

COL. L. ROGERS DIES AT HIS HOME AT KANE.

He Passed Away Suddenly at 9:20 Tuesday Morning, May 18.

From McKeen County Miner, May 20th, 1909.

The people of this community were greatly shocked Tuesday morning when a telephone message from Kane conveyed the sad intelligence that Col. Lucius Rogers, postmaster at Kane, and one of the best known citizens of the county had passed away suddenly at 9:30 that morning at his home, in the eightieth year of a most useful life.

The immediate cause of his death was heart failure, brought about by a general decline in health which has been going on for the past two or three years. During the past winter he has been in poor health a greater part of the time although he had only been confined to the house a small portion of the time for short periods. The writer called on Mr. Rogers on Tuesday of last week at the Kane postoffice and although he had lost considerable flesh and was somewhat weakened from his previous illness, he appeared to be feeling quite well and the announcement of his death was a great surprise to the writer.

When we last saw him he was full of life and energy and as much interested in the affairs of Smethport as he ever was, and his long life has been full of activity energy.

Monday he was taken with a sinking spell while walking from his home to the postoffice (his first attempt since his recent illness) and had to be taken home in a carriage. He recovered quite readily and Tuesday morning felt quite well, but while dressing he suffered another attack from which he never revived—dying in short time.

Lucius Rogers was born in Genesee, Livingston county, N. Y., December 18, 1829. When he was about a year old his father moved his family to Jamestown, N. Y., where they lived until two years after his father's death, which occurred in August, 1847.

He received a limited education in the public schools of Jamestown, and at the age of 16 years entered the Journal office to learn the printing business. After serving three years he went to Warren, Pa., where for a year he worked as a compositor. Then he went to Syracuse, N. Y., where he remained for about six months. From Syracuse he moved to New York, where he was employed in a job office in the old Tribune building as a printer. Subsequently he worked in a number of New England cities and at Dansville, N. Y.

In 1851 Mr. Rogers returned to Warren and formed a partnership with the Hon. E. Cowan in the publication of the Warren Mail. In 1854 he was nominated by the Whigs as a candidate for county treasurer of Warren county and at the October election was elected by a majority of 159. At the session of the legislature in 1857, he was selected as transcribing clerk or the Senate of Pennsylvania, a position he retained only one session.

On February 28, 1858, Mr. Rogers purchased the Smethport Citizen from Prof. F. A. Allen. In 1860 the county of Cameron was formed partly from McKeen county, and in the fall of that year he moved the Citizen office to Emporium, believing the Philadelphia & Erie railroad company would locate its shops there after the road had been completed to that point. The first number of the paper was issued December 23, 1860, and was the first paper ever published within the limits of that county. In a few months the Civil War began. The editor closed his office and enlisted. Under a commission issued by Governor Curtin, Mr. Rogers recruited Co. F of the 58th regiment in July, 1861, and was made its Captain and was afterwards promoted to Colonel. He served with this regiment until the spring of 1863, when he returned the county and purchased the McKeen Miner, which had been moved from Bradford to the county seat a year or two before. In 1870 he sold the paper and in January, 1884, repurchased it and returned to its publication.

In 1869 he was elected prothonotary and in 1871 was chosen to represent in the assembly the district composed of McKeen and Potter counties, defeating F. W. Knox, of Potter. Mr. Rogers was the secretary of the State Constitutional convention of 1873 and for several years was secretary of the Republican State committee. For four years from 1879 to 1883, he was deputy secretary of internal affairs, during which term he lived at Harrisburg, and for

eleven years was journal and reading clerk of the State Senate. He was elected county treasurer in 1889.

Years before the discovery of oil in McKeen county, Col. Rogers had great faith in the existence of extensive coal beds in the eastern portion of the county and spent a small fortune in seeking to develop this theory. For a number of years he was president of the school board of Smethport and through his persistency with the support of other members of the board the foundation of Smethport's excellent schools was laid.

He built and operated the first steam saw mill ever erected in Potato Creek Valley. This mill was located at the junction of Potato and Marvin Creeks in the eastern end of this borough and which did active service until a few years ago. He was actively interested in the location of nearly every industry that ever came to Smethport and was a stockholder in the first oil wells drilled near this place, which subsequently opened the gas fields in this section. When the Camp Glass factory was located here he made a liberal donation in land and otherwise assisted in getting it located here.

About the year 1890 Mr. Rogers was interested in starting the Kane Republican and after selling the Miner to Olson & Gilbert in the fall of 1893, he took charge of that paper and moved to Kane. He continued to edit and manage that paper until he was appointed postmaster September 7, 1908.

