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GEORGE M. LOCKARD, DEAD.

He Was One of Bloomsburg's Most Successful Business Men.

George M. Lockard died at his home on East First Street, this town, yesterday afternoon, aged 64 years, 6 months and 3 days. His death was the result of paralytic stroke with which he was afflicted on Sunday.

George M. Lockard was born in Briarcliff township, near Berwick, June 6, 1835, a son of John and Elizabeth (Seybert) Lockard. His father was a carpenter and our subject when but fourteen years old began learning the same trade. He obtained his education in the schools of the vicinity and completed his studies at the academy at New Columbus, Luzerne Co., Pa.; subsequently he taught school during winters for five terms, and for about five years owned and operated a boat on the canal. In 1861 or 1862 he again returned to his trade, in the employ of Jackson & Woodin in the capacity above mentioned and remained with them until he came to Bloomsburg. He married April 7, 1864, Esther J. Thompson. Mr. Lockard was a democrat and an active worker in the interests of his party; has served on various occasions as delegate to the county and State conventions, and has also been a member of the town council.

He was engaged in the car building business with J. K. Lockard from 1872 until a few years ago when they sold out to the Bloomsburg Car Mfg. Co. The business was successful, and Mr. Lockard accumulated a comfortable fortune.

Funeral services will be held Saturday.

ORGAN RECITAL.

An organ recital will be given in St. Paul's Church on Tuesday evening, January 9th, by Edgar L. Fulmer, organist of Grace Lutheran Church, Reading. Mr. Fulmer gave two recitals on the large organ in the Auditorium of the National Export Exposition in Philadelphia last month, and the city papers spoke very highly of him. The program will not be composed entirely of selections that no one but educated musicians can understand, but will include some popular numbers. It is also expected that there will be some vocal numbers. The church will hold 500 people comfortably, and it ought to be filled. No tickets will be sold, but silver contributions will be received at the door. Remember the date, January 9th, and make your arrangements so that you can attend, as we believe we can safely promise that it will be the best organ recital that has yet been given in Bloomsburg.

A Tremendous, Inspiring, Spectacular Attraction.

The above appellation has been properly applied to this season's production of Colonel Robinson's latest stage spectacle, "Old Southern Life." Over thirty genuine black men, women and children, direct from Southland, appear in this most novel and diverting entertainment. Among the many pleasing offerings will be found the renowned Alabama double quartette (four men and four women) in inspiring plantation melodies and up to date specialties, the great cotton-picking scene, the majestic musical quintette, Mlle. Estelle, the "Black Melba," in selections from Grand Opera, a master symphony concert orchestra, a mammoth buck and wing dancing concert, the most elaborate cake walk ever offered for review introducing many celebrated prize medal cake walkers in gorgeous and grotesque raiment. This innovation alone is worth the price of admission to witness. The big free street parade at noontime is said to be an unusually prodigious affair, employing two bands of music and many novel displays. This big black alliance will appear at the Opera House on Saturday afternoon and evening, Dec. 16th.

Quick Work.

The Normal Quarterly, a magazine of forty pages, was published on Saturday. The printing of the last pages was completed at nine o'clock that morning. The sheets were all folded, gathered, stapled, bound, trimmed and delivered by five o'clock in the afternoon. There were 1000 copies. It is unnecessary to say that the work was done at the COLUMBIAN office.

Efforts are now being made to raise funds to complete the Memorial Church of the Prince of Peace at Gettysburg. The walls were completed over ten years ago.

DECEMBER COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The second week of December court for the trial of civil cases convened Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Arthur W. Coleman vs. Mary Coleman, divorce. Master's report against the decree filed and approved.

In re distribution of funds arising from Sheriff's sale of real estate of A. S. Kramer, auditor's report confirmed nisi.

The following were excused from jury duty: J. H. Caterall, J. C. Furman, of Berwick; D. W. Lenahan, of Conyngham and Fohr McHenry of Benton.

W. B. Cole vs. Jno. Robbins et al. Motion to quash appeal. Rule granted.

In re habitual drunkenness of Francis P. Drinker. Inquisition and finding of inquest before the commissioner, filed. The finding says that by reason of habitual intoxication and drunkenness he is incapable of managing his person and estate.

E. J. Kitchen vs. David Savage. Feigned issue. Plea non assumpt. On motion of Plaintiff's attorney a non suit is granted.

