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—Being a man of good sense it is altogether likely that RUDYARD KIPLING is opposed to the exemption of American coasting ships from payment of tolls for use of the Panama canal. But it is quite as unlikely that he converted President WILSON to that view of the subject for our chief magistrate is also a just and reasoning man.

—The latest political gossip in Democratic circles is to the effect that A. MITCHELL PALMER is to be a candidate for United States Senator and VANCE McCORMICK is to get into the running for Governor. An announcement to this effect was made yesterday in Washington after the party leaders had a conference with President WILSON.

—The death of Superior court judge JAMES A. BEAVER leaves a vacancy on that bench to be filled by appointment by Governor TENER. Naturally there will be many aspirants for the position among the jurists throughout the State, and among the number who are already being boomed by their friends are Judge HAROLD M. McCLURE, of Union county, and WILLIAM I. WOODCOCK, of Altoona. Both gentlemen are able jurists, but then there are a lot such in Pennsylvania.

**ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.**

**DOINGS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL.**—In addition to president Walker members Harris, Haupt, Naginey and Shope were present at the regular meeting of borough council on Monday evening, the absentees being Brockerhoff, Cherry and Lyon.

There were no verbal or written communications and under the regular reports from standing committees Mr. Seibert, for the Water committee, reported that he had been in communication with Col. W. Fred Reynold relative to the purchasing of a new turbine wheel for the Phoenix mill pumping plant, and the general repair of the basement and foundation of the building. Col. Reynolds, who gave \$250 toward putting in the new concrete forebay at the dam, offered to give \$150 more toward the above repairs and allow the borough the old wheel to dispose of for whatever it would bring. Mr. Seibert's plan of the repairs is to put concrete foundations under the big wooden posts, use steel girders in place of wood and put down a new floor. His estimate of the entire cost was \$865, and it was the sense of council that inasmuch as the repairs as planned will be practically permanent Col. Reynolds should bear a larger portion of the expense and the matter was referred back to the Water committee to consult with Col. Reynolds and see if better arrangements could not be made.

The Finance committee presented the report of the borough treasurer showing a balance in his hands on February first of \$7,385.51.

Under the head of old business the ordinance abolishing the office of borough engineer was read for the second time and passed finally, every member present except the president, who was not called, voting for it.

Under the head of new business Mr. Naginey, of the Fire and Police committee, presented a resolution in effect that the chief fire marshal be directed to notify the chiefs of the Undine and Logan fire companies that the Undines were to respond first to all alarms of fire in the district south of High street and Logans to respond to all fires north of High street, the signals to be arranged for each district. In the event of a bad fire the fire marshal to have the authority to order out the entire department. Mr. Naginey stated that some of the firemen objected to the above arrangement and he suggested that action on the resolution be deferred until next meeting night in order to give the firemen a chance to appear before council and be heard in the matter.

Mr. Naginey also reported that the Fire and Police committee had visited the Garman opera house and the Scenic and found certain changes necessary in order that they conform with the state laws for the safety and protection of life, and that the state inspector had been here and would make written recommendations which would no doubt be complied with.

Harvey Baney presented a bill for \$10 for a suit of clothes; \$20 for being out of work a month and \$18 hospital bill, on account of a horse he was driving falling on an oiled street and injuring him. The matter was referred to the Street committee.

The signed agreement with Danenhower & Sons was presented and ordered filed.

Mr. Naginey made inquiry regarding the rates now being charged by the State-Centre Electric company, which he claimed were higher than those of the old company, and president Walker stated that a satisfactory adjustment would be made in due time.

Notes for \$1,000 and \$2,000 were renewed for one year and bills to the amount of \$1,430.63 were approved and council adjourned.

**Sudden Death of Gen. James A. Beaver.**

Former Governor and Superior Court Judge Died on Saturday. Complete Sketch of a Long and Brilliant Career. Prominent Men Attend Funeral on Tuesday.

