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## JASPER E. WILSON.

Jasper E. Wilson died at the Central Hotel in Hazleton last Monday at one o'clock, from an acute attack of appendicitis. On Wednesday, the 10th inst., he went to Hazleton. On Thursday he went to Allentown, and was not feeling well. On Friday he returned to Hazleton, intending to reach home that day, but rapidly grew worse and was compelled to go to bed. His family was notified, and on Saturday morning Mrs. Wilson went to him. The disease resisted treatment, and last Saturday it was decided by the physicians that an operation must be performed, and this was accordingly done.

On Monday morning word was received by telephone that Mr. Wilson could not long survive. His brother O. T. Wilson, and his brother-in-law L. T. Sharpless, and his three daughters started for Hazleton by the first train, where they arrived ten minutes after he had ceased to breathe. Mrs. Wilson and T. J. Vanderslice, her brother-in-law, were with him when he died.

The remains were put in charge of an undertaker, and the family came home on Monday afternoon. The body arrived on Tuesday morning. The funeral was held at the house this afternoon at one o'clock, and was conducted by Rev. Dr. Conner, pastor of the Methodist church.

This is a peculiarly sad case, and his sorrowing family have the heartfelt sympathy of everybody.

Jap. Wilson was an honest man, an upright citizen, a kind husband and a good father. He was popular with all classes who knew him, and was possessed of a genial and jovial disposition that made it a pleasure to be with him. For the past twenty-five years he has been a travelling salesman for Frishmuth Bros., tobacco dealers, of Philadelphia, and this gave him a wide acquaintance over a large territory.

The deceased was a son of Nathaniel Wilson of Pottsville. He was born in that town on April 30, 1848, and came to Bloomsburg about thirty-five years ago, and has resided here continuously. On June 14, 1876 he was married to Araminta, daughter of our aged townsman Joseph Sharpless, and to them were born three daughters, Edna, Nellie and Martha, all of whom survive him. A brother and two sisters also mourn his loss. They are Oliver T. Wilson of Bloomsburg, Miss Emma J. of Pottsville, and Mrs. Elizabeth Swepenhiser of Philadelphia. For several years past Mr. Wilson has been treasurer of Rosemont Cemetery Company, and was one of the active movers in procuring and opening the new cemetery grounds above town. He had numerous traits of character that made him many warm friends, and his genial presence will be missed in other places, as well as around the hearthstone of the pleasant home that he had provided for his family. Just in the prime of life, it is hard to understand why he should be thus suddenly cut off in the flower of his manhood. But God's ways are past finding out.

## MRS. JACOB GIRARD.

Mrs. Jacob Girard, died at her home in Light Street about five o'clock Monday afternoon, after an illness of only one week. At no time during her sickness was it looked upon as likely to end fatally, and her death coming as it did, wholly unexpectedly, is the cause of deep sorrow. The deceased was an exemplary Christian lady, and always took an active interest in church work. She was four years past the meridian of life, and is survived by a husband and two children, Miss Iantha Snyder, who resides at home and Byron Snyder, of Williamsport. Before her marriage to Mr. Girard, she resided in Bloomsburg and conducted a millinery store in the room now occupied by J. E. Bolig, sewing machine agent.

The funeral services will be held at ten o'clock to-day from the house, and the remains brought here for interment in Rosemont Cemetery.

Mrs. I. H. Marr answered the death summons at her home in Light Street Wednesday evening of last week, as the result of pneumonia. She was sixty-four of age, and leaves to mourn her death a husband and six children. The funeral occurred Saturday, burial being made in Staddon Cemetery, in Greenwood Township.

The basket ball team of the Normal School defeated the Quaker City Wheelmen before a big crowd in the gymnasium last night. Score 23 to 14.

## A LAMENTABLE SIGHT.

A woman, apparently fifty-five or sixty years of age, in a recumbent position along the roadside, near the entrance to the new Rosemont Cemetery, covered with frozen mud to such an extent that it was almost impossible to tell whether she was a human being or not, is the lamentable sight that met the gaze of Chas. Shaffer, while on his way to Bloomsburg early yesterday morning. Undecided as to whether the object was dead or alive, Mr. Shaffer hurried on to town and related his find to poor director Isiah Hagenbuch, who in turn informed several other gentlemen and the number went to the scene to make an investigation. On their arrival they found the woman standing up, with her clothing frozen about her, and a man, presumably her son, seated on the bank a short distance away without any shoes on his feet. The latter seemed rather loathe to accept the proposition of the gentlemen to return to town where they would be furnished with something to eat, but insisted that he would build a fire and thaw the woman out. But her wretched appearance and apparent suffering appealed to the sympathy of the beholders, and they were put in an omnibus and conveyed to the lock-up, where they were given something to eat, and allowed to remain until they were warm, after which they were assisted on their journey by the Poor authorities.