On Tuesday court was held in both rooms. Hon. Robt. R. Little, presiding in room No. 1 and Hon. C. R. Savidge, of Sunbury in room No. 2.

The case of Joseph G. Swank, G. M. Ikeler and W. H. Utt, ex-County Commissioners vs. Columbia County was heard before Judge Savidge in room No. 2. The verdict of the jury is as follows:

"We find that the amount surcharged by the county Auditors to wit: \$267.90 the plaintiffs were entitled to a verdict of \$36, and were wrongfully surcharged to that extent, and to that extent we find in their favor for the balance of the surcharge, to wit: \$231.90, we find in favor of the defendant reducing the amount of the surcharge against the plaintiffs to the said sum of \$231.90."

Jacob Hirsleman appointed guardian of Dison and Bertha, minor children of Jonathan Richie.

Geo. K. Hess vs. Albert Klinetob. Appeal. December 11, 1899, judgment for the defendant in the sum of \$175. Stay of execution for thirty days in accordance with agreement of parties.

Eliza J. Elwood vs. A. Elwood, Subpoena in divorce awarded.

Catherine Reynolds vs. J. E. Reynolds, Subpoena in divorce awarded.

Commonwealth vs. Benj. Gearhart, guilty of assault and battery, sentenced to pay costs of prosecution, fine of \$25 and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for thirty days.

The Farmers Mutual Ins. Co. of Middle Penna., now to use of Harry S. Knight, Receiver vs. Bartold Kieroff. Appeal. Plea, non assumpt. This is one of the four insurance cases which have been on the trial list for a long time.

Emma A. Dick vs. B. F. Crispin Jr., now to use of Martha L. Ferris. Interpleader. On motion of plaintiff's counsel non suit granted.

Thomas M. Golder vs. the township of Fishingcreek. Case of damages. Jury called and sworn. Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of \$1000. Plaintiff to pay all costs, also defendants witness bill.

Petition of Harry S. Wilson for discharge of O. T. Wilson his guardian. Petition granted.

Estate of John H. Hunsinger, deceased, W. A. Evert appointed auditor.

Estate of Wm. Thomas, A. C. Jackson appointed auditor.

Daniel H. Remley vs. Amanda Remley, divorce, C. C. Evans appointed Master to take testimony.

John Barrett vs. Patrick Bradley. Judgment by agreement. That judgment be entered for plaintiff in the sum of \$580.

Nearly Three Quarters of a Million.

The statements of the three National banks of Bloomsburg show the following sums on deposit and subject to check on December 2.

First National.....	\$ 356,484.14
Farmers National.....	239,166.21
Bloomsburg National....	103,609.79

Total..... \$ 704,260.14

This shows the present working capital of Bloomsburg to be nearly three-quarters of a million. It is the largest amount ever in the banks in this town. It may be accounted for by the general prosperous condition of trade, and the consequent plentifulness of money.

For Sale.

A good double cylinder 2 1/2 horse power engine. Inquire at this office.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

Routine Business Transacted. Old Pavements Must be Replaced by New Ones.

Bloomsburg Town Council held its regular meeting Thursday evening. President Holmes and five members; Blue, Smith, Demaree, Cox and Cronin answered to the roll call.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The pavements in front of E. B. Brower's property on Main street, and in front of Mrs. Beishline's on Third street are ordered to be laid within twenty days or the same will be done by the Town, and twenty per cent extra added to the cost. Attention has been called to the bad condition of these pavements at previous meetings.

The Street Committee is authorized to examine the alley beyond East street on Fifth and the alley between Mrs. Ent's building and the Court House, and to act as they deem proper. Crossings are asked for both places. They were also directed to see about the crossing on Center street near the High School.

Complaint was entered about the condition of the alley near Layton Runyon's residence on Market street. Referred to proper committee.

Building permit granted to Mrs. M. E. Ent for enlarging her brick building occupied by the Farmers National Bank.

The Town Solicitor is directed to prepare an ordinance against people driving over horse in times of fire. The penalty for which will be \$5.00 for first offense, and costs of damage done.

It was moved and seconded that the Fire Board adopt a rule, that the first fire company arriving at a fire must shut off the water long enough to allow the second company to attach, the time required to do it is only a half minute or so.

The Finance Committee will act under instructions from the Solicitor, with J. K. Bittenbender, looking to the settlements of the duplicates still in hands of John K. Bittenbender.

