

The Columbian.

VOL. 33

BLOOMSBURG, PA., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1898.

NO. 46

WILLIAM H. SNYDER.

It was with feelings of unfeigned sadness and sorrow that the people of this community learned of the unexpected death of William H. Snyder, which occurred at his residence, corner of Fourth and Catharine streets, shortly after twelve o'clock Friday night last. It was known for a few days before his death that he had been seriously ill, but he seemed to get some better, and his friends entertained the belief that he might recover. Friday afternoon he appeared to be improving, but later in the day he became worse, and continued to grow weaker, and at the time above stated, he passed away. The malady which proved fatal was a complication of heart disease, dropsy and kidney trouble.

Mr. Snyder was a son of John and Catharine Snyder, and was born in Orange township, this county, in 1840. After completing his education, which he received at the Orangeville Academy and Greenwood Seminary, he began school teaching, which he followed for upwards of thirteen years. In 1872 he was elected to the position of County Superintendent of Schools and served for three terms. He would probably have been elected the fourth term, but declined. While he was Superintendent he studied law at the office of E. R. Ikeler, and was admitted to the bar in 1882. In 1884 he was elected Prothonotary and served two terms. At the conclusion of his second term as Prothonotary he began the practice of law, which he followed up to the time of his death. He was for several years attorney for the Bloom Poor District. In 1868 he was married to Miss Sarah M. Fleckenstine, daughter of Nathan and Catharine Fleckenstine of Orangeville. Out of six children, who were born to them, only one son, Paul, aged about twelve years survives.

As a lawyer, Mr. Snyder was well known. He was exceptionally well read, a man of excellent judgment, forbearing, courteous, and a man of more happy disposition would be hard to find. He was always open and frank in his dealings with his fellow man, never hesitated to speak his mind, whether for or in opposition, to matters political or otherwise. It never required any conjecturing to ascertain where he stood, a characteristic which was admired by everybody.

In his death Bloomsburg has lost a valuable citizen, the Columbia County Bar a learned member and his family a tender and loving father and husband.

The funeral took place on Tuesday. Short services were conducted at the house at 12:30 after which the remains were taken to Orangeville, where services were held in the Reformed church and interment made at the cemetery at that place.

The members of the Bar met at the Court House at 12:30 and proceeded in a body to the house. Nearly every lawyer in the county was present. The services here were conducted by Rev. M. E. McLinn, and at Orangeville a funeral sermon was preached by Rev. A. Houtz, in the Reformed church, where a large number of Mr. Snyder's friends were in attendance.

The pallbearers were J. R. Townsend, C. C. Evans, G. M. Quick, Frank Ikeler, J. H. Mercer, and J. G. Harman.

BAR MEETING.

At the conclusion of the services at the house, the Bar returned to the Court House and a meeting was held to take proper action on the death of their fellow-member. Col. J. G. Freeze, President of the Bar Association, presided, and stated that a committee on resolutions had been appointed, consisting of Messrs. Barkley, McKillip and Quick, and called for a report of the committee. In presenting it Mr. Barkley made some appropriate remarks in which he paid high tribute to the truthfulness, honesty and integrity of Mr. Snyder. The following resolutions were adopted:

The members of the Columbia County Bar Association, being assembled in memory of our late associate Mr. William H. Snyder, who has been called to the higher life, by death on the 12th inst, do record as a minute our sorrow for his departure, and our sincere sympathy with his bereaved family.

As an attorney he was competent and devoted, true to the Court, his clients and the community; steadfastly aiming at the right and avoiding the wrong.

As a citizen, intrepid and fearless in his approval and maintenance of that which was beneficial to all; as a

public official without fault or failure in his attention to his duties, yet with a kindness and courtesy which made him to be appreciated and gathered to him hosts of friends.

Devoted to his household, genial with all, firm in integrity, and true in friendship, his departure leaves a vacancy at the hearthstone appreciated best by those who knew his many good qualities, and deprives the community of the services of a useful man.

It is directed that a record hereof be made on the minutes of the association and certified to the Court to be entered among its records, and a copy hereof be delivered to the family.

A PROSPEROUS FIRM.

