this life at Jacksonville, Fla., on Christmas Day, aged 38."

This simple announcement will call up feelings of regret from many gentlemen throughout the country who knew Mr. Parker personally. His characteristics were geniality, enterprise, activity and industry. He possessed a clear, incisive comprehension of general matters, and that ready adaptability of nature which is so often inbred in the New Englander. His father was Charles Parker, well known as a prominent manufacturer, his name also being upon the Mayors of Meriden, Conn. Wilbur was a keen, devoted sportsman, and thoroughly alive to the progressive spirit of the age. Failing health had not dimmed the lustre of his energies. To the last he was the same thoughtful, considerable company, the same appreciative friend. His zeal was untiring. In journalistic enterprise he was the founder of our contemporary, the Red and Gun, which he started under the title of the American Sportsman, though his pecuniary interest was not long continued therein.

As the senior member of the firm of Parker Brothers, the celebrated manufacturers of breech-loading guns, he became widely and extensively known. Peace to his ashes! He saw the last of earthly light in Florida, falling a victim to that insidious disease, consumption.

R. B. WARMOLD.

The London Sportsman says, under date of Dec. 9, in allusion to the late Mr. R. B. Warmold.

"We regret to have to announce the death, on Monday last, of this gentleman, who was well known in connection with sporting journalism for many years. A Yorkshireman, his inclinations were naturally directed towards sport of some kind, and on terminating his University career at Oxford he adopted journalism as a profession, and some time subsequently became identified with the Sportsman, of which paper he was for sometime editor. On his retirement from this paper he was appointed rowing editor of Bill's Life in London; but here his health, which had never been robust, told

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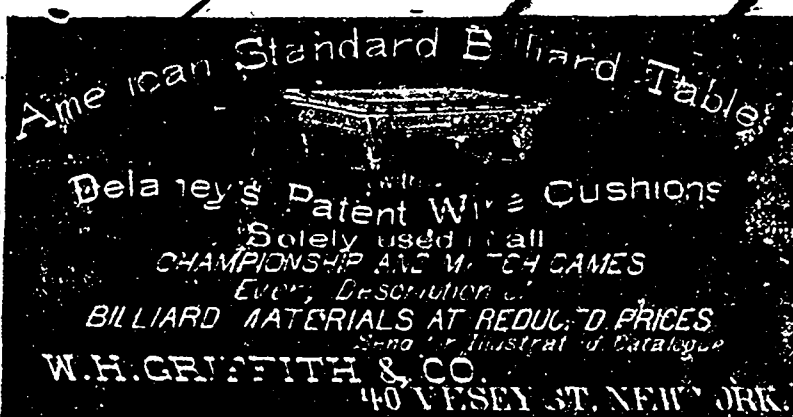
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