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PETER S. HARMAN.

Death Claimed Him Last Sunday. After a Long Illness.

A man who has long been identified with the business interests of Bloomsburg has passed away. Peter S. Harman, after an illness of many months, died peacefully at six o'clock on Sunday morning, aged 68 years, 4 months and 10 days. His death was caused by cirrhosis of the liver and degeneration of the organs generally, as shown by an autopsy held on Monday. He had been ill so long, and so many times seemingly at the point of death that his demise was not unexpected, and yet when it did come it was received with sadness and regret by a large circle of friends.

Mr. Harman was born in Orangeville, Columbia county, June 5, 1831. He was a son of George and Mary (Knorr) Harman. Two brothers survive him, James B., of Orangeville, and Henry C., of Downingtown. His father was a native of Northumberland county and when he came to Columbia county settled first at Millville and later moved to Orangeville where he followed the tanning business, and died there in 1881. Peter learned the trade of a moulder when but thirteen years of age with L. H. Maus, then of this town, and followed it at different places until 1861, when he engaged in business for himself in Mahanoy City where he operated a machine shop and foundry for about three years. Later he came to Bloomsburg and formed a partnership with B. F. Sharpless and carried on the iron business for several years in the old foundry that stood at the intersection of Third and Centre streets.

Later on the partnership with Mr. Sharpless was dissolved and a new firm formed by Mr. Harman and Mr. George Hassert under the present well-known name of Harman & Hassert, and the business prospered from the beginning. Mr. Hassert died October 26th, 1889, since which time until a little over six months ago Mr. Harman gave the firm's affairs close and personal attention, always ranking among the foremost of active wide-awake and successful business men. He was the oldest practical manufacturer in the iron industry in this section of the state.

He served a year or two as member of the Town Council, and in 1837 he was elected to the position of President of Town Council, re-elected in 1888 and 1889, and again in 1891. The fact of his repeated re-election shows that he performed his duties faithfully, and with satisfaction to his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Harman was a prominent Mason. He was a member and past officer in each of the following bodies, and had been treasurer of Caldwell Consistory up to within a year ago: Washington Lodge No. 265, F. & A. M., Bloomsburg Chapter No. 218 Royal Arch Masons, Mt. Moriah Council No. 10, R. & S. M., Crusade Commandry No. 12, Knights Templar, Caldwell Consistory, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, of thirty-second degree, Irem Temple M. S. and Orient Conclave No. 2, Red Cross of Constantine.

In 1856 Mr. Harman was married to Miss Rebecca Freeze, and unto them were born nine children, seven of whom with their mother are living, namely: Grace wife of Daniel Butler, Fanny wife of W. E. Hartman, Jennie wife of A. H. Stroh, J. Lee, John G., Mary and Paul, all residing in Bloomsburg except Mrs. Stroh who lives in Pittston.

Mr. Harman was an active and useful citizen. Under his skillful guidance the extensive car shops and foundry of Harman & Hassert became one of the leading industries of the town, employing a large number of hands, and they never shut down during all the hard times. He will be missed in the family circle and in business circles.

The funeral took place on Wednesday at two o'clock. The services at the house were conducted by Rev. D. N. Kirkby, and the burial was in charge of the Masons whose beautiful ritual was read. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful.

Rev. Maher's Illness.

Rev. Daniel Maher, assistant rector at St. Ignatius Church, at Centralia, has gone to his home at Manayunk and expects to undergo a course of treatment at St. Joseph's hospital, at Philadelphia. The young priest is very popular among the people at Centralia, who all hope to see him speedily restored to health.

COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR.

A Fine Exhibition and Large Crowds.

The Bloomsburg Fair has again come and gone, and the town has resumed its ordinary condition. On Thursday and Friday the streets were thronged until noon, by which time nearly everybody had gone to the fair. The weather was all that could have been wished, too warm if anything.

The exhibits were up to the usual standard, and the fairs and shows were everywhere.

According to the reports sent from here to the city papers, the fair was attended by 75,000 people, Wednesday being put at 10,000, Thursday at 25,000, and Friday at 40,000. These figures are preposterous. There is nothing to be gained by such exaggeration. It does the fair no good, and it does the management harm by arousing suspicion as to what becomes of such enormous receipts.

The facts are that there were about 2,000 people on the grounds on Wednesday, and the total attendance for the three days was not 40,000. We can state with authority that about 25,000 tickets were sold altogether, and the children under 12, stand people, horsemen, fakirs, judges, attendants, etc., may have run up to thirty or forty thousand.

