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WARLAND P. EVANS.

HOSPITAL REPORT.

Surrounded by all that makes life desirable, with youth, and friends and worldly comforts, Warland P. Evans was summoned by the grim reaper on Friday last at 6.45 o'clock in the afternoon. He was seized with illness about ten days previously, which developed into pleuro-pneumonia.

He was attended by his devoted mother, by two trained nurses, and by Drs. John, Miller, and Willits, but in spite of medical skill, and the most careful nursing, he was unable to throw off the disease.

Mr. Evans was born June 3, 1880, and is survived by his mother and one sister and two brothers: Mrs. J. S. John and County Superintendent W. W. Evans, of Bloomsburg and Harry Evans, of Bloomsburg, R. F. D. His father was the late Peter A. Evans, formerly county treasurer.

Warland was a young man of genial disposition, and excellent character, and was very popular with all who knew him. He was a member of the Wheelmen's Club, and a large delegation of the members attended the funeral in a body, thus attesting the high esteem in which they held him.

The funeral took place on Monday at one o'clock, and the attendance was large, the house being filled with those who came to pay their last tribute of respect to a departed friend. Rev. E. R. Heckman conducted the services, and delivered an impressive address fitting the occasion. A quartette consisting of Mrs. John Knies, Mrs. R. F. Vanderslice, C. O. Skeer and O. H. Yetter; rendered two beautiful selections.

There were a number of beautiful floral offerings. Cut off in the midst of what promised to be an active and useful life, Warland P. Evans was laid to rest in Rosemont Cemetery. Peace to his ashes!

SUICIDE AT BERWICK.

L. Benton Laubach, station agent of the S. B. & B. R. R. at Berwick, committed suicide on Monday afternoon by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. A spell of illness, brought on by dyspepsia, had made him irrational at times. He was much better however, and had stated that he would return to work that day.

After dinner he went to his bed room, and a shot was heard by his wife, and upon investigation, she found him lying in a pool of blood. He had evidently stood before the bureau, and pulled the trigger.

MOTHER DIES FROM SHOCK.  
When the news was told his mother, Mrs. G. H. Buckingham, who lived nearby, that her son had shot himself, she immediately fell dead. She was aged 76 years.

Mrs. Buckingham was born in Fairmount Springs and is survived by the following children: H. C. Laubach, Mrs. J. R. McNall, Miss Jessie Laubach and Mrs. Gus Bierbauf, all of Berwick. L. Benton Laubach is survived by a widow and one daughter.

JOHNSON-WELLIVER.

Miss Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Welliver, was married to Roy Johnson, son of Martin Johnson of Beaver Valley, last Thursday at the bride's home by Rev. G. R. Smith, pastor of the Baptist Church, in the presence of the families.

On Tuesday they went to Lowellville, Ohio, where Mr. Johnson is employed as a telegraph operator.

The annual report of Sister Bernadetti, superintendent of the Joseph Ratti Hospital shows the following:

During the year there were treated 208 patients. Of this number 66 were charity patients and 11 others did not pay, making a total of 77 patients who received their treatment free of charge. During the year there were 28 dispensary patients, which number was not included in the 208 patients mentioned.

There were 156 operative cases and 52 medical cases during the year, 13 of which resulted in death. Three of the patients left within 24 hours after having been admitted. The number of patients occupying private rooms at a cost of \$1.71, 37 and \$1.43 per day, was 72. There were 59 patients in the ward at a cost of \$1.00 per day.

The average number of days spent at the hospital by each patient was 16 1-2. The average cost of maintenance per day was about \$2.02 1-3.

There are 15 beds. Since the hospital was opened there have been 429 patients. Since the appropriation was granted, there have been 318 patients.

Following is the financial report for the year:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, January, February, March, April and May, \$102.94; cash from sundry sources, \$27.72; board of patients, \$3,895.90; State of Pennsylvania, \$1,500; cash donations, \$387.94; dinners, books for nurses, etc., \$19.47.

EXPENDITURES.

Bed and Bedding, fixtures, supplies, etc., \$7,356.96. Receipts, \$5,943.97; excess of expenses on report, Dec. 1908, \$1,422.99.

