

STROKEN WITH PARALYSIS.

Last Friday morning Mrs. John A. Funston was stricken with paralysis in St. Paul's Episcopal Church. She, in connection with other ladies of the parish were engaged in church work in the building. The other ladies were the first to leave, and shortly after twelve o'clock as she was in the passage way leading from the Church to the Parish House she sank to the floor in a paralyzed and unconscious condition. She was discovered about 1 o'clock by Mrs. P. S. Harman who had returned to the church. Aid was immediately summoned, and willing hands were soon there who did all they possibly could for the afflicted lady. After a time she was tenderly removed to her home on Market street, where all that medical skill and careful nursing could do, was done to relieve her sufferings.

She lingered until Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock, when she quietly and peacefully slept away. Her illness was apparently free from pain, and though she was unable to talk, she at times made known the fact that she understood what was said to her.

Mrs. Funston was born at Light Street, on February 17, 1827. Her maiden name was Almira Melick, and she was a daughter of Samuel and Sarah Melick. She was married to John A. Funston on Jan. 23, 1850, and they resided at Jerseytown until April 18, 1867, when they moved to Bloomsburg, where they have resided until the present. The surviving members of the family are her husband, and three children, Mrs. Paul E. Wirt of Bloomsburg, Mrs. H. O. Rodgers of Hazleton, and Charles W. Funston of Bloomsburg. Of the Melick family there are still living Mrs. Julia A. Barkley of Bloomsburg, Dr. Wesley Melick, of Horton, Mo., and William B. Melick of St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Funston was a member of the Episcopal Church, and was one of the most active workers in the congregation. She devoted much of her time at the Parish House, engaged in guild work, sewing &c., and it was here that she was stricken down "in harness" as it were. The place of one so actively engaged in good works will be hard to fill, and her loss will be deeply felt in the home circle, in the church, and in the community.

The funeral services will be held at St. Paul's Church, on Friday afternoon at three o'clock.

REV. NATHANIEL SPEAR DEAD.

Rev. Nathaniel Spear died at his residence on Fifth street last Sunday evening, aged eighty-one years, seven months and twenty-one days. He was born in Ware, Mass., and by the death of his father was left an orphan at an early age. Subsequently he moved to Wolcott, New York, where he was married. He was engaged as an agent for the American Tract Society and moved to Pennsylvania in 1856, where for several years he traveled through the North Eastern counties selling religious books. In 1860 he entered the ministry, his first charge being the Presbyterian churches at Orangeville and Rohrsburg. The charge was subsequently enlarged and embraced the churches at Hamaline, in Benton township and Kitchen's church in Mt. Pleasant township. During his pastorate the church at Raven Creek was built. Some years later the above churches were cut off from his appointments and he took regular charge of the church at New Columbia. As time passed on other changes were made, Mr. Spear becoming pastor of the Briarcreek and the Light Street churches. In 1877 he moved from Orangeville to Light Street, where he resided a few months, purchasing and moving upon the Hilday farm at Cabin Run. His relation with the Orangeville and Rohrsburg churches had been dissolved in 1874 and in 1882 his connection with the Briarcreek, Light Street and New Columbia churches was severed and he moved to Bloomsburg where he has since resided. After coming to Bloomsburg he ministered to the churches of Elysburg and Rush for a short time.

Some years subsequent to this he took charge of the Columbia County bible depository, which work he successfully prosecuted, making a house to house canvass through many of the townships of the county. He leaves to survive him a widow, a son Arthur residing at Cabin Run, and a daughter Sarah. The funeral services were held from his late residence Tuesday afternoon, and the interment was in the Rosemont Cemetery.

WHAT HE HAS DONE.

A Brief Review of the Work of Rev. P. A. Heilman During His Pastorate in Bloomsburg.

The pastorate of Rev. P. A. Heilman, who for the past six years has efficiently served the Lutheran congregation of this place terminated last Sunday. At the services both morning and evening, the auditorium was crowded to the doors, many being unable to gain admittance. He is an exceptionally fine pulpit orator, and as a pastor, he was eminently successful. He is a man of strong sympathies, and he was always ready to lend a helping hand to any one in distress. Whilst he was a Lutheran minister, yet he was always in accord with any movement which had for its object the advancement of the Master's Kingdom. He came among us an utter stranger, but by his affable manner soon won a host of friends whom he has retained to the last. He is a man of strong conviction, and wrong was wrong, and so pronounced wherever he found it. As a citizen, he was always in the van in any reform movement. The esteem in which he was held by his congregation is evidenced by the fact, that when his health failed and he decided to resign, the congregation proposed to give him a vacation of six months or a year, and an increase of salary. He will be missed not only by his congregation, but by a host of friends who have learned to love him for his consistent christian life.