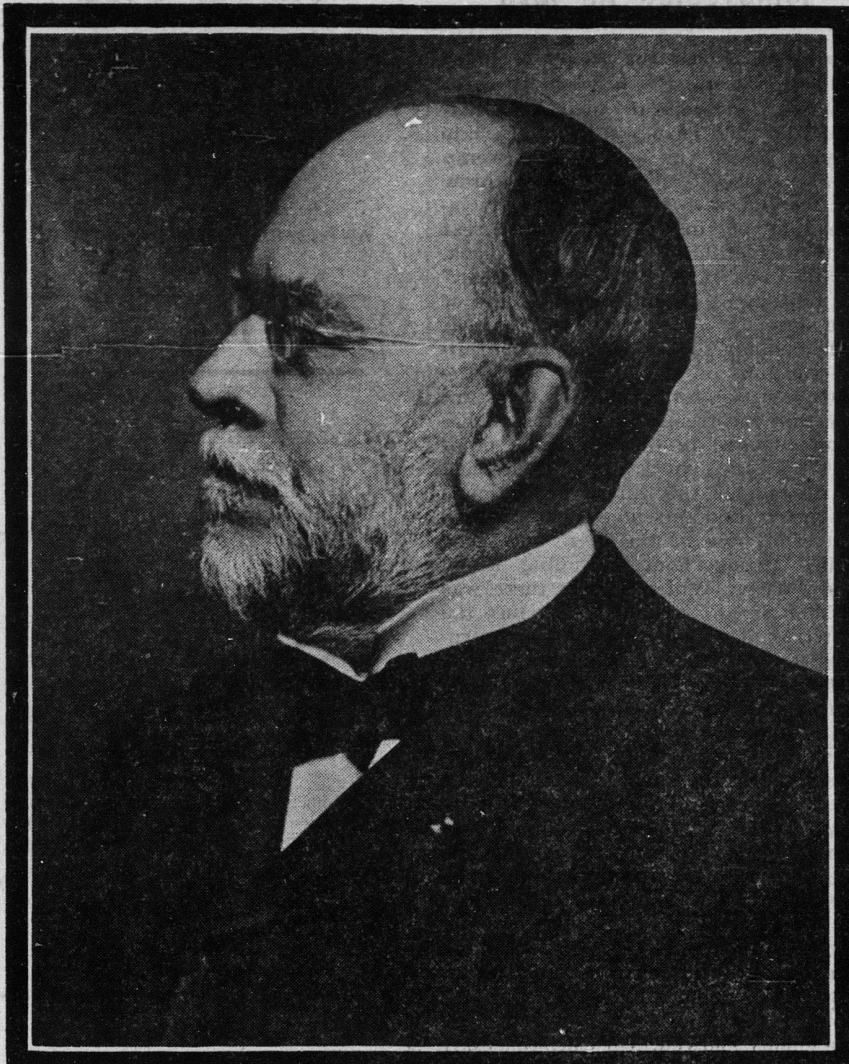
"General Beaver is dead!" This was the startling announcement made last Saturday afternoon and it seemed almost incredible to the general public, as very few outside of his own family circle knew the gravity of his condition. But startling as the announcement seemed it was only too true, as he breathed his last at 2.40 o'clock that afternoon.

General Beaver made a brave fight and it was only his indomitable will and his unswerving interest in his church and public institutions, ever close his heart, that gave him the lease of life he enjoyed. Two years or more ago the General suffered an attack of the grip which resulted in a nervous breakdown which was the beginning of his illness. During the summer of 1912 he spent a few weeks at Atlantic City in care of a specialist when the diagnosis of his own physician that he was suffering with degeneration of the heart and arteries, was confirmed. He was advised against violent exercise or emotion and told that his health depended upon proper treatment and care. He followed the doctor's advice closely and his only trip away from home since that time was in March, 1913, when he attended the sitting of the Superior court at Harrisburg. The session was not a long one and he remained until its close, returning home feeling none the worse for the exertion of the trip and court attendance.

Since that time he had not been away from Bellefonte, but he took frequent carriage rides into the country during last summer and this winter, up to the deep snow and inclement weather of a few weeks ago. Since that time he had not been out of the house, but he was up and around and down to dinner every day until Thursday, when he was compelled to keep to his room owing to extreme weakness. From that time he grew steadily weaker but it was not until Saturday morning when the family fully realized that the collapse had come that could have only one ending, and that, death. General Beaver suffered little pain during the last days of his life and his end was calm and peaceful as a child falling asleep. In fact he fell asleep to awake no more on this earth. With him at the last were his wife and two sons, Gilbert A., of New York, who had been summoned on Thursday, and Thomas, of Bellefonte. Both Mrs. Gilbert Beaver and Mrs. Thomas Beaver were also at his bedside.

