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## DIED ON THE WAY HOME.

**Christian R. Reice Succumbed to an Attack of Chronic Dysentery on Board the Hospital Ship Missouri.**

It will be sad news, indeed to the many young friends and former companions of Christian R. Reice, to learn of his death which occurred on board the United States Hospital Ship, Missouri, more than a month ago, while en route from Manila to San Francisco.

From the very beginning of the war with Spain, Chris. wanted to be a soldier. On January first of last year, he went to Philadelphia, where he passed a successful examination and was admitted as a private in Company E. Twelfth Regiment, United States Infantry. In the course of two months or six weeks thereafter, the regiment left San Francisco for the Philippine Islands. After arriving at the far away land he frequently wrote home to his parents, and occasionally would address a letter to a friend here. He appeared to like soldier life, and enjoyed good health, until in December, when he fell a victim to the dreaded chronic dysentery. He was placed on board the Hospital ship, but died before half the journey had been made.

Christian R. Reice was a son of Mr. Charles H. Reice, of this town. He was about nineteen years of age, of a jolly, good natured disposition and was well liked by everybody who knew him.

Mr. Reice, on Monday received the following letter:

U. S. A. HOSPITAL SHIP MISSOURI.  
AT SEA, January 21, 1900.

MR. CHAS. H. REICE, Bloomsburg, Pa.

DEAR SIR:—Before this reaches you, you will have learned by telegraph of the death of your son Christian on board of this ship. Your boy was a good patient and we all took a deep interest in him, I especially, as I am from Pennsylvania myself, and I have often been in Bloomsburg. Christian suffered very little and was always cheerful and hopeful. He was very anxious to see his home and those dear to him again; but at the same time he was resigned for anything. Your boy prayed and I believe died a Christian. The end came peacefully and painlessly and was no doubt a blessed change for him. May the good Lord comfort the bereaved as only He can.

Very Sincerely Yours,

WM. L. KNEEDLER,

Capt. Med. Corps U. S. A.

Your son's remains were embalmed and placed in a handsome casket. They will be taken to San Francisco in this ship.

## Will of the Late Lloyd Paxton.

The will of the late Lloyd Paxton, of Rupert, was admitted to probate on Sunday. The estate is valued at about \$30,000. It is disposed of in the following manner: One-eighth to Frank Paxton, one-eighth to Bright Paxton, one-eighth to Margaret the daughter of his brother Charles, one-eighth to Alexis the son of his brother Joseph, one-eighth to the grand children of his sister Mary Scott, one-eighth to the children of his sister Harriet Vastine, one-eighth to Sarah Ball Kitchen daughter of his sister Sarah Ball, and one-eighth to Rufus K. Polk and L. H. Boody, and any sum over or above \$35,000 is to be divided into seven equal shares to be distributed among his brothers and sisters or their immediate heirs. He also bequeaths to Rufus K. Polk his gold watch, chain and charm and all the books of his library, including pamphlets and magazines. To Lincoln H. Boody he also bequeaths in addition to above his oak bedroom set and \$500 in trust for Will Snyder to be paid to said Snyder as Mr. Boody deems best. He bequeaths to his housekeeper Regina Artley \$1000 and directs that his executors pay her the additional sum of \$50 for each full year of service from July 1st, 1893. To Ida Rhodes, another employee, \$500. To Boyd Cox \$100. To his niece Kate P. Willets all the personal property, except money or securities, not otherwise disposed of, to be distributed among his relatives excepting certain articles which are given to Mrs. Willets absolutely. He also bequeathed to Kate P. Willets \$500, and to Mary Scott \$500. To Mrs. F. P. Drinker and Mrs. E. R. Drinker each \$500. The sums required to pay the bequests of Boyd Cox, Ida Rhodes and Will Snyder are to be deducted in equal amounts from the shares given to his brother Frank, his brother Joseph's son Alexis and his brother Chas. daughter Margaret. Levi E. Waller, Rufus K. Polk and Lincoln H. Boody were appointed executors.

## THE ELECTION.

**Frank Keler Defeats W. O. Holmes for President of Town Council—Other Successful Candidates.**

The election on Tuesday, so far as Bloomsburg was concerned was a very quiet affair. The work of gathering votes by some of the town's leading politicians began early in the day and was continued till the polls closed. About the only surprise was the great disparity in the vote for president. The result follows:

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Holmes	63	97	144	90	394
Keler	135	146	158	155	594

MEMBERS.

*John	157	317	150	97	820
Blue	93	105	305	84	587
*Smith	183	130	187	92	602
*Cox	122	98	211 1/2	321	752 1/2
*Cronin	118	307	231 1/2	124	770 1/2
*Deiffenb'hr	154	328 1/2	387	1040 1/2	
*Hartman	192	224	271 1/2	231	918 1/2

SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

*Rinker	133	160	274	115	682
*Rutter	152	179	395	247	883

Tax Collector.

