MR. JOSIAH LANGDON JONES

Was Badly Handled in His Obituary Notice.

Simkins Tried to Do the Proper Thing but His Copy Was Butchered—Printing Office Mistakes.

Jones was a prominent citizen of Shyook. When he died, the other day, one of the city papers telegraphed to Simpkins for 100 words about him. Simpkins had never been in print. So he warned everybody to look out for his great obituary.

An entire evening was spent upon his notice writing and rewriting, crossing out and condensing before he could pare his subject's good qualities down to 100 words. When the work was completed it ran:

"On Tuesday, the 10th instant, Josiah Langdon Jones one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of Shyook was found dead in bed by a servant entering with his morning cup of coffee. Mr. Jones was prominent in all schemes for the town's material advancement. Although not a church member he might be called an earnest worker in the vineyard, since no philanthropic plans passed without his endorsement. He leaves a talented wife and several bright minded children. Deceased was in the 50th year of his age. He was a man of wealth, unblemished character and marked ability."

With flushed face Simpkins handed in his message at the village telegraph office. Unfortunately the operator's face was also flushed—from a different cause—and when the obituary reached its destination, it read:

"On the 20th instantly Josiah Langdon Jones most improvident and hardly respected citizen of Shylock, was found dead in bed, servants entertaining him with toddy. Mr. Jones was prominent in all schemes for towns advancement, a church member when not in vineyard. Philharmonic plans found his endorsement leaves a tawdry wife and several light minded children deceased was in fiftieth year of his age man of health character and marked irascibility."

A certain editor scratches his head and breathes heavily before his blue pencil succeeds in molding Jones' obituary to:

"Suddenly, on the 20th day of the present month, Joisah Langdon Jones, of Shylock, passed peacefully away. This beloved, though morally frail citizen was found dead in his bed. While the sad event was taking place the servants were carousing in the early morning hours. Mr. Jones was prominent in all schemes for the town's material advancement. He was a church member in his latter years, though earlier in life he had engaged in the wine traffic. Himself a musician of ability, he aided financially the Philharmonic society. He leaves a wife and the piteous legacy of several mentally afflicted little ones. Deceased was in the 54th year of his age. Strong and vigorous to the last."

The intelligent compositor made speedy mincemeat of Jones. When his obituary left the typesetter it stood:

"Suddenly, on the 20th day of the previous month, Josiah Langdon Jones, of Shylock, passed partly away. This morally weak citizen was found dead drunk in bed. While said event was taking place servants were carousing with him in the early morning hours. Mr. Jones was prominent in all schemes for the town's material advancement. He was a church member late in the year, though earlier he was engaged with wine. He was a musician of unsociability, raiding frequently philharmonic sociables. He lived with his wife. Left her a legacy and several mentally afflicted little ones. Deceased was in the 45th year of his age. Strong in viciousness to the last."

The prootreader had never heard of Jones. He helped himself to the hasty conclusion that his obituary was the record of some prodigal's end. His version was:

"On the 31st instant, Josiah Langdon Jones, of Shylock, died suddenly of excessive drinking. This was especially lamentable, as Mr Jones was prominent in all shcemes for the town's material advancement. The strange part of his career was that he always swore off at the end of the year. He was something of a musician, though there are reports of his raiding philharmonic musical sociables while in his cups. He lived with a woman whom he called his wife, and to whom he left a legacy and also several imbecile children. Deceased was in the 34th year of his age. Strong in vicious ness and lack of virtue to the last."

The man who made up the paper accidently mixed up Mr. Jones' obituary with an account of forest fires, so that when it reached Shyook it read:

"On the 31st instant Josiah Langdon Jones Shylook died suddenly from excessive drinking. He was a great gust of wind that swept over the country like a tornado. The strange part of his career was that he always swore off at the end of the year. He was something of a musician, attended with great loss of life He lived with a black and charred woman whom he called his wife, and to whom he left a legacy and also several imbecile children. Deceased was in the 34th year of his age. One shrinks from the thought of such noble specimens of Nature's art devoured by consuming flames."

One of Mr. Jones' very large "imbecile" children is looking for Simpkins about now.—Anon.

Story From Liverpool.

A certain doctor the other day saw at a grocery some patent "dog biscuits," which have come into use lately for feeding dogs. The biscuits are about three inches square, an inch thick, and hard as iron, with an appearance the same as an army hardtack. The dog biscuits are made of poor flour and water, filled with meat fibre, liver, or any kind of cheap meat. The doctor had a dog that was a little off his feed, and he thought that perhaps the dog had eaten too much stuff around the house, so he bought a few pounds of the dog biscuits with the idea of changing the diet of his favorite pointer, and had the biscuits sent home. He did not go home to lunch, but about 4 o'clock he appeared on the scene, and found a sort of coldness where there was usually a genial warmth in the household. His wife looked hurt, and did not speak to him, his mother-in-law was lying on a lounge with both hands on her stomach, which was apparently swelled to twice its natural size, and a young lady friend of his wife, who had lunched with the family, was complaining of a nameless feeling in the region of the heart, which she could not account for. The reception was cool enough, and the doctor picked the baby off the floor, and found the little one bravely gnawing at a dog biscuit, with its four little teeth, and looking discouraged.

"Great heavens," said the doctor, as he snatched the dog food from the baby and held it up, "do you want to kill the child?"