James Addams Beaver was of German descent, his ancestors coming to this country from Alsace, Germany, about the year 1740. His great-grandfather fought in the Revolutionary war under "Mad Anthony" Wayne, colonel of the Fourth Pennsylvania battalion. James Addams Beaver was the third child of Jacob and Ann Eliza Addams Beaver, and was born at Millerstown, Perry county, on October 21st, 1837, hence at his death was 76 years, 3 months and 10 days old. His father died when he was three years old and he was taken in charge by his maternal grandparents. In 1844 Mrs. Beaver married Rev. S. H. McDonald and with them James went to Belleville, Mifflin county, where he got his first schooling. Not being constitutionally robust he spent three years at home, tutored by his step-father for an academic course. In the latter part of 1852 he entered the Pine Grove Mills Academy where he spent a little over a year, then successfully passed the examination for entry into the Junior class of Jefferson College, at Cannonsburg, Pa. He graduated from that institution in 1856 and shortly thereafter came to Bellefonte and entered as a student in the law office of H. N. McAllister, one of the most distinguished lawyers of the State. So apt and readily did he assimilate the intricacies of the law that in January, 1859, he passed a very successful examination and was admitted to practice at the Centre county bar, being then only a few months over twenty-one years of age.

While reading law he joined the Bellefonte Fencibles, a local military company commanded by Capt. Andrew G. Curtin. He gave much attention to the study of tactics and an opening occurring he was made second lieutenant. With President Lincoln's first call for troops after the firing on Fort Sumter the Bellefonte Fencibles volunteered for service and left for Washington on April 21st, 1861. Col. Fred S. Stumbaugh commanding. When their term of enlistment expired in July of the same year Lieut. Beaver was largely instrumental in organizing the 45th regiment P. V. I. of which he was made lieutenant colonel. During the ensuing year the 45th was quite active in the Virginia campaign and in September, 1862, Lieut. Col. Beaver resigned his commission to accept the appointment of colonel of the 148th regiment. With his new command he joined the Second Army Corps where he served almost two years, save when absent recovering from wounds received in battle. He was engaged in some of the most important campaigns and battles of the Army of the Potomac. At Chancellorsville he gallantly led his command into a hand-to-hand conflict with the Confederates, where he fell, as was then believed, mortally wounded. The ball passed



THE LATE GENERAL JAMES A. BEAVER.

[Photograph by the Mallory Studio.]

clear through his body, but skillful surgical treatment brought him through, and he rejoined his command and was actively engaged at Bristow Station and Mine Run.

In the spring of 1864 Colonel Beaver was conspicuous for gallantry at Spottsylvania, North Anna and Topotomoy. At Spottsylvania he was struck by a minie ball, but was saved from a dangerous wound by a memorandum book. At Cold Harbor he was also struck, but not seriously disabled and he maintained his position on the field at the head of his command.

In the first assault before Petersburg Colonel Beaver was struck by a fragment of a shell and suffered severe internal injuries and a terrible flesh wound in the side. He was again compelled to linger fretfully in the hospital while the last battles for the Union were being fought from day to day.

He left the hospital before he was able to ride his horse, and proceeded in an ambulance to the field, and reached it just as the army was preparing to go into battle at Ream's Station, on August 24th, 1864, and he at once assumed command of his brigade. He was only a short time on the field when he was shot in the right leg close to the hip. He lay on the field of battle an hour or more and finally by waving his hat attracted the attention of Sergt. F. F. Rohm, who conveyed him to the rear where he was placed in an ambulance and sent to the hospital. (Sergt. Rohm is now a capitol park policeman at Harrisburg and was in Bellefonte for the General's funeral on Tuesday.) His wound was such a serious one that it necessitated the amputation of his leg at the hip and this ended his military career in the Civil war, he being honorably discharged at his own request on December 22nd, 1864. Previous to his discharge, however, he had been brevetted brigadier general "for highly meritorious and distinguished conduct throughout the campaign."

Returning to Bellefonte General Beaver resumed the practice of law with his preceptor and partner, Hon. H. N. McAllister. On the death of the latter he formed a partnership with J. W. Gephart and later John M. Dale was admitted to the firm. In the practice of his profession Gen. Beaver was a forceful advocate of the law. He was a close student, had a thorough knowledge of Blackstone and always advocated his case in a way that carried conviction to the court and jury.