*Kase	127	157	216	105	605
Sleppy	65	86	80	147	378

JUSTICE OF PEACE.

*Jacoby	132	143	227	102	704
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JUDGE OF ELECTIONS.

Sloan	66				
*Pensyl	129				

INSPECTORS.

*Shaw	63				
*Eyer	120				
*Hendershott	110				
*Yost	125				
*Crist	131				
*Freeze	148				
*Karshner	69				
*Wanich	177				

REGISTRY ASSESSOR.

Brown	91				
Gorrey	97				
*Morris	133				
Baum	107				
Geddis	118				
*Hartman	168				
Logan	91				
*Tracey	143				

Those marked thus \* are elected.

The result in other boroughs of the county:

BERWICK.

Chief Burgess—W. A. Ross.  
Members of Council—W. Williams, M. Levy.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS—L. G. Hagenbuch, Dr. F. P. Hill.  
Poor Overseer—Harry Grozier.  
Auditor—Elmer Klingler.  
High Constable—M. L. Gerard.

ORANGEVILLE.

Chief Burgess—A. B. Herring.  
Councilmen—C. J. Megargel, C. B. White, G. S. Fleckenstine, J. B. Montgomery, J. B. Delong, R. F. Foster, J. W. Conner.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS—Dr. Jolly, S. C. Williams, George Herring, H. B. Long, E. H. Sloan, Levi Fry.  
High Constable—Amos Neyhard.  
Constable—David Keller.  
Assessor—E. W. Coleman.  
Tax Collector—Perry Delong.  
Auditors—J. W. Hilday, George Jones, A. M. Dewitt.

Poor Overseers—I. K. Dildine, A. W. Eveland.  
Justice of Peace—H. J. Conner, James B. Harman.  
Judge—G. P. Unger.  
Inspectors—R. Bardo, Harrison Brewer.

CATAWISSA.

Chief Burgess—J. K. Sharpless.  
Councilmen—C. W. Harder, Edward Billeg.  
Justice of Peace—D. F. Knittle.  
School Directors—C. J. Fisher, William Vastine.  
Tax Collector—M. A. Bibby.  
Poor Overseer—Herman Young.  
Judge—Clark D. Walter.  
Inspectors—J. P. Fortner, C. E. Walter.

BENTON.

Councilmen—B. G. Keller, John F. Wright.  
School Directors—Dr. I. E. Patterson, G. A. Tubbs.  
High Constable—T. E. Brown.  
Overseer of Poor—Clemuel McHenry.  
Auditor—S. B. Karns, O. E. Little.  
Tax Collector—J. D. Lewis.  
Judge—J. L. C. Kline.  
Inspectors—John S. Baker, G. D. Yost.

STILLWATER.

Chief Burgess—Daniel McHenry.  
Councilmen—I. W. Edgar, T. H. Edgar, Charles Wesley, B. F. Pealer, A. J. McHenry, Moses McHenry.

Treasurer—A. B. McHenry.

Tax Collector—J. V. McHenry.

High Constable—J. F. McHenry.

Constable—J. V. McHenry.

Assessor—C. O. Stauffer.

Justice of the Peace—Moses McHenry, E. B. Beishline.

School Directors—Chas. Wesley, E. P. Bender, W. L. McHenry, W. J. Smith, A. B. McHenry, Wm. Girton.

Auditors—O. D. McHenry, M. W. McHenry, P. D. Wesley.

Judge—J. B. Karns.

Inspectors—Lloyd Bender, H. A. McHenry.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS.

CONTINUED.

Thursday's session of court in room No. 1 was taken up by the case of O. B. Mellick vs. the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. His Honor E. M. Dunham, of Laporte, presided. In room No. 2 Hon. Robt. R. Little was presiding. The case was Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co. vs. Sylvester Heath.

W. W. Black, Sheriff, acknowledged the following deeds in open Court:

To Citizens B. & L. Association of Centralia, land in Centralia.

To P. O. Hess, land in Jackson township.

To William Krickbaum, land in Bloomsburg.

The case of Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company vs. Sylvester Heath was concluded on Friday, and after being directed by the Court, the jury returned a verdict of \$16.50 for the plaintiff.

The jury in the case of O. B. Mellick vs. Pennsylvania Railroad Company was charged by the Court and sent out at 1:30 Friday afternoon.

W. F. Bachman appointed guardian of Anna C. and Otteman C. Parr. Bond and sureties approved.

The jury in the Mellick-Pennsylvania R. R. suit returned a verdict in the sum of \$1100. Mr. Mellick was the contractor to fill in at the approach of the new river bridge. He claimed to have been obstructed by the Railroad Co. and sued for damages.

