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DEATH'S HARVEST.

Andrew Jackson Evans died at his home on Third street on Thursday, February 28th, after a long illness. He was a son of Jacob Evans, and was born in Greenwood township, this county, October 22d, 1829. At the age of sixteen he went to Danville and filled a position in a clothing store as clerk. He attended school in Montgomery county, and then went to Philadelphia as a clerk, and later went in business for himself. About forty years ago he came back to Bloomsburg, and opened a general store on the corner of Main and Iron streets, and he has been in business at the same place until his death.

He was married to Elizabeth Appleman of Hemlock township, February 28, 1852. She survives him with the following children: Mrs. A. L. Fritz, Hannah, Andrew J., Maggie, Charles, Bessie, of Bloomsburg, and Mrs. H. A. Kemp of Benton. Two brothers also survive him, namely, Issachar Evans and Dr. J. R. Evans, both of Bloomsburg.

Mr. Evans was a man of strong convictions, morally and politically, and his store was for many years the daily resort of a circle of friends who met to discuss the questions of the day. Not long ago he became a member of the M. E. Church. For many years past he was engaged in the clothing business, for several years past the firm being Evans & Eyer. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. W. G. Ferguson, assisted by Rev. P. A. Heilman.

Iram Derr died at his home in Jackson township on Thursday morning February 28th. He was born in Madison township June 4, 1811, and was therefore aged nearly eighty four. In 1843 he was elected Sheriff of this county, and in 1866 he was chosen an associate judge and served two terms. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Leah Welliver, by whom the following children were born to him: John F., George W., Nancy K., Andrew J., Frank, Mary W., Calvin, James D., and Effie. His second wife was Mrs. Elizabeth C. Linger, to whom he was married in 1876. The funeral was held in the Christian Church at Derr's on Sunday afternoon, and the attendance was very large. Mrs. Derr was unable to attend, and it was reported that she was in a critical condition. John F. Derr, one of the sons, was also kept at home by severe illness.

Mrs. Iram Derr of Jackson township, whose husband was buried on Sunday, died on Tuesday night.

William Lamon died at his home in Briar creek township last week Tuesday, aged seventy one years. He had a stroke of paralysis on the previous Friday, from which he did not rally. He filled the office of County Commissioner and treasurer each one term, and had filled every office in his township. His widow survives him, also the following children, Frank, of Central, and Mrs. Emily Beacham of Plymouth. Two children died in infancy, and Mrs. Alice Kunkle of Wilkes Barre died about a year ago. The Berwick Independent of last week thus speaks of him:

"Mr. Lamon was in many ways a remarkable man. He possessed those sterling attributes which command respect among men; truth and sobriety, honesty and integrity were his leading traits. He was a gentleman by nature and his broad and liberal mind soared above all that was petty; he harbored no hatred to his fellow-men. He was pre-eminently a man who ever searched for the good qualities in others and therefore failed to find their defects.

His mind was well stored with useful knowledge and his advice and counsel were ever sought by his neighbors as his unerring judgment made him a safe counselor."

The remains of Mrs. C. A. Prentiss were brought to Bloomsburg on Monday, from New Brunswick, N. J., where she died on Friday last, aged thirty-eight years. She was a daughter of Henry Kleim, and sister of C. A. and H. F. Kleim of this town. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, from the residence of Henry Summers on West Sixth Street.

Mrs. Frank Roadarmel died last Friday evening after a short illness, aged nineteen years. Her husband and one child survive her. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon, Rev. W. G. Ferguson officiating.

VASTINE-GILLASPY.

On Tuesday February 26th about fifty invited guests gathered at the home of Mrs. Charity Gillaspay near Rohrsburg. The occasion was the marriage of Miss Ada Gillaspay to Mr. Oscar Vastine of Danville.

Mr. Willos Demott and Charles Appleman were the ushers, Miss Anna Gillaspay niece of the bride, bridesmaid, and Mr. Wilbur Demott nephew of the bride, bridegroom. Rev. Mr. Martin, Presbyterian minister of Orangeville officiated.

Promptly at twelve o'clock the wedding party entered the room, and in beautiful and impressive words the happy couple were pronounced man and wife. The bride was beautifully attired in lavender lansdowne trimmed with point lace, and carried a lovely bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid was handsomely dressed in Cream Albatross, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The groom was dressed in conventional black.

