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## A HORRIBLE DEATH

Fatal Termination of a Sunday Evening Pleasure Ride.

Clinton Beam Instantly Killed by a Passenger Train at Willow Grove.

Clinton Beam a hostler employed at the St. Charles Hotel, Berwick, met a horrible death at the Willow Grove crossing of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Sunday night. He was struck by the locomotive, and his body hurled to one side of the track. When picked up life was extinct.

The particulars of the catastrophe are as follows:—Sunday evening about eight o'clock Clifton Beam and a lady friend, Mrs. Chas. Chamberlain, whose maiden name was Jones, accompanied by one Mr. O'Donnely and a Miss Martz, each couple in a single carriage, started on a pleasure ride. When they reached Willow Grove, their attention was attracted by the rumble of the south bound passenger train. The latter couple crossed the track in safety, but Beam, thinking the train was too near, made no attempt to cross, but stopped, and jumping from the vehicle, took hold of the horse, in order to control the horse to better advantage. When the train was only a few feet away, the animal made a leap, throwing the driver and itself in front of the locomotive. The man's neck, both legs and an arm were broken, and the horse was cut in two. The woman vaulted from the carriage and escaped uninjured.

The train was backed up, the body placed aboard, and conveyed to Berwick, and sent to the home of his sisters and brother. His parents, Joseph and Lydia Beam, have been dead several years.

The woman appears to treat the matter with a tacit indifference, and positively refuses to narrate the details of the tragic occurrence, notwithstanding the fact that she was an eye witness to it all. Not even to the trainmen, who were anxious to learn his name would she converse. He was finally identified by Milt Hughes, a passenger on the train, and an employee of L. T. Sharpless & Company, of this town, who had formed the acquaintance of the unfortunate man, during a visit in Berwick.

The woman returned to Berwick with the other couple, who had succeeded in reaching the opposite side of the railroad a few minutes before the train appeared. It is rumored that Beam had had a presentiment of danger. In conversation with a friend early Sunday morning, he said that he dreamed that some dreadful accident was going to befall him. Thus it seems that he drove to the very fate that a vision had revealed to him.

The horse was owned by B. F. Sponeberg, proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel, and was more than an ordinary animal.

### Jacob Welliver Dead.

Death snapped the vital chord that held the life of Jacob Welliver, at eight o'clock on Friday morning and as a result Benton township has lost one of her most representative and oldest citizens. He had been in poor health for a long time, owing to a complication of ailment, but old age was the principal cause of his death.

Mr. Welliver was 86 years, 8 months and 10 days old, and had been a resident of Benton township for over 60 years. In politics he was a staunch democrat, and has held many offices of trust. He was a pleasant, honest and unassuming gentleman, lived his life in accordance with the principles installed into mind by his parents. His memory will be treasured by his surviving relatives. The deceased's first wife died many years ago, and later he was married to Miss Elizabeth Yocum, who with twelve children survive. There are also 52 grand children, 16 great grand children and 1 great-great grand child, the latter being the daughter of Howard R. and Mrs. Jones of this town. Mrs. John D. Jones of East Third street this town, is one of the grand children.

The funeral took place Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Services were conducted in the Christian church at Waller. Interment in the cemetery near by.

## POLK WILL RUN.

He Changes His Decision at the Solicitation of Friends

To Preserve to Montour County Its Right to Two Terms—An Excellent Record.

It will be a matter of gratification to the friends of Congressman Rufus K. Polk, throughout the Seventeenth Pennsylvania District, that that gentleman, after his return home from Washington, and after a conference with those who have heartily supported him heretofore, has agreed to change his decision to withdraw from the congressional conflict. He is determined that his duty to his country and his indebtedness to his many friends throughout the district, opposed to his withdrawal are a demand upon him that he shall run for a second term, which he ought not to disregard. Therefore, he has authorized the publication of the following:

DANVILLE, PA., April 21, 1900.  
After my return home I have determined, at the earnest solicitation of my friends in this county, to be a candidate for Congress in Montour county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. R. K. POLK.

At present, conditions are, no other man from Montour would have a ghost of a show for nomination by the district. That Mr. Polk would be altogether likely, because not only of the unwritten Democratic law of two terms, but also of Mr. Polk's excellent record in the present Congress. We congratulate Mr. Polk on his determination, and we congratulate our Democratic friends in Montour. Congressmen from this county have been so few that to recall them takes an extraordinary feat of memory. This action of Mr. Polk has evidently meant somewhat of personal sacrifice on his part, but probably among the reasons which induced him to change his mind not the least was the magnificent majority which this county polled for him when he was elected.—*Danville Sun.*

### Quiet Home Wedding.

The home of the bride's parents, on East street, was the scene of a happy nuptial event Thursday morning last, when J. Warren Lee and Miss Jessie Van Buskirk were united in matrimony. Rev. M. E. McLinn, of the Lutheran Church, performed the ceremony, in the presence of only a few invited guests.

