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LAI TO REST IN ROSEMONT

THE OBSEQUIES OF THE LATE CHRISTIAN REICE.

Largely Attended on Saturday Afternoon—Buried With Honors of War—The Largest Funeral Seen in Bloomsburg for Many Years.

The remains of Christian Reice reached Bloomsburg via the D. L. & W. Railroad Friday afternoon at 4:15, and were conveyed to the home of his father, Charles Reice, on East Third street, from which place the funeral occurred Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. M. E. McLinn, of the Lutheran Church, assisted by Rev. J. D. Smith, of the Baptist Church. The male choir of the Young Men's Christian Association sang two beautiful selections. The cortege left the house a little after four o'clock. It was an imposing spectacle. Main street, on either side, was lined with people. At the cemetery the scene reminded one of Memorial Day.

After the body had been lowered into its last resting place, Rev. McLinn conducted a short service, and a firing squad from Company F, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Danville, under Riley Watts, fired the salutes. The report of the last salute had just died away, when a member of the same company sounded taps from the top of Rosemont. The soft, sweet tones of the bugle had a noticeable effect on the crowd, and many eyes were jeweled with tears. The band then rendered "Abide With Me," in a very effective manner, and the services were at an end.

The pallbearers were Walter Osterlander, James Kramer, George Gross, Ralph Gaskins, Charles Jones, and William Hunt, and the firing squad, Frank Newbaker, Oscar Burdick, Percy Spade, Michael Connelly, Herbert Dreifus, William Russell, and William Sechler.

There was a profusion of rare and beautiful flowers, consisting of a shield, presented by a number of citizens, an anchor, the gift of the Order of Elks, and a number of beautiful bouquets, from friends.

Chris, by which name he was known, was a quiet young man, and was liked by everybody. When it was learned that war was inevitable, he was among the first to express a desire to become a soldier. He joined the Pennsylvania Volunteers, and offered himself to fight in the cause of Cuban independence. He was honorably discharged, without having been sent to the front, and returned home. Still possessing an unsatisfied desire to taste of real war, he enlisted in the Regular army, and was sent to the Philippine Islands. His stay in the faraway land was a disastrous one, as he was taken with chronic diarrhoea, and was placed on board a hospital ship. It was hoped that his life would be spared until he reached home, but it was not to be so, and on January 13 he surrendered to the "pale charger." It may truly be said that Christian Reice sacrificed his life on the altar of human freedom. He has joined the "army of the dead," and to him we dedicate Carleton's sweet lines:

"When the years of life are over, and the cares of earth are done;
When the reign of Time is ended, and Eternity begins;
When the thunder of Omniscience on our weakened senses roll,
And the sky above shall wither, and be gathered like a scroll;
When among the mighty mountains, and across the mighty sea,
The sublime, celestial bugler shall ring out the reveille,
May he march with brightest laurels, and with proud, victorious tread,
To his station, up in heaven, with the "Army of the Dead."

Fire broke out in a building on Seventh street, occupied by one Mr. Goss, in which he carries on the manufacture of toy furniture, about midnight Sunday night. The Rescue Company was on the scene in a few minutes, and the blaze was put out before it had wrought any very great damage. This is the second time that fire has threatened the building. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Next Sunday afternoon the men's meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building, at 2:30 o'clock, will be conducted by Mr. W. L. White. Subject, "Indifference." A number of short talks will be given by young men. Good, live singing, led by the male choir. The invitation cordially extended to all men to be present.

MRS. MARY BARTON MENDENHALL.

Mrs. Mary Barton Mendenhall, relict of the late Elias Mendenhall, died at her home on Normal Hill, at an early hour Sunday morning. It would seem fitting and proper that more than a brief tribute of respect be paid her memory. Mrs. Mendenhall had been unwell for a long time, but tried to conceal from the other members of the family her failing health, confident that she would yet be well, but the disease with which she was afflicted, became more complicated, she continued to grow weaker, until about 6:30 o'clock Sunday morning, when she quietly submitted herself to the will of Him, in whose hands are the issues of life, and sank to the sleep that knows no waking.

Thomas Barton, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Mary Mendenhall, emigrated with his wife, Hannah Clark, from England to Virginia and settled on the James River, being among the first settlers in the country. They afterward moved to Pennsylvania at or near Philadelphia. They had ten children who settled in various parts of the United States: Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Tennessee, New Jersey and Virginia. One son, Elisha was born in Virginia in 1742. As his second wife he married Anna McCarter. With her he moved to Hemlock township, near the Red Mill. Of their children, Isaiah, John, Anna, married to Abraham Klotz; Caleb, Cyrus, and Betsy, married to William Robison, all settled in or near Bloomsburg. Isaiah married Mary Thornton; they lived on the farm by the Hemlock bridge. Their children of whom Mrs. Mendenhall was the youngest were: Mrs. Evalina Rupert, Caleb, James, Elisha and Eli all former residents of Bloomsburg. Mary was married to Elias Mendenhall and they had five children, two of whom, Charles R., and Harry C., are living. The eldest son Isaiah died in early manhood.

