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## Walter W. Haldeman

HALDEMAN, WALTER W., Editor, was born April 27, 1821, in Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky, and is the son of John and Elizabeth Haldeman. His father was of Swiss origin, but both of his parents were Pennsylvanians by birth, and, early in the century, settled at Louisville, Kentucky, where he began life as clerk in a grocery. He was educated chiefly in the Maysville Academy, and had, for schoolmates, General Grant, Thomas H. Nelson, Henry W. Wadsworth, and several others, who have since become prominent in the affairs of the country. In 1840, he became book-keeper in the office of the "Louisville Journal," and was for several years intimately associated with George D. Prentice. In 1844, he became proprietor of the "Daily Dime," which he published for a few months, in the same year converting it into the "Morning Courier," which he established on a permanent foundation, in a city which has been fatal to newspaper enterprises, and continued its publication with success, making it a great source of power in the State, until the breaking out of the civil war. In September, 1861, the publication of the "Courier," in Louisville, was prohibited; but, following the fortunes of the Confederacy, the paper was soon after published at Nashville, and, after the fall of that city, at various other points within the Confederate lines. In December, 1865, he resumed the publication of the "Courier" in Louisville, again meeting with extraordinary success. In 1868, he, with Mr. Watterson, of the "Louisville Journal," conceived the bold plan of uniting the rival papers; and in one day the union was effected, and the people of Louisville astonished at the appearance of the "Courier-Journal," which has, under their management, undoubtedly taken the lead among newspapers of the South, and is one of the most ably edited, and most spirited papers published in the United States. Shortly after the union of the "Courier" and "Journal," the old "Louisville Democrat" was also merged into the new paper. The "Courier-Journal" building is probably the finest newspaper office west of the Alleghany Mountains, the structure being finally completed in May, 1876, by the placing of the Prentice statue over the main entrance. Mr. Haldeman's life has been characterized by great perseverance, energy, and enterprise; his whole career having been marked by comprehensiveness of mind, and superior, far-reaching business ability; in manners he is extremely genial, and few men in his profession are more favorably and extensively known. He is strictly upright in all his dealings, and wholly identified with the interests of his section; is liberal and public-spirited, and Louisville has few more worthy and useful citizens. Mr. Haldeman is the oldest member of the daily press of Kentucky, and is one of the oldest and most successful newspaper men of the country.