The bride is a popular and vivacious young lady, and the groom is an employee of the Farmers National Bank, and is highly respected. The newly-wedded couple had made preparations to leave on the 10:49 train, going north, but owing to the failure of a previously engaged carriage to materialize, they were compelled to remain at home and wait for the afternoon train. The COLUMBIAN joins their legion of friends and extends congratulations.

### G. A. R. Supper.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will give a chicken and flannel cake supper on Thursday evening for the benefit of the aged, sick and destitute comrades residing in our midst.

Some one has said that the Tabernacle was off of Main street and therefore the people will not come. Shanks line of Street Conveyances connects with the Tabernacle from every home and business place in Bloomsburg. G on board, pull the bell rope. Shanks will land you at the Tabernacle all O. K.

The play "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" will be produced at the Opera House on Monday night by Mr. Will E. Booth's metropolitan company of recognized artists. The play is one of the best known of American dramas and has held the boards through a long series of years, in spite of marked changes in dramatic fashions since its original production. It has a certain power of its own as an illustration of a common social tragedy, and has always maintained a remarkable popularity.

Workmen are engaged making repairs to the exterior of H. H. Grotz's home on Main street.

## QUAY DEFEATED

For a Seat in the Senate, by a Vote of 33 to 32.

Quay's Power Broken—Six Democrats Vote for the Pennsylvania "Boss."

The Senate of the United States on Wednesday again registered the decision frequently made by it before, denying the right of the Governor of a state to appoint a senator to fill a vacancy in case the Legislature was in session when the vacancy occurred, or afterward had failed to elect.

It was the case of Matthew S. Quay, whose credentials under appointment by the Governor of Pennsylvania had been presented in the early part of this session and had been referred to the committee on privileges and elections. The report of the committee had been adverse to Quay's claim; although Chairman Chandler headed a minority against it and moved an amendment to strike the word "not" out of the resolution declaring Quay not entitled to a seat.

The matter has been hanging fire in the senate for a long time past, with occasional speeches for or against the claim. Yesterday, however, the debate was closed and continuous for five hours, and then the voting began in the presence of a large crowd on the floor and in the galleries. As there was no certainty how the voting would result there was intense excitement as it proceeded, and friends of Quay who seemed to have much confidence in their own victory were grievously disappointed when the amendment was defeated by a vote of ayes thirty-two, noes thirty-three; and the original resolution was adopted by a like vote reversed, thirty-three to thirty-two.

Senator Depew, who was on the side of Quay, was paired with Senator Hanna, of Ohio, who was against him. The other New York Senator, Mr. Platt, voted on the Quay side.

The two Massachusetts Senators, Lodge and Hoar, paired on the Quay side against Thurston and Pettus.

And so the State of Pennsylvania will have but one Senator until the Legislature shall meet to elect some one to fill the vacancy.

Six Democrats voted for Quay. There is scarcely any sound constitutional reason, and certainly there can be no political reason, why any Democrat should support M. S. Quay. One of the surprises was Mark Hanna's action. He was paired against Quay with Senator Depew, of New York. It is believed that the President's influence was against Quay. President McKinley and Hanna both refuse to talk. However it happened, it is a political death blow for Quay, and a rebuke to Governor Stone. Quay cannot be elected Senator by the next Legislature, and Stone will not repeat the trick of appointing him again. Quay's power is broken, and all Pennsylvania should be thankful for it.

### Last Chances.

The last chance to get the *Farm Journal* for nearly five years is nearly ended. We have only six more left under the present contract. These will go to the first six people who comply with the terms, namely, old subscribers who pay all arrearsages to date, and a year in advance from now; and new subscribers who pay a year in advance. If you want it, don't wait another day.

### For Rent.

Two of the best rooms for offices in the town, second floor front COLUMBIAN building. Will be rented together or separately. Water, steam heat, electric light, and all modern conveniences. Terms low. Inquire of Geo. E. Elwell.

Fire broke out in, and gutted the exterior of the frame structure owned by William Yost, and located along side his restaurant on East street about four o'clock this morning. The building was unoccupied and how a fire could start in it, Mr. Yost is unable to conceive. It is thought to have been the work of a tramp. The entire fire department was out. In fact the firemen outnumbered the spectators.

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## BOER MEETING.

Sympathy Expressed for Kruger and His Followers.

A Largely Attended Meeting—Census Supervisor Durant Makes His Appointments.