THE RACES.

Wednesdays races were very exciting and furnished considerable surprise, especially in the 2:40 class, when Dr. D. owned by James Reed of Baltimore, went in 2:22. Following is a summary:

2:30 CLASS TROTTING.—PURSE \$300.
Epoch, b. g. E. Smith, Wilkes-Barre, 1:11
Lord Middleton, br. g. W. Phillips, Wilkes-Barre, 1:11
Kate Medium, br. m. P. Sherwood, Jersey, 3:42
Point Breeze, br. g. Thomas Johnson, Northumberland, 2:22, 2:28, 2:28
Time—2:22, 2:28, 2:28

2:10 CLASS PACING.—PURSE \$300.
Dumont, W. P. Hamlin, Onadaga Valley, N. Y., 1:11
Doris, m. Weaver Bros. Montoursville, 2:24
Miracle, blk. g. M. L. Kessler, Northumberland, 3:43
Allwood, b. g. M. L. Perrin, Pittston, 4:12
Harry R, b. g. C. D. Baker, Bortsville, 5:55
Time—2:19, 2:19, 2:19

2:30 CLASS PACING.—PURSE \$300.
Doctor D, b. g. Jas. Reed, Baltimore, Md., 1:11
Marta B, b. m. E. Smith, Wilkes-Barre, 2:22
Nannie Mahan, blk. m. A. H. Miller, Girardsville, 4:23
Time—2:22, 2:22, 2:22

When Starter Smith, tapped the bell, calling up the first race on Thursday afternoon every available seat in the grand stand was occupied, and even standing room was at a premium. While the races were not so interesting as on the previous day, yet the sport was thoroughly enjoyed, and the crowd was satisfied to remain in the stand until the final heat of the last event. The summary:

2:30 CLASS PACING.—PURSE \$300.
Miracle, blk. g. T. M. Kessler, Northumberland, 1:11
Sallie Derby, b. m. Irvin C. Grey, Stormstown, 2:24
Dr. Flyer, br. g. Weaver Bros. Montoursville, 3:43
Time—2:22, 2:22, 2:22

2:30 CLASS TROTTING.—PURSE \$300.
Saracinesca, s. m. Elwood Smith, Wilkes-Barre, 1:11
Light Lunch, b. g. A. W. Carlisle, Harrisburg, 2:22
Prince M, b. g. W. S. Fletcher, Herrick Centre, Pa., 4:23
Time—2:22, 2:22, 2:22

2:10 CLASS TROTTING OR PACING.—PURSE \$300.
Besse A, b. m. H. L. Perrin, Pittston, 1:11
Dumont, W. P. Hamlin, Onadaga Valley, N. Y., 2:22
Antonia, ch. s. A. H. Miller, Girardsville, 4:23
Time—2:22, 2:22, 2:22

The races on Friday proved the chief attraction. Long before the hour for opening the grand stand had arrived, hundreds of people had congregated at the entrance clamoring for admittance. When the door was finally opened, the crowd made a grand rush, and it is doubtful if the stand was ever filled so rapidly in the history of the Association, as it was on Friday. Every race was hotly contested, and the announcement at the end of the first heat of the free-for-all that Democracy had won first blood in 2:08½ was greeted with tremendous applause. As the old saying is, it was anybody's race, until the last heat was over, and while Democracy won in three straight order, his lead, at the finish, all three times was only trifling. Following is a complete summary:

FREE-FOR-ALL.—PURSE \$400.
Democracy, s. g. J. G. Milburn, Chester, Pa., 1:11
King of Diamonds, b. g. M. P. Moore, Utica, N. Y., 2:22
Sterling, s. s. T. J. Muldagh, Paterson, Pa., 3:43
Time—2:08½, 2:09½, 2:09½

2:30 CLASS PACING.—PURSE \$300.
Doctor D, b. g. Jas. Reed, Baltimore, Md., 1:11
Jack Horner, b. g. William F. McWh., 1:44 1/2
Lions, b. m. W. S. Fletcher, 2:22 1/2
Luella M. C. C. br. m. Irvin C. Grey, Stormstown, Pa., 3:43 1/2
Tony Wilkes, blk. g. Hall Roghart, Williamsport, Pa., 4:12 1/2
Time—2:22½, 2:23½, 2:23½, 2:23½, 2:23½

2:30 CLASS PACING.—PURSE \$300.
Light Lunch, br. g. A. W. Carlisle, Harrisburg, Pa., 1:12 1/4
Waldorf, br. m. J. H. Willetts, West Lebanon, Pa., 2:11 1/2
Prince M, b. g. W. S. Fletcher, Herrick Centre, Pa., 3:43 1/2
Point Breeze, br. g. Thomas Johnson, Northumberland, 4:44 1/2
Time—2:23½, 2:23½, 2:23½, 2:23½

NOTES OF THE FAIR.