## May Solve the Mystery.

The mystery surrounding the finding of the dead body of a boy in a box car of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Williamsport on the morning of October 16, 1897, may yet be cleared away. The boy was murdered, and from the wound on the head, the weapon, it is believed was a coupling pin.

W. B. Koch, of Nescopeck, last week, sent a letter and a photograph to Chief of Police McPherson of Northumberland, and the latter forwarded them to Williamsport. Mr. Koch says that his boy, aged between 13 and 14 years, was last seen alive in Wilkesbarre on Oct. 10, 1897, and the description of the boy found in the box car is so similar that he would like to know more about the matter.

Mr. Koch states that his boy's full name was James Russell Koch, and when he left home he wore a black cashmere suit, black slouch hat, white shirt, No. 5 lace shoes and a cap. He weighed about 110 pounds, was five feet tall, had full set of teeth, two upper front teeth unusually large; very dark brown eyes and thick head of hair; cut on left knuckle of left thumb.

Former Chief of Police Ellis Wise of Williamsport, distinctly remembers the features of the boy. He says the description tallies exactly. There is however, a slight difference in the photograph taken of the dead boy while in a casket at Wildwood Cemetery, and that received from Mr. Koch. The two pictures have been sent to Mr. Koch for comparison.

## Methodist Church Notes.

The special revival services continued through this week have been very enjoyable and profitable. Several have sought and found the Saviour. Rev. F. B. Riddle will preach this Thursday evening and the closing Song Service tomorrow, Friday evening, under the direction of Mr. O. H. Yetter. Next Sunday Feb. 25, Sunday School 9:00. Baptism of Infants at 10:00 A. M. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 10:30. Baptism of adults at 7:00. Reception of members on probation and by letter at both the morning and evening services. The public cordially invited. Strangers especially welcome.

S. N. Walker last week resigned as official court stenographer, and Geo. Vanderslice, son of T. J. Vanderslice, Esq., was appointed in his stead. Mr. Walker has occupied the position for a period of nearly thirty years.

## RESOLUTIONS.

At a meeting of the Rosemont Cemetery Co. on the 5th day of February the following minutes were adopted:

In the death of Jasper E. Wilson, which occurred at Hazleton on January 22nd, 1900, the Rosemont Cemetery Co. has lost an efficient and competent Superintendent and Treasurer, and the Board of Managers desire to show their appreciation of his services as an officer of this Company, and to express their sorrow at his death just in the flower of his manhood. As a man, we wish to bear testimony to his uniform courtesy and affability. As an officer of this Company he brought to the performance of his duties a sound judgment and excellent business qualifications. By his decease we have lost a pleasant associate, and a judicious officer. To the family of the deceased we extend our sincere sympathy. It is ordered that the foregoing be recorded on the minutes of the Company, and that a copy be presented to the family of Mr. Wilson.

R. R. LITTLE,  
C. A. KLEIM,  
S. F. PEACOCK, } Com.

## Tribute to Chaplain Long

On account of the death of Captain Charles S. Long, Chaplain of the Twelfth Regiment, N. G. P. which occurred at Scranton on Tuesday of last week, Col. Clement issued the following order:

"The colonel commanding announces with deepest regret the death of Captain, the Rev. Charles S. Long, chaplain of this regiment.

During his service with us Chaplain Long won to a singular degree the confidence and esteem of the officers of the regiment, and gave great promise of a useful career.

The funeral will take place at Rohrsburg, Columbia county, Friday, Feb. 16, at 10:30 a. m. All officers are requested to attend the funeral.

Flags on the several armories will be placed at half staff on the day of the funeral, and officers will wear the prescribed badge of mourning for 30 days. By order of

C. M. CLEMENT.

## JOHN V. LESHER,

Acting Adjutant Colonel.

The funeral occurred on Friday. The remains arrived here on the 8:44 train on the D. L. & W. Railroad, and were conveyed to Rohrsburg in a funeral car over the B. & S. A. number of commissioned officers and twenty-four uniformed members of Company F, 12th Regiment, attended as an escort and firing squad. Relatives and friends were present in large numbers. The deceased was a son of Joseph F. Long, who died years ago, and lived in Rhorsburg a long while. A wife and one daughter survive.

## Hummel Case for Sunbury.

An effort is being made to have the trial of the celebrated Hummel murder case continued to June. It was stated that counsel for the defense will endeavor to obtain a change of venue, alleging that public opinion is so inflamed against Hummel that a fair and impartial trial cannot be had at Williamsport. Sunbury is most prominently mentioned as the place for the trial. Jail physician Stokes who examined Hummel, states that the prisoner's insanity is poorly shamed.