Mrs. Mendenhall inherited from her ancestors sterling qualities. By her kindly bright manner she made and retained many friends. Her ancestors for generations were connected with the Episcopal church, of which she was an active and faithful member.

The funeral occurred from the residence Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, Rev. David N. Kirkby of the Episcopal church officiating. A quartette of mixed voices, composed of Miss Mable Peacock, Mrs. Dr. M. J. Hess, D. J. Hummer and D. J. Tasker sang "Lead Kindly Light" and "Abide With Me." The pall bearers were John G. Freeze, J. M. Clark, Geo. S. Robbins, J. R. Townsend, J. L. Dillon and Charles Funston. Interment was made in Rosemont cemetery.

A Remarkable Performer.

The *News* of Wilkes-Barre has the following to say about Miss Elsie Hicks, daughter of Wm. Hicks, of this town:

"The Musical Club held its fourth recital at the home of Miss Josephine Loveland, Friday afternoon, and there was great enthusiasm over the afternoon's music. Many of the members declared it was the best musical event that they had ever heard rendered in Wilkes-Barre by amateur talent. The event par excellence was the piano playing of Miss Elsie Hicks, of Bloomsburg. She is a young miss of only seventeen, and she has been studying in serious vein only three years, so it is stated, but she shows a remarkable gift, not only for conquering the technical difficulties, but for grasping the impressions of the composer. In other words, even at this early age, she has, decidedly marked, that rare thing known among musicians as temperament, a sine qua non of successful musicians, and without which they can never rise above a certain point, no matter how hard and continued the effort. Miss Hicks is a remarkable performer, and after her playing of the tremendously difficult Rhapsodie No. 13; a composition filled with technical difficulty, the members of the club gathered around and congratulated her. They are already planning to have her again as soon as possible, and when she will have the opportunity of being heard before a larger audience. A more appreciative gathering than that which heard her Friday, however, would be impossible to muster. She plays with the utmost confidence and makes no concessions whatever to nervousness."

"A Trip to Coontown" was poorly patronized Monday evening. The show was a good one, and deserved a better attendance.

JOSEPH SHARPLESS.

THE CLOSE OF A LONG AND USEFUL LIFE.

He Was One of Bloomsburg's Oldest Residents—Death Occurred at His Residence Monday Morning at Seven O'clock.

Joseph Sharpless, aged ninety-one years, three months and six days, after a comparatively brief illness, has passed from time into eternity. His death occurred at his home on West Main street, between seven and eight o'clock Monday morning. As might be expected for a man of his advanced age, his health had been greatly impaired for a long time, but only about a week previous to his death was he compelled to take his bed. Mr. Sharpless was the last member of a family of nine children.

He descended from John Sharpless, a native of England who immigrated to America about two months before the first coming of William Penn, and settled in Chester, Delaware County, Penn. The first of his descendants to come to Columbia County, was his great-grandson, Benjamin Sharpless. The family were originally members of the society of Friends. Benjamin was born in 1764 in Chester County, and died in 1857. When a young man he crossed the mountains and settled in Sunbury, where he bought and operated a grist-mill, and also taught school for some time. He subsequently moved to Catawissa, where he purchased a farm and also a grist-mill adjoining, now the site of the paper-mill at Catawissa. Here he established a paper-mill and paid, for years nine cents per pound for white rags, and manufactured paper by hand. When young he learned the saddler's trade, but never followed it in this country, except to make his own harness. He married Hannah Bonsell, also a member of the society of Friends, and by this union there were eleven children, two of whom died young. Those who grew to maturity were as follows: Mary Ann, deceased, wife of Dr. Wadsworth, of Catawissa, this county; Eliza, unmarried, and now eighty-three years old; Edward, married first to Betsy Roth, and after her death to Nancy Pancoast, now a resident of Marion, Ohio; William was three times married and now resides at Catawissa; Joseph, married Mary E. Foster of Catawissa; John, married Sally A. Harder; Harriet, married George Reifsnnyder; Sarah, married Louis Yetter; and Kersey married Mary Margaret Harder. Mr. Sharpless was born December 9, 1808, and reared to the paper-mill business with his father, with whom he remained until twenty-six years of age. He then began on his own account and has been identified with the business interests of Bloomsburg and the county since, and for thirty years conducted what was known as the Sharpless Foundry. Several years ago he sold the foundry to his son, and retired from active business. Mr. Sharpless was a republican and served his vicinity in such local offices as member of council, school director, and during the war was an earnest supporter of Union cause. Mr. and Mrs. Sharpless have had nine children, seven of whom grew up: Harriet R., Lloyd T., Benjamin F., Mrs. T. J. Vanderslice, Clara, Mrs. Wesley Eyer, Araminta E., wife of the late Jasper Wilson, Mary Ellen and Harry F., of Pueblo, Col.

