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## WILLIAM NEAL.

An Old and Respected Citizen, After a Linger-  
ing Illness, Passes Peacefully Away.

One by one the old residents who were identified with the earlier history of Bloomsburg, are passing away, and a new generation is filling their places in the business activities of the community.

On Monday night at 11:30 o'clock, William Neal departed this life, painfully and peacefully. He was unconscious for twenty four hours before his death. For the past year it has been apparent to his friends that he was rapidly failing, and for the past few weeks his condition has been such that his death at any time would not have been a surprise. He was tenderly cared for, and watched over by his children. Dr. James B. Neal and his wife came home from China in order to be with him in his declining days, and his other children were with him much of the time. The funeral takes place today at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. D. J. Waller will conduct the services.

William Neal was born in what is now Muncy, Pa., on September 8, 1812, and his age was therefore 86 years, 4 months and 29 days. He was a son of John and Mary Neal. His mother who was a sister of the late William McKelvy, died when he was an infant, and his father died a few years later, and he became a member of the family of his uncle, William McKelvy, and resided with him until 1839. He clerked in the store, and in 1840 was taken into partnership, the firm being William McKelvy & Co.

In 1853 William McKelvy, William Neal and Jacob Mellick erected an iron furnace, and it was conducted by them until 1872, when Mr. Neal bought Mr. Mellick's interest, and in 1873 he bought Mr. McKelvy's interest and the same year took his sons Clinton W. and Robert C. in partnership, under the firm name of William Neal and Sons, and the iron business was carried on by them until 1893. Their product was nearly 10,000 tons of pig iron a year.

Mr. Neal was married to Catherine Christman in 1839, and to them were born four children, namely Clinton W. of Bloomsburg, Mrs. E. W. Elwell of Towanda, Robert C. of Harrisburg, and Mary who died at the age of four years. Mrs. Neal died in January 1850, and in June 1854 he was married to Mary L. Boyd of Danville, who bore him the following children, James B. a medical missionary in China, Anna M. widow of Morris Shipley, of Cincinnati, and Montgomery who died in infancy. Mrs. Mary L. Neal died, May 21, 1896.

But few men were more prominently connected with the progress and growth of the town than William Neal. He was identified for many years with one of the leading industries, in fact the leading industry of Bloomsburg, namely, the manufacture of pig iron. Twenty years ago, and for many years before that, the furnaces at Irondale and that of McKelvy, Neal & Co., were the only large industries here, each giving employment to several hundred men. The hills and farms all around here were rich with iron ore, and the mining, hauling, and manufacture into iron afforded a good livelihood to many families. He was identified with educational matters, being one of the trustees of the Bloomsburg Literary institute, and later on, of the Normal School. He was elected President of the Board of Trustees in 1891, and filled the position very acceptably until 1898, when he resigned because of failing health. In his young manhood he was a vestryman of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, but afterward united with the Presbyterian Church, in which he took a deep interest, holding the position of trustee for more than twenty five years. He was also an elder.

Mr. Neal was a man of strong character and determined will, and yet he was a devoted husband, and an indulgent and loving father, a good neighbor and citizen, charitable to the poor, and ever ready to help in all things that were intended for the general progress and welfare of the town. Although he has led a retired life for some years past, and was not much known to the younger generation, he will be remembered by very many as one who for a period of fifty years was one of Bloomsburg's most prominent and useful citizens.

Mrs. Anna M. Shipley came in from Cincinnati several weeks ago to be with her father in his illness, and about two weeks ago she was summoned home by the sudden death of her father-in-law. Just eleven months to the day, previous to her father's death, her husband died, so that in

eleven months she has lost her husband, father-in-law and father. Truly in her case afflictions have not come singly.

## NEWTON W. BARTON.

Died Suddenly on Monday From Heart Failure.

