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JOHN A. FUNSTON.

He Passes Away on Wednesday, After a Long Illness.

John A. Funston, an old and prominent and widely known resident of Bloomsburg, died on Wednesday, a little before noon, after an illness of several years. His wife preceded him to the grave about two years ago, and her loss had a very depressing effect upon him; and he has been in failing health ever since. The funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m., and will be conducted by Rev. D. N. Kirkby, Mr. Funston having been an active member of the Episcopal Church for many years, a vestryman, and an earnest supporter of all its projects. The handsome stained glass chancel window are the gifts of himself and wife, and last Easter he gave a solid silver communion service as a memorial to his wife.

The subject of this sketch was born February 9, 1820, in Madison Twp., this county, the birthplace also of his father, Thomas A. Funston, a native of Northampton Co., Pa. He was educated at the common schools and at the Millinburg Academy, Union county, Pa., and remained at home, engaged in his father's interests until twenty-five years of age, teaching school during the winter months. He accepted a position in the Irondale Company store, Bloomsburg, Pa., in the year 1846; then, after a summer in Pottsville, he took charge of the store of Judge H. Cool & Co., in Beaver Meadow, Pa. While there, in August, 1848, a proposition to purchase the store and stock of Richard Fruit, of Jerseytown, was accepted, Mr. Funston taking charge of the business September 16, 1848. On account of failing health, in consequence of close application for eight years, the business was disposed of to Conrad Kreamer, Mr. Funston retaining a private interest of one-third, and retiring to spend a few more years in collecting and securing outstanding debts and book accounts. After the store business was disposed of, Mr. Funston purchased what is known as the Thos. Barber homestead, on the east branch of the Chillisquaque creek. Mr. Funston later gave some attention to dealing in real estate, and owned several farms and properties in the vicinity of Jerseytown and Bloomsburg, finally selling his store property to William Kreamer, in 1865, and his residence, in Jerseytown, to Dr. Thomas J. Swisher, in 1867. In the same year he removed to Bloomsburg, and erected his late dwelling, at Fifth and Market streets, where he has resided since 1868. In the year 1868 attention was directed at the high rate of road and poor taxes for the township of Bloom, Bloomsburg being within this township and being unincorporated; roads and streets in town and township were insufficiently cared for, and under the then existing plan of providing for the poor and collecting and disbursing poor taxes, excessive amounts were required to meet the demands of a list of self-constituted and undeserving paupers, that under the mild and liberal methods then prevailing, preferred to live on the community rather than work. Seeing the demoralizing effects of this high rate of taxation, and the accumulating debt, Mr. Funston called upon the Rev. D. J. Waller, Sr., and, after a short interview, a supplement was drawn transferring the act for the Luzerne Poor District to Bloomsburg. The move was approved by leading citizens. The necessary enactment was passed by the Legislature, appointing Mr. Funston, Mr. B. F. Hartman and Dr. J. Schuyler, directors to buy a farm and establish a home for the poor. The list of over fifty paupers was reduced to sixteen, owing to an unwillingness to accept the new and comfortable home, and the rate of poor taxes reduced from 10 to 3 mills. The incorporation of the Town of Bloomsburg was similarly effected. In 1868 the fire and life insurance firm of John A. Funston & Co. was instituted, the late Charles Conner being associated with Mr. Funston. An unusual number of important positions of trust have been filled by Mr. Funston, among others, that of County Treasurer. He took a very active interest in various improvements of the Town of Bloomsburg and county, and has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the

State Normal School, at Bloomsburg, since 1868. He was married January 23, 1850, to Almira Melick, of Lightstreet, Pa., who died about two years ago. He has three children: Sara M., married to Paul E. Wirt, attorney-at-law and inventor of the now widely known Paul E. Wirt Fountain Pen; Eva Lillian, married to H. O. Rodgers, now of Hazleton, Pa., and Charles W. Funston.

MRS. E. N. FERRIN DEAD.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. E. N. Perrin, at Ray Brook, Essex county, New York, Tuesday morning, was received with profound sorrow by the entire community. The family, consisting of husband and wife and little son Edwin, had resided in New York City until quite recently. Leaving that city they went south where they remained until the health of the deceased necessitated another change of climate. Thinking the mountain air would benefit his wife Mr. Perrin decided to move to Ray Brook, in the Catskill Mountains, but the change furnished no improvement, and she died at half past three o'clock in the morning on Tuesday. The deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Drinker of this town, and was born here in January, 1866. Her mother was at the bedside when the end came. Her husband and son, father, mother, a sister, Mrs. W. P. Meigs, of Bloomsburg, and two brothers, Francis and William of Scranton, survive. Mrs. Perrin was blessed with an exceedingly large circle of friends. She was a most estimable lady and her demise is deeply mourned.

