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GETTIG.—W. Emory Gettig, a native of Centre county, died quite suddenly at his home in Altoona last Thursday evening, following a brief illness with pneumonia. About two weeks ago he attended the funeral of Mrs. Samuel Wagner, at Boalsburg, contracted a cold which developed into pneumonia, causing his death.

He was a son of William and Elizabeth Gettig and was born at Tusseyville on January 24th, 1861, hence was past sixty-five years of age. While yet a young man he went to Altoona and entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, in their shops at that place, where he remained until his death. Of late years he had been in charge of the oil and supply department. He was a member of the Trinity Reformed church, of Altoona, and the P. R. R. relief.

In 1884 he married Miss Anna L. Meyers, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meyers, of Boalsburg, who survives with the following children: Mrs. Glen Wise, of Lanark, Ill.; Nellie, Catherine and William, at home. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: S. D. Gettig Esq., of Bellefonte; George, Andrew, John and Henry Gettig, all of Bradock; Mrs. Harry Ishler, of State College; Mrs. Frank Clark, of Lemont, and Mrs. Elizabeth Owens, of Traer, Iowa.

Funeral services were held in the Trinity Reformed church, Altoona, at 2.30 o'clock on Monday afternoon, by Rev. James Runkle, burial being made in the Alto Reste cemetery, Altoona.

ECKENROTH.—Mae Mary Eckenroth died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Otis Hile, at Pleasant Gap, yesterday morning, after an illness of fourteen months with Bright's disease.

She was the adopted daughter of the late Jeremiah and Mary Eckenroth who took her in infancy and raised her to splendid womanhood. Practically all of her life was spent in and about Pleasant Gap, though for nine years she had charge of John Francis' home, when he was warden and superintendent of construction of the new penitentiary. For the past four years she had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Hile.

She was a member of the Lutheran church, a woman of lovely character and loyal always in her devotion to duty and friends.

Interment will be made in the Lutheran cemetery at Pleasant Gap tomorrow afternoon after services have been conducted at the Hile home by the Rev. W. J. Wagner.

MYERS.—Dorsey Peter Myers, a well known resident of Philipsburg, died on Sunday night following an illness of two years. He was a son of William and Margaret Myers and was born at Stormstown a little over seventy-eight years ago. When he was a boy the family moved to Philipsburg and most of his life was spent there. He was a painter by occupation but for a number of years conducted the old American hotel. He married Miss Blanche R. Bulger, of Altoona, who survives with one son and two daughters, John W. Myers, of Philipsburg; Miss Esther, at home, and Mrs. William Lloyd, of Cape May, N. J. Funeral services were held at his late home at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. S. B. Evans, of the Methodist church, burial being made in the Philipsburg cemetery.

On Tuesday evening Samuel Waite and Miss Hilda Watson started from Bellefonte to motor to State College but they didn't get very far. Out at the Titan Metal company their car was run down by a heavy truck driven by Joseph Parker. The car was badly wrecked and both Mr. Waite and Miss Watson were injured, though not seriously. Mr. Parker, it is alleged, was intoxicated at the time and he was later placed under arrest. At a hearing before Squire Woodring, on Wednesday morning, he was held under one thousand dollars bail for trial at court.

TURNER.—William Thomas Turney died at his home in Milesburg last Thursday, following a prolonged illness with Bright's disease. He was a son of Constance and Sophia Miller Turney and was born at Lyontown March 24th, 1861, hence was 65 years and 14 days old. He is survived by two brothers and two sisters. Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Elmer Bryan, on Sunday afternoon, burial being made in the Curtin cemetery.

PLETCHER.—Frederick Milford Pletcher, one of the most formidable candidates for selection as county superintendent of public schools, passed away at his home in Howard at nine o'clock last Saturday morning as the result of an attack of uraemic poisoning. He became ill on Tuesday of last week while teaching in the Milesburg High school but finished his work for the day. On Wednesday morning he felt so badly that he decided to remain at home. His condition grew steadily worse and he died on Saturday morning.