On May 31, 1860, he was united in marriage to Miss Livia M. Goodwin at Kidders Ferry, N. Y., and commenced keeping house in Smethport. Four children were born to bless this union, three of whom survive, namely, Lucy, now Mrs. W. F. Shero, of Racine, Wis., Fantine, now Mrs. W. P. Burdick, of Kane, and Harry Small of Mt. Jewett, Mrs. Rogers died at Smethport, July 27, 1889, aged 63 years.

On January 1, 1901, he was married at Harrisburg to Miss Sarah Campbell Gratz of that city, who with his three children above named survive to mourn the loss of a kind, indulgent, loving and honorable husband and father.

The deceased was a member of the different Masonic bodies, being a charter member of McKeen Lodge, No. 388, F. & A. M., Bradford Chapter, No. 268, and Trinity Commandrey, No. 58, Knights Templar of Bradford, affiliating with that body in 1883. He was a charter member of McKeen Post, No. 347, G. A. R., of Smethport and was its commander one or more times. He was also a member of Kane Lodge of Elks. Colonel Rogers enjoyed perhaps the most extensive acquaintance of any man in this county and he had as many friends as any man within its limits. And his acquaintances and friends were not limited by county or state lines. He was personally acquainted with practically every man of prominence in the state as well as many of the leading political and business men of the nation.

The deceased had one secret that was kept in vault until his death and that was his age. He had always been an unusually old and active man for his age and there were few people in the county that imagined that he was anywhere near 80 years of age, even though he aged very rapidly in the past two or three years.

In all his activity, business energy and reverses in Col. Rogers always had time to assist a person in need of help and many a man in this county can attribute his start in life to the aid of this man. He trusted his fellow men implicitly and although he had been the victim of misplaced confidence in many instances, he never lost his faith in mankind nor soured on humanity. Like all prominent men in active business and political life he had his enemies, but even they admired him for his many manly qualifications, and will join with his host of friends in regretting that the last page of this interesting life is closed.

He was a full life from boyhood to the day that the earthly spark fled. It was full of work, full of pleasure, full of disappointments and yet always full of hope. He has never known what an idle moment was and therefore he never had time to give his troubles a chance to get a hold of him. He possessed a wonderful constitution and he never allowed himself to feel old, act old or look old. If a stranger had met him a week ago he would have called him an energetic man of sixty, capable of doing much for mankind in the next twenty years to come. His eyes were bright his mind was alert and his voice was as strong and clear as most men of half his age. The final summons came as a shock and brought with it a deep feeling of regret to every man, woman and child in this section. He lived to a ripe old age and this community and the world in general is better for his having lived.

His remains were laid at rest in Rose Hill cemetery at Smethport last Friday morning.

MEMORIAL DAY



Do you know what it means, boys and girls
Who hail from the north and the south—
Do you know what it means,
This twining of greens
Round the silent cannon's mouth,
This strewing with flowers the grass
grown grave,
This decking with garlands the statues
brave—
This flaunting of flags
All in tatters and rags,
This marching and singing,
These bells a-ringing,
These faces grave and these faces gay,
This talk of the blue and this talk of the
gray,
In the north and the south Memorial day?
Not simply a show time, boys and girls,
Is this day of falling flowers,
Not a parent play
Nor a holiday
Of flags and floral bowers.
It is something more than the day that
starts
Warm memories a-throb in veteran
hearts,
For across the years
To the hopes and fears,
To the days of battle,
Of roar and of rattle.
To the past that now seems so far away,
Do the sons of the blue and the sons of
the gray
Gaze, hand clasping hand, Memorial day.
For the wreck and the wrong of it, boys
and girls,
For the terror and loss as well,
Our hearts must hold
A regret untold
As we think of those who fell,
But their blood, on whichever side they
fought,
Remade the nation and progress bought.
We forget the foe,
For we live and know
That the fighting and sighing,
The falling and dying,
Were but steps toward the future—the
martyr's way,
Down which the sons of the blue and the
gray
Look with love and pride Memorial day.
—Wide Awake.

Ascension Day Was Observed.

The Rev. Oliver S. Metzler, formerly a pastor at the Methodist Church at this place, preached a very impressive sermon to the Knights Templar at Williamsport last Thursday. The Williamsport News contained the following notice of the service:

Ascension day was appropriately observed by Baldwin II commandery No. 22 Knight Templar, at the Scottish Rite cathedral last evening. The auditorium was filled to overflowing, the center being occupied by members of the commandery. The Teques played and vocal music was furnished by a quartet led by Sir George M. Busch. The Rev. Oliver S. Metzler, pastor of the Mulberry street Methodist church, preached an eloquent sermon, his tribute to the dead of the Masonic fraternity being particularly touching.

Great Celebration on the Fourth of July at Emporium This Year.