One of the handsomest booths in the pavilion at the fair was that of J. H. Mercer. It was under a canopy of bunting and flags, and consisted of a beautiful display of lamps, of the

celebrated, Miller and other makes.

As usual J. Saltzer's display of pianos, organs, graphophones, and sewing machines, was one of the chief centres of attraction. There was good music to be heard most of the time, and Jerry as usual was in a happy mood.

The display of the Hawley-Slate Furniture Co., was a very attractive one, consisting of bed room suits and side boards. This firm is gaining a wide reputation. They recently had an exhibit on exhibition in New York. Their goods are sold here exclusively by F. P. Pursel, at whose store a full line of samples can be seen. The workmanship is first class, and the prices extremely low for the class of goods.

Walter Trappe was also among the exhibitors with a very creditable display of electrical apparatus.

The booth occupied by Gomer Thomas, the well known dealer in pianos, organs and musical merchandise was thronged with visitors every day of the four. Fine music was discoursed by able performers, and it kept Mr. Thomas and his assistants busy handing out souvenirs, in the shape of cards, ribbons, etc.

One of the most meritorious side shows on the ground was "Jerry" the monstrous steer, whose weight is claimed to be over four thousand pounds. He was certainly a fine specimen, and the admission price, which was 10 cents, was by no means exorbitant. There were numerous other shows scattered about the ground, but the most of them received a deservedly small patronage.

It is estimated that the races this year cost the society nearly double what they did last year. This was caused by the unusual small entry list, and beside this, in order to fill the races up, it was necessary to offer some of the horse owners some extra inducements.

Death of a Young Lady.

We are called upon to chronicle the sad death of Miss Sydney Milnes who died at her home in Espy on last Sunday, at the age of 22 years. She was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Milnes. The immediate cause of her demise is attributed to heart failure. Some months ago she accepted a position in Scranton apparently in the best of health, but the change seemed detrimental, she being ill much of the time while absent. She soon found it necessary to return to her home in Espy where it was hoped she would recuperate, but the pleasant surroundings and most tender nursing was in vain, and she finally succumbed as stated above.

"City," by which name we have known her, was a young lady of exceptional qualities. Hers was a gentle and lovable disposition, always kind, pleasant and obliging. Her life was one constant ray of sunshine, leaving nothing to be said of her except in words of highest praise. She made no distinctions, all whom she knew she considered friends, and her friends were legion. She was an ardent religious worker, being a member of the Methodist church.

Funeral services were held at the house on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. H. D. Flannigan officiating. The sympathy of the community is with the bereaved family.

That Wild Man.

A couple of weeks ago we published an article stating that two young men somewhere in the State had conceived the idea that a wild man from the Philippines would be a drawing card at the fairs. Accordingly they hired a colored man to be a wild creature, dressed him suitably, and put him in a cage. They put on both Regiment uniforms and claimed they had captured him near Manila. It proved a good investment.

The scheme has been copied, and there were two wild men in cages on the fair grounds. They appeared very savage, ate raw meat and drank some red liquid called blood. When one of these wild men was seen on Saturday morning, dressed in tame clothes and assisting in taking down the iron cage in which it was necessary to confine him the day before, it was pretty good evidence that he was an ordinary United States coon instead of a Wild Man from Manila. These new fakes seemed to draw quite a crowd, but we were not among the number.

Democracy's performance in the free for all race, at the Fair on Friday—a mile in 2:08½—gives the Bloomsburg track the third best record in the United States for a half mile.

The Columbian PUZZLES.

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D. J. TASKER, Asst. Manager.

CONDITIONS.

The conditions upon which the prizes are awarded for answers to the puzzles are these:

1st. The first prize will be awarded to the answer bearing the earliest postmark as shown by the stamp at the Bloomsburg post office, and the second prize to the correct answer next received at this office.

2nd. No prizes will be awarded unless correct answers are received.

3rd. Only subscribers to the "COLUMBIAN" or a member of their family can compete, and each answer must be accompanied by the following coupon. Cut it out and write your name and address on it plainly.

COLUMBIAN PUZZLE COUPON.