The unexpected death of Newton W. Barton, at his home, corner of East and Fifth streets, on Monday afternoon, was a severe shock to his family and friends. At noon he seemed to be feeling well, and in good spirits. Soon afterward he went out to shovel snow from the pavement, and while thus engaged he was seized with a severe pain in his heart, and went in the house and lay down on a couch. The pain continuing, he told his wife that he would go to his room and rest on the bed. He did so, and a few moments later his wife entered the room and found him unconscious, and he died before she could summon aid.

Mr. Barton was a son of Caleb and Mary Barton. His father died in December 1863, his dead body being found along the railroad track between here and Rupert, as he was on his way home from Ohio where he had been looking after his lands for some time. The other children besides Newton were John M., Mrs. I. W. McKelvy, both deceased, and Mrs. Amelia Butler of Bloomsburg. Newton was twice married, his first wife being Margaret Yeager of Ohio, who died without issue. His second wife is Adda, daughter of Dr. J. C. Rutter, and she with a son and daughter, Harlan and Vida, survive him. His age was 61 years, 2 months and 21 days. He was a genial, generous, warm-hearted man, of quiet disposition, and without an enemy in the world. A few years ago he united with the Episcopal church and was confirmed.

The funeral was held this morning, and the services were conducted by Rev. D. N. Kirkby.

## FOUND A CORPSE.

Neighbors Discover a Muncy Woman Dead.

We take the following article from Friday's Williamsport Sun. Mrs. Golder was a sister to Mrs. Phineas Deily, and we understand that there are several other distant relatives residing here. It says:

About 2:30 o'clock p. m. Thursday, Mrs. Sarah Golder, a well known elderly lady of Muncy, was found dead in her home, on North Market street, in that place.

Mrs. Golder lived alone, and was seen at work about the house early this morning. Later neighbors had occasion to go to the house and a search for her revealed her dead body lying on her bedroom floor. Death was due to heart failure, with which disease Mrs. Golder had suffered for some years.

About a week ago, after exerting herself, a friend remarked to the deceased that she looked tired out. To this Mrs. Golder replied that she expected to die from heart disease some day.

The deceased was about 62 years of age and is survived by one son, Charles Golder, of Palatka, Florida. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

## Annual Methodist Conference.

The annual Central Pennsylvania Methodist Conference will be held at the Ridge Avenue Methodist church in Harrisburg. The opening session will be held Wednesday morning, March 15 at nine o'clock. The sessions will be held for one week, both in the morning and in the afternoon. The morning periods will be devoted chiefly to the discussion and settling of the various business questions. The meetings in the afternoons will be for the bishop and his council, the latter being composed of the elders of the surrounding districts. Anniversary services of an elaborate and special order will be held in the evening. Bishop C. H. Fowler, D. D., LL. D., of Buffalo, will preside at the meetings of the conference.

## Sold by the Sheriff.

The following properties were sold by Sheriff Black at the Court House Saturday afternoon.

Evangelical church, property in Greenwood to J. W. Messinger of Milton and H. W. Buck of Lewisburg as tenants for \$205 00. David Martz property situate in Briarcreek township to Maggie A. Mansfield for \$200. Erastus Hendershott property in Madison township to George E. Mordan for \$200.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Regular February Term in Session.

The regular February term of Court of Quarter Sessions, convened Monday morning at ten o'clock. All the judges present.

Elijah Shutt and W. W. Barrett appointed tipstaves to wait in Court.

Petition for review of road in Beaver township near barn of J. Nuss allowed to be filed. Reviewers to be appointed in case exceptions are not sustained.

Auditor's report in the case of Joel Fulk confirmed ni si.

Auditor's report in the estate of Mathias Gingles confirmed ni si.

Estate of Benj. Zeigler report of sale confirmed ni si.

Estate of Susan B. Funston. Auditor's report confirmed ni si.

Petition for review of road in Cleveland township, near Ezra Vocum. Petition allowed to be filed to abide disposition of exceptions.

Christian Small appointed foreman of grand jury.

Frank Baum appointed constable to wait on grand jury.

