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LIFE CRUSHED OUT

While Working in Sewer Excavation Charles Savitts Met Death.

A SHOCKING ACCIDENT

Again has the uncertainty of life been demonstrated. Saturday morning Charles Savitts left his home on East First Street, happy and in the best of health, but before the noon hour, the final summons came to him, and his life was crushed out. Engaged at honest toil in a sewer excavation on East Third Street, little thinking of the terrible calamity that awaited him, he was conversing with F. D. Marr a fellow workman who was standing on the top of the ground, a few feet above him, when suddenly, and without warning the earth broke loose from its holding and toppled over. Just before he had taken a joint of pipe from Marr's hands and was in the act of placing it in position when Marr observing the break in the earth, warned him of the impending danger, but alas, it was too late. He raised up just as the mass of earth fell over, and his head was caught and pressed with awful force against the side of the ditch. Some idea of the terrible weight of the earth which fell over and crushed his life out can be formed by the fact that his face left an impression in the side of the ditch. Death was instantaneous. The skull from a point near the nose to the top of the head was split, and the brain oozed out upon his forehead.

The cause of the accident is a mystery. The earth simply broke loose in a crescent shape and toppled over. The walls of the ditch are straight end men who have spent their lives at excavating and work of this sort are unable to explain it.

The body was hurriedly uncovered and removed to the undertaking establishment of G. G. Baker, where it was prepared for burial. It was later taken to the sorrow stricken home on East First Street.

The misfortunes that have visited this family would seem to indicate that fate has marked it as its own. Thirty years ago, William Savitts, the father of the unfortunate man was killed in the mines in Hemlock township, and twelve years ago Benjamin F. Savitts, fell from the top of the Exchange Hotel and was instantly killed.

The deceased was forty-nine years of age and is survived by a wife, three daughters and one son. He was among the best known residents of the town, having spent all of his life here. He was an active member of the Friendship Fire Company, and for a long time took care of the fire engine. He was one of the many good firemen of the town and there have been few fires that he had not responded to, and he always worked heroically. He for many years was employed by W. O. Holmes & Son as a plumber. For two years he managed the Fairman Restaurant, but resigned to accept a position with street commissioner Fred Neyhart, for whom he was working when he met his death.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon and was one of the largest that has ever been known in town. The Friendship Fire Company showed its respect by attending in full uniform, and the other companies, the Rescue, Winona and Liberty were largely represented. The pall bearers, all members of the Friendship Fire Company were W. H. Gilmore, Luther Beushoff, John Lewis, Calvin Girton, Elmer Dieterich and Frank Gitton. The services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Thomas, of the Reformed church. He took for his text the 14th verse of the 4th chapter of James, "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is man's life? It is but a vapor which appeareth for a short time." He dwelt upon the uncertainties of human life, and his remarks were most impressive. The choir rendered "Some Time We'll understand," and two other selections in a beautiful manner. The services throughout were particularly affecting, and as the remains were being carried from the home that he so dearly loved and now knows him no more, many eyes filled with tears.

The floral tributes were many and beautiful, and consisted of a pillow of roses from the Friendship Fire Company, a trumpet of smilax and roses from the Rescue Hose Company, a wreath of roses from the Liberty Fire Company, a floral horse shoe from the bar tenders of town, a bouquet of roses from the A Grammar school, which a daughter of the deceased attended and a bouquet of carnations from Miss Jennie Derr of Light Street.

FUN. FEASTING. FELLOWSHIP.

That is what Secretary B. F. Armstrong arranged for the active members of the Young Men's Christian Association at its annual meeting and banquet held in the Association rooms on Market street Monday evening, and everyone who was fortunate enough to be present concurs that the program throughout the evening in every way justified the designation.

The first to speak was Prof. Albert. He stated that the meeting had three objects, the first of which was a good time socially, the second it was the annual business meeting and the third to listen to the rendition of the program, which had been so carefully prepared by Secretary Armstrong.

Secretary of the Board of Trustees A. N. Yost, read the minutes of the previous annual meeting which on motion were ordered adopted. The board of directors which heretofore has consisted of twelve members was by a unanimous vote increased to fifteen. The object of this, Prof. Albert stated was to give the various churches of town a larger representation. The new members elected were Robt. Hawley of the Episcopal church for one year, and John Lewis of the Baptist church for two years. The other place was left vacant for the time being owing to the fact that Frank P. Eyer of the Methodist church had declined to serve. Prof. Albert gave it as his opinion however, that Mr. Eyer can be induced to accept. The terms of four of the directors having expired the following were elected to take their places: W. L. White, E. Woolsey, W. H. Brooke, and J. L. Wolverton. They will serve for three years. The following trustees were elected to succeed those whose terms have expired: M. P. Lutz, 6 years; L. E. Waller, 5 years; E. B. Tustin, 2 years, and Chas. W. Miller, 1 year.

This concluded the business meeting and the next was the rendition of the program. It opened with a tenor solo entitled "In the Valley of Kentucky" by D. J. Tasker. Charles M. Bittenbender followed with humorous recitation, "Betsy and I are out" which proved to be an instantaneous hit. His dry and inimitable manner simply convulsed the audience and the number was roundly applauded. His make-up too was good. John P. Conway in his usual pleasing style sang Chas. K. Harris' latest ballad "I Heard Her Voice Again." Sterling W. Dickson of Berwick was on the program for "something funny" and although he disclaimed any ability in that line, his remarks were thoroughly enjoyed, and his hearers were kept laughing. Chas. M. Bittenbender repeated his former success with "September Gale," after which Charles O. Skeer sang a very pretty baritone solo. Mr. Skeer's voice has won him many high encomiums, and his singing Monday evening was as it always is, first class.

