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## DEATH OF CHRIST. SMALL.

A WELL-KNOWN AND INFLUENTIAL RESIDENT OF CLEVELAND TWP.

Called to His Long Home—He Was Prominent in Democratic Politics and Held Many Positions of Trust.

Christian Small, of Cleveland Twp., this county, died on Tuesday, February 21st, 1899.

The subject of this sketch was born in Darmstadt, Germany, November 7, 1832; came to Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, Pa., in the fall of 1851, where he was engaged in business for six years. From that place he came to Locust township, near Cleveland township, and married Louisa Bolinard, on the 19th day of May, 1857, by Robert Barnhart, a pastor of the Reformed Church, at Tamaqua. Eleven children—seven sons and four daughters—blessed their married life of forty-two years, as follows: August, now deceased, W. H. Small, merchant, Bear Gap, F. P. Small, farmer in Cleveland township, C. A. Small, attorney-at-law (and member of the firm of Rhawn & Small), J. E. Small, attorney-at-law, Shamokin, Pa., Frank Wilson, now deceased, and George H. Small, the only son at home. Matilda, intermarried with Harrison Kreisler, Caroline, now deceased, and Mary Jane, the only daughter at home. He therefore, left to survive him a widow, Louisa, five sons, one daughter and eleven grandchildren.

At the time of his death he held the offices of Overseer of the Poor and School Director. During his lifetime he has held the office of Tax Collector for about 20 years in Locust township, Overseer of the Poor, about 22 years, and School Director, for 17 years.

In his infancy he was baptized and confirmed in the Reformed faith. After his marriage he joined the Lutheran Church, at Numedia, where he held his membership at the time of his death. He was also a member of Goodwill Lodge, No. 310, I. O. O. F., for a period of nearly forty years. He always took an active part in the lodge work—never missed the meetings, unless prevented by sickness.

He was a member of the grand jury at February sessions, of which body he was foreman, he contracted a cold on his road home from Court which terminated in Pneumonia and caused his death. He was a kind father, a good citizen and neighbor. The chair in the home made vacant by him will never be filled, but what is the loss of his presence to his friends compared to the reward given to a life as he lived in the eternal world where no pains and sorrows can reach him.

The funeral will take place at his late residence on Saturday February 25th 1899, at ten o'clock, Rev. F. A. Weizksel officiating, and at his request will receive an Odd Fellows' burial. Let his noble life be an example to us. He was aged 66 years, 3 months, and 14 days.

**Death of Mrs. Harriet Young.**  
Mrs. Harriet Young, relict of the late Robert Young, died at her home on Fourth street, this town, Monday morning. The deceased had been in rather poor health for a long time from heart trouble, and her death was not unexpected. She was about sixty-eight years of age and is survived by a daughter, Miss Katharine, of Wilkes-Barre, and two sons—Deemer, of Shamokin, and Robert, of town. Mrs. Young, during her entire life, has devoted all her time to her family, and her loving, tender care, and good example, has manifested itself in the lives and character of her sons and daughter.

The funeral took place yesterday, conducted by Rev. B. C. Conner, of the Methodist Church, of which the deceased was a member.

**New Bridge at Rupert.**

The Reading railway has received bids for the construction and erection of a through single track steel bridge, to replace the wooden structure, across the Susquehanna River at Rupert, on the Catawissa Branch. The new bridge will have a total length of 1,413 feet, with nine spans of an average length of 158 feet, and is estimated to cost about \$85,000. Since the reorganization of the old Reading Railroad the new company has been gradually replacing the wooden bridges with substantial steel structures, and the building of the new bridge at Rupert is in line with that policy.

**Thousands of Quail Perished.**  
Conductor Horace C. Moore, of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, who has charge of one of the mail trains between Reading and Philadelphia, takes a deep interest in hunting, and has assisted for several years in stocking eastern Pennsylvania with quail. He is of the opinion that thousands of quail perished in Berks and adjoining counties during the recent blizzard, especially birds that were unable to get under cover. Conductor Moore believes that an effort should be made to re-stock this district with quail, and that the birds should be brought from Kansas.