He was a son of Henry J. and Martha J. Pletcher, representatives of Howard township, and was born on the old homestead farm on November 11th, 1876, making his age 49 years, 4 months and 29 days. His boyhood life was spent on the farm, doing his share of the work during the summer and attending school in winter time. The fact that his ancestors had helped to establish the common schools in lower Bald Eagle valley, and that members of the family had been teachers for generations, was an inspiration to the young man to make good use of his school days and he progressed to that extent that while in his teens he tutored in some of the higher branches. Completing his course in the common schools he secured a school in his home district and taught two years.

The thirst for more knowledge led him to enter the Central State Normal, at Lock Haven, where he graduated in 1899. He was promptly elected supervising principal of the Blanchard High school where he remained eleven years, then was elected principal of the Howard High school. He taught there five years and in 1915 was appointed assistant county superintendent. He filled this position for seven years and upon retiring from that office was chosen as principal of the Snow Shoe High school. The next year he was elected principal of the Milesburg High school and was on his third year in that school. All told twenty-nine years of his life had been devoted to school work.

Notwithstanding his interest in school work he still retained his love for the farm, and just a week before his death he told the writer that eight of his nine sons had either worked for several years or are now working on farms. Believing that good roads are a large factor in regular attendance at public schools he always took an interest in the work of the road supervisors, and at his death was chairman of the Centre county supervisors' association and just recently elected president of the State association.

He was a faithful member of the Methodist church at Howard and teacher of the men's bible class in the Sunday school, having taught the class the Sunday before being taken ill. He was a member of Blanchard lodge No. 427, I. O. O. F. and the Masonic lodge of Bellefonte.

On June 22nd, 1897, he married Miss Sylvia E. Schenck who survives with the following children: Mrs. Donald Gardner, of Howard; Ralph Pletcher, of Howard; Hazel, Cecil, Merrill, Russel, Raymond, Paul, Kenneth and Willard, all at home, and Frederick, in the U. S. Army, stationed at Camp Lewis, in the State of Washington. He also leaves one sister and a brother, Miss Ada Pletcher, of Lock Haven, and Ellis, who makes his home in Howard, but who has employment as an engineer on a vessel on the Great Lakes and was ordered to report for service this week.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church, at Howard, at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. A. A. Price, assisted by Rev. Smith, burial being made in the Schenck cemetery.

WILLIAMS.—Edward R. Williams, who the past eleven years has held the position of a guard at the Rockview penitentiary, died at the Centre County hospital on Sunday night following a year's illness with rheumatism and valvular trouble. He was fifty-three years old and came to Rockview from Pittsburgh in 1914 or '15. He occupied the old Lutz home, at Rockview and was always considered one of the most dependable employees at the penitentiary. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and a regular attendant. He is survived by his wife but no children. Rev. W. C. Thompson had charge of the funeral services which were held on Wednesday afternoon, at his late home at Rockview, burial being made in the Union cemetery, Bellefonte.

A peculiar coincidence in the death of Mr. Williams is the fact that for a number of years he held a position under Henry W. Brinmeier. The latter died at his home near Pittsburgh on Saturday and Mr. Williams Sunday night.

SCHENCK.—Frederick Schenck, a well known farmer, of Howard Twp., died last Thursday as the result of gangrene. Several months ago a horse stepped on his foot causing an injury which resulted in gangrene.

He was 79 years, 8 months and 8 days old, a son of Christian and Lydia Schenck, and was born near Howard. He married Miss Amanda Beck in 1880 who preceded him to the grave. He is survived by one son, Christian B. Schenck, and a sister, Mary B. Schenck. He was a member of the Reformed church and an elder for twenty-five years. The funeral was held at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Rev. O. L. Moyer had charge of the services and burial was made in the Schenck cemetery.

THOMAS.—Mrs. Maria Brewster Thomas, widow of the late F. H. Thomas, former superintendent of the Bellefonte Central railroad, passed away late Saturday afternoon at the Geisinger hospital, Danville. She entered the hospital just a week previous and last Wednesday morning underwent an operation. Her condition during the ensuing several days gave every indication of a speedy and complete recovery, and her death occurred very suddenly and unexpectedly as the result of a blood clot above the heart.