A well rendered selection by Schwarz's Orchestra concluded the program, and the remainder of the evening was given over to feasting and social pleasure. The menu consisted of chicken salad, potato chips, pickles, olives, bread fingers, ice cream, cake and coffee, and was admirably served.

VALUABLE WATCH LOST.

On Thursday last Judge Grant Herring lost a valuable gold watch either in Bloomsburg, or along the creek, or in the creek. It is not only valuable in itself, but is much more valuable for its associations, as it was presented to him twenty years ago at the time of his graduation from college, by his mother, now deceased. It has a chain attached, and monogram G. S. H. on the case. A liberal reward will be paid for its return, and all the necessary information will be given as to where to look for it, to any one who is willing to make an effort to secure the reward.

REDEMPTION OF U. S. GOVERNMENT 5 PER CENT. BONDS.

The Secretary of the Treasury, has given notice that he will redeem at any time, the FIVE PER CENT. Bonds due February 1st, 1904, with interest to maturity.

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The Bloomsburg National Bank

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

IN JAIL AGAIN.

James Alexander of Centralia in the Law's Grip.

Alleged Theft of Watch.

James Alexander, of Centralia, who, if all reports are true, is an all around crook, and who apparently relies solely for his living on his ingenuity as a pelfer, is again in the toils. It will be remembered that something like a year ago while doing time in the county jail he made good his escape by tying the bed clothes together and lowering himself from his cell window into the jail yard. He remained in the yard until an opportune moment, when by means of the bed clothes still hanging from his cell window he reached the jail wall then leaped down on the outside and escaped. He was at large for several months when Sheriff Knorr received word from Philadelphia that he was there and he went down and captured him. He was brought back to jail, but the case against him was finally settled and he was allowed to go.

The experience it seems did not benefit him, as he was arrested on Monday for stealing a watch from a Centralia citizen. It is safe to say that the power that rules at the jail will keep a close watch on him this time. He was brought here Monday evening by constable Court-right.

NEW TEACHER ELECTED.

The vacancy in the principalship of the Fifth Street School building, caused by the resignation of Harry S. Barton, was filled by the School Board at a meeting held Friday evening. Charles W. Traub, a graduate of the Normal School, and who for several years has taught in the schools of the county, was elected. There were eight applicants for the position, and several ballots were taken before the principal was chosen.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY OO. FILES REASONS.

Attorneys for the Columbia and Montour Electric Railway Company A. W. Dwy Esq. and James Scarlet Esq. having filed reasons for a new trial against C. P. Pfahler who was recently awarded \$1368 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained as the result of being struck by a car at the Barton Crossing a short distance below town. The plaintiff sued for \$15,000 and he of course was not pleased with the verdict of the jury and has filed reasons for a new trial. The defendant too was dissatisfied, claiming that the verdict is against the charge of the court. The defendant's reasons are as follows:

First—The verdict is contrary to the direct proof that at the time the plaintiff started to cross the railway, the car of the defendant could not have been more than thirty feet away from him and plainly discernible by the lights from its front and side windows and this being uncontroverted the verdict should have been for defendant.

Second—The verdict is contrary to the evidence: the weight of the evidence and the charge of the Court.

The county weekly is read for a week and then sent on to absent friends for further circulation and perusal. The city daily is read for an hour at most and is then left in the "trolley" or thrown in the ash can. Can there be any question as to which gives the most publicity for the money invested?

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A double barrel gun with fine walnut stock, clean bore, finely finished. Always \$10.00, Special at \$8.48 each. This is a 12 gauge gun, a great field piece.

Here is a beautiful 12 gauge hammerless, double barrel, clean bore finely finished. Left barrel choked, right barrel modified. Always \$25.00. We will sell a few at \$22.00. Come and see it.

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The old favorite hunting coat that you have always paid \$2.00 for now \$1.65.

The regular \$1.25 hunting coat in this sale at 95 cents.

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FOR SALE BY

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General Hardware, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Death From Small-Pox.

The announcement of the death of Robert Coffman which occurred at the Municipal Hospital, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, came as a shock to his relatives and friends in town. He was known to have been in a critical condition, but on Monday word was received here that he had passed the crisis, and that his recovery was expected. Hope was brief, however. On Tuesday his condition took a turn for the worse, and shortly after noon of that day he passed away. The disease which caused his death was small-pox and he had been afflicted eleven days.

The deceased was twenty-nine years of age and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Coffman of West Second street. From his birth up until about three years ago he resided in Bloomsburg. During the last three years of his residence here he was employed by the American Electric Light Company, which he resigned to accept a similar though more lucrative one with the Kensington District Electric Light Company.

He is survived by a wife and four young children. The funeral took place in Philadelphia yesterday afternoon. Short services were also held at the home of his parents Rev. J. D. Thomas of the Reformed church officiating.

Death of Mrs. C. M. Eves.

Mrs. Sue Eves, wife of C. M. Eves, cashier of the First National Bank, Millville, died at her home in Millville on Wednesday of last week, of consumption of the bowels. She was taken ill nearly a year ago, and shortly thereafter was removed to a hospital in Baltimore, where she underwent an operation. But it did her but temporary good. Realizing that the case was hopeless, she was taken back home, where she lingered until the time stated when she passed away.

Mrs. Eves was a daughter of the late Robert Potter of Pine township, and a sister of Miss Bertha Potter, a tailoress of this town. She was married to Mr. Eves two years ago.

The Young Gentleman



Is very particular about his Suit.

Dozens of fine looking Young Men were here every day last week buying their Fall Suits, and more will come this week for the word seems to have gone round that this store is the place to get Young Men's Clothing.

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AT THE FAIR

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