**Anti Saloon Rally.**  
Sunday Feb. 26th is to be Anti Saloon Sunday in Bloomsburg and vicinity. Rev. J. H. Keeley, District Superintendent for the North East District of Pennsylvania is to be present and have to assist him, Rev. Wm. H. Gotwald D. D., of Washington City, and one or two other ministers of ability. Arrangements are made to preach upon the "aims and plans of work of the Anti-Saloon League", in three or four pulpits in the morning and the same number in the evening, thus reaching the usual congregations of the churches of the city and in the near vicinity in one day. The ministers of Bloomsburg welcome the movement cordially, and the visiting ministers may expect a generous hearing. All denominations are represented in this movement.

**Food Commissioner Wells at Work.**  
State Food Commissioner Wells, at present in Pittsburg, said to an interviewer in that city the other day: "I have been gathering preservatives of meat in different parts of the State, which I have been forwarding to our state chemists at Harrisburg to be analyzed. We are satisfied that chemicals are being used by nearly all the large meat houses of the country, and after we make a complete investigation as to what chemicals are being used the matter will probably go into the hands of the Attorney General." If the evil exist upon a national scale, as the Commissioner apprehends it obviously calls for national treatment. The Attorney Gen. at Harrisburg may have a duty in the matter, but the higher would seem to rest with the Attorney General at Washington.—*Towanda Argus.*

**School Appropriations.**  
Rapid Payments Being Made at The State Treasury.

State Treasurer Beacom is rapidly distributing the school appropriation on warrants from the school department and his distribution has given very satisfactory results so far. The new method of apportionment seems to be regarded by country and city districts alike as the most equitable that has been devised. Philadelphia county gets the largest slice out of the appropriation of any single district, over \$800,000 going into the coffers of the Quaker City board of education. Of this amount all but \$50,000 has been paid. The receipt from taxes on State corporations have not swelled the treasury's funds as much as had been expected and the prompt payments on the school appropriations will bring the balance on hand at the end of this month somewhat below the million dollar mark.

**The Local Paper's Hold.**  
The attachment of subscribers to a well-conducted newspaper is fully confirmed by publishers. So long as a paper pursues a just, honorable and judicious course, says the Springfield, Vt., Reporter, meeting the wants of its customers in all respects, the ties of friendship between the subscriber and the paper are as hard to break up by an outside third party as the links which bind old friends in business or social life. Occasional defects and errors in a newspaper are overlooked by those who have become attached through its perusal for years. They sometimes become displeased with it on account of something which has slipped into its columns, and may stop taking it, but absence of the familiar sheet at their homes or offices for a few weeks becomes a privation, and they conclude to take it again. No friendship on earth is more constant than that contracted by a reader for a journal that makes an honest and earnest effort to merit continued support.

The great uncertainty of politics was demonstrated in several of the local offices at Tuesday's election.

## MRS. H. D. MANNING.

After a Protracted Illness, Succumbs to an Attack of Heart Failure, on Friday Afternoon.

After an illness, extending through three or more years, Katharine, wife of H. D. Manning, of East Fourth street, departed this life. The deceased was formerly a Miss Gruver, a daughter of John Gruver, and was born in Hemlock township in 1851, being at the time of her death forty-eight years of age. She was a sufferer from paralysis, but the immediate cause of her death was heart failure. Besides her husband, she is survived by three children—one daughter and two sons.

Though in poor health for several years as above stated, she has attended to her household up to within a short time of her death.

Mrs. Manning was a well known and highly esteemed lady, and when her health would permit of it, was very much interested in church work. Her many good qualities will ever be remembered in the home, which her death has saddened, and by her many other relatives and friends.

The funeral took place from the house Monday afternoon at three o'clock, conducted by Rev. B. C. Conner of the Methodist church.

**Miss Margaret McReynolds Dead.**

Miss Margaret McReynolds died at her home on South Market street, Muncy, Tuesday morning of last week, after a brief illness of bronchial catarrh. She was born in Madison township, Columbia county, in 1820. She was 79 years of age. She was well known in Muncy, having been in the millinery business here for over 30 years. She was the daughter of the late Andrew McReynolds, ex-Sheriff and County Treasurer of Columbia county in the early twenties, and a niece of the late Associate Judge John McReynolds, of the same county. One brother survives her, Samuel P. McReynolds, of Muncy.