NAME

ADDRESS

Last week's puzzles were not as easy as those of the week before and not as many answers were received, but again Master Silas S. Riddle of town, was too quick for the other contestants and captured first prize, and Mrs. Alice B. Kashner, also of town, took the second.

The following puzzle is longer than usual, and does not leave space for a variety, but it is a good one. It is worked the same as that of Sept. 21. The prizes are, first: Wirt Fountain Pen, and second, 25 printed visiting cards.

GEOGRAPHICAL PUZZLE.

On a clear but cold day in *cape in New Jersey, an island on the west coast of England named cape in Virginia*, with his brother *cape in the same State a little farther south*, mounted on good strong horses, the color of one a *river in France*, and the other, a *sea in southern Europe*, and followed by their dog named *river in Russia*, started on a hunting excursion. They were well armed with rifles and revolvers, and their hunting ground was a broad prairie. They had not gone far before they saw a *river in Tennessee* on a pond near. One of the hunters fired, and when the smoke floated away, and the air became a *cape in Ireland*, they saw the game floating on the surface, a *sea in Palestine*. Soon they saw a huge *city in New York*, roaming over the *river in Kentucky* prairie. The *city in New Hampshire* eye of the first hunter saw it, and he said, "As the day is, *country in South America*, let us have a *cape in Newfoundland* after the game; not both together, for that would be *islands on the south-west coast of England*. I will follow leisurely while you make a circuit, to that piece of *lake in Canada*, where the *islands in the Spanish West Indies* are thickest. The animal ran hard for his *town in Missouri (also in Texas)*, but coming near the ambush, was wounded in *his city in France*. Turning on the pursuing hunter, he charged in a *great straits near Prince William's Land*. The man being in *cape in North Carolina* of the fierce beast's *cape in the north of Scotland*, turned his horse, keeping a sharp *cape in North Carolina* on the pursuing foe. At that moment, a second ball from the hidden hunter struck his *cape in South America* and the animal fell stunned. A third shot killed him. Leaving stuck in the carcass a scarecrow made of a blown up bladder to frighten away a *river in North America*, which, at a distance was making a *great lake in the north woods of New York State* to attract his companions, they pursued their way. They found game very plenty. They shot a *river in Utah*, a *river in Canada that flows in James Bay*, a *town in Pennsylvania*, a *river in Wisconsin, an island on the Maine coast*, and a *cape in Nova Scotia*. They also shot among other birds a *town in Wisconsin* and a *river in Canada*. Indians were seen, but they were all *islands in Polynesia*.

Being tired and hungry they took dinner, but as they had no *straits in New Zealand*, and no *mountain near Moosehead Lake in Maine*, they took it cold. It consisted of slices of roast *country in Europe and Asia* and *islands in the North Pacific*, each. I

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"The young man who does not heed his dress is neglecting one of the most important steps to a successful career."



TOP COATS

If you think of buying a top coat this season we would like to show you the new styles made by

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English Covert Cloths and Whipcords, Cheviots, Vicunas and soft finished Kerseys, silk sleeve linings, strap seams, horn buttons; also made of the stylish double-faced goods with fancy plaid back.

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TAILOR-MADE CLOTHES.

Our prices are from \$7.50 in these fine Coats. We also have others that sell at \$3.98, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$15.00. Our line of Overcoats is the best shown in Bloomsburg. Come in and look over our line and satisfy yourself.

BEN. GIDDING

Leading Clothier,
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

The Leader Department Store.

Free to Everyone.

During Fair week we have decided to see as many of our old and new friends as possible, and to give them a token of our appreciation. So to every purchaser of \$2.00 worth of goods we will give, absolutely free, a carpet, suitable for a buggy or carriage. Some are more expensive than others, but in this case, it will be "first come, first served."

You Won't Buy Furniture

During that week. You are going to see the fun and the crowd, and won't bother with the heavier things. But we have a number of special bargains for that week, easily chosen and easily carried.

Dress Goods.

New lines from New York and Philadelphia—just in. All prices.

Fancy Lamps and Jardinieres.

A select, tasteful assortment, and prices reasonable.

Fancy Tables.

The finest workmanship shown in Bloomsburg. Made by the best house in the East, and styles confined to us.

Carpet Remnants.

We have just bought 1,000 remnants from the Carpet Works. Part wools, all wools and Brussels. Every housewife knows how handy they are around the house. During Fair week we will give you free the necessary fringe for every remnant purchased. Every other store in town will charge you from 10 to 15c. a yard for this fringe, but we will give it to you free.

Prices, including fringe: Cotton, 15c.; wools, 25c.; Brussels, 50c.

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