WALTER N. HALDEMAN DEAD.

Demise of President of The Louisville Courier-Journal Company Was Due to an Accident.

LOUISVILLE, May 13.—Walter N. Haldeman, President of the Louisville Courier-Journal Company, and one of the oldest active newspaper men in the country, died suddenly at 3 o'clock, from the effects of injuries received by being struck by a trolley car Saturday morning. He was over eighty-one years old.

At the time of the accident it was not thought that Mr. Haldeman's injuries, which consisted apparently of a scalp wound and sprained shoulder, would result fatally. The change for the worse, however, came almost without warning shortly after 3 o'clock this morning, and physicians were immediately summoned to his bedside. He sank rapidly, and shortly after the doctors arrived passed away.

The members of his family were at his bedside when he died. The attending physicians ascribed death to the development of peritonitis, intestinal paresis, and consequent heart failure. He was conscious until the end.

As soon as the news of his death became generally known messages of sympathy were received by the members of his family from all parts of the country.

Walter Newman Haldeman, publisher of The Louisville Courier-Journal, although not so well known as his partner, Henry Watterson, was nevertheless well known among newspaper men, especially among newspaper publishers. Although a good writer himself, Mr. Haldeman's specialty lay in the line of advancing The Courier-Journal through the business department, and for that line he had quite an unusual aptitude. He was a man of unusual force of character, but remarkably modest, so that he resented any form of publicity about himself.

Mr. Haldeman was born at Maysville, Ky., in April, 1821. His father was of Swiss origin, but both of his parents went to Kentucky from Pennsylvania. He began his business career in a Louisville business house, after having received his education in the schools of Maysville. Gen. Grant was one of his schoolmates.

In 1840 Mr. Haldeman entered the newspaper business by becoming a bookkeeper for the Louisville Journal, which was edited by George D. Prentice. In 1844 he purchased The Daily Dime, a paper which had then been coming out for eleven months. He purchased it to secure a debt, and through this venture Mr. Haldeman got his first experience as the manager of a newspaper. In June, 1844, Mr. Haldeman enlarged the sheet, changing its name to The Louisville Courier. The name is still preserved in that of The Louisville Courier-Journal.

In 1861 The Louisville Courier, which sided with the South, was suppressed by Gen. Robert Anderson, and the office seized. Mr. Haldeman avoided arrest by acting on the timely warning which he received through one of his employes, who overheard two Federal officers discussing the plans for capturing him. Mr. Haldeman went to Gen. Buckner's headquarters at Bowling Green, Ky., in September, 1861, and soon after, at the direction of the Confederate authorities, began the publication of The Courier within the Confederate lines. He established an office and an associate editor at Bowling Green, and went himself to Nashville, where the paper was set up and printed, the facilities for getting it out being lacking in Bowling Green. The paper retained its Kentucky identity by its Bowling Green date line.

After the war Mr. Haldeman resumed the publication of The Courier at Louisville, and in 1868 it was consolidated with The Journal, which had passed from the control of Mr. Prentice to that of Mr. Watterson. The consolidated paper, called The Louisville Courier-Journal, has enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity since. In addition to The Louisville Courier-Journal, which was made a stock company of which Mr. Haldeman was chosen President, he was also the publisher of The Louisville Times since its origin in 1884.

Mr. Haldeman was married in Oct. 30, 1844, to Elizabeth Metcalfe, daughter of William Metcalfe of Cincinnati. In religion he was a Presbyterian. He leaves a widow, a daughter, and two sons who were associated with their father in newspaper work.

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