The funeral took place from her late home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment private, in Muncy Cemetery.—*Muncy Luminary.*

**W. O. HOLMES ELECTED.**  
HE DEFEATED PAUL E. WIRT FOR MAYOR BY 145 MAJORITY.

R. H. Ringler Elected Justice of the Peace.—  
The Successful Councilmen.—Ward Elections.

There was very little interest displayed at the election on Tuesday, save for the office of Justice of the Peace, and the result was a complete surprise to everybody. From the time the polls opened until they closed at seven o'clock, watchers were on hand, buttonholing every or nearly every voter, and urging him to cast his ballot for the man whose cause he was espousing. The Prohibitionists had only one candidate in the field, Fred B. Hartman, for Member of Town Council and was elected. The vote in general was light.

The complete result for all the Town offices is as follows:

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Total
President of Council.					
W. O. Holmes.....	113	162	168	158	601
Paul E. Wirt.....	105	83	160	108	456
Members of Council.					
W. L. Demaree.....	159	351	248	153	911
Theo. L. Smith.....	353	198	401	105	847
John H. Cox.....	286	182	316	175	959
Con Cronin.....	111	90	215	479	895
Geo. M. Lockard.....	128	327	232	191	878
Fred B. Hartman.....	97	87	228	231	643
School Director.					
James C. Brown.....	167	173	379	240	959
C. A. Klein.....	170	171	365	262	868
Justice of the Peace.					
C. C. Yetter.....	41	79	80	79	279
John M. Clark.....	84	82	110	88	364
R. H. Ringler.....	58	92	130	107	487
F. P. Ortkner.....	6	8	4	4	22
Notables.					
John W. Gibbs.....	133	149	247	139	640
Miles W. Betz.....	194	285	128	197	704
H. M. McBride.....	11	27	19	8	65
Francis H. Drake.....	29	45	129	211	414
Juditors.					
G. E. Wilbur.....	132	148	263	177	690
A. H. Bloom.....	124	123	196	247	690
Wm. Kriebbaum.....	145	159	246	93	643
Peter H. Frazier.....	141	184	267	201	793
Judge of Election.					
George L. Moyer.....	78				78
Chas. L. Penayl.....	133				133
F. E. Eyler.....	118				118
T. E. Sande.....	117				117
Geo. Billig.....	144				144
W. H. Utz.....	176				176
Geo. B. Martin.....	79				79
J. W. Sands.....	167				167
William Kashner.....					
Inspector of Election.					
C. P. Sloan.....	98				98
F. C. Eyer.....	108				108
C. Heiderhott.....	117				117
George Yost.....	113				113
Jacob Millard.....	150				150
W. A. Evert.....	149				149
C. H. Sharpless.....	100				100
John Wambach.....	187				187
Registry Assessor.					
A. M. Wintersteen.....	95				95
C. B. Christman.....	115				115
Wm. Coffman.....	113				113
Frank Baum.....	131				131
Roy R. Raiston.....	154				154
Clem R. Weiss.....	168				168
Daniel Kasher.....	91				91
W. C. Curran.....	67				67
Peter Jones (td)...	117				117

## A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE

By a Commander in the Late Rebellion, to the Members of His Regiment, of Which Our Townsman Zach Thomas Was One.

We herewith re-print a copy of the letter received by Mr. Zach. Thomas, July 21, 1865, which may be of interest to old soldiers and their friends. The copy was handed to THE COLUMBIAN reporter by Guy Jacoby, Esq.: HEADQUARTERS 6TH IOWA V. V. INFANTRY, LOUISVILLE, KY., July 21, 1865. Officers and Sailors of the 6th Iowa V. V. Infantry:

Peace has dawned upon the Nation. The Union is restored. Forts and public property are re-possessed.

The serpent that darted, with poisonous fangs, at the vitals of the Republic, no longer tempts the statesman. Its head is fatally bruised, and it has no mourners.

At your hands no further sacrifices are demanded, and our beneficent Government, having gratefully acknowledged your patriotic services, to-morrow, restores you to our beloved Iowa.

Your mediate commanding officers, in bidding you farewell, added each a worthy tribute to your valor, endurance, fidelity and patriotism.

It seems fitting that I, who have been more intimately associated with you during these four eventful years, should repeat the "God bless you," as it passes down the line.

You have not advertised, yet your regiment is not unknown. It has marched seven thousand miles. It has fought twenty-seven battles. Over four hundred Southern graves its name is written. Its flag was never lowered to the accursed emblem of treason.

