

titled to the designation of the Nestor of Delaware journalism.

The Wilmington News of this morning has the following: 7-30

George W. Vernon was born in Chester county, Pa., eighty-one years ago, and when a boy learned the printing business in the office of the Village Record, among his associates at the case being Bayard Taylor, who acquired fame in American literature and Judge William Butler, widely known as a jurist.

The present Daily Republican is the outgrowth of the Delaware Republican of those days, publication of which was begun by Henry Cannon in Georgetown in 1839. In 1841 he came to Wilmington and, with John H. Barr as partner, merged the two journals last named into the Delaware Republican. A few months later William T. Jeandell and William S. Mills, both printers, purchased the interest of John H. Barr, and the paper was continued under the name of Cannon & Co. In less than a year the partnership was dissolved by Henry Cannon disposing of his share in the business to John A. Alderdice, who, in 1853, was mayor of Wilmington, having been elected by the Whig party. Disputes arose among the three partners and the paper passed under the control of persons appointed by the Court of Chancery. In 1844, Henry S. Evans, of West Chester, with whom Mr. Vernon had learned his trade, purchased the Republican and placed it under the editorial management of his brother, Columbus P. Evans. Shortly afterwards, in February, 1845, Mr. Vernon came here from West Chester and joined Mr. Evans in publication of the paper, and the firm became Evans & Vernon, which continued until the death of Mr. Evans, when Mr. Vernon became sole proprietor.

In 1874 was first issued the Daily Republican.

A few years ago Mr. Vernon took into partnership his sons—W. Scott, George F., Howard E., Albert B., H. Walter, J. Wesley, Frank and Clarence M. Vernon. At the session of 1877 the General Assembly incorporated the Republican Printing and Publishing Company, which has since conducted the paper.

Mr. Vernon was married twice, and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Vernon, seven sons and three daughters. The names of the sons are given in the foregoing sketch, and the daughters are Mrs. Charles Gooding, Miss Nellie Vernon and Miss Mabel Vernon.