

THOMAS B. CARDON.

Brief Sketch of the Life and Services of a Distinguished Citizen.

Parentage and Birth—Emigration to Utah in the Early Fifties—Enlistment in the Army and Gallant Services During the War—Wounded and Retired—His Life and Reputation in Logan—Funeral Services.

Thomas Barthelemy Cardon was born at Brae Pra-Rustin, Piedmont, Italy, August 23, 1842. His parents were Philippe Cardon and Mariba Maria Toun Cardon. They were originally of the Vadois, or Waldenses, and were among the remnant driven from Switzerland by the Church of Rome, about the beginning of the Eighteenth Century. In 1852 his father and mother, himself, four of his brothers and two sisters, were baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The family continued to reside in their native land until 1854, when they emigrated to Utah and located at Marriott's settlement, near Ogden. In 1858 occurred what is known as the "move south" and in this general exodus, the Cardon family participated. After the "Utah War" was over and peace proclaimed, Thomas B. Cardon sided the family to return to their home in Weber county.

In the same year young Cardon, then a boy of 15 years, visited Camp Floyd for the purpose of obtaining employment. He was ambitious for an education and was told by some of his countrymen that if he would enlist he would have the privilege of attending the school in the camp, free. He therefore enlisted as bugler in company G, United States Tenth Infantry. He learned the English language from a comrade who, like himself, spoke French, and having an inherent love for intellectual and moral culture, Thomas pursued his studies alone, and by diligence he acquired a fund of useful knowledge and gained at the same time an education of experience.

In 1860, having wearied of the inactive life of a soldier, he applied for his discharge; but in 1861, before his discharge reached him, the Civil War broke out. He at once withdrew his application and started with his company on a forced march to Fort Leavenworth, their destination being Washington, D. C., in which place his company passed the following winter.

On March 10, 1862, the tenth regiment was called into active service, and Thomas B. Cardon was at the head-quarters of General George B. McClellan from the opening of the campaign in 1862, until after the battle of Malvern Hill. He was in active engagements at the battles of Big Bethel, the capture of Yorktown, at Williamsburg, Gaines Hill, Fair Oaks, and in the famous seven day's fight before Richmond, which began June 26, 1862. On June 27th, he was seriously wounded in the left arm and the left side, and while being borne from the field in the arms of his comrades, one of them had a leg torn away by the explosion of a bombshell, and the other was killed by a ball from a rifle in the hands of one of the enemy's sharpshooters. Providence did not design, however, that Thomas B. Cardon should perish on the field of battle. He was carried to the hospital and placed,

apparently lifeless, in the Charnel House, with those who had died of their wounds. He was reported as dead, but on the following morning about day-break he revived and succeeded in joining his brigade, although closely pursued by some of the enemy's pickets.

In time his wounds healed but he was rendered incapable for further service, and on Feb. 2nd, 1863, he was honorably discharged.

For the gallant services which he rendered to his country in defense of the Union, he was afterwards granted a pension of ten dollars per month, which he received at the time of his death.

From the convalescent camp near Alexander, he went to Washington where he remained one month, and then visited York, Pa., where he learned the art of photography. From here he moved to Harrisburg, where he obtained a situation, and worked at his profession, subsequently opening an art gallery. In 1865 he settled in Nebraska City, Neb., and two years later he returned to Utah and joined his father and the other members of his family in Logan, Cache County.

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whom he came in contact. Throughout his life his religious convictions and sentiments were pure and exalted and his emotional nature enriched, uplifted, and ennobled thereby.

These are but a few facts in the life of this true man, who after years of mental and physical suffering, has at last been touched by the finger of God and fallen asleep in the Lord.

To those who knew him in life, encomiums are useless. Who of those who touched hands with him here, has sought of ill against true-hearted Thomas B. Cardon?

His was the brow of probity and honor, and his shall be the crown of eternal life.

May God let the touch of pity rest in the hearts of his stricken wife and children, as with submissive tears they render back the tender and loving husband and father to Him who gave.

FUNERAL SERVICES.

The last sad rites over the remains of Thomas B. Cardon were performed yesterday afternoon in the Tabernacle. All the business houses were closed during the services and the attendance was very large, the building being

character, and his lovable qualities.

Elder Lyman R. Martineau said that when Thomas B. Cardon died, Logan lost one of her best and most valuable citizens; a self-reliant, patriotic, generous and high-minded man, whose loss would be felt by all the community. He bespoke the kindness and sympathy of friends, and the blessing of God upon the bereaved family.