A meeting to express sympathy for the Boers, was held in the Opera House Thursday evening last, and in spite of the rain, which began falling early in the afternoon, and continued throughout the evening, was attended by a good sized audience. The meeting was presided over by Hon. Robert R. Little, and eloquent addresses were delivered by John M. Vanderslice of Philadelphia and Fred Ikeler Esq., of this town. At the conclusion of Mr. Vanderslice's remarks, District Attorney John G. Harman, stepped in front of the audience and read the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Republics of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State are now engaged in war for the maintenance of their national independence, the result of which will have a bearing upon the stability of all free institutions; and whereas in that struggle they are contending for the same principles and civil rights for which our fore-fathers successfully contended more than a century ago and the perpetuity of which naturally appeals to all American citizens; therefore be it

Resolved: that the citizens of Bloomsburg and Columbia County, assembled at this meeting, extend to the people and the governments of these distant republics our sincere sympathy in their present struggle for civil liberty and political independence.

There was a large representation of Bloomsburg school boys at the meeting, all wearing badges, on which was printed a cut of Washington and the inscription: "Washington and Liberty 1776; Kruger and Independence 1900."

### Census Enumerators.

Census Supervisor Durant has made his appointments for enumerators for this county, and they have been approved by the government. Where the appointees do not reside in the district for which they are appointed, the Supervisor says it was either because there were no applicants, or those who applied failed in the examination. The appointees are nearly all Republicans, if not all. Did no Democrats apply, or is this another case where the victor gets the spoils?

The appointments for Columbia county are as follows:

Beaver Township—Philip Rabuck.  
Benton Township, including Benton Borough—Evan Buckalew.  
Bloomsburg, East—Isaiah Hagenbuch.  
Bloomsburg, West—Clyde C. Yetter.

Briar Creek Twp.—Harry M. Houck.  
Berwick Boro., East—Wm. F. Elmes.  
Berwick Boro., West—Jenkin Evans.  
Catawissa Township, including Catawissa Borough—Charles S. Kline.  
Centre Twp.—John H. Aikman.  
Cleveland Twp.—Clarence Kreischer.

Conyngham Twp., East—Thomas W. Raudenbush.  
Conyngham Twp., West—Jacob Benner.

Centralia Borough—Wm. J. Yarmouth.

Fishing Creek Township, including Stillwater Borough—Benj. F. Mathers.  
Greenwood Township, including Millville Borough—Ealph Kiser.

Hemlock Twp.—Herbert M. Grotz.  
Jackson Twp.—Wm. Klinger.  
Locust Twp.—Not appointed.  
Madison—Elias Hendershott.  
Main Twp.—Wm. R. Reichelderfer.  
Mifflin Twp.—Wm. O. Bowman.  
Montour Twp.—Elmer A. Mears.  
Mt. Pleasant Twp.—J. Frank Kline.  
Orange Twp., including Orangeville Borough—Henry C. Conner.  
Pine Twp.—Clemuel R. Parker.  
Roaring Creek Twp.—Clarence M. Yocum.

Scott, East—James M. Miller.  
Scott, West—William R. Robbins.  
Sugarloaf Twp.—Chas. E. Yorks.

C. M. Eves has been chosen as cashier of the new Millville bank, and John Eves was elected secretary of the board.



**Good Dressers**

You will not see any men dressed as well as the men who wear Hart, Schaffner & Marx suits and top coats. The nobby style and neat fit of these clothes recommend them to every man who knows what good clothes are and who likes to wear the best.

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They're the kind advertised in the leading magazines and worn by good dressers everywhere.

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Everywhere. "You'll take into consideration your spring looks" at once if you've that enviable characteristic "up-to-dateness."

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

The Leader Department Store.

### Springs.

Before the advance in prices we placed an order for springs. This was nearly a year ago. They are all in—150 of them—and we are willing to give you the benefit of our early buying. The sizes are 4x4 ft., and 4x6 ft., full length. In fact, size to fit any bed.

Our special leader is a full-sized spring, woven wire top, \$2.20. It would be cheap at \$2.75. We can give you a coiled spring, full size, for \$2.50. Higher prices for better goods.

10-Wire Brussels, the 60c. kind. Have only 100 Yds. Left.

WOOL VELVET CARPETS, Made, Laid and Lined, 90 cts.

Onyx Carpets, 20c. Just Left, 50 Yards.

### Furniture.

It is probably useless to tell you that our stock of furniture is new and fresh. Every dealer tells you that. We wish we could talk to you personally, right in our rooms, with the furniture before you. We could show you wherein is the difference between our stock and that quoted at lower prices. We aim first at quality. We don't want the stuff to fall apart within the first month after you get it.

We carry furniture for every room—from the kitchen chair, at 50c. apiece, to a dining room table at \$30. Also, all between.

### Furniture.

Here are a few things we want to close out:

DINERS.—They were \$8. We will sell what we have of them for \$6 a set.

We have a heavy box diner, which we sold regularly for \$14.00 the set. Just a few left, and they will go for \$9.00.

We have a full-sized white enamel bed, which we have been selling for \$8.00. We will sell a dozen of them at \$6.50 apiece. And you know white beds are white beds in these days of high prices.

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