Rev. Heilman became pastor of the Lutheran church Jan. 1, 1890. At the first communion there were 108 members present, at the last 324. The Sunday School has increased making more room a-repeated necessity, and twice the rooms were enlarged until all the space in the lecture room is occupied. The audience room has also been repaired and all the room possible gained.

A new parsonage was built costing over \$6000 close to the church, making a cost in repairs and building during this pastorate of about \$10,000, twenty-five hundred of which had been provided before, the balance has been secured during the past six years, this with the current expenses including pastor's salary and benevolence, which amounted to \$3669.55, makes the sum of \$25,000.00 dispensed during Rev. Heilman's ministry here.

The addition to the membership have been 308. Infant Baptisms 190. Catechumens taught 481. Losses by death, dismissal and removal 100 leaving a net gain of 208. Whole number of funerals attended 134. Marriages 82. Sermons preached 572.

The present pastorate closes with a harmonious and well organized church. Every department in a flourishing condition. The Woman's Missionary stands first in the synod, and the congregation always exceeds its apportionment. The Ladies Aid Society, of which Mrs. F. C. Eyer is President, and Mrs. D. W. Weiss Vice President is most vigorous and active and assumed \$300 of the recent indebtedness. The Sunday School pledged itself to provide for 68 shares of the debt at ten dollars a share. Mr. Wm. Brooke is the efficient Superintendent and Prof. Mauser assistant. The Endeavor Society has a large membership and holds most interesting meetings every Sunday evening. The Junior Endeavors had to be divided because of its numbers and the ages of the members. The church greatly regrets the departure of its present pastor yet they will all heartily fall in with his successor whoever that may be.

Rev. Milton E. McLinn of Virginia preaches next Sabbath morning and evening and is spoken of as a very earnest and practical preacher.

Last Saturday morning whilst the team of D. K. Sloan & Son, of Orangeville, were standing at the Leader Store, they became frightened and started out Fourth street at rapid speed. Every thing went all right until Catharine street was reached, when they ran up against an electric light pole, the result was that the harness was torn, the dash and pole of the wagon broken, and several crates of eggs mashed. The horses were slightly injured.

Charles Reice purchased two fine steers a few days since. The one from Mr. Bryfogle weighed 1515 pounds, and the one from William Miller, in Catawissa township, weighed 1425 pounds. Charlie is always looking after the interest of his customers and makes an effort to procure the best in the market.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

A special meeting of the Town Council was held last Thursday evening. The principal business to be attended to was the approval of the bond of the Town Treasurer. The following members were in attendance, Holmes, Kunkle, Gorrey, Koche, Richards and Rawlings. The bond of A. N. Vost, treasurer, in the sum of \$15000 with P. A. Evans, O. W. Cherrington, H. V. White and C. C. Peacock as sureties was approved. The matter of the grade of Fourth street, from West to Railroad was discussed by the council and they concluded to let the grade remain as at present. The question of having the Registry assessors make a complete census of the town while they were registering the school children was discussed. Mr. Gorrey said his attention had been called to the matter by several of the citizens and as it could be done with very little expense he was in favor of it. He made a motion that the census be taken, but not being seconded he withdrew it.

Complaint was made that some of the property owners along Leonard and East Fifth streets had not laid their pavements. Upon motion of Kunkle, seconded by Richards it was resolved that the parties be notified to lay them within thirty days and upon failure to do so the penalty provided by the town laws would be enforced. The street commissioner was instructed to notify B. F. Hicks to repair his pavement on Iron street.

The bill of Richards and Richardson of \$40, for grading Light Street road was ordered paid.

Frank Miller who was present desired Council to place Wellsbach lights in the Council room. The matter was referred to the committee on lights.

The compensation of laborers and haulers for the coming year was fixed the same as last year. It was arranged that the Finance committee meet the Solicitor and Secretary to night and take such action as they deem is for the best interest of the town and report the same to the Council.

Base Ball at Lewisburg.

The Normal School team went to Lewisburg on Saturday and won a close game from the Bucknell University. Williams pitched for the Normal and succeeded in fanning out three. Although the Bucknell team put in two pitchers not a Normal School man was fanned out. Their crack south-paw was freely hit and if it had not been for exceptionally good fielding the Bloomsburg team would have pounded out a very large score.

The Normal team seems to be very strong at the bat and in base running this year. Every man gets down to first like a trained sprinter.