With comrades, from sister states, you swept the enemy from Missouri; mingled in the terrific struggle of Shiloh; scoured Mississippi; laid siege to Vicksburg; captured Jackson; scaled Lookout Mountain; relieved Knoxville; pursued a stubborn foe from Resacca, Dallas, New Hope Church, Big Shanty, Kennesaw, Chattahoochie, Peachtree Creek, Ezra Chapel, Jonesboro, Lovejoy, and Atlanta. Together with the brigade you repulsed at Griswoldville, a force of five times its numbers, marched down to the sea; thence, through the Carolinas, and terminated your glorious campaigns with triumphal procession, amid the plaudits of your countrymen, at the Federal capital.

I shall not presume to advise for the future. There are those who, looking to another continent for precedent, unmindful that the American soldier is yet a citizen, and battles only in defense of law enacted by the people, are apprehensive that a degree of lawlessness and anarchy will follow the disbandment of a great army. Their fears will soon be dissipated. Intelligent men never voluntarily resign the enjoyments of home, and breast the battle storm, to serve a Government they do not respect, or defend institutions they do not love. A volunteer soldier is a patriot. Patriotism dictates ready and cheerful obedience to the Constitution and the laws.

Loved ones will rejoice at your safe return. Others will weep as your battle-torn banners are borne proudly through their streets. Fathers, brothers, sons, and husbands, have fallen by your side. Tell the sorrowing father, the weeping widow, and the mourning sister, "He died bravely at the iron front. The Southern breeze, that sighs a requiem over the resting place of your loved one, shall never fan a slave." But how idle is human consolation. God alone can assuage their grief.

Twill be alike your pleasure and duty to stand faithful sentinels at the threshold of the orphan's home. Guard it well, that gaunt Famine, Starvation and Want, shall never enter there.

With many thanks for your personal kindness, and implicit obedience to orders, while under my command, I bid you farewell.

May your paths ever wind through pleasant places, and your future lives be prosperous and happy, as your deeds have been glorious and honorable.

W. H. CLUNE, Lieutenant Colonel Commanding.

A. H. Corell, a printer of town, was awarded a government contract some time ago to print 80,000 slips, such as are used by railway postal clerks, cut them to the proper size, and deliver that number to the post-office every evening. He received \$50 per month for the work. He has concluded that there is entirely too much labor connected with the contract, for the amount of pay there is in it, and has thrown it up, and we don't blame him one bit.

## BEN GIDDING.

We have a number of Storm and Dress \* Overcoats which we will close out BELOW COST, to make room for Spring Goods, which are coming in daily.

Our stock for Spring will be brand new and up to date, and will guarantee the prices to be right.

Have received shipments of advance Spring Shirts, Hats and Neckwear.

Your patronage respectfully solicited.

BEN GIDDING, Formerly Gidding & Co.

April First AND MOVING.

New Carpet and Furniture naturally follow moving, and we want to keep you in mind of our Unrivalled Stock.

Here are a few points to keep steadily in mind. There isn't any stock of Carpets between Scranton and Williamsport equal to ours. Even our competitors admit that.

There isn't a Carpet Room so nicely adapted to showing goods as ours.

What ever we tell you about goods is absolutely true.

Now Then For Prices!

We will give you an honest all wool Extra Super Ingrain, slightly soiled at the selvage for 45 cents. It cost more than that to make it. We have some dropped patterns we will sell for 50 cents. Our newest and freshest goods patterns never seen in Bloomsburg before 63 cents. A wool filled we will sell for 50c.

For an up stairs room, not much used we have a cotton carpet at 12 1/2 cents, it would be cheap at 15 cents. We have 8 patterns in our 25 cent goods, and this goods is sold all over the country at that price.

Body Brussels, Velvets, Tapestry Brussels.

We started to tell you about these new fresh goods; but we simply say—come and look at them. They are brand new, right from the looms and patterns are private to us in Bloomsburg. Even though you don't want to buy, come and see them.

The prices you will find as low as quoted by the largest retail houses in the cities. We have bought 5000 yards of these goods, have put the price down to a close cash figure, for we intend selling all of them this spring.

We are closing out some dropped patterns in Brussels as low as 55 cents.

We suit all tastes and pocketbooks.

Special bargain in some shop worn Art Squares. Some at half price. Next week we will give you special figures on furniture.

The Leader Store Co., Ltd.