We have not been informed as to the funeral arrangements, our only information being that it is to take place in New York either to day or tomorrow.

Prof. Howe's War Graph entertainment, for the benefit of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, in the Opera House, Thursday and Friday evenings, drew two immense audiences. The exhibition was indeed meritorious. Scenes are given as they actually transpired. Possibly the most worthy of mention, although they were all very good, was the bombardment of Mantanzas, by the flag ship New York, and the dynamite cruiser, Vesuvius, in action. The noise, which is always attendant upon occasions of this kind, such as the hissing of steam, report of the explosions of shell and gun cotton, rumbling of the water, its wave, all produced, making the views strikingly realistic. The Endeavorers, no doubt, realized a nice sum.

When Rev. Dr. Mitchell, the aged and esteemed pastor of the Presbyterian Church, at Mt. Carmel, opened the door of his residence to go out yesterday morning, says Friday's Shamokin Times, he was startled to find a basket on the stoop, in which was a strange, three-day-old baby, wrapped in a shawl. He picked it up and took it into the house where it was cared for until the poor authorities relieved him by finding a home for it. Who the castoff belongs to is a mystery, but officers were at once put on the case in hope of finding the mother.

The Berwick Band, with 20 carriages of veterans, will represent the up-river town at the gathering of old veterans, to be held at Orangeville on the 24th of this month. Many more old soldiers from Fishingcreek, Fairmount Springs, Espy, Benton, Rohrsburg and other places, are expected to be present. It will be a great day for those who took part in our late civil war, and the restoration of the union. Bloomsburg will, no doubt, send a good sized delegation. The parade, we are told, is to take place at ten o'clock sharp.

Burglars broke into the C. M. Creveling general merchandise store, at Almedia, early Sunday morning. The drawers were all rifled, but, fortunately, a few pennies and nickels, was all the money secured. Several other articles were taken, including a few cigars, a revolver, and a pair of pantaloons. An entrance was gained by way of the cellar. The clerk has been sleeping in the store for some time past, but just on this particular night, he had been out. The robbers, whoever they were, no doubt were aware of this.

The Y. M. C. A. meeting will be held at Oak Grove as usual Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The address will be made by Rev. J. D. Smith.

POLK NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS.

After an extended conference, having adjourned from Eagles Mere to Sunbury, Rufus K. Polk of Montour county was nominated for Congress on Wednesday morning by the Democratic conferees of the Seventeenth district on the fifty-first ballot. At the time of taking the fiftieth ballot the conferees told the candidates that there was no possible chance of an agreement—Fritz, Polk and Davis all insisting on the nomination. Mr. Walsh having withdrawn in favor of Mr. Polk gave him a decided advantage. There was a large delegation from Montour county present who took the ground that they had not had a Democratic congressional nominee since 1856; that they had been ten years in this district, and every other county had a nomination except theirs, and that this was their turn and they would hold out.

After every endeavor to secure the nomination for Mr. Fritz by our conferees, it was found that there was no possible chance to nominate a man from Columbia county. Mr. Davis also saw no way out for himself. Mr. Fritz and Mr. Davis then agreed that they would go before the conference and instruct their conferees to vote for Mr. Polk. They then carried out this agreement by both going before the conference and instructed the conferees from their counties to vote for Mr. Polk, and made his nomination unanimous. Mr. Polk is a well-known business and society man of Danville, and is a grandson of ex-President James K. Polk. Mr. Polk is first lieutenant of Company F, Twelfth Pennsylvania Volunteers Infantry, and is at present stationed at Camp Meade with his company.

He is about 32 years of age and a native of Tennessee. He was graduated from Lehigh University in 1887, and then came to Danville and took a place in one of the departments of the Montour Iron Company. Later he became and still is general manager of the North Branch Steel Company and also a member of the iron manufacturing firm of Howe & Polk, both important industries of Danville.

Appleman and Eveland, two long time and highly respected residents of the village of Rohisburg, arrived in our town on Monday, fully determined to wipe up the earth with our stock of quoit tossers. The place selected for the contest was in the rear of Smith's blacksmith shop, on Market street. The distance was measured, and the hubs placed to the satisfaction of all, after which the fun began. Appleman proved himself to be a pitcher of the first water, and it looked for awhile as if he would go back to his home with several scalps and a clean record, but after he had succeeded in laying low two of our best men, he met his Waterloo. When the stage fright is responsible for his defeat or not, we cannot say. He wouldn't talk about it, and the sun wouldn't throw any light on the subject, because it had gone down. Following was the result of games:

	WON.	LOST.
Appleman.....	4	2
Williams.....	2	4
Appleman.....	4	0
Smith.....	0	4
Appleman.....	2	7
Tasker.....	7	2
Eveland.....	1	7
Tasker.....	7	1

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court convened at 9 a. m. Saturday with his Honor Grant Herring and Associates James T. Fox and J. U. Kurtz on the bench.