The man stated that they were from Kansas City and intended going to Binghamton, N. Y., and that they were totally without money. They had sat down along the road the night before about half past eight and both went to sleep. The appearance of the ground in the vicinity where they had rolled about looked more as if it had been occupied by swine than human beings. The woman is the possessor of a very strong constitution or she could never have survived through the night.

## POOL TOURNAMENT.

What was by great odds the most interesting pool tournament ever held by the Bloomsburg Wheelmen, took place at the Club House Thursday evening. Former champions, and sharks in general, were defeated by unknown quantities, thus furnishing surprise after surprise. But not until the final game did the most unexpected occur. Frank Roys, with the score 21 to 8 against him, started in and by handling himself in true professional fashion, succeeded in pocketing twelve balls and winning the prize. This was what is known as a handicap tournament. Each man was rated according to his ability, which was based on the records made by him at previous matches. The system gave good satisfaction and it is likely that all future tournaments will be conducted in a like manner. It places every man on an even footing. For instance, if one has shown himself to be quite proficient at the game, he will have to make the limit, 25 balls, while his opponent, who is less skillful will only have to make, say 18 or 20. In the above case, Mr. Roys had to get 20 balls and his opponent 24, which shows that had it not been for the handicap Mr. Roys would have lost.

## Awarded a Verdict.

Mrs. Emma E. Lewis has received a verdict of \$6,941.66 for the death of her husband, which resulted from an accident which befel him while driving over the Hunlock's Creek and Muhlenburg turnpike, a few years ago. The point where the fatality occurred is a short distance east of the Hunlock's Creek station of the D. L. & W. Railroad. Mr. Lewis was driving with a double team, when darkness overtook him; the horses, it is supposed, turned off the road, and as there was no guard rail to prevent such accidents at that time, the whole outfit went over the high embankment. He was well known, and has a large number of relatives in the upper end of this county, where he was born and raised.

## Briarcreek Insurance Co. Election.

At the annual election of the Briarcreek Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, held January 8th, the following directors were chosen: Lat. Creasy, A. W. Speer, J. H. Eck, J. N. Gordon, Geo. Conner, A. P. Young, D. K. Laubach, S. E. Morse, H. C. Barton, H. J. Seely, J. G. Swank, H. H. Brown. The Board organized by electing the following officers: J. C. Swank, Pres't., H. C. Barton V. P., Laf. Creasy, Treas., H. H. Brown Sec.

## ROYAL ARCANUM INSTALLATION.

The officers of Bloomsburg Council, No. 957, Royal Arcanum, elected to serve for the year 1900, are: Regent, Edward H. Ent; Vice Regent, F. B. Hartman; Past Regent, John S. Woods; Orator, Harry S. Barton; Secretary, Geo. E. Wilbur; Treasurer, C. S. Furman; Collector, F. D. Dentler; Guide, J. C. Brown; Chaplain, Fred Holmes; Warden, C. H. Klise; Sentry, Joseph L. Townsend; Trustees, J. C. Brown, Dr. W. M. Reber, W. S. Moyer.

A public installation was held in the Council Hall on Friday evening, which was attended by a goodly number of members, with their wives and friends. The installation ceremony was performed by Past Grand Regent T. Bryson Hines, of Williamsport, and Past Grand Vice Regent Drueckemiller, of Sunbury.

At its conclusion Regent E. H. Ent announced that a program had been prepared, and it was then presented, each number proving to be very acceptable, as encores were called for after each one. There was a vocal solo by Miss Mabel Peacock, accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Fred Holmes; a recitation by Mrs. John L. Richardson; singing by the Royal Arcanum Sextette, consisting of Messrs. Lynn, Barton, Hartman, Eyer, Ent and Bidleman; and a female quartette, composed of Mesdames Ent, Holmes, Vanderslice and Hess. This was followed by very interesting addresses by the visitors, Messrs. Drueckemiller and Hines, and a few words by Prof. Wilbur, who closed his remarks by announcing that the committee on refreshments was now ready to perform their duties. A substantial collation was served under the direction of W. H. Housel, and this, too, was apparently enjoyed. It was eleven o'clock when the gathering dispersed.

The Royal Arcanum has a large membership of representative men, and besides affording cheap and reliable insurance, it has many very pleasant social and fraternal features. Young men who want insurance will do well to look up the Royal Arcanum.