After the usual congratulations the guests retired to the dining room where tables stood bending under the weight of good things waiting to be relieved by those who surrounded them. Appetites failing the guests very reluctantly left the table long before it was relieved of its great burden.

Among the number present from a distance were Mr. James Gillaspay and Miss Anna from Danville. Mr. Hoffman and wife, Riverside. Mr. Calvin Utt and wife, Hazleton. Mr. Ohl and wife, Mr. Eyer and wife, Eversgrove. Mr. Harmon Kramer, Berwick. Mr. Moore Demott and wife, Messrs. Willos and Wilbur Demott, Millville. Mr. J. S. Campbell and wife, Master Joy Campbell, Miss Emma Vance, Orangeville. Mr. Ernest Utt and wife, Mr. E. L. Appleman and Mr. Chas. Appleman, Wellersville. Mr. Clyde Vanhorn and wife, Mr. Robert Vanhorn and wife, Mrs. Margaret Utt, Mr. Wm. Utt and wife, Messrs. Johnny and Jacob Lemons, Mrs. Eaves Patterson, Miss Mary Black, Mr. Jacob Berlin and wife, Mr. John Johnson and wife, Mrs. Samuel Mather, Miss Dora Rantz, Mr. John Gillaspay and wife, Mr. Samuel Gillaspay, Miss Mary Everitt, Mrs. Louise Traxler, all of Rohrsburg and vicinity.

The bride was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents, such as silverware, glassware, chinaware, smoothing irons, table linens, chairs, bed spreads, table spreads, lamps, fancy work, and a large handsome bible.

The wedding party left for the 5:30 train for Nanticoke, Wilkesbarre and other points, amidst showers of rice, gum shoes and the best wishes of all. A GUEST.

THE GUESS CANDLE.

A large crowd gathered in front of J. M. Gidding & Co's. last Friday to see the guess candle lighted. W. S. Moyer, A. H. Bloom and J. C. Rutter Jr. acted as a committee, to do the lighting. A great many guesses have been made, and several large glass jars are filled with them. On Sunday afternoon the candle went out, the wick being too small to consume all the wax. The flame formed a hollow which confined the melted wax so that it smothered the light. It was soon relighted and the wax cut away so as to give the wick a chance. The guessing ranges from a week to two months. The indications are that the candle will burn from ten to twelve days.

When the county statement was completed by the auditors, the county commissioners ordered it to be printed in THE COLUMBIAN, Republican and Benton Argus. For many years it has been the custom to have it published in two democratic and one republican paper in the county. The papers could not get it in time for the first issue in the month of February because there was no session of court at which it could be ordered filed, and this was necessary before its publication, and it was therefore printed in the COLUMBIAN and Argus three weeks in February and the first day of March, though the papers were mailed on the last day of February. The law says that it shall be published four weeks in February, and we presume this is why the Sentinel is saying that the commissioners selected but one paper as their official organ, and that the Republican, because that paper was the only one that published it four weeks in February. Had the Sentinel been selected as one of the papers, it would have published the statement on the same weeks as the COLUMBIAN did, as both are issued on the same days. The commissioners performed their whole duty in the matter.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

EDITOR COLUMBIAN.

The present board of County Commissioners is composed of gentlemen who appear to have but one desire so far as their official positions are concerned, and that is to transact the business of the public in the best and most economical manner. They are men of honor, honesty and integrity, and in their several homes they enjoy the respect and esteem of all their neighbors. They have given bonds in a large amount for the faithful performance of their duties, and they are bound to spend as much of their time in their office in the court house as the public business demands. Their accounts for last year have been audited, and not even their worst enemy has presumed to suggest that there is anything crooked anywhere. Why then is it that these men are maligned and misrepresented every week by one of your town papers? If public officers do anything wrong, they ought to be called to account for it, and their official conduct is a proper subject for criticism when it deserves it, but it does not seem right that they should be constantly picked at and misrepresented where there is no occasion for it, and a good many people are getting tired of it. I have heard it suggested that if they would permit themselves to be dictated to and run by the editor of the Sentinel the tone of that paper would be very different. I don't know how it is myself, but it looks that way to me, for when there has been a set of commissioners in office who he could control, he did not have anything to say against them. I am not a politician nor a lawyer, but I don't have much trouble to see through a mill-stone when there is a hole in it. In my section the motive for this treatment of the commissioners is well understood, and I don't think there are many people in the County who are being fooled much by these misrepresentations.