Mrs. Thomas was a daughter of William Linn and Margaret Robertson Skinner Elliott and was born at Ickesburg, Perry county, on January 18th, 1853, hence had reached the age of 73 years, 2 months and 23 days. When she was but seven years old the family moved to Newville and she was educated at the Linnwood school and Dr. Nassau's Seminary, at Lawrenceville, N. J. She married Mr. Thomas thirty-four or more years ago and in 1893 the family came to Bellefonte, living here until the end of 1925, when they moved to Newville, Cumberland county. Mrs. Thomas was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church and in the thirty-three years she was a resident of Bellefonte was always a regular attendant.

Mr. Thomas died on February 26th, but surviving her are one son, Francis Elliott Thomas, of Cheshire, Conn.; one step-daughter, Mrs. W. H. Gephart, of Bronxville, N. Y.; a brother John S. Elliott, and two half-sisters, Mrs. Annie E. Hayes and Miss Helen D. Elliott, all of Newville.

Funeral services were held at her late home at Newville at three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Newville cemetery.

BAIR.—William J. Bair died at his home at Rebersburg on Monday of last week following a weeks illness with pneumonia. He was a son of Adam and Catherine Brungart Bair and was born in Miles township on July 16th, 1844, making his age 81 years, 8 months and 19 days. Mr. Bair was a farmer by occupation and tilled the soil until his retirement a few years ago. He was a Democrat in politics and filled various township offices during his life.

He was twice married, his first wife having been Susan Wert and his second Mrs. Ellen Burd. The latter died three years ago but surviving him are three children, Mrs. Jennie Wood, of Maple Wood, Mo., Mrs. A. M. Gramley, of Kaneville, Ill., and Harry, of Altoona. He also leaves one step-daughter, Mrs. M. R. Moyer, of Rebersburg, as well as three sisters, Mrs. John Smith, of Harrisburg; Mrs. Hiram Wert and Miss Emma Bair, both of Rebersburg.

Rev. Stephen Traver had charge of the funeral which was held last Thursday morning, burial being made in the Rebersburg cemetery.

MOWERY.—A brief item in our Aaronsburg correspondence last week noted the death of Henry Mowery, a well known resident of that place, who passed away on April 3rd of general debility, aged 77 years, 11 months and 5 days. He was twice married, both wives having preceded him to the grave. His surviving children are Mrs. H. C. Stricker, of Aaronsburg; Mrs. J. W. Rupp, of Oklahoma; Mrs. John Raymond, of Millmont; C. H. Mowery, of Aaronsburg; Mrs. J. O. Eline, of Horsehead, N. Y.; Mrs. John Krape, of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Robert Haugh, of Leavenworth, Kan.; H. C. Mowery, of Lewisburg, and Mrs. Walter Hoy, of State College. He also leaves two brothers and two sisters, Ross Mowery, of Logantown; Jared, of Youngstown, Ohio; Mrs. Sarah Leitzel, of Aaronsburg, and Mrs. Robert Treaster, of Galeton.

He was a member of the Evangelical church and Rev. H. C. Kleffel had charge of the funeral services which were held on Tuesday of last week, burial being made in the Aaronsburg cemetery.

BRINMEIER.—Mr. Henry William Brinmeier, quite well known in Bellefonte, died at his home at Mayview, near Pittsburgh, on Saturday afternoon, following a week's illness with pneumonia. Mr. Brinmeier was past forty-five years of age and a gardener by occupation. He came to Centre county shortly after the western penitentiary was established at Rockview and became head gardener at that institution. He remained at Rockview until two years ago when he went to Aspinwall. On or about the first of April he located at Mayview. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bertha Hayes Brinmeier, and other relatives.

Requiem mass was held in the St. Aloysius Roman Catholic church, Mt. Troy road, at 9:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning, after which burial was made in the Northside Catholic cemetery.

KRAMER.—John F. Kramer died at his home in Centre Hall, on Tuesday of last week following six months illness. He was born at Hershey, Dauphin county, on August 10th, 1882, hence was in his forty-fourth year. He had been a resident of Centre Hall for eighteen years, a good part of that time being devoted to doing concrete work. Twenty years ago he married Miss Elsie Garis, who survives with no children. He leaves, however, his mother, living in Reading, three brothers and one sister. Burial was made at Centre Hall on Friday.

RICKARD.—James H. Rickard passed away at his home in Milesburg at 7:40 o'clock last Thursday morning, following an illness of more than a year.