There are at present five nurses. Those in the first year receive five dollars per month and those in the second year course eight dollars a month. There are also employed at the hospital a domestic, laundress and orderly, who receive respectively \$12, \$16 and \$20 per month.

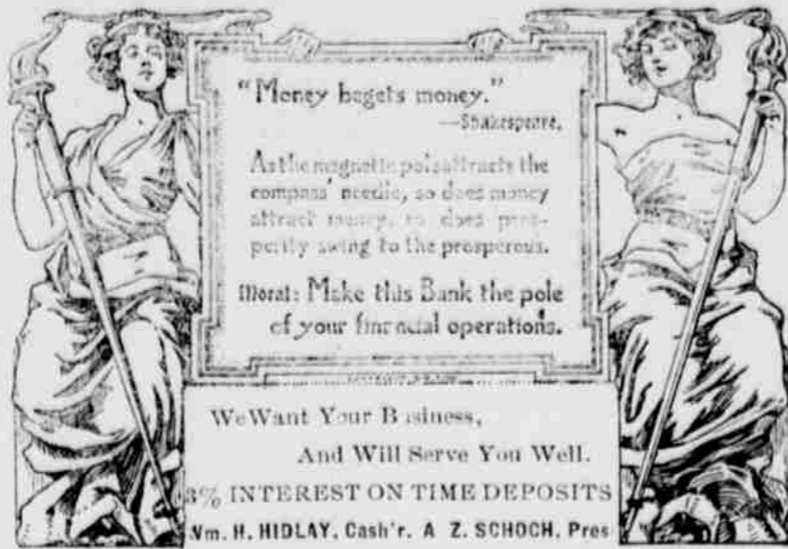
One woman who comes one day a week, receiving a dollar a day. There are five nurses, each receiving \$20 a month.

ELECTION AT HOSPITAL.

The annual meeting at the Joseph Ratti Hospital was held on Monday. The following Directors were elected: Paul E. Wirt, C. M. Creveling, Dr. J. J. Brown, Dr. B. F. Gardner, and Dr. L. B. Kline. To fill the vacancy on the board caused by the death of George S. Robbins, whose term expires in 1913, H. Bruce Clerk was elected to fill the vacancy. At the meeting of the Board A. Z. Schoch was elected chairman; John G. Harman, secretary and Sister Bernadetti, superintendent, for the ensuing year.

Previous to the meeting of the board the regular meeting of the hospital corporation was held at which time the following new members were elected: George L. Low, F. P. Pursel, Samuel Wigfall, of Bloomsburg; W. T. Creasy, of Catawissa; G. M. Youngman, W. L. McClure, Dr. P. C. Newbaker, Danville; Dr. I. R. Wolf, Espy; A. W. Snyder, Mifflinville; W. M. Longenberger, Mainville.

The corporation organized by the election of the following named officers: A. Z. Schoch, president; L. N. Moyer, vice president; John G. Harman, secretary, and F. P. Yorks, treasurer



**THE BLOOMSBURG NATIONAL BANK**  
BLOOMSBURG PENN'A

ABOUT AN OLD FAMILY.

How Mrs. E. A. Hoffman's Estate was Settled.

Mrs. Eliza A. Hoffman died at her home in Montoursville on Sunday, January 10, 1909. She was a sister of the late Joseph Weaver, and also of Catharine and Margaret Weaver of this town, whose home was on Market street, on the lots now occupied by the residences of W. S. Rishton and Dr. J. W. Bruner.

There were two other sisters, Mrs. Sarah McRoberts, and Mrs. Phoebe Adams, both of whom resided in Aledo, Illinois. All of them are dead, and Mrs. Hoffman was the last of the family.

Mrs. Hoffman had been a widow for a long time, and had taken into her household a young girl who afterwards became Mrs. Bennett, but continued to live with Mrs. Hoffman for many years and to care for her with the devotion of a daughter up to the time of her death. Harry M. King had also lived with her from childhood until his marriage, and then resided near by, and continued to look after her interests, and render all the assistance possible.