FAIR PLAY.

"Si Perkins."

Parsons (Kan.) Jan. 12, '94—The novel street parade given by the Burton-Coleman Comedy company about noon yesterday had the effect of bringing out a good audience at the opera house last night to see "Si Perkins" and those who attended were well pleased with the entertainment. The play is one of the most realistic farmer dramas ever given in the city and chuck full of funny situations. Sam Burton and Miss Coleman, assisted by an excellent company, won many well-earned encores. The music was a pleasing feature of the entertainment, the orchestra rendering many beautiful selections. Bloomsburg Opera House, Saturday Night March 9th.

Good Times at Danville.

Business is picking up at Danville. The North Branch steel works began work again on Monday. The Danville stove works resumed Wednesday. The Structural steel plant and the Montour steel works are running on good time. Editor Thomas Chalfant, of the Sun, says "We opine good times from now on, providing more orders can be secured by the companies as the season advances when the mills all run, destitution is unknown and an impetus is put on other business, which contribute so much to our material sources of want and supply."

At the Pasteur Institute.

Dr. S. Y. Thompson, who accompanied Mr. Theodore Swank, who was bitten by a mad dog, to the Pasteur Institute, New York, returned yesterday. He reports of the Institute that it is commodious, finely located, facing the Park. In conversation with Dr. Thompson, the principal stated that last year he treated over 500 patients all of whom have shown no indication of the rabies. In the case of Swank he had no fear of success, nor of any other patient, when brought to the Institute in proper time before the virus becomes thoroughly inoculated through the system. The treatment requires about fifteen days. Danville Sun.

Foreign Order for Wheels.

The Bloomsburg Car Mfg. Company received an order on Wednesday from the Dominion Coal Co. of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, for two hundred car wheels. This party had formerly been using English wheels, but our people beat them in competition, and secured the order. The Bloomsburg wheels have acquired a wide reputation.

MR. HERRING'S ANSWER.

A week ago last Friday I sent for William Krickbaum, the editor of the Sentinel, to come to my office and retract the libellous article appearing in that day's issue of his paper. He came. I read the editorial over to him and showed him its falsity and asked him to take it back. He admitted that the editorial had not been written by himself, and agreed that he had gone too far in its publication. I produced a hastily written retraction, read it over carefully to him, and asked him to sign it. He at first declined because, he said, "That part of the article relating to Chrisman was true." For his impudence in thus adding insult to injury by reiterating his false charges I slapped him once in the face with my open hand.

I sent for William Chrisman to prove the falsity of his charges concerning him, but Krickbaum, fearing to face Chrisman, signed the retraction before Mr. Chrisman appeared. When Chrisman came to the office he told Mr. Krickbaum that I had never spoken to him on the subject of his candidacy for President of the Town Council; that I had not pledged him my support, and that so far as he knew, that I had no knowledge whatever that he desired to be a candidate.

A short time afterward while Krickbaum was still in the office, F. P. Drinker came in on business relating to the Bloomsburg Iron Company, and he also told Mr. Krickbaum that he had never had a word of conversation with me touching his candidacy for President of the Town Council, either before or after the nomination. Mr. Krickbaum then, in the presence of all these men, promised to "make it right" in the next issue of the Sentinel and publish a proper explanation.

Mr. Krickbaum knows that no doors were locked, and that persons visited the office at will while he was there. He knows, furthermore, that neither Mr. Rhawn, who asked him to come into the office, nor myself, ever threatened to do him bodily injury. He knows, also, that he would not have been slapped if he had refrained from repeating his false and malicious charges.

I examined the next issue of the Sentinel to find the promised retraction. It was not there. But in its stead appeared a torrent of personal abuse, and a malicious and false account of the interview in my office. I therefore take this earliest opportunity to publish the retraction signed by him at that time, every word of which was read over to him before he signed it, and which he signed of his own free will without any threats other than that he would be arrested for criminal libel if he refused to sign it.

In the mild retraction which he did sign he has done me but scant justice, and I am convinced that if he would not begrudge even that if he could be freed from the evil associates with whom he has surrounded himself. These people are more to blame than Krickbaum himself.

GRANT HERRING.

MR. KRICKBAUM'S RETRACTION.