John T. Kamp et al vs. Jno. Applegate. Petition for rule, &c. Rule granted, returnable to first Monday of November at 10 a. m.

Petition of W. K. Armstrong, guardian of Warren Armstrong, for an order of Court to sell real estate at private sale. Prayer granted.

Estate of Mathias Gingles, deceased. Petition for citation, directed to Philip Sidler, executor. Prayer granted. Returnable thirty days after service of rule.

Petition of the Pastors Association, Pastor and parishioners of St. Ignatius church for leave to borrow money on mortgage. Leave granted.

T. L. Gunton is administering the finishing touches to his new house on Market street. The building is erected with material of the very best, and will be another addition to Bloomsburg's handsome residences.

Hundreds of Dollars

will be saved by buyers of
**SUITS, OVERCOATS,
SHOES, HATS,
UNDERWEAR, &c.,**

Who visit this store this fall, We've told the story before; it's this: We are giving up our business in Bloom and have placed our entire stock, embracing as it does now over Thirty Thousand Dollars worth of fresh, seasonable goods which must be sold out completely in a very short time. Of course you'll save most on large purchases, but you can save on even the smallest purchase, as every article is to be sold at manufacturers' cost, in some instances below.

**Hundreds of fall Suits for Men and Boys.
Hundreds of fall and winter Overcoats for Men and Boys.
Hundreds of Hats in Stiff and Fedora for Men and Boys.
Hundreds of pairs of Fine Shoes for Men, Boys, Women and Children.**

Read These Prices! Visit These Stores!!

When you come to buy it means dollars in your pockets.

\$15 suits and overcoats at	\$11.00
\$12 suits and overcoats at	8.50
\$10 suits and overcoats at	7.50
\$7.50 suits and overcoats at	5.50
\$5 suits and overcoats at	3.75
\$5 boys' & children's suits and overcoats,	3.50
\$4 boys' & children's suits and overcoats,	2.90
\$3 boys' & children's suits and overcoats,	2.25
2.50 boys' & children's suits & overcoats,	1.75

Hundreds of pairs of fine Ladies' Shoes are here at a mere shadow of their former prices, 98c for shoes worth \$3.

Men's and boys' shoes in blacks and russets for winter wear, plain or calf lined, at one-third less than regular prices.

BOYS' REEFERS. Reefer Suits and Vestee Suits, hundreds of them, ages 3 to 8, at one-third, in many instances one-half their regular prices.

BOYS' AND MEN'S WOOL SWEATERS. Men's regular \$1.50 kind now 89c, with white stripe, maroon and lemon stripe. Boys, 75c., green with red stripe, or all the plain colors.

Men's vomooses, cardigan jackets, \$2 kind \$1.00.

Underwear in wool, camels hair, etc., one-third less regular prices. Fleece lined underwear, 50c kind 35c.

50c neckties, 39c. 25c neckties, 15c. White and colored shirts at nearly half price. Gloves and mittens at one-third less than regular prices. Men's heavy shirts \$1 kind at 50c. Bicycle coats for fall, \$3.50 kind \$1.75, half-price.

HATS—Stiff and soft. Boys' hats and caps from one-third to one-half less than regular prices.

Men's and boys' pants, in all about thirteen hundred and fifty pairs, at one-third less than you can buy them elsewhere for.

STORM OVERCOATS—A chance to buy one for about one-half; \$10 kinds at \$5, \$8 kinds at \$4.

MACKINTOSH COATS—Blue, black, grey and tan, \$12 kinds 8.50, \$10 kinds 7.50, \$7.50 kinds 5.50, \$5.00 kinds 3.50.

Trunks Telescopes, Valises, Traveling Bags from \$10 to 7.50, from \$8 to 5.75, \$6 to 4.50.

Boys' Waists in warm flannel for winter about a third less than you can make them for, \$1.25 and 1.00 kinds 75c, 75c kinds 50c, 50c kinds 39c, far less than you can make them for.

This Sale is positive. We shall give up our rooms as soon as this stock is gone.

GIDDING & CO.,

The White Front.

Nearly opposite Court House, Two doors below post office.