Gen. Beaver was a staunch Republican and when a young man took a deep interest in politics. This resulted in his election as Burgess of Bellefonte in 1865. The following year he was given the Republican nomination for the Legislature. At that time the county was normally Democratic by over 1,000 majority but Gen. Beaver was defeated by less than 150 votes. In 1868 he declined to allow his name to be used as a candidate for Congress and in 1869 he declined to be a candidate against Governor Geary for a second term. In 1878 the Republican convention of Centre county endorsed him for Governor but no effort was made to secure him support in other sections of the State. In 1880 he was elected a delegate to the national Republican convention and was made chairman of the Pennsylvania delegation. He held the delegation solid for Grant, in accordance with their instructions, and when the convention finally nominated James A. Garfield the Pennsylvania delegation tendered him their support for Vice President. Other delegations North and South did likewise, but he declined to consider it, as he did not want an office in which there was so little opportunity for activity. Had he accepted and been the nominee instead of Chester A. Arthur, of New York, he would have filled

the President's chair after the assassin's bullet dealt death to President Garfield. In 1881 he was prominently mentioned in connection with the United States Senatorship, but as there was some opposition withdrew and helped to nominate Hon. John J. Mitchell, who was elected. His activity in politics at that time made him a logical candidate for Governor in 1882, but owing to the manner of his nomination the independent Republicans nominated John Stewart and in the three cornered fight Beaver was defeated and the Democrats elected Robert E. Pattison and their entire state ticket.

In 1886 Gen. Beaver was again nominated for Governor and was elected by over forty thousand plurality. He was inaugurated on January 18th, 1887. He served the people most faithfully for four years, and while his administration was not characterized by any very pronounced legislation, it was clean and honest, and a number of measures were advocated by the Governor that have since been enacted into laws and proven the wisdom of his suggestions. It was during Gov. Beaver's administration, on May 31st, 1889, that occurred the Johnstown flood and his able handling of that deplorable situation is still well known by many WATCHMAN readers. Governor Beaver retired from office in January, 1891, and returning to Bellefonte resumed the practice of law. In 1895, during the first year of Governor Hastings' administration the Legislature passed an Act creating the Superior court and Gen. Beaver was one of the seven judges appointed by the Governor on July 1st, 1895. At the November election the same year he was chosen to fill the office for a period of ten years, and was re-elected in 1905, holding the office at the time of his death. After his elevation to the Superior court bench he took no active part in politics, though then as formerly, he was always loyal to the Republican organization.

Maimed though he was on the field of battle Gen. Beaver never lost his interest in military affairs and in 1872 Governor Geary, in an effort to reorganize the state militia, appointed him a brigadier general, a position he held until he was himself elected Governor and took the office in 1887 when he naturally became the commander-in-chief. He was in command of the second brigade during the big strike and railroad riots of 1877 and had as much or more to do with suppressing both as any other man. While he was Governor he appeared at the head of the National Guard at the Constitutional Centennial celebration in Philadelphia in 1887, was chief marshal of the inaugural parade of President Benjamin Harrison in Washington on March 4th, 1889, and the same year led the National Guard at the centennial of Washington's inauguration in New York. Although he lost one leg during the Civil war Gen. Beaver was a good horseman and made a splendid appearance in the saddle.

In addition to his professional and political life Gen. Beaver had also a number of business interests. His unfortunate investment in the Bellefonte nail works is recalled by many people, and when the company failed the General stepped unhesitatingly to the front and made good every obligation. He was also interested in coal operations in Cambria county and for a number of years was president of the Blubaker Coal company.

But aside from his church and his home The Pennsylvania State College was one of his greatest concerns. He was elected a member of the board of trustees of the College almost forty years ago, when the institution was struggling along on a mere pittance and the student body was about as large as the Bellefonte

High school. But he had faith in its future, though it was not until he became Governor that he was able to see the possible fruition of his ardent dreams. In messages to the Legislature he advocated more liberal appropriations and recognition of the College and it was practically through his own personal endeavors that he succeeded in getting for the institution the biggest appropriations it had received up until that time. And in the years since he was Governor he never lost a whit of his interest in the College. In fact it might almost be said that it was his one great hobby, as there was nothing gave him greater pleasure than a visit to the College and a chance to counsel "his boys," as he loved to call the students. He was elected president of the board of trustees in 1898, and held the position until his death, being re-elected on Tuesday of last week. During the year 1907 he served as president pro tempore of the College after the death of Dr. George W. Atherton and before the election of president Edwin E. Sparks. Just how much good he did for State College will probably never be known, but it was his interest in that institution, his church and other public affairs that was his inspiration and hope during his protracted illness. He never lost faith in the College and its future and always worked with a certainty that his aims would be accomplished.