## Death of Mrs. Charles Kitzmiller.

Mrs. Charles W. Kitzmiller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. Laubauch, of East Third Street, this town, whose serious illness with typhoid fever was mentioned in two previous issues of this paper, succumbed to the disease at the Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia Friday afternoon last, at about one o'clock. On Thursday she manifested signs of improvement and the attending physicians informed her father and sister Miss Margaret, who had been summoned there a few days previous that there were chances of recovery. The hope proved to be short lived however, as the next morning, the disease took a sudden turn for the worse. It was decided to perform an operation, which was done, but her condition was so weak that death followed shortly afterward. The last two weeks of her life were filled with great suffering, yet with all of it there was not a word of complaint. She kept her spirit above all depressing influences, and by her words of hope and confidence of the hereafter, inspired those who surrounded the bedside when the end came.

Mrs. Kitzmiller was admired by all who knew her, she possessed the sincerest geniality and her demise is deeply regretted. The remains were brought to Bloomsburg on the 6:40 Pennsylvania train Saturday evening. The services were conducted at the house Monday afternoon at two o'clock, by Rev. D. N. Kirkby, of the Episcopal Church. Interment was made in Rosemont Cemetery.

The surviving husband and two little children have the deep sympathy of all.

The Philadelphia *Inquirer* is authority for the statement that Oscar Ent and Harry Derr have been matched for a pool tournament, for a purse of \$75.00. The first of the series took place one evening last week, Deer besting his opponent 119 to 81. The match is to conclude with 600 points.

Sessions of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, 32nd degree in Masonry, were held in the Masonic Hall last week, Thursday and Friday. About seventy-five members from other places were present. A banquet was served at the Exchange Hotel on Thursday evening.

## APPENDICITIS AND PERITONITIS.

The diseases which head this article seem to be growing alarmingly prevalent. Several recent cases in this vicinity have aroused interest, and many questions have been asked as to the nature of these diseases. The names are commonly mispronounced, as though the suffix were *itis*. The best authorities give the long sound, as though it were spelled *ejctis*.

For the information of those who care to know, we quote the following from the New National Encyclopedia.

"Appendicitis is inflammation of the vermiform appendix of the caecum, a worm-like, blind sac in the lower-right side of the abdomen. The causes are various, exposure to cold or dampness, or some indiscretion in diet, being the most usual. In a large proportion of cases, foreign substances are an active factor in the production of the disease when a catarrhal condition of the mucous membrane already exists. In the absence of this condition, foreign bodies may remain and cause little or no disturbance; but should the membrane become inflamed, they add to the irritation by occluding the lumen of the appendix, thus favoring ulceration of the walls, perforation, and even gangrene of the whole organ. Catarrhal inflammations of the appendix are common and frequently chronic, but have not heretofore been recognized as appendicitis. Several forms of this disease are now recognized, as acute, chronic, and recurrent; also rheumatic appendicitis, which is observed in cases presenting a rheumatic diathesis. Acute, severe attacks occur when the *bacillus communis coli* is present in a virulent form, and if this condition be associated with a fecal concretion or other foreign body causing pressure, there is imminent danger of necrosis, perforation, and death. The symptoms of appendicitis are intense, cramp-like pains, which may not at first be located in the right iliac fossa; nausea, if not vomiting; rigidity of the abdominal walls, especially of the right side and before the pain localizes itself; constipation generally, but diarrhoea occasionally; intense thirst; a disposition to flex the thighs upon the abdomen; and extreme tenderness at the seat of the disease. The inflamed appendix may generally be felt by deep palpation. Extreme local tenderness at this spot is a valuable diagnostic sign distinguishing appendicitis from general peritonitis. In moderately severe cases pulse-rate and temperature are not seriously affected, but a sudden fall in temperature often indicates perforation and is therefore a suspicious symptom. Medical treatment frequently affords relief, but many practitioners recommend excision of the appendix as the only radical cure, and also as a preventive. This operation is now performed with great success, the rate of mortality being only two or three per cent., exclusive of cases in which surgical interference is made during an acute attack, when the mortality is much larger—perhaps 15 to 20 per cent. Complete natural obliteration of the lumen of the appendix has been observed, resulting in a spontaneous and permanent cure.

The vermiform appendix is a slender blind sac opening from the intestines, from three to six inches long, and with a calibre about that of a tobacco-pipe stem. It opens into the caecum, on its inner and posterior wall. It is found in man, the orang, certain lemurs, and the wombat, being large and functional in some of the lower animals. Fœcal matter from the bowels may enter this tube and cause inflammation. This is usually allayed by treatment, but if an abscess forms, there is serious danger of its producing an opening in the wall of the appendix, admitting fœcal matter to the abdominal cavity, and causing fatal peritonitis. In such case a surgical operation becomes necessary, the aperture being closed or the appendix excised.