In regard to the editorial published in to-day's issue of the Sentinel, after an interview with Mr. Herring I am satisfied that I was wrong in saying that he took any part or interest in the late election.

I am informed that Mr. Herring was out of town when the nomination for Poor Director was made and had nothing to do with that nomination. Mr. Herring says, and I believe him, that he voted three votes for Mr. Demott.

Upon better information than I had when the editorial was written, I am free to say, that in my opinion, Mr. Herring had nothing to do with the defeat of Mr. Demott.

I hereby retract, so far as Herring is concerned, any and all affiliations or combinations between him and the Republican candidate for Poor Director.

I was mistaken and misinformed as to any pledges made by Herring to Chrisman, and from conversation with both those gentlemen I believe no pledges were ever made. Moreover, I am satisfied that Mr. Herring never had any knowledge of Mr. Chrisman's candidacy.

I did not intend in said article to even insinuate that Mr. Herring ever helped any one by fees at the expense of the people, nor did I mean to infer that Mr. Herring ever looked after jurors in an illegal way.

On the contrary, if any such inference can be made from the article I wholly retract the same.

I did not mean to say that Mr. Herring is a "boodler," and I know that he is not, and never intended that term to be applied to him, nor

did I mean to reflect upon his honesty, and I retract all assertions reflecting upon the character of Mr. Herring for honesty and integrity.

(Signed) W. KRICKBAUM.
Bloomsburg, Pa., Feb. 22, 1895.
Witness present: W. H. KHAWN.

ORANGES SENT TO FLORIDA.

Many a Year Before the State Will Forget the Freeze of '95.

A Pomona (Cal.) special says: "This is a literal illustration of sending coals to Newcastle," said Manager Collins, of the San Antonio Fruit Exchange, of Pomona, in referring to the first of a series of carloads of Southern oranges started for St. Augustine, Fla. The freeze in Florida has caused an orange famine, and the hotel keepers there, and others who have thousands of tourists from the North, demand the fruit for their guests.

S. M. Knowles, of the Ponce de Leon, has telegraphed that not even a box of decent oranges can be had in all Florida. He has ordered the weekly shipment of a carload from Pomona Valley until further orders.

ROASTED BY THIEVES.

Bold Robbers Extort \$6,000 From an Old Couple.

Jacob Shonbrick is a wealthy farmer, who lives near the Michigan line, forty miles northwest of Toledo. Late on Saturday night four masked men forced an entrance to the house, bound and gagged his wife, his two daughters and a young son, and then ordered him, at the point of a revolver, to disclose the hiding place of his money.

It was generally known in the community that some years before he had lost considerable money by a bank failure, and since that time he had no confidence in banking institutions. He refused to give any information, despite their threats.

They then built up a rousing fire in the old-fashioned cook stove, and, lifting the lids, carried him to it and held his feet and legs over the flames until they were awfully burned. He still refused to tell them the whereabouts of any money. He was again held over the flames, when he endured such awful pain the men were told to look under the carpet in the bed room where the old couple slept.

There they found some \$1150 in bills. All the men but one were ready to leave, but he insisted there was more money in the house, and he proposed to have it. The old man denied the presence of any more in the building or on the premises. He was tortured until he fainted from sheer pain.

Then the old lady was treated likewise. But at first, although in terrible suffering, she denied any knowledge of the hiding place of any more money.

Again they lifted her over the fire, when she screamed that she would tell them if they only would not burn her any more. She was already so badly burned she could not walk, when they carried her, under direction to the cellar. Here she pointed out a barrel of meat and told them to move it.

Under this \$5,000 in coin, mostly gold, was found in a cloth bag. Dropping her on the cold cellar floor, they hurriedly fled. The story leaked out through the 12-year old son, who told a neighbor lad. The old man will not talk, and the rumor is that the leader of the gang was a man who is acquainted with the details of a dark crime in Shonbrick's history, and that the latter fears to make any efforts toward apprehending the criminals for fear of his own safety.