The Street Committee is given power to act in the matter of bad condition of road near Simon Shaffer's as reported by Street Commissioner Neyhard, and to the lowering of gutters on Fourth street, between Iron and Catharine.

Changing location of arc light at East and Second street referred to Street Committee.

Bills were presented and the secretary directed to issue orders for same as follows:

Cox & Kashner, repair work,	\$31 54
J. H. Mercer, supplies,	2 10
Stephen Knorr, smithing,	33 00
John R. Townsend, police suit,	1 75
Atlantic Refining Co., oil,	27 30
W. L. Demaree, lumber, etc.,	21 13
W. L. Trappe, care of fire alarm	48 00
and work,	4 18
American Fire Engine Co.,	25 20
Ada Manning, type writing,	5 13
G. W. Ketter, hauling cinder,	4 70
Creasy & Wells, lumber,	9 32
Bloomsburg "Daily," printing,	101 07
Water Co. for water,	75
Harman & Hassert, coal and oil	23 13
Moyer Bros., merchandise,	15 50
Am., Car & F., Co., pipe,	40 00
S. M. Hess, coal, etc.,	20 00
C. W. Runyon, hardware,	5 50
Evans & Co., fire hat front, etc.,	1 16
J. H. Mercer, supplies,	25 75
Amos Krum, sand,	12 50
I. Hagenbuch, health officer,	20 00
Wesley Knorr, chief police,	5 25
G. F. Quick, Secretary,	5 25
F. Baum, policeman,	1 25
Isaiah Ohl, police service,	1 25
Frank Boice, " " "	1 25
Jas. Reeser, " " "	1 25
C. M. Hess, " " "	1 25
F. Drake, " " "	1 25
Geo. Cavanaugh, " " "	1 25
A. M. Wintersteen, " " "	1 25

Judge Ikeler's Portrait.

On Monday morning when court opened, a crayon portrait of the late Hon. E. R. Ikeler was hanging on the wall to the left of the bench. Judge Little called attention to it, and said it was a good likeness of the late President Judge, and that it was an ornament to the court room.

As no announcement had been made that the portrait would be presented to the county at that time, there were only a half dozen lawyers and a few jurymen in the room.

Gilmore's Toy Bazaars.

Gilmore has made a new department this year in the toy business and has opened a branch store on Market Square. Both stores are full of all kinds of things to please the children at Christmas time. To enumerate them would fill a column. Call at the other store if you can't find what you want in the first one you visit. Miss May Gilmore has charge of the Market Square store.

You can assist and encourage those who assist you in time of fire by purchasing a ticket for the annual dance of the Rescue Fire Company on December 22d. Good music will be furnished.

The P. O. S. of A. of Mainville will give a supper about New Years and at the same time dispose of a handsome flag quilt. The object is to raise money with which to replenish the camp treasury.

At the last regular meeting of Ent Post it was moved that a vote of thanks be tendered the Grand Jury for the action in recommending the erection of a Soldiers' Monument. POST COM.

J. Boyd Robison Jr., is home from Montana on a visit to his parents Capt. and Mrs. J. B. Robison at Esby. This is the young man who it was feared had lost his life in a big snow storm some time ago.

William May was nominated for Chief of the Fire Department by the Rescue Company of the Fourth Ward at its meeting Monday evening. According to an established rule, the chief must be chosen from the Rescue Company this year.

Bring on your job printing. We are in a position to do the best of work on short notice. We contend that we can turn you out a job quicker than any office in this section, and it will be done right. Our large patronage will testify to that.

Arden Stokes, one of Columbia county's pioneer settlers died at his home in Fishingcreek township, on Friday, at the ripe old age of seventy five years. He was until a few years ago the owner of several large tanneries in this and Luzerne county.

Charles Cowles & Co. in "A Country Merchant," appeared before a small audience in the Opera House Tuesday evening. The company had no hay seed band, no coons and no blood hounds, hence the poor attendance. The performance was excellent.

Jerry Fahringer, of Eighth street, foreman of the wood working department of the Bloomsburg Car Shops, met with an accident yesterday forenoon, whereby his hand was severely cut. Dr. Bierman was called in and dressed the wound. It required seven stitches.

Dr. Andrew Graydon is what might be called an expert amateur photographer. His work is far ahead of many professionals, and equal to some of the best. His views of the Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist churches, views on Market and Fifth streets, and along the river and creek are fine specimens. He also has some pretty Eaglesmere views. They can all be seen at Biddleman's Book Store, where they are for sale.