For a number of years past the firm of Moyer Brothers has been one of the leading houses in the business of Bloomsburg. It consists of L. N. Moyer, J. L. Moyer and W. S. Moyer. They began in a modest way in the building where their father had conducted a drug store for many years, on Market Square, where the handsome residence of J. L. Moyer now stands. By careful business methods, and by their energy and push their trade increased rapidly, and they purchased the old City Hotel on the corner of Main and Center streets, rebuilding and enlarging it, fitting up one side of it as the finest retail drug store in central Pennsylvania, and the other side for their extensive wholesale department. Their trade has continued to grow until this large building became too small, and last summer a three story addition was erected in the rear. The building has been painted white, and is the most imposing business house in the town. The new part contains a paint room with cement floor, a glass room where an immense stock of all kinds of glass is stored, general storage rooms, a fire proof vault, and a private office that is a beauty. This is finished in hard wood including the floor, and has a metal ceiling. It is handsomely furnished with rolling top desks, and oak chairs, with a toilet room adjoining. Altogether it is one of the neatest offices we have ever seen.

Moyer Brothers have not confined their energies entirely to their own business. They have been identified with nearly all the new industries of the town, to which they have not only contributed of their means, but have also given the benefit of their judgment and experience.

They are progressive citizens who have the good of the community at heart, and have done all in their power to promote it. Their great establishment is known all over eastern Pennsylvania, and is a monument to their energy and integrity as business men. Such firms are an honor and a benefit to any community.

Senator J. Henry Cochran, of Williamsport, did a noble act the other day. In a collision on the street car line of that city James B. Davis a motorman, was so badly injured that it became necessary to amputate one of his legs. Before consenting to the operation Davis requested that Senator Cochran be sent for. The latter promptly responded. The injured man expressed his anxiety and fear of facing the world with but one leg, when the Senator gave assurance: "Ben, you have been a good, faithful employee, and these gentlemen here may witness what I say, that as long as you live you and your family shall never want."

William A. Marr, Esq., of Ashland, was elected Judge of Schuylkill county, at the recent election. He is well known in this county, where he has frequently practiced before the Court, and his ability as a lawyer and his worth as a man, are highly appreciated by his many friends here. That he will make an able, impartial and fearless Judge, no one who knows him will doubt for a moment.

Thanksgiving Service.

Thanksgiving services will be held in the Lutheran church on the day appointed for National Thanksgiving at 10.30 a. m. Preaching by Rev. J. D. Smith of the Baptist church. Everybody invited and urged to come. Collection for Benevolent Work in this town.

George R. Getkins was placed in jail on Saturday, for stealing money from his father. The amount he took was not so very much—only one dollar—but it is stealing just the same. His home is at Catawissa.

MEETING OF THE TOWN JOUNOIL.

The Bloomsburg Town Council held its regular monthly meeting in the Town Hall Thursday evening. Several interesting subjects were discussed. Promptly at eight o'clock President Holmes rapped for order, and instructed the Secretary to call the roll. The following members were present: Rishton, Blue, Hartman and Demaree.

Complaint was made about Thomas Dollman's pavement. The matter was referred to the Street Committee. If it is in a dangerous condition, the pavement will be torn up and filled in with ashes.

The Street Committee was instructed to look after the crossing at Anthony Alley, and put it in proper condition.

F. B. Hartman is authorized to see to the painting of the electric light poles.

The Street Committee is directed to look after the roller and crusher, to see that they are properly protected.

Gutter on Iron and First streets near John Cadman's complained of. Referred to Street Committee.

The D. L. & W. R. R. Co., is to be notified to put in crossing at Sixth and Catharine streets within 20 days. The Company is also to be notified of the opening of Locust street.

The material for the Rescue Hose Co. is to be purchased and same left at hose house for inspection at any time.

Building permits were granted to W. U. Jury for house on Market street, M. M. Hartzell house on East Fourth street, Sarah A. Reilly house on Centre street, F. H. Jenkins house on W. Fifth street, Wm. Ferguson house on Tenth street, Wm. Ferguson house on Ninth street.

Bill of Mrs. Jones of \$40 for sand referred to Committee on Highways to adjust same.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That each of the Fire Companies of Bloomsburg be directed to appoint a committee of three to confer with the Fire Committee of Council to provide ways and means of appointing or electing a chief and assistant chief of the Fire Department.