## Now a Free Bridge.

The price agreed upon, \$25,349, has been paid, half by each County, Columbia and Luzerne, to the Nescopeck Falls Bridge Company, the gate removed, the tolls abolished and now the structure that connects Nescopeck with Berwick is a free bridge. Beside the boards of commissioners from the two counties, there were also present many citizens from Berwick and Nescopeck, and the event was quite a notable one.

## Hotel For Rent.

The Park Hotel, at Towanda, Pa., is for rent. Possession given April 1st, 1900. Located in the heart of the town, opposite Court House. For terms, apply to Geo. E. Elwell, Bloomsburg, Pa., or E. W. Elwell, Towanda, Pa.

James Welliver, of Lightstreet, suffered the loss of two fingers, the result of his hand coming in contact with a saw, at the Hawley-Slate furniture factory, Friday morning.

Elmer R. Harvey has purchased the William Kile property, situate in Sugarloaf township.

We Have About 50

# Storm Coats!

which we will sell

# At Half Price,

FOR 10 DAYS,

# ENDING MARCH 3rd.

If you are thinking of a coat, don't let this opportunity slip by.

# OUR SPRING GOODS!

are coming in daily. We now have advance

# Spring Hats and Neckwear.

# Ben Gidding

BLOOMSBURG, PENNA.

Come in and see us—we'll treat you right.

## Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

San-San-Ku-Do, in the Brigade Armory (the old Presbyterian Church, on Market street), to-night at eight o'clock. What is it, do you ask? It is a Japanese wedding. Don't fail to see it. You will be more than pleased. It is novel. Nothing like it has ever been produced in Bloomsburg. Miss Grace Correll, who for several years was a resident in Japan, has drilled those who are to participate in the ceremony, and it will be after the fashion of a real Japanese home wedding.

Lunch will be served for 15 cents, which will include a beautiful Japanese souvenir cup.

A large variety of novelties will be sold at the Bazaar, which have been imported directly from Japan.

To-day quite a number of our Y. M. C. A. boys will leave for Williamsport, to attend the State Convention. The choir will go on Saturday, to remain over Sunday.

The men's meeting, next Sunday afternoon, in the Y. M. C. A. building, at 2:30, will be led by Mr. John W. Lewis. The address will be made by Rev. M. E. McLinn. All men are most cordially invited to be present.

To-day, Washington's birthday anniversary, finds the American people in a state of great prosperity, more so than for many years past. Had the weather been favorable the patriotic spirit of our people would, no doubt, have been shown in a large display of the national colors. Appropriate exercises will be held in the public schools.

Death has saddened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thorp, of Millville, by taking from them, on Saturday, their little three-year old daughter, Venus. The little one had only been ill for a few days with membranous croup. The funeral occurred Monday afternoon.

A popular event with the young people of the upper end of the county will be the ball and supper at the Exchange Hotel, Benton, to-night. Proprietor Sutton will look after the comfort of all who attend.

1900 bicycles are beginning to arrive. Improvements are not as numerous on the wheels as has been the case the last few seasons.

## Bishop Oshaplain McCabe.

His great lecture on "The Bright Side of Life in Libby Prison," will be given in the Methodist Church on Saturday evening March 3. This is universally conceded to be one of the most interesting, instructive and enjoyable lectures given by anybody anywhere. It is a real privilege to spend an evening with this great army Chaplain and hear him tell in his own graphic style, his wonderful experiences in Libby Prison. All young people especially should hear him. He will sing as well as lecture and his singing is grand. He has a wonderful voice. The admission for adults is only 25cts. Children 10cts.

Chaplain McCabe can congratulate himself on the fact that he had the largest Steubenville lecture audience gathered in recent years, in Hamline church Tuesday night, the occasion being the delivering of his lecture on "The Bright Side of Life in Libby Prison." The auditorium was filled, while seats were placed in the aisles for an overflow. The audience was an appreciative one as well, and the applause was frequent. The lecture was one of the finest efforts ever heard in the city, simple in language, eloquent in delivery, pathetic, and humorous. The lecture was just what its title indicates—an account of the bright side of life in Libby prison, and however absurd such a thing might appear to many who had never heard of a bright side along with starvation, the lecture was replete with humorous incidents well told by a good storyteller."—Steubenville (O.) Daily Gazette.

A wedding in which one of Bloomsburg's former young men was the groom, occurred in the Tioga Methodist church Philadelphia on Wednesday of last week, when Elmer G. Brngler, son of Mrs. Susan Brugler of Third street, this town, was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Macdonald. Edwin Eyer was best man, and George G. Sloan and Charles F. Kelchner were ushers. The bride is an accomplished young lady of that city. The newly wedded couple arrived in town on Friday and are spending a week at the home of Mr. Brugler's mother. He is a druggist by profession, and owns a drug store in the Quaker City.