Mrs. Hoffman had reached the advanced age of eighty-five years, but all her faculties were well preserved. Her last illness was only for about two weeks, and her condition was not considered serious until the last two or three days.

Mr. King and Mrs. Bennett had been as her own children to her, and it was expected that some provision would be made for them by Mrs. Hoffman, but this was neglected, and on her death it was found that she had made no will.

Joseph W. McRoberts, of Aledo, Illinois, is a son of Mrs. Sarah Weaver McRoberts, and as the only living near relative of Mrs. Hoffman, is her sole heir. He is a prominent man in his section, a director of a bank and interested in many other business enterprises, and one of Aledo's most progressive citizens. He came east to attend his aunt's funeral at Montoursville, and to look after the estate. Finding the true situation, he did what but few men would have done. He was legally entitled to the entire estate as the only heir of Mrs. Hoffman. He was an entire stranger to Mrs. Bennett and Mr. King, and he could have claimed everything, and gone back to his home a wealthier man by a goodly sum. But knowing the relations that had existed between his aunt and Mr. King and Mrs. Bennett, he did what he believed to be just, rather than stand strictly upon his legal rights.

Mrs. Hoffman had promised to give Mrs. Bennett all the household effects at her death, but died without making any provision for carrying out the promise. Mr. McRoberts turned over to Mrs. Bennett everything in the house, and all the personal property about the premises. He also deeded to her the homestead, which is said to be a fine property. In addition to this he gave her five hundred dollars in cash for her services in nursing Mrs. Hoffman during her last illness.

To Mr. King he deeded real estate of the deceased worth some thousands of dollars, and made him administrator of the estate, thus showing his sense of appreciation of the services rendered his aunt

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

Richards Named for President of Council

The Republican caucus for the nomination of town officers was held in the Town Hall last night, and the following nominations were made: President, F. I. Richard, Members of Council, Thomas Morris, John Lewis and Jacob Stiner; School Director, W. E. Rinker; Justice of the Peace, C. S. Fornwald. No nomination was made for Tax collector.

It was a scrappy meeting. James Magee sprung a surprise by appearing as a candidate before the caucus, as he had announced himself as an independent. He will probably stay in the field.

There was some spicy talk between Clyde Yetter and Magee, and a lot of yelling by everybody. The Yetter crowd was in the majority, and the vote for chairman stood 108 for W. O. Holmes, and 98 for R. D. Young. For President the vote was 148 for Richard and 78 for Magee.

For councilmen J. H. Fahringer, John Lewis, Jacob Stiner, Thomas Morris, T. B. Moore, and C. W. Runyon were named. The latter declined. Lewis, Morris and Stiner were nominated. The remainder of the meeting was very quiet, many persons having left the hall.

There were 216 Republicans present to make nominations for about 2,000 voters.

LICENSE COURT.

Last Monday was the regular time fixed by the Court for hearing license applications. At the opening of the session Judge Evans intimated that hereafter it might be made the rule that testimony would be heard in all cases, old as well as new.

All old licenses were granted. Testimony was heard in the following new cases: Joseph Smalley for hotel in West Berwick; Henry Schlanger, hotel, West Berwick, H. O. Kline, restaurant, West Berwick, and in this case remonstrances were filed.

The application of Patrick O'Reilly for a hotel in Centralia was next heard, a remonstrance having been filed to the effect that he sold to intoxicated persons, and sold on Sundays. This was testified to by several witnesses. Other cases heard were Steve Peters, hotel, Berwick; Jacob D. Keiper, hotel, West Berwick; W. A. Linden, hotel, West Berwick.

William H. Snyder asked for a license for the Exchange Hotel, Bloomsburg, and witnesses were heard as to the character of the applicant. Mrs. Sue A. Grover asked for a restoration of her hotel license in Espy, and Frank M. Remley for a wholesale license in Bloomsburg.

The new cases were held under advisement.

by the two, in a most generous and unusual manner.

Mr. McRoberts is evidently moulded after a pattern quite uncommon in these days of love of lucre, and it is a pleasure to meet and know such a man.

Years ago the Weaver family was well known here, and there are many of the older residents of Bloomsburg who remember them, and it is for these that we take pleasure in recounting the above facts.

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