Bill of Moge Carpet Works referred to Committee on Highways.

J. G. Harman for Mr. Ratti asks Council to change the course of the stream of water in Sterner alley. He proposes to pay the cost of same, the amount to be deducted from his taxes from year to year. The request was granted.

Pavement of R. T. Smith on West Third street referred to Commissioner of Highways with power to act.

Pavement of I. Roadarmel reported in bad condition. Secretary directed to notify him to lay a pavement within 20 days. James Dewitt also notified to fix his pavement, and likewise John Lewis.

No further business, adjourned.

Big Dinners and Funerals.

One of our exchanges is of the opinion it is high time the custom of having a big dinner at funerals, be abolished. The practice is a great deal more common in the country districts than anywhere else. The arrangements are usually made so as to have the services and interment over by noon, and from then on, till very often late in the evening, feasting continues, and it is really regarded by the people who believe in this sort of thing, to be an expression of hospitality, which even death cannot overshadow.

Just what led to the adoption of this usage at funerals, is not known, but it can be said in truth that there are times when a farmer will lay out hundreds of dollars for a funeral dinner, at which several hundred people will be fed, a great majority of the number being present not out of respect for the dead, but for the purpose of getting a good, square meal. In the preparation of these great feasts, or barbecues, as we may call them, in the country, the neighbors are very willing to assist. There is a big slaughter of poultry, pies and cakes are baked by the hundreds, and the grocery bill of the bereaved family is larger than it usually is for several months at a time.

The many abuses of this feasting custom require a reform. In our opinion it is high time to call a halt; it is going beyond the limit of reason and in its practice the solemnity of a funeral is entirely lost sight of.

Improvements are still going on at the Exchange Hotel. Now the halls are being newly painted, and Robert McBride has the work in hand.

The Time is Short!

And if you expect to avail yourself of this opportunity of clothing and shoeing your family, from head to foot, without the regular dealer's profit, you had better make haste. Lots are growing smaller every day.

Suits, Overcoats, Storm Coats

Boys' Reefers, Gloves, Underwear, Mackintoshes and BOOTS AND SHOES, were never retailed before at such ridiculously low prices.

Suits, Overcoats and Storm Ulsters for Men at

\$ 3.90 from \$ 5.00,	
4.50 " 6.00,	
5.50 " 7.50,	
7.50 " 10.00,	
10.00 " 13.50,	
12.00 " 15.00.	

A Saving on each of from \$1.50 to \$4.00.

Boy's Suits and Reefers and Overcoats at

\$1.50 from \$2.25.	
2.00 " 2.75.	
2.50 " 3.50.	
3.00 " 4.00.	
3.50 " 5.00.	

A Saving on Each of from 50c. to \$2.00.

Mens and Boys Hats and Caps.

19c. from 25c.	
39c. " 50c.	
50c. " 75c.	
75c. " \$1.00	
\$1.00 " 1.50	
1.50 " 2.00	
2.00 " 3.00	

SHOES.

Mens, Womens, Misses and Children's, prices that were never heard of before for such qualities.

98 cents.

For hundreds of pairs of Mens, Womens, Misses and Children's that retailed at from \$1.50 to \$3.50. Rubbers, Rubber Boots, Felts, Gaiters, all at and below cost.

Men's Underwear,

Gloves, Sweaters,

Mackintosh Coats

and Outfittings of

Every Kind at the

Actual Wholesale

Cost.

Boy's Waists at

a Sacrifice.

GIDDING & COMPANY,

The White Front,

Nearly Opposite Court House.

Two Doors Below Postoffice

THANKSGIVING DAY.

In accordance with a time-honored custom, and pursuant to the proclamation of the President of the United States, I, Daniel H. Hastings, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, November 24th, 1898, as the annual day of Thanksgiving, to be observed by the citizens of this Commonwealth.

Not since the war, which threatened the destruction of the Union, and which brought peace to a reunited country, have the people of Pennsylvania, and of the country, had so great cause for giving thanks to Almighty God, upon whose favor the happiness and true greatness of our people must always depend.