They all looked at the biscuit and shouted:

"Why, what is it?"

"Dog biscuits," said the doctor, sort of cross.

No newspaper can publish a diagram of three female yells, yelled in concert. The wife was then first to regain her composure, and she said:

"Husband, didn't you send those great biscuits up for lunch?"

"Lunch nothing," said the doctor. "That is patent dog biscuit for sick dogs, or any kind of dogs. It is scraps of meat pressed with flour and baked."

"Merciful heavens!" said the wife, "we have eaten them all except the one the baby has. That I should live to feed guests on dog food."

The mother said she knew she would die, as she had eaten her dog biscuit dry, and the water she drank had swelled it until she had to loosen her corsets. The young lady got down on her hands and knees and gave a howl that showed the dog food was getting in its work. It seems the cook had seen some directions in the paper in which the biscuits were wrapped up, to the effect that the biscuits might be soaked in water or milk, or eaten dry, and she served them both ways. The doctor had more on his hands for a few minutes than he could attend to with credit to himself, but in a short time all were considered out of danger, but they would not speak to the doctor all the evening, and now the ladies can't see a dog without being sick at the stomach. The mother-in-law says she expected almost anything when her daughter married as she did but she had never supposed she would be fed on dog food when she visited her dear daughter.—London Weekly Telegraph.

Foster Assassination.

Shreveport, La., June 15.—The situation here tonight with regard to the Foster assassination is unchanged. There were many reports current today that the negro, Prince Edwards, had been seen in several places, but up to tonight the officers have made no arrest. The twelve negroes under arrest for complicity in the killing remain in jail at Benton, heavily guarded, and it is believed there is no danger of violence. The town is quiet and the sheriff says he apprehends no further trouble. Gov. Heard today offered a reward of $250 for the capture of Edwards. This makes $7500 offered for the apprehension of the fugitive.

Son Killed the Mother.

Montreal, June 15.—Investigation of the Redpath tragedy by the coroner's jury showed that Mrs. Redpath had been shot twice, once in the back of the head and the second time in the right shoulder, while a bullet had entered young Redpath's head to the right of the temple. The jury brought in a verdict that the young man had killed his mother while in a fit of temporary insanity brought on by an epileptic fit, and then had taken his own life.

Tenders.

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Was She Murdered?

Chicago, June 10.—A. H. Hunger and F. Wayland, who have been on trial for conspiracy to defraud insurance companies through the death of Miss Mary Defenbach, were this evening found guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary. Frank H. Smiley, indicted with Hunger and Wayland, pleaded guilty and turned state's evidence. It is likely that he will escape with a light sentence. The evidence in that case showed that Hunger, Brown, Smiley and Miss Defenbach entered into a conspiracy by which Smiley was to appear as the affianced husband of the woman. She was then to be ill and die, leaving the insurance, which included one policy in a stock company and two in fraternal organizations, the total aggregating $25,000. The woman in her will said that she desired her remains to be cremated, and it is thought that it was the intention to hurry her away after her supposed death and cremate another body procured from a hospital. The woman was taken ill according to program, but did not fully and died. Her body was at once cremated. An inquest was held by Assistant Coroner John B. Weickler without a jury, and Weickler returned to the coroner's office a verdict that the woman had died of natural causes. The death of the woman is shrouded in mystery and physicians on the stand differed widely as to the cause of death. The state, however, declared that the woman was murdered, although it could not be proved. It was shown that all the insurance carried by the woman was assigned before her death, and that her will was drawn up after these assignments had been made.

The Steen Controversy.

Montreal, June 8.—The civil action Rev. T. J. Steen, an Anglican clergyman, is taking against Archbishop Bond, of Montreal, will be entered in the Supreme court in the course of a week or ten days. The action is one for damages and the amount claimed is $2500, sufficient to allow of the case being carried to the privy council, if it be necessary to take the matter before that tribunal. The case grew out of the withdrawal by the archbishop of the license allowing Rev. Mr. Steen to perform the duties of a clergyman in the diocese, the archbishop not approving of Mr. Steen's views, which are alleged to be unorthodox. There has been a lengthy discussion on the subject printed in the papers, the archbishop holding that certain statements made by Mr. Steen in lectures before the students of the diocesan college cast doubts on the inspired character of the Bible.

Trial of Jessie Morrison.

Eldorado, Kan., June 5.—Judge Aikman today gave it as his opinion that a jury to try Jessie L. Morrison for the murder of Mrs. Castle would not be secured before next week. One of the jurymen already accepted is a negro laborer.

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Between

ERNEST LEVIN, Plaintiff,

And

FRED TRUMP, PATRICK MARTIN and ANNIE MARTIN, Defendants.

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Take notice, that this action was on the 13th day of June, 1901, commenced against you, and that the plaintiff by his writ of summons claims: An accounting of all partnership business; partition or sale of said partnership business; such other and further relief as the nature of the case may require; costs of this action.

And take notice that the court has by order dated the 13th day of June, 1901, authorized service of the said writ of summons on you by the insertion of this notice for three weeks after the date of said order in the Nugget newspaper.

And further take notice that you are required within 40 days after the last insertion of this advertisement inclusive of the day of such insertion, to cause an appearance to be entered for you in the office of the clerk of this court, and that in default of your so doing the plaintiff may proceed with this action and judgment may be given against you in your absence.

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