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WM. B. FERRIN CALLED BY DEATH. Former Senator Dies After a Useful Life. A Citizen Whose Place Will be Hard to Fill is Gone.

Former Senator William B. Perrin passed away at his home in this city at 10:45 Friday evening, after an illness of several weeks from an abdominal tumor. He kept up about the house most of the time, even riding out nearly every day until Friday. On Friday morning he seemed to be better than for several days and ate a hearty breakfast, but about an hour later he was stricken with paralysis and never regained consciousness.

In the death of Mr. Perrin this community has lost one of its most influential and highly respected citizens. Coming to Nashua when this country was in its infancy his whole life since the Civil war has been spent among the people of this country and he has been a great factor in the history of this section of the state. He was a man whose word, because of his well known honesty of purpose and con-



scientiousness in whatever he did, carried great weight. A mantle of sorrow is spread over this community because of the taking away of one who was loved by all. Mr. Perrin never married, and for the past thirty or more years he had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wait, who mourn his death today as they would that of a brother. He is survived by one brother, J. X. Perrin, of Montpelier, Vt., who on account of his age was unable to come on the long journey to attend the funeral. He was a cousin of Admiral Dewey.

The following sketch of Mr. Perrin's life was written by his veteran comrade, B. A. Billings:

William Burton Perrin was born near Montpelier, Vermont, January 19, 1839, and spent his boyhood and young manhood in the Green Mountain state. He attended the public schools in his native place and, being of an ambitious temperament, he attended Dartmouth college and graduated about the commencement of the Civil war. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted and served for a time as a private in the First Rhode Island Cavalry. Later, on October, 20, 1863, he accepted a commission as lieutenant in the Third Vermont Light Artillery and served in the Army of the Potomac until the close of the war, being finally discharged June 15, 1865. After his discharge from the army he studied law, and removing to the town far west he commenced the practice of his profession in Nashua about 1868, being for many years associated with A. G. Lawrence, the firm name being Lawrence & Perrin. Mr. Perrin soon won the confidence of the people of the community, and has always had a large practice, his principal business being office work, although until age impaired his faculties to some extent he had a successful court practice, particularly in probate business in which he was exceptionally careful, painstaking and successful. In the ordinary court practice he differed from many lawyers in that he could not put up a successful fight in a weak case. But give him a case in which he had confidence and he was a hard fighter and one to be feared, though uniformly kind and courteous. His mind was so constituted that he could quickly detect the weak points in his case, and his inherent honesty of purpose forbade his fighting hard in a cause which he knew to be lacking in the essential quality of honest merit.

The people of the community soon learned to appreciate his sterling manhood and sound judgment and offered him political preferment. He never sought or asked for a nomination, but he never refused to respond when he was called upon to lead, and he was twice elected to represent his district in the lower house of the state legislature and also was elected and served two terms in the state senate. He proved himself a careful and pains-

taking, if not a brilliant legislator and he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his compeers in both legislative bodies. His counsel was sought at all times and his sound judgment was relied upon, and he aided very materially in shaping the legislation of the state. Politically he was a Republican and stood manfully and persistently by the principles of that party. Upon matters of minor importance he was somewhat conservative, especially in settling matters of party policy within party lines, he being wise enough to know that there are two sides to every question. He was sometimes slow in reaching a conclusion upon some untried question, but being once convinced that a certain course was right he was as immovable as the solid rock. He was, however, never vehement in the advocacy of his opinions but worked quietly and with sound judgment and discretion to advance any cause which he had espoused.

As a citizen he was always public spirited. He loved his town and was always a leader in all movements for its advancement and gave liberally of his means for various public enterprises. As a man he was above reproach, being uniformly kind, friendly and genial, with few if any vices. He was a kind, generous friend, always ready with a warm hand clasp, a friendly word, a winning smile, a word of encouragement and cheer, or a bit of friendly advice, and was not lacking in more substantial aid to any who were worthy and in need. He will be remembered gratefully by more people than the general public will ever know.

By his taking away the community has lost much, and he will be more widely and sincerely mourned than any man who has passed out of life in this community during the memory of the oldest inhabitant. He was an enthusiastic member of the Grand Army of the Republic, always deeply interested in anything relating to the comfort and welfare of his old comrades in arms. He made it his especial care to follow the fortunes of any who have been members of his post, and he never lost sight of any of them. Whenever a question was asked as to the whereabouts and condition of any absent comrade he was ready with the answer. With most of the members who have removed from here he kept up a regular correspondence as long as he was able to write. His post loved and honored him, and for several years past he has been re-elected commander, and held that position at the time of his death.

He appears to have realized his approaching end for some time past and was prepared for it. This is evidenced that at the time of the funeral of Comrade Shirk, as the procession passed his place of residence, he walked out to the sidewalk and stood saluting his old comrades. When remonstrated because of the unwonted exertion he replied: "This is perhaps the last chance I will have to see the old boys together, and I am not going to miss it." He was calm and courageous to the last, fighting the last great enemy with the same cool courage and undaunted spirit with which he faced the foes in the old war time. He is mustered out of this life, and his comrades mourn. May he rest in peace.

The funeral services were held at the Congregational church Tuesday at 2 p. m., under the charge of the Grand Army post and Knights of Pythias, both orders attending in a body. Rev. Sinden paid an eloquent tribute of love to the departed, and nearly every eye in that vast concourse of people, many of whom had come from a long distance to pay their last respects to one they loved, was dimmed with tears by the thought that no more would the true and kind man mingle with them in the walks of every day life. The remains were laid to rest by his comrades of the Grand Army in Oak Hill cemetery, and his spirit has gone to enjoy the rewards of a well spent life.

The public library, postoffice and every business house and office in the city was closed during the hours of the funeral service as a mark of respect for the dead.

Married at Charles City.

Miss Stella Adams, of this city, and Mr. Albert Fods, of Charles City, were united in marriage at the latter place by Rev. Hess, Wednesday afternoon of last week.

The bride is a highly respected young lady of this city, while the groom whose home was in Osage until recently, is an employe of the Hart-Parr factory, in Charles City, and is said to be an exemplary young man.

Their home will be in the rooms over the Press printing office.

A NEW B But it can Never C Old Bradford

The new town of Iowa Falls, on the Road, is from all a make rapid stride over.—Editors Here

So Iowa is to be ford! The first born about fifty-five east bank of the Chickasaw county fifteen years it flourished. The town Chief Bradford, a tribe of Indians vision of that part of Old Bradford was a dian trading post. about 1864 it grew got to be one of the towns in northeast though situated in the western part of the was the county's county for a few years

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