Prosperity has reigned within our borders, but the peace of our country, which has continued for a third of a century, has been interrupted by war, made necessary in the cause of humanity and in the interest of the peace of the world for the years that are to come.

The patriotism of our entire people has been made prominent by the events that have transpired within the last six months; has given new strength to our government and has added much to the love we have for our country.

The horrors of war cannot be palliated, and the losses that we have sustained we know have brought sorrow to a number of homes in our State, yet we should all be thankful for the results that have been accomplished.

To this end let our usual places of worship be attended by the citizens of our Commonwealth on this day set apart for thanksgiving and prayer, and let us renew our devotion to our country's best interests, and render thanks to Him to whom we owe every blessing.

DANIEL H. HASTINGS.

This year's Normal School Basketball Team is said to be a winner. Several games have been scheduled.

Return Judges Meet.

The return judges of this Senatorial District met in Danville on Tuesday, the four counties being represented as follows: Montour, H. C. Blue; Columbia, Clinton Herring; Lycoming, Robert Russel; Sullivan, Chester Steck. The vote of the district gives Culver 10,032 and Cochran 16,358 or a majority of 6,326.

The judicial return judges also met in Danville Tuesday, W. L. Sidler representing Montour county and William Mutchler, Columbia. The vote for Scarlet is 5,278, for Little 5,956, which gives the latter a majority of 678.

The return judges of the seventeenth congressional district met at the Court House in Sunbury on Tuesday but were compelled to adjourn on account of the law governing the soldiers vote. The Judges were: P. A. Mahon, Northumberland county, F. H. Farrell, Sullivan county, J. C. Peifer, Montour county, D. R. Coffman, Columbia county.

The official vote outside of the soldiers vote as handed in by the congressional return judges is as follows: Columbia Co.—R. K. Polk, 4761; W. H. Woodin 3584; J. M. Caldwell 369. Montour Co.—R. K. Polk 2996; W. H. Woodin 993; J. M. Caldwell 27. Northumberland Co.—R. K. Polk 6611; W. H. Woodin 6704; J. M. Caldwell 771. Sullivan Co.—R. K. Polk 1309; W. H. Woodin 1203; J. M. Caldwell 98.

C. R. Cox, Poor Director, accompanied by Dr. Honora Robbins, went to Snyder county last Wednesday to take Mrs. T. A. Shortess (late of Jamison City), who had become insane since removing, to the asylum. She could not be admitted at Danville as they already had 524 female patients and only 400 beds. Mrs. Shortess was then taken to Harrisburg. Mr. Cox left Wednesday noon and returned Thursday night.—Millville Tablet.

The floor in the Central Hotel office has been covered with linoleum.

Killed Himself on His Mother's Grave.

Another pathetic chapter in the events which have startled the city of Alleghany, for the past year, occurred on Tuesday, when Edward Beilstein killed himself on his mother's grave. The family tragedies have been as follows: About a year ago Mr. Beilstein died suddenly, while at the breakfast table. This caused his daughter to grieve, and a short time ago she killed her mother. The grief was too great, and David Reech, a relative, who lived with the family, got up one morning and ended his existence by throwing himself in front of a Pennsylvania train. And now it is feared that the son's act may cause the death of his wife, who is completely prostrated. No more startling series of fatalities have ever been recorded.

A very sad and sudden death occurred at the home of Augustus Traub on Susquehanna avenue, Sunday night at 10:45 o'clock. Mrs. Barbara Billig, of Numidia, being called to her long home. Mrs. Billig was an aunt of Mrs. Traub and came here on a visit last Tuesday. She complained of not feeling well but her condition was not considered serious. Inflammation of the bowels was the cause of death. The deceased was aged 67 years, 11 months and 8 days. The remains will be taken to Numidia Tuesday morning. The funeral service will be held there Thursday.—Sunbury Daily.—Mrs. Billig, was an aunt of our townsman Charles Reice.

Paper Free for One Month.

THE COLUMBIAN will be sent free to any person in the county, on receipt of the name and address on a postal. Don't be afraid to ask for it. You will get it only four weeks, unless ordered to be continued.

Rev. B. C. Conner, who fell two weeks ago sustaining several severe bruises, is able to be up and about again. We are glad to note this improvement.