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CHANGING TO LIFE.

General Cameron's Characteristic Contest With the Grim Specter.

NO HOPE OF HIS RECOVERY.

Yet He Lingers On, Daily Growing Weaker and Weaker.

A TOUCHING INCIDENT OF YESTERDAY.

The Dying Nonagenarian Proves that He is Cognizant of What Transpires Around Him—His Love for Red Roses Shows His—The Old Will Frequently Asserting Itself—A Review of the Dying Man's Wonderful Career—His Early Struggle and the Successes of His Household—The Political Fire Department in His Character—Why He Was Always Successful.

General Cameron is yet alive, but is hourly growing weaker. He is conscious and cognizant of all that is going on around him, but unable to speak. His death is only a question of a few hours, or days—perhaps only a few minutes.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

MR. JUNE 24.—General Cameron, with his marvelous strength of will, still clings to life, though no hope of his recovery is entertained by any of his physicians or the members of his family. His condition is much the same as yesterday, except the intervening hours have made their levy on his bodily forces and left him so much weaker. He continues to sink slowly but certainly, and though in the opinion of his physician his end may be a matter of some hours, it still may be a question of minutes only.

Those who call at Donnell Springs and find him living, seem always to frame their inquiry when they return, as if half expecting to be told of death. The members of the family who are with him are on guard constantly, looking for death.

A Characteristic Contest.

The old gentleman's fight for life is in its stubbornness so like many of his big contests in the world of affairs, that everybody who comes to the house and is intimate enough to remain on the old brick porch for a chat about the dying man and of old days, remarks the similarity in his sick chamber.

The old will frequently asserts itself in a variety of quaint ways. Under the circumstances, although of course his right side is useless and his tongue is powerless, yet he has capacity to manifest thought by motions of his left arm and hands. It is marvellous how much may be expressed in that simple way, and how characteristic of his personality these indications may be made.

A Touching Little Incident.

Although so unexpectably weak, those about him are gratified to observe that he is still conscious and cognizant of what is taking place. A touching incident illustrated the truth of this only this morning. Among the bold old statesman's many sentiments was a great love of flowers. Jewels of field and garden, in vases here and there in the room, brought in fresh every morning.

Among the people of the old General made distinctions, and had his friends who he never forgot, and was always glad to serve.

In the world of flowers he made distinctions, too. His favorites are roses, and among roses again he held the red rose above the others. This morning, shortly after he had awakened, after a quiet night, a relative entered his room.

Carrying a Cluster of Roses.

The old General was given one fair and fragrant rose, just bursting from the bud. It was pure white. The General took it in his left hand and held it listlessly for a moment and then let it drop.

There was something in his eyes which suggested his relatives to give him another, and he was given one, a deep red in color. The old man's eyes lightened with pleasure. He took the bright bud flower of his favor in his fingers, lifted it slowly, and held it before him, contemplating its beauty and slowly turning it round and round before him. He kept it a long time, and found a pleasure in it that only an active mind could have generated.

Simon Cameron is dying.

Simon Cameron is dying. And yet it seems but a few days since he pushed the mile post of four-score and nine, and almost all his feelings and congratulations, entering on his first year not a disappointed wreck looking back over lost opportunities or vanishing powers, and the character of the man of States, but the same cool, calculating, believing in the man Cameron as when he entered, without "scrip or staff" the log cabin printing office of Andrew Kennedy in Northumberland, May 14, 1818.

The astonishing career of such a man, with all our American possibilities for rapid promotion, must still seem to most of us like unto a dream, and from whatever standpoint we consider his "ways and means," his grit, luck, success, length of years, power to make and unmake politicians and politicians, identification with important national movements, his unrivaled political control in Pennsylvania, the character of his enemies, the power and the aims of his political and personal enemies, the survivors of Gettysburg and through all these mutations of peace and war, and the man Cameron would not seem to us.

His Birthplace and Early Years.

Of the early life and struggles of the "General" we have no doubt, but little is known, and that little indicates merely the hum-drum life of an ordinary country lad at that date. The date of his birth is not a matter of consequence. It is said to have been born on the 14th of May, 1818, at Donnell Springs, near Harrisburg, Pa. His father, John H. Hartman, of Manheim among the Harrisburg, Portsmouth, Mt. Joy and Lancaster Railroad Company and the Pennsylvania Railroad, Mr. C. was called on to testify to the fact that the man who was the father of John H. Hartman, a former owner, and testified as follows:

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