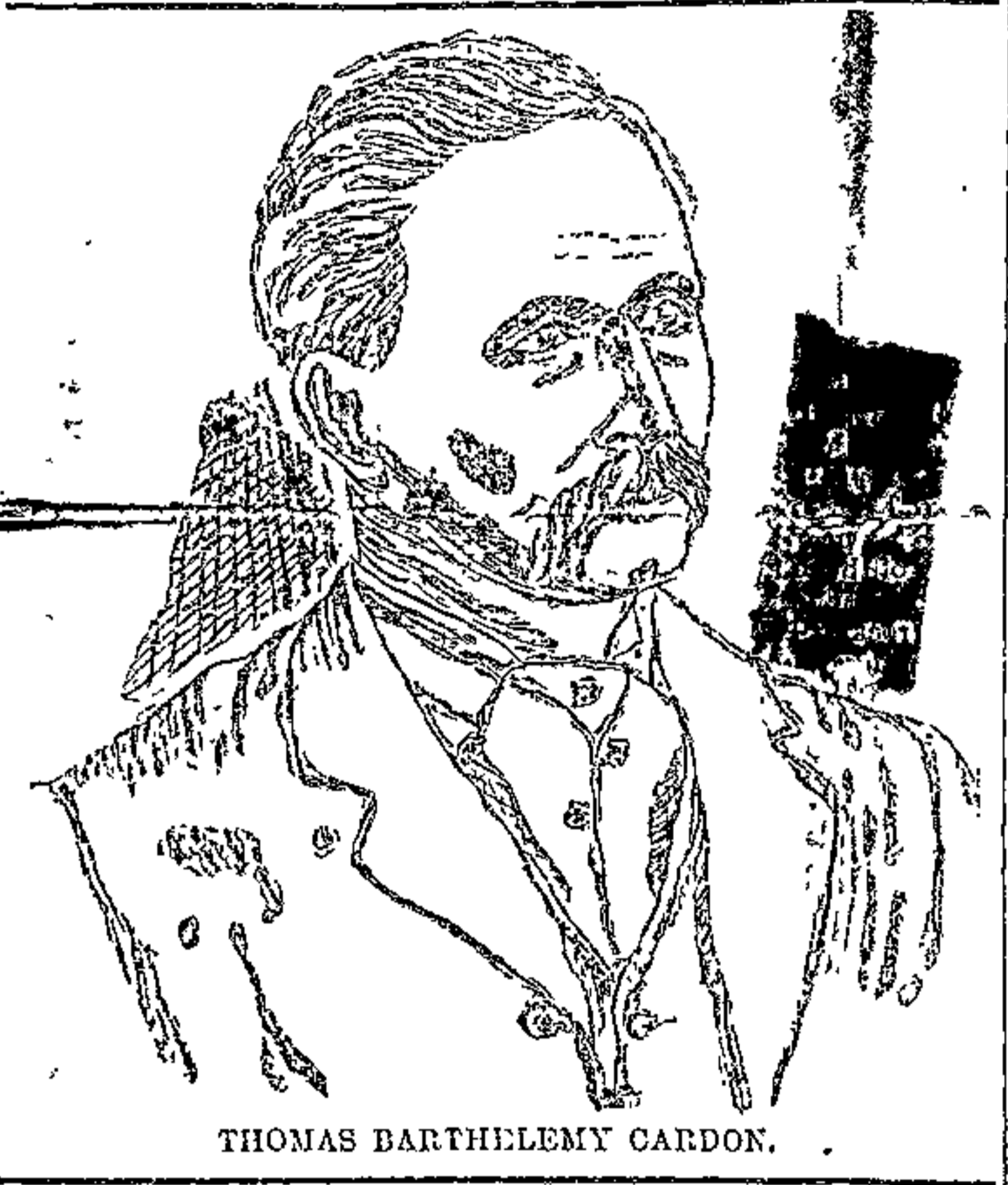
Prest. Isaac Smith said that he could testify to the truthfulness of all that had been said in praise of Elder Cardon. The speaker alluded to the deaths of Elders Sorensen and Edlesen, and said that he believed that Elder Cardon had gone to join them in their mission on the other side, being called from earth because of his uprightness and the knowledge which he had gained through his devotion to the cause of Christ.

Bishop Thomas X. Smith spoke of the glorious war record of Elder Cardon, and the suffering he had endured because of the wounds he received in fighting for the country of his choice. He also spoke of his integrity, manhood and purity of heart, and the great reward he had now entered upon.

The choir then sang, "Oh My Father," after which Prest. Orson Smith alluded to the wonderful growth of the family of the deceased. From four members who embraced the gospel 43 years ago, a family had sprung which now numbers over 200.

Prest. S. M. Molen then offered the benedictory prayer, and the last earthly honors to Thomas B. Cardon, the patriot, the brother, and the friend of man, had been paid.

Throughout, the services were very impressive and affecting; genuine sorrow and sympathy being exhibited on every hand. The beautiful cedar casket in which the remains were enclosed, was covered with the most beautiful floral contributions from friends and admirers of the deceased. A large cortege followed the remains to the grave.



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ing and jewelry establishment in Logan, and at the same time carried on his photography business at his art gallery. He was successful in business until a few years ago, when reverses came and his fortune was swept away.

Thomas B. Cardon has held various public positions in Logan City. He served nine years as Recorder; was elected Alderman to the City Council in 1882, and re-elected in 1884. In 1886 he was again nominated but respectfully declined the civil honor. At the time of his death he was Auditor of Logan City, and in all positions of public trust he has exhibited not only skill and ability, but also the most steadfast honesty of purpose.

He has ever been a true and consistent Latter-day Saint. In 1870 he was ordained an Elder, and later appointed president of the second quorum of Elders. In 1884 he was ordained and set apart as one of the seven presidents of the sixty-fourth quorum of the Seventies. In the capacity of a home missionary and as assistant superintendent of the Sabbath schools in Logan, he labored with honor to himself and with helpfulness to those with

filled.

Members of the Seventies Quorum, of which Elder Cardon was one of the presidents, acted as pall bearers.

All the city officers attended in a body. The choir was in attendance in good force, and sang in opening the services, the hymn: "Nearer My God To Thee," prayer being offered by Elder J. Z. Stewart. The choir sang "Mid Scenes of Confusion."

Moses Thatcher was the first speaker, and he paid a most eloquent tribute to the memory of the dead man. He had known him many years, and he testified to the noble, sensitive nature of Elder Cardon. He was a poet, and the true poet is always a prophet. Thomas B. Cardon understood the key which unlocks the gates of Paradise, and hence is reaping the reward of his untiring devotion to truth and honor.

Elder F. W. Hurst who spoke next, attested the generosity and kindness of the deceased, and his energy in laboring for the cause of the gospel.

Prest. C. D. Fjeldsted of the Seventies next addressed the congregation, and he paid an earnest tribute to the dead man's sterling