In his church life Gen. Beaver was as consistent as it is possible for humanity to be. Raised in an atmosphere of purity and sanctity he imbibed the doctrines and faith of the Presbyterian church from boyhood. Religion to him meant far more than mere attendance at church and the discharge of church duties. It was the highest ideals of christian manhood and he always lived in accordance with the doctrines he loved to teach to others. A member of the Presbyterian church of Bellefonte from young manhood, a ruling elder for years, and for many years superintendent of the Sunday school, his whole life was one worthy of emulation. During his long and arduous life he was never too busy to respond to a call to say a word in the Master's cause. He was elected vice moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church and was the only layman to ever preside over any of its sessions. He was a regular attendant at all the meetings of the Huntingdon Presbytery and for many years was chairman of the Committee on Sustentance. He was also greatly interested in the Young Men's Christian Association and freely gave his time and his money for the upbuilding of the association throughout the State. Aside from his home General Beaver will be missed more in his church, Sunday school and Y. M. C. A. than in any other walk of life. In 1910 Gen. Beaver was a delegate to the World's Missionary conference at Edinburg, Scotland, and his talks in that great body of men were given profound consideration. At that time the University of Edinburg conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws. He also held degrees from Dickinson, Washington & Jefferson and one or two other colleges. Gen. Beaver was a member of Gregg Post, G. A. R., and for years president of the Centre county Veteran Club.

While not a brilliant orator he was a forceful talker, whether on the political platform, presiding at some public function or in the interest of religion, and he always held the closest attention of his audience. General Beaver probably made more speeches on various topics throughout Pennsylvania than any other of Bellefonte's prominent men.

In 1865 General Beaver was married to Miss Mary Allison McAllister, daughter of his preceptor and partner in law, the Hon. H. N. McAllister. To this union were born three children, Gilbert A., now a Y. M. C. A. secretary in New York; Hugh Mc., who died over twenty years ago, and Thomas, of Bellefonte. The two sons with Mrs. Beaver survive. He also leaves two half sisters, Miss Catharine McDonald, of Lewisburg, and Mrs. Annie Eckels, of Millerstown, Pa. General Beaver's home life was an ideal one. A kind husband and loving father the Beaver home was always a cheerful place. Hospitable to the utmost degree friend and stranger alike were welcomed across his threshold. Gen. Beaver was frankness personified and a man most easily approached, whether it was in his own home or when in the high office of Governor of the Commonwealth, and he never failed to grant a favor to anyone asking it if it were possible to do so. Pages could be written of his life and his work, but nothing can more truly tell the story than the fact that he was an honest, honorable, upright christian man.

General Beaver was never a man for pomp or show and in deference to his oft-expressed wish the funeral on Tuesday morning was as quiet and unostentatious as it was possible to have it. The remains were taken to the Presbyterian church shortly after nine o'clock in the morning where they lay in state until ten o'clock. Hundreds passed by the bier to take a last look at their dead friend and comrade but the time was too short for everybody to view the remains. The church was crowded to the doors and hundreds thronged the street outside. In the crowd were a number of old soldiers who had served under General Beaver during the Civil war. Dr. George E. Hawes had charge of the services, which were very simple. Following the scripture reading a quartette sang the General's favorite song, "Lead, Kindly Light." The impressive burial service

was read, Dr. Hawes offered up a prayer and after the singing of another favorite hymn the pastor pronounced the benediction.

From the Presbyterian church the remains were conveyed to the Union cemetery where interment was made in the family burial lot, and thus marked the passing away of the last of Bellefonte's three Governors, Curtin, Beaver and Hastings. There were no honorary pall bearers but eight State College students carried the remains to the grave. They were Eugene E. Miller, C. A. Keyser, W. P. Troxell and Miles Horst, of the class of 1914; H. T. Hill and J. R. Mathers, '15; G. E. Hesselbacker, '16, and H. A. Clark, '17.

