

SIMPLE RITES FOR BURBANK

'Bad Company' Given Blame for Plight

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understanding which followed his expressions on religion, and which brought down upon him both condemnation and applause.

"Do I ignore what is generally called the spiritual nature of man? No, it is the corona, the flower of life, the fruit of which is altruism, the desire to help ourselves and others to higher and better thoughts and actions—in other words, to a more perfect state of harmony with environment," he wrote.

Thousands of telegrams of condolence have poured in upon the widow and other members of the household while tribute to the dead naturalist has been widespread.

Burbank's death was peaceful. He passed away in a room which overlooked the gardens he loved, his life slipping away like the drooping of a plant which had borne its fruit.

Medical science prolonged the 77-year-old naturalist's life a few hours, but was balked at every turn in its attempts to save him following a heart attack and physical breakdown which had kept him abed since March 25.

Game Fight

The end was anticipated since Saturday evening, when Dr. Joseph M. Shaw announced that Burbank was sinking rapidly and would not live out the night. His game fight for life had exhausted him.

With Burbank when he died were his wife and sister and Dr. Shaw, an old friend of the Burbank family. Until the very last day of his illness Burbank held to the hope that he would soon again be working with his plants. He had given orders that his gardeners remain at their tasks until he could join them.

Dr. Shaw said his breakdown was due to the mental strain which he suffered after his recent sensational declaration that he was an "infidel." His god was a "natural god," he said.

Many persons began writing to him concerning religious questions, and in his characteristically friendly way Burbank attempted personally to attend to all his communications. It was impossible. The long hours he spent in his garden and the tedious task of his letters soon broke his health.

Indicative of his natural spirit, the first day after his illness Burbank told Dr. Shaw:

"Doctor, I am wasting time in here. I ought to be out in the garden." The physician forthwith issued orders that friends must not talk to Burbank about his garden or about religious matters. He needed complete relaxation.

His Contribution

Burbank's contribution to science was both individualistic and far-reaching. By selection and pollination he developed 150 new creations in the fruit, flower and vegetable world which he considered worthy of preservation.

To obtain these he performed approximately 1,000,000 experiments in his tireless botanical pursuits.

Among his most outstanding contributions to the plant world were the Burbank potato, Shasta Daisy, thornless cactus and mammoth blackberry. He produced many different varieties of apples, pears, plums, and other fruits and vegetables, adapting them to certain climates and uses.

Carnegie Award

Slowly at first and then more rapidly came his recognition as a master in the world of vegetation. In 1905 the Carnegie Institute awarded him \$10,000 a year for ten years for experimental purposes.

Burbank was born in Lancaster, Mass., March 7, 1849. His mother's love of flowers and her constant work in her gardens was probably one of the main factors in making him the plant lover that he was. He attended Lancaster Academy, but it was the study he made himself, rather than his school work, that earned him his high position as a scientist.

In recognition of his ability Tufts College gave him the degree of doctor of sciences in 1905.

He was honored with membership in various scientific bodies at home and abroad, including the Royal Agricultural Society of Sweden and the Italian Royal Agricultural Society.

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Burbank's last public appearance was March 7, on his seventy-seventh birthday anniversary. The American Legion of Sonoma, Cal., held a picnic in his honor at the Luther Burbank Park.

He laughingly posed for a squad of movie men and wielded a huge carving knife over a gigantic cake, that was covered with seventy-seven candles. He was jovial and active, and apparently in good health.

Then, in barely a fortnight, came the stroke that brought the end.

POLICE SEEK YOUTH

Ran Away From Home in Greensburg, Father Reports.

Police today watched two local addresses for the arrival of Russell Brown, 16, Greensburg, Ind., who ran away from home Saturday. His father, Meade Brown, said the youth probably will seek work here.

Other missing persons being sought by officers are George Olliff, 62, of 1506 Naomi St. and John Boquet, 50, of 1415 E. New York St.

POISON PROVES FATAL

Lebanon Woman Takes Life in Hotel Here.

An investigation of the circumstances surrounding the suicide of Mrs. Buelah Burke, 22, of Lebanon, Ind., was made by Coroner Paul F. Robinsons today. Police found her at the Plaza Hotel, suffering from the effects of poison said to have been self administered.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobile reported stolen to police belong to:

Harry Davis, 1503 Dawson St., Ford, 500-765, from Vermont and Scioto Sts.

George M. Weber, 1035 S. West St., Oldsmobile, 525-853, from 101 S. Meridian St.

Carl Schnell, 1421 Shelby St., Chevrolet, 907-153, from Prospect St. and Madison Ave.

W. B. Ruby, 425 Lemcke Bldg., Chevrolet, 502-824, from Virginia Ave. and Washington St.

CLUB ANNUAL ISSUED

Columbian Shows Activities of Organization During Year.

Automobile reported found by police belongs to:

Sam Yestich, 537 W. Washington St., Ford, at Ohio and New Jersey Sts.

Ford roadster, license 556-117, at 1914 Ruckle St.

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