At the recent spring election James H. Codding Esq., of Towanda, was elected a member of Congress from the Bradford-Wyoming-Susquehanna district for the full term of two years, in place of M. B. Wright who was elected last fall and died shortly afterwards. Mr. Codding is an able lawyer, a fluent speaker, a gentleman by birth and education, a mason of high degree, and a citizen of whom Towanda is justly proud. Several years ago he was the republican candidate for President Judge of Bradford county, but was defeated by B. M. Peck, a fusion candidate. We have enjoyed his acquaintance from early boyhood, and are pleased to note this recognition of his worth and ability. Mrs. Codding is a sister of our townsman, Mr. E. C. Wells.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

An organ advertised in THE COLUMBIAN two weeks ago, was sold within a few days afterwards, to a person who saw the notice. It pays to advertise in THE COLUMBIAN.

BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

R. C. Neal, of Harrisburg, spent Sunday in Bloomsburg.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Billmeyer have gone to Waupun, Wisconsin.

Miss Stella Sober, of Harrisburg, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Dr. Bierman.

Miss May Pugh is clerking for Morris Ellenbogen.

Paul E. Wirt, Esq., has been elected a director of the Danville National Bank.

H. D. McBride and E. B. Hartman, two of Hemlock's prominent citizens, were in town on Tuesday on business.

Dr. S. B. Arment has decided to remain in Bloomsburg, and continue the practice of medicine.

Eudora, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Oswald, has been seriously ill, but is now on the road to recovery.

Mr. E. C. Wells has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to go out of the house on pleasant days.

Ex-sheriff Aaron Smith was in town on Saturday, and increased his reading matter by ordering the Philadelphia Weekly "Times" with the COLUMBIAN.

Our efficient assistant, Mr. I. J. Jamison, went to his home at New Columbus last Saturday quite unwell, and was unable to return this week.

Mr. Amundus L. Fritz, late of Sugarloaf dropped in upon us to advance his subscription on Saturday. He secured the premiums—the "Farm News" and a calendar. His future address will be Guava.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Manning and daughter, Myrtle, of Brighton, N. Y., attended the funeral of Judge Derr at Derr's, last Sunday. Mrs. Manning arrived there before the death of her father.

Alfred McHenry, one of Benton's leading merchants, spent Tuesday in town. He has a large and well stocked store, and although it has been enlarged within a few years, he talks of making further improvements in the spring.

Nathan Smith, of Asbury, gave us a friendly and business call on Saturday. He reported the loss of a cow for some one along the B. & S. railroad. As a premium Mr. Smith preferred the "Farm News." He also got a calendar.

J. Irvin Steele of Ashland was in town on Monday. He is the editor of the Ashland "Advocate," and conducts two dailies, one at Ashland and the other at Shamokin. He has five sons in newspaper business. For several years he was President of the State Editorial Association, and is well known throughout Pennsylvania.

William L. Parks, of Jackson township, passed through town on Wednesday on his way home from Wilkes-Barre, where he had been to see his brother Andrew, who is lying in the hospital in that city. Mr. Parks says his brother is in a critical condition; his leg has been amputated once from gangrene resulting from a sore foot, and it is likely another operation will have to be performed.

W. A. Evert Esq., now occupies the room in Wirt's building recently vacated by H. V. White & Co., as a law office.

Although belonging to the minority party in the legislature, our members, Messrs. Fritz and Creasy, are taking an active part in legislation. They have each introduced several bills, and made speeches on them.

We notice from the Diocesan paper of the P. E. Church, that Bishop Rulison has made no appointment for his annual visitation to Bloomsburg. He usually comes in May. The reason for this omission is unknown to the church authorities.

We are requested to say that the footprints of the man who entered Wm. Beer's chicken coop on Saturday morning during the snow storm revealed at least the size of his feet, and that sometimes this proves to be a convicting revelation.

Samuel White, of Cambra, died last Thursday. He was a man of very gentlemanly demeanor and affable disposition, being particularly faithful in his pious devotions without being loud or obtrusive. He commanded the respect of those who knew him. Having attained a ripe age, and lived to good purpose and effect, he has, as we very verily believe gone to his eternal reward.

The Welsbach light which is being introduced by Mr. S. Wiggall, agent for Bloomsburg, is giving excellent satisfaction. It gives a light equal to an incandescent, and burns only about one-third as much gas as an ordinary burner. The demand for them is great, and a large number is already in use here.

The Evangelical congregation have repurchased their church building on Fourth Street, for two hundred dollars, and necessary repairs to the amount of seven hundred dollars are being put on it. The congregation is not strong financially, and they are soliciting subscriptions to assist them in securing a comfortable place of worship. Any assistance that may be given will be worthily bestowed.