The funeral services were conducted at the house yesterday afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. B. C. Conner. Interment in Rosemont Cemetery.

An article appeared in this paper, last week, concerning the management of the Bloomsburg Wheelmen's Club, which seems to have cast some reflection on the treasurer, Thomas Moore, for not submitting statements of the finances. His re-election to the same position indicates that the club has confidence in him, and we are informed that his reports have always been ready when wanted. If there was any fault it was because they were not called for. In any event the matter is a private one between the club and its treasurer, and not a subject for newspaper comment. It was hastily written, just as we were going to press, and unintentionally escaped the eye of the editor, or it would not have been printed. The editor is assured that there was no intention to reflect on Mr. Moore, and we regret that the article was so worded as to give that impression.

AN AGED RESIDENT PASSES AWAY.

Joseph Vanderslice, died Sunday morning in the eighty-third year of his age, at the residence of Daniel S. Laubach, on East Third Street, where he had been making his home for over a year. Mr. Vanderslice, had been feeble for a long time and his death was not at all unexpected. He was a son of Joseph R. Vanderslice and was born in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in 1818. The same year of his birth, his parents moved on a farm in Mt. Pleasant township, this County. He remained at home until he reached his maturity, after which he began for himself, choosing the life of a farmer, in which he was quite successful. He was married in 1834 to Miss Margaret, daughter of the late Judge McReynolds of Hemlock township, this County, and a sister of Dr. McReynolds, of West Third Street, this town. As a result of this union, four children were born, two are dead. The survivors are: Agnes, of St. Paul, Minnesota, and John, living in Luzerne County. Mrs. Vanderslice died about sixteen years ago.

The funeral will occur to-day. Services will be conducted at the house at 10 o'clock. The body will be taken to Berwick for interment.

Court Proceedings.

Court convened Monday morning with His Honor Robert R. Little and Associate Fox on the bench.

Alex A. Colley appointed constable of Benton township vice G. S. McHenry resigned. Bond approved.

Com. vs. H. C. W. Matz, Re taxation of costs. Exception to findings of Clerk of Quarter Sessions.

Com. vs. Henry Matz. Same as above. Papers in hands of Court.

Road in Catawissa and Main townships near John A. Shuman's. Exceptions to report of re-viewers. Papers in hands of Court.

Chas. C. Evans, Executor, vs. D. Z. Remaley et al, administrators. In equity. Settlement and decree of Court filed.

Petition of Owen Sult for peddler's license filed. License granted.

In re-widening of river road in town of Bloomsburg from Market street to town line. Exceptions to report of re-viewers. Papers in hands of Court.

Estate of Allen Shelhamer. Petition for specific performance of contract. Rule granted.

Petition of Wm. Jackson, Guardian of Anna and Pearl Jackson for allowance granted.

Bond of John G. Harman, Guardian of Bessie, Mary and Nellie Rawlings approved.

Wm. Krickbaum vs. C. B. Ohl. Petition for interpleader. Hearing in open Court.

A Young Lady's Sad Death.

The community was startled and saddened Wednesday morning to learn of the death of Elizabeth R. Kuhn, which occurred about 9:30 o'clock Tuesday night. For the past several months she had been ill, but her friends were hopeful of her recovery. On Friday she made several calls among friends. Saturday her condition took an alarming phase, and in spite of medical skill, she continued to sink until death came at the above-mentioned time. Miss Kuhn was the youngest daughter of the late I. S. Kuhn. She was twenty-seven years of age, and was most an estimable young lady. She was an interesting figure in society, and the fading out of the young life is very pathetic.

A mother and four sisters survive, Mrs. Dr. Kirby, of Mauch Chunk, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. J. G. Wells, and Mrs. J. K. Bittenbender, of this town. Funeral services will be conducted at the house to-morrow afternoon at two o'clock, after which interment will be made in Rosemont Cemetery.

Home Trade.

People who have at heart the interests of the community in which they live, will spend their money at home as far as possible. To be sure, one finds a larger assortment to select from in the larger city stores, in all kinds of goods, but home dealers in most all lines, can procure a selection at any time, if given the opportunity. Money spent at home helps everybody. Money sent away for goods that could be procured at home, helps nobody but the sender and the city tradesman. It is a good plan to give home dealers the first chance, and if they can't supply you then send away but don't take it for granted that you can't get what you want at home until you ask.

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