Estate of John Hill. Report of sale confirmed ni si.

Auditor's report in the estate of Jacob Demott confirmed ni si.

Road in Bloomsburg and Scott twp., from near river bridge to near Funk farm bridge, confirmed nisi and width of road fixed at 50 feet.

Peter Jones vs James M. Williams. Judgment by agreement for \$875.

Recognition of Chas. Leiby and Washington Parr in the sum of \$300 for appearance of said Leiby at next term of court.

Cleveland Township Poor District vs. Middleton Township Poor District. Appeal from order of removal. Appeal allowed as prayed for.

Report of viewers in favor of a public road in Hemlock township, near dwelling house of James Gulliver, confirmed nisi.

Grand Jury makes following returns:

Commonwealth vs. Geo. Getkin. Charge, larceny. Not a true bill, and prosecutor, John Getkin, to pay costs.

Court sentenced prosecutor, John Getkin, to pay costs of prosecution, stand committed, etc.

Commonwealth vs. John Brofee. Charge, assault and battery. True bill.

Commonwealth vs. Tilden Hopper. Charge, assault and battery. True bill.

Widows' Appraisements confirmed nisi.

Register accounts confirmed nisi.

Vitale Bevilange admitted and sworn in as a citizen of the United States.

In re Petition of Michael Daily for benefit of insolvent law. Court fix the first day of May term Court at 3 p. m. for hearing.

James Lemon appointed guardian of Cora Cox minor child of Anna May Cox.

Report of Commissioners in favor of a change of township line between Jackson and Sugarloaf township confirmed absolute.

Road in Cleveland near Franklin Honberger's, Report of viewers against road confirmed absolute.

Road in Greenwood township near Wm. Davis' barn. Report of viewers against road confirmed absolute.

In petition of Thomas E. Aten for the benefit of Insolvent Laws. After taking the oath required, Court direct the discharge of said Aten.

Isaiah Rhodes appointed judge of elections in Cleveland twp., vice John Gable, resigned.

Commonwealth vs. Tilden Hopper, assault and battery. Defendant pleads guilty. Mr. Zaner sworn. Court sentenced defendant to pay costs of prosecution and fine of \$15.00, stand committed etc.

Commonwealth vs. Samuel Stills, keeping gambling house. Defendant pleads guilty, called before court and sentence suspended.

Commonwealth vs. John Brofee, assault and battery. Defendant pleads not guilty.

G. W. Knouse appointed guardian of Jennie A. Klinger. Bond in the sum of \$400.00 required.

Commonwealth vs. Stephen Cain. Continued.

Recognition forfeited to be respited on appearance of defendant at next term.

Commonwealth vs. Benj. Buck. Charge fornication and bastardy. Continued.

Grand jury makes following returns: Commonwealth vs. Chas. B. Ent, assault and battery. A true bill.

Commonwealth vs. Kersey Yeager, assault and battery. A true bill. Con-

tinued.

Bond for sale of real estate, with W. H. Sittler, J. H. Sittler, A. B. Croop and Wm. T. Ash as sureties, approved.

Commonwealth vs. John Brofee. Verdict, not guilty. Each pay one-half costs.

Court sentenced Geo. Carl and John Brofee to each pay one-half the costs, stand committed, &c.

M. E. Cox appointed tipstaff for rear of Court room.

C. W. Creveling's use vs. F. S. Nagle and J. D. Workheiser. 130 Sept. T., 1898.

Petition of J. D. Workheiser for subrogation of plaintiff. Same ordered filed and subrogation granted.

## Farmer's Institute.

Following is the program of the Farmer's Institute to be held at Millville, Friday and Saturday of this week. A cordial invitation is extended to all parties interested in agriculture, and the farmers are especially urged to attend.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON-1:30.