Among those who attended the funeral were Governor John K. Tener and his private secretary, W. R. Gaither; Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart and staff; Robert McAfee, Secretary of the Commonwealth; J. H. Morris, deputy Banking Commissioner; Superior court judges Charles E. Rice, George B. Orlady and John B. Head, George Pearson, clerk of the Superior court and Beaver's private secretary when he was Governor; general superintendent George W. Creighton, and Supt. J. K. Johnston, of the Pennsylvania railroad; J. Gilbert White, New York; Joseph Rounsey, of Millerstown, a cousin of General Beaver; Mr. and Mrs. Reed Thompson, of Milroy; David Ahearn, of Philadelphia; A. B. Berger, of Pittsburgh; Judge Harold M. McClure, of Lewisburg; Judge Thomas F. Bailey, of Huntingdon; Charles J. Kelley, Clarence L. Peaslee and N. M. Edwards, of Williamsport; John Francies, of the western penitentiary; Dr. E. E. Sparks and a number of the faculty of State College and many others. Neither W. A. Stone, Samuel Pennypacker nor Edwin S. Stuart, the three living ex-Governors was present.

A meeting of the Centre County Bar association was held on Monday at which committees were appointed to take action on General Beaver's death. Another meeting was held after the funeral on Tuesday morning. Judge Orvis introduced Judge Rice, president of the Superior court, and requested him to preside. He paid a brief tribute to his dead associate, D. F. Fortney Esq., read the minute prepared by the committee of the bar association, which was quite lengthy. N. M. Edwards Esq., presented a resolution of the Lycoming county bar association and Charles J. Kelley Esq., seconded their adoption, both gentlemen speaking with considerable feeling of the dead they had met to honor. Others who spoke briefly were Judge Harold M. McClure, of Lewisburg; Judge George B. Orlady, of the Superior court, and Judge Thomas F. Bailey, of Huntingdon.

At the same hour on Tuesday morning that the services were held here memorial services were held in the auditorium at State College, which were attended by the entire faculty and student body.

**KUHN.**—Following an illness of two years John E. Kuhn died at his home at Canton, on Monday. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kuhn, of Axe Mann, and was born in Benner township on June 13th, 1872, hence was 41 years, 7 months and 19 days old. He was a carpenter by occupation and also farmed on a small scale. His wife who prior to her marriage was Miss Irma Woomer, died two years ago, but surviving him are the following children: Ernest, John, Andra, Fred, Jennie and Ethel, of State College, and Kenneth, of Marble Rock, Iowa. He also leaves his parents and the following brothers and sisters: Bessie, at home; Mrs. John Lohr, of Marble Rock, Iowa; Dr. Frank V. Kuhn, of Maplewood, Wayne county; Gardner, of Escondido, Cal.; George, of Canton, Ohio; William and Dale, of Pittsburgh, and Clement, of Blanchard. The funeral was held from the home of his parents at ten o'clock yesterday morning. Revs. Frum and Shuey officiated and burial was made in the Shiloh cemetery.

**HOUSER.**—Mrs. Eliza Houser, widow of the late Jacob Houser, died at her home at Houserville at seven o'clock yesterday morning of diseases incident to her advanced age. She was born at Oak Hall on April 6th, 1821, hence was 92 years, 9 months and 30 days old. Practically all of her married life was spent at Houserville, her husband being one of the founders of that village. Surviving her are one son, Dr. M. L. Houser, of Baileyville, and one daughter, Mrs. Herbert Ailman, at the old home at Houserville. She also leaves two brothers, Abner Murray, of Boalsburg, and John E. Murray, of Lemont. Mrs. Houser was a remarkable woman and up until quite recently was in full possession of all her faculties. She was a member of the Lutheran church all her life. The funeral will be held at ten o'clock tomorrow (Saturday) morning. Rev. J. L. Stonecypher will officiate and burial will be made at Houserville.

**HILDEBRAND.**—Mrs. Christine Hildebrand died at her home at State College at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon after an illness of some weeks of a complication of diseases. She was sixty-nine years of age and was born in Germany, having been a resident of State College only about a year. She is survived by her husband and three children, all of State College. The funeral was held on Wednesday morning, burial being made in the Pine Hall cemetery.