He was born at Axe Mann on March 24th, 1849, hence was 77 years and 15 days old. At the age of fifteen years he enlisted for service in the Civil war and served until its close in 1865. Returning home he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad company as a bridge builder and was actively engaged in that work until he reached the age of seventy years when he was placed upon the retired list. He was a member of the Methodist church and the G. A. R.

On May 28th, 1871, he married Miss Clara Porter, at Milesburg, and shortly thereafter they located in Lock Haven where they lived until 1912 when they returned to Milesburg and had made that place their home during the past fourteen years. Mr. Rickard is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. W. O. Knapp and James B. Rickard, of Mill Hall; Mrs. Albert E. Suiter, of Jersey City; Edgar C., of Lock Haven; Rembrandt P., of Johnstown; Russell L., of Tyrone; Alice; Amy and Gladys, at home. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Della Proudfoot, of Los Angeles, Cal.

Funeral services were held at his late home at Milesburg at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon after which the remains were taken to Lock Haven and laid to rest in the soldiers' circle in the Highland cemetery.

CORMAN.—John Henry Corman died on April 4th, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. I. A. Meyer, at Coburn, as the result of general debility. He was a son of David and Elizabeth Stover Corman, and was born in Penn township on April 2nd, 1850, hence was 76 years and 2 days old.

He married Clarissa Anna Roush, who died two years ago, but surviving him are these children; W. C. Corman, of Wilkinsburg; Fred T., of Windber; Jerry, Mrs. J. O. Bower, Mrs. W. H. Grove, Mrs. I. A. Meyer, Mrs. T. A. Hosterman, Mrs. J. H. Vonada and Mrs. W. B. Boob, all of Coburn. He also leaves five brothers, David and Simon Corman, of Haines township; Joseph, of Rebersburg; Lewis, of Penn's Cave, and William, in Texas.

He was a member of the Reformed church and Rev. Fred A. Greisinger had charge of the funeral services which were held last Wednesday, burial being made in the Fairview cemetery, at Millheim.

IRWIN.—Mrs. Sarah E. Irwin, wife of William T. Irwin, died on Friday morning at her home in Onnalinda, Cambria county, following a week's illness with influenza. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dillen and was born at Port Matilda on September 7th, 1857. Before moving to Cambria county the family lived at Port Matilda and Phillipsburg. She was a member of the Baptist church and a woman who had the respect and admiration of all who knew her. In addition to her husband she is survived by four sons, John A., of Hawk Run; Edgar B., of Clarksburg, W. Va.; Orin S., in Somerset county, and Roy, at home. The remains were taken to Kylertown where funeral services were held at two o'clock on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Kylertown cemetery.

LUCAS.—Rachael Catherine Lucas died at her home in Howard last Friday as the result of valvular heart trouble, aged 71 years, 8 months and 16 days. She was a daughter of Abraham and Mary Jane Holter and was born near Howard. Her husband died some years ago and her only survivors are four brothers, William H. and David E. Holter, of Howard; Robert H., of Rochester, N. Y., and J. Frank, of Lottsville, Pa. Rev. A. A. Price had charge of the funeral services which were held at two o'clock on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Schenck cemetery.

Trout Fishing Season Opened Yesterday.

The day was perfect, though cool, for the opening of the trout season yesterday and hundreds of sportsmen hied away to their favorite streams.

The number of strangers coming from other counties to fish our streams was apparently not as great as in former years and local fishermen were not overly enthusiastic. While the day was beautiful it was so cold that fish would not rise to flies and the water was a bit too clear for bait.

Up to noon yesterday we saw only two fishermen who had any luck. John McGovern caught a 16 inch trout and Charles Brackbill came in after a few hours, just below town, with six beauties.

John Woods reported a catch of five.

Rev. Homer C. Knox got two.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keller are receiving congratulations on the birth of their first child, a son, who was born Wednesday at New Brunswick, N. J., where Mr. Keller is a member of the faculty of the school of Agriculture, at Rutgers College and the State College, of New Jersey.

—That well known and substantial citizen of Centre Hall, B. D. Brisbin, quietly celebrated his 84th birthday anniversary on Tuesday of last week, he having the honor of being the oldest man in that town.

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