Organization; Prayer, Rev. D. Y. Brouse; Music, led by J. Emery Eves; Opening, Chairman; "How to make Farming pay" Gabriel Heister, Harrisburg, Pa.; Questions and Answers on Topic; Music; Recitation, Miss Edith Heller; "Corn as a Forage Crop" H. P. Armsby, State College; Questions and Answers on Topic; Music, led by J. Emery Eves; Adjournment.

### FRIDAY EVENING-7:30.

Music, led by Miss Etta Utt, Rohrsburg; Recitation, Miss Laura Parker, Rohrsburg; "Should Agriculture be Taught in Public Schools?" Gabriel Heister, Harrisburg, Pa.; Address, "Then and Now" Wm. Burgess; Remarks, Rev. D. Y. Brouse; Discussion; Recitation, Miss Grace Sutliff; Music, led by Miss Etta Utt; Adjournment.

### SATURDAY MORNING-9:30.

Prayer, Rev. M. M. Albeck; Music, led by Miss Jessie Ikeler; Question Box; "The relation of Lime and Marl to Agriculture" J. A. Fries, State College; Discussion of Topic; Recitation, Miss Sarah Rote; Music, led by Miss Lowrie; "Cost of a pound of Butter" H. P. Armsby, State College; Discussion of Topic and Question Box; Adjournment.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON-1:30.

Music, led by Miss Belle Lowrie; Recitation, Miss Mary Young; "How to build up a Dairy Herd" Gabriel Heister, Harrisburg, Pa.; Discussion of Topic; "Pennsylvania to California" Mrs. Elizabeth L. Burgess; Solo, Mr. Henry Howard; "The Barn Yard" J. A. Fries, State College; Discussion and Question Box; Music, led by Miss Belle Lowrie.

### SATURDAY EVENING-7:30.

Music, Millville Quartet; Recitation, Miss Belle Lowrie; "Country Homes" Gabriel Heister, Harrisburg, Pa.; Continuation of Subject, Rev. M. M. Albeck; Questions and Discussion; Music, Millville Quartet.

## BAND CONCERT.

Following is the program for the Band Concert, to be given at the Opera House to-morrow evening:

### PART I.

March.....Col. Quay's.....F. H. Losey  
Vocal solo.....Beauty's Eyes.....Tosti  
Mr. Francis O'Neill.  
Medley Overture.....The Best Ever.....Mackie  
Clari-et solo.....Tramp, Tramp, Tramp.....  
Rollinson.....A. H. Faulk  
Recitation.....For Dear Old Yale  
Sarah R. R. Ernest.

Southern Patrol (comic).....Voelker  
Piano solo.....Selected.....Miss Elsie Hicks  
March.....Honor Bright.....Ripley  
Junior Band  
[This band was organized by Mr. Losey in December, and has had two months' practice.]

### PART II.

Overture.....Lustspiel.....Keler-Bela  
Violin solo.....1st Air Variet.....Danelo  
Mr. Harry Harmon.  
"Chiquita".....Polka Caprice.....Mr. F. H. Losey  
(First Time from MSS.)  
Barbarossa.....Tuba Solo.....Barnhouse  
Mr. J. W. Barton.  
Vocal solo.....She Was Bred in Old Kentucky.  
Braisted.....Mr. D. J. Tasker  
Titania.....Scene De Ballet.....Sired  
Star Spangled Banner.....a La Wagner  
Mr. Frank H. Losey, Musical Director.  
Mrs. Ella M. Stump Sutliff.  
Mr. De Forrest Hammer.  
Accompanists.

Mrs. H. E. Weikel Receives Compensation for her Husband's Death.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company affected a settlement on Saturday with Mrs. H. E. Weikel, widow of one of the victims of the recent wreck at West Dunellen, N. J. The amount paid was \$4000.

Claim Agent P. J. Ferguson states that every case of injury had been settled and that several families of dead victims had also been settled with.

Snow shovelers have been very much in evidence this week.

## The Leader Department Store.

### ALL-WOOL INGRAINS.

We are closing out 6 dropped patterns. One of them is 45 cents. Made to sell for 65 cts.

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