The game had to be called at the end of the sixth inning as it was but eighteen minutes until the last train left for home. The Bucknell team objected to this, although an agreement to quit at train time had been made before the game. Gentlemanly conduct seemed to be an unknown quantity among the college men. They do not seem to be able to take a defeat gracefully. It may be hard for a University to be beaten by a Normal School, but when the Normal has the better team, as it has in this case, it should win.

The final score was nine to eight in favor of the Normal team.

CORNER STONE LAYING.

The whole community, including many living out of town, is greatly interested in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Bloomsburg, now in course of erection. Many desiring to attend the Corner Stone laying could not be present on a week day. It has therefore been decided to lay the Corner Stone next Sunday, May 3rd, 1896, at 3:30 P. M. The exercises will be of a religious character, in harmony with the day and will consist of responsive scripture reading, singing, prayer, a few short addresses and the laying of the Corner Stone. Those who attend are asked to bring their bibles with them that they may join in the responsive reading. Of course a collection will be lifted, but there will be no subscriptions taken. A free will offering of silver or paper will be gladly received from each one in attendance. The public is cordially invited to be present.

W. T. Creasy announces his name as a candidate for Representative from the South side. Mr. Creasy attended every meeting of the Legislature during the past session.

BURGLARS AT WORK.

Last Tuesday afternoon between four and five o'clock during the absence of Mrs. Robert Young her residence on Centre Street was burglarized. The entrance was effected by breaking open the back door. The supposed burglars were seen around the premises by several of the neighbors who supposed they were plumbers, about to do some work on the premises. They are described as follows: No. 1, was a tall man, with light colored Fedora hat, and black coat and vest. No. 2, was a heavy built man, with red face and wearing a dark colored suit. No. 3, was a slender man, medium size, very pale face and wearing dark clothing. After gaining an entrance they ransacked the whole house and carried away two gold, and one silver watch belonging to her son Robert. The whole business was done in a very short time as Mrs. Young was not away from the house over an hour. They were frightened away by some children who came to call upon her. The same night the office of B. W. Jury was broken into, but nothing was secured.

The authorities in the surrounding towns were notified to be on the out look for them and yesterday afternoon a telegram was received from the chief of the police of Berwick stating that three persons answering the description had been arrested in that place whilst in the act of endeavoring to pawn the watches. Chief Police Knorr and Robert Young went up on the 6:36 train and returned with the parties at half past eight. They were given a hearing before Justice Jacoby and in default of bail were committed to the jail. They gave their names as Thomas Brown, George Smith and Joseph Myers. The two former claimed Scranton as their residence and the latter said he resided at Harrisburg.

AT THE Y. M. C. A.

The audience room of the Young Men's Christian Association was crowded last Sunday afternoon by men who were eager to hear the address of Rev. P. A. Heilman. Whenever he has been announced to talk there has been no trouble in filling the room, as the men of the Town know that they will have a literary feast. They were not disappointed last Sunday. He took for his theme "Faith, Hope and Love" and handled the Subject in his usual able manner. Whilst the address was heartily enjoyed by all present, yet there were many sad hearts in the audience, as they realized that in all probability this would be the last address they would listen to from him. Since his advent in the town, he has been closely identified with the association, and has been one of its most ardent supporters. At the close of the exercises a motion was made by F. B. Hartman that a committee be appointed to draft a set of resolutions expressing the appreciation the association had for him, and the service he had rendered it.

F. S. Brown entertained a number of his friends at a dinner. It was given in honor of E. G. Brugler, who has recently graduated at the College of Pharmacy of Philadelphia, and was prepared by Mrs. C. W. Brown and her daughter Corene. The following were present: Harry Townsend, Freeze Quick, Warren Eyer, C. B. Lutz, G. S. Sloan, C. C. Brown, and E. H. Harrar.

Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Fowler of Eighth street were called upon last Friday afternoon to part with their daughter Bessie, a pretty and interesting eight year old girl. The cause of her death was a cold which she had contracted a few days previous. The funeral services were held last Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, and the interment was in the Rosemont Cemetery.

Harman and Hassert are busy getting out two hundred and four iron columns for a ten story building at Scranton. They range in weight from 800 to 3200 pounds. They are also making similar work for the new opera house at Mt. Carmel. They have built up for turning out first class work and as a consequence they generally have all they can do.

Harry Gruver of this place and Alice Harner of Catawissa were married Wednesday evening of last week at the residence of the bride's parents on Water street by Rev. U. Myers. Owing to the serious illness of the bride's father the wedding was private.

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