On Saturday afternoon a girl about sixteen years of age came over from her home in Catawissa to make some purchases in Bloomsburg. She was in Pursel's store in the evening, and left there to take the train for home. On Sunday morning her father came over here very much alarmed because his daughter had not returned home. He hunted all the morning without finding any trace of her, but in the afternoon she was found at the house of a girl friend. She missed the train Saturday night, and went to her friend's house, and was going to stay until Monday. It never occurred to her that her absence would cause her family much anxiety. She will probably know better next time.

Druggist Armstrong has one of the most attractive windows to be found anywhere in the State. One whole side is taken up with a large taxidermist display embracing fine specimens of wood or acorn duck, Chinese pheasant, rough grouse, quail, woodcock, reed bird, mallard duck, peacock, loon, owls, gray and red fox. The window is tastefully decorated with mosses and ground pine and the display is one of the finest ever witnessed in this part of the country. In the adjoining window Mr. Armstrong makes a handsome display of toilet and proprietary articles.—Milton Record. The druggist named is W. K. Armstrong, who moved from Bloomsburg to Milton a year or two ago.

BEN. GIDDING.

ODD AND END SALE!

On Thursday Morning, at 9 O'clock,

We inaugurate our first annual odds and ends sale. We put on sale

100 Suits and 50 Overcoats, In Men's and Boys',

At Half Price.

This is an honest, legitimate sale, as we will leave everything marked in plain figures. Nothing but these goods will be sold at these prices. Remember, these are odds and ends. Here are a few of the prices:

\$15 SUITS AND OVERCOATS		\$7.50	
12	"	"	6.00
10	"	"	5.00
8	"	"	4.00
6	"	"	3.00
5	"	"	2.50

AND SO ON.

We intend to conduct one of these sales every season, to clean out all broken lots. So avail yourselves of this opportunity. Remember, these are not old, shop worn goods, but odds and ends from the past year.

Ben Gidding,

White Front, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Our line of special Holiday Goods is now ready, such as umbrellas, mufflers, dress cases, collar and cuff cases, &c.

The Leader Department Store.

Christmas time finds us well prepared for its special needs. As we always do, we make our selection of articles with an eye more to their durability, rather than to cheapness. A thing that keeps its freshness only for a few days or weeks, we do not bother much with. An article that pleases you and makes you happier the whole year is much more desirable than something cheap and trashy. So we have stocked our store with things which will be of use. Walk through our

Furniture Department

And see our FANCY ROCKERS. Never has our stock been as carefully selected as this year. Good, substantial, well made chairs, and another feature which must appeal to you. There are few duplicates. While carrying all the latest and best selling styles of finish and upholstery, we have a variety. You know how annoying it is to buy a pretty article and be told that Mrs. Blank and Mrs. Dash and a dozen others have exactly the same thing. The same is true of our

Fancy Tables.

Finish, the best; shapes, the newest; and for all purposes. Easels and screens for all uses.

Carpet Department.

We carry the largest line of rugs and art squares in the county. Smith's Moquettes, Bromley's Smyrnas, in all sizes. Then our own make of Brussels rugs. In fact, anything to brighten and freshen up the floors of the room can be found here. In art squares, we have them—2 1/2 x 3, 3 x 3 1/2, and 3 x 4. No old stock. We have cleaned them all out.

On the First Floor will be Found Toys

And other fancy goods, particularly suitable for the Christmas season. Tree ornaments, from 1c up. Doll babies that talk and those who do not. Babies that go to sleep and stay quiet than their little mothers do. Sleds, express wagons—well, in fact, if you will read over your child's letter to Mr. Kriskingle, you will know what we have. We can answer the child's prayer. For the older folks, a large line of umbrellas, in price from \$1.00 to \$4.50. The newest shapes in handles are here. In fact, the goods have not been on exhibition a week yet. We have no old stock to work off.

Full lines of handkerchiefs, neckties, and the sweetest line of pocketbooks, card cases and other leather goods seen in Bloomsburg. New, too. Come, and walk through our store! Look over the stocks, and see how pleasant it is to shop in a clean, well lighted, well furnished store.

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT will carry a full line of special goods for the Xmas indigestion. Currants, raisins, citron, Etc. Special prices on candies, nuts and fruits. Give us a call.

The Leader Store Co., Ltd.

Fourth and Market Streets.