Peritonitis is inflammation of the peritoneum, including metro-peritonitis, suppurative peritonitis, tubercular peritonitis, and adhesive peritonitis, with encysted inflammatory actions and local adhesions of opposed parts. Treatment must be extremely active and early to be of any avail.

The peritoneum is a serous membrane, enveloping the whole of the abdominal viscera, except the open ends of the Fallopian tubes in the female, where it becomes continuous with their mucous lining.

Peritonitis often results from appendicitis, though there are many

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other causes. There is hardly an affection of any of the abdominal viscera that may not be its starting point.

The exciting causes of appendicitis are two-fold, the mechanical and the infective, and these may operate separately or in combination. The mechanical includes distension of the intestinal canal, resulting in congestion and inflammation; the entrance of foreign bodies, such as seeds, &c., in the appendix, there acting as sources of irritation; and injuries from strains or blows. Only about 12 per cent. of the cases are believed to result from entrance of foreign bodies. Constipation has an important bearing in the production of the disease.

It is frequently asked why it is that these diseases have been known only in recent years. The answer is that the progress in medical science has led to the discovery that they are separate diseases. They used to be known as inflammation of the bowels.

## The Last of the Series.

The last musicale of the January series, in the Presbyterian Church, will be given Monday, January 29, at 3:30 p. m. No admission is charged, but a free-will offering at the door. The following program is being prepared:

1. Toccata in F ..... Bach  
Miss Elsie Hicks.
2. Winter ..... Hall  
Misses Bowman, Ravi and Miller.
3. Flute solo ..... Selected  
Mr. F. E. Miller.
4. "The Brighter Day" ..... Mascheroni  
Miss Bowman.
5. "Trouble in the Amen Corner," Harbaugh  
Mrs. J. L. Richardson.
6. Elegy ..... Schumann  
Misses Bowman, Ravi and Miller.
7. Violin solo - Traumerel ..... Schumann  
Mr. Breen.
8. "Show Me Thy Ways," ..... Torrente  
Signorina Ravi.
9. Duet ..... Selected  
Messrs. Breen and Miller.
10. "O Night Wind Waft Thy Perfume  
Rare," ..... Floersheim  
Misses Bowman, Ravi and Miller.
11. "Funeral March of a Marionette," Gounod  
Mrs. R. F. Colley.

## What? Where? When?

The Lyman H. Howe Moving Picture Co., at the Opera House, on Thursday evening, February 1st. Come and see the Boer war in Africa and our own soldiers in the Philippines. Get your seats in advance. "Nuff sed."

## ABOUT THE COURT HOUSE.

Register's Notices, Sheriff's Sales and Other Legal Advertising.

Accounts in the following estates have been filed in the Register's office, and will be confirmed nisi on Monday, February 5th:

Estate of Sylvia S. and Sarah Jones, minors; minor children of D. F. Lutz; Alex. McCarty, deceased; Lloyd C. Shaffer, minor; Catharine A. Welliver, Jacob Hummel, Moses Everett, Jno. Hill, N. B. Creasy, T. J. Vanderslice, M. G. Vanderslice, David Strauser, Isabella Bogart, Jacob Nuss, Clerk Callender, guardian of minors of Joseph B. Hess; C. F. Buckalew, minor; H. S. Mendenhall; Henrietta Yost.

## SHERIFF'S SALES.

The following Sheriff's sales are advertised in the several county papers:

## FEBRUARY 3RD.

Sale at the Court House at 2 p. m. Property of Samuel Reibold, in Locust township. Property of C. E. Hagenbuch, in Centre township. Property of E. A. S. Brown, in Mifflin township. Property of Calvin J. Dick, in Briarcreek township.

## FEBRUARY 10TH.

Property of Mary J. and C. B. Ohl, in Bloomsburg, at the Court House, 2 p. m. Property of O. D. L. Kostenbauder in Catawissa, court house, 2 p. m. Property of Jas. M. Reilly, in Centralia, on the premises, at 2 p. m. Property of J. S. Yorks, in Jackson township, at the Court House, at 1 p. m.

## WIDOWS' APPRAISEMENTS.

Have been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Courts in the following estates: Benjamin Bitler, Samuel Camp, Cyrus A. Heller, Iliff Arter.

Dr. Champlin is temporarily occupying an office in Mrs. Ent's block, back of rooms formerly occupied. Entrance from side next to the court house. The doctor will occupy his former quarters after reconstruction of the building.

Guernsey, piano tuner, will be in town all next week.