At a meeting of the Board of Trade a hustling Fourth of July committee has been appointed. Owing to the fact that the 4th falls on a Sunday the celebration will take place Monday afternoon, July 5th, at Keystone Park. All business men are requested to close their stores at noon on that day. There will be something doing every minute, and the show will be as interesting as a three ring circus. Everybody in Cameron county should be at Keystone Park on that day (Monday afternoon, July 5th.) Don't forget to invite your out of town friends. Program will be announced later.

Examination of Candidates for Holy Orders.

The Examining Chaplains of the Archdeaconry of Erie are arranging to meet in Emporium for the examination of candidates for Priests Orders next Wednesday. The examiners are the Rev. J. E. Reilly, D. D., New Castle, the Rev. A. A. Benton, D. D., Foxburg, and the Rev. J. M. Robertson, Emporium. The candidates to be examined are the Rev. R. G. Rosecamp, D. D., South New Castle, the Rev. Rager Charneck, Bradford, and Mr. Charles E. McCoy, Smethport.

This is a Billion Dollar Country. Uncle Sam, according to law, gives for publication the total appropriations made by Congress each session. The showing of the last regular session was for a grand total of \$1,044,401,857. "Uncle Sam is rich enough to buy us all a farm."

Granulated Sugar 25 pound sacks for \$1.45, at C. B. Howard & Co's.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

BURNETT.
WILLIE, the bright and interesting little son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Burnett, died at the home of his parents on West Sixth street early last Friday morning. His death was caused by an accident which happened a week previous to his death and was caused by jumping, having fallen and struck the back of his head, injuring his spine and neck. He did not complain of his injury until Saturday evening when Dr. W. H. Bush was summoned, who did all in his power to aid the little sufferer, but without avail. The death was a terrible shock to Mrs. Burnett, who was at the time at Pittsburgh, having been called there by the illness of her mother and she did not learn of Willie's death until her arrival at Emporium last Friday afternoon. Deceased was in his tenth year and had just passed a very satisfactory examination and had entered the fifth grade in our schools. The funeral was held last Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the family residence and services were conducted by Rev. J. F. Anderson, of the M. E. Church. Interment was made in the Wiley Cemetery. Many relatives from out of town were present at the funeral. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of the Press and the community at large in their sad bereavement.

LEWIS.
The funeral of Mrs. Maranda M. Mason-Lewis, whose death was published in our last issue, took place from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Alex. McDougal last Sunday afternoon, at two o'clock, and was private, confined strictly to the relatives of the deceased. Revs. Paul J. Lux, of the Presbyterian Church, and F. B. Schriener, of the Free Methodist Church, conducted the services. Interment was made in the family lot in the Newton Cemetery.

DURK.
Phoebe Alice Durk, relict of the late Frank R. Morrison, passed to rest at her brother's residence—the old Durk homestead, South Pelham—after an illness of several months from tumor. Her late husband, a telegrapher, was killed on the Pennsylvania Ry., near Emporium, Pa., in June, 1907, and formerly lived in Welland.—St. C. Journal.

A Happy Man.
Robert Lyons, Assistant Supt., at the Climax Powder Works, passed the cigars to his many friends last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons are rejoicing over the arrival of a nine pound baby boy, who made his appearance at their home on Thursday night. "Bob" is one of Emporium's happiest men and said he can only come up town about once a month now as the boy will take up all his spare time. Aere's hoping that the boy will live to be a blessing and honor to his devoted parents and be as good looking as his "Pa."

First Presbyterian Church.
Paul J. Lux, Pastor.
Morning Worship and Sermon, 10:30.
Sunday School, 11:45.
Junior Endeavor, 3:00.
Christian Endeavor, 6:30.
Evening Service, 7:30.
Last Sermon on Home Life. Subject. Breaking of Ties.
All are most cordially invited to attend.

Helen Taft at Gettysburg.
Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the President, has accepted an invitation to unveil the monument erected at Gettysburg, in memory of the Union Soldiers who participated in the Gettysburg campaign. The ceremony will take place on the 31st of this month and 2,000 regular troops will attend. President Taft will deliver the principal address.

Baptist Church.
JOHN L. BOGUE, Pastor.
10:30 a. m., Worship and Sermon. Theme, "The Invisible robe."
11:45 Sunday School Session, "Faith and Works."
6:30 Y. P. S. C. E., "Heroes of the Homeland."
7:30 p. m., Praise Service and Sermon. The pastor will preach a sermon appropriate to Memorial Day. Special music appropriate to the occasion will be rendered by the choir.

Company M.
Lieut. Ellis requests the boys of Company M who are under fifteen years of age to meet at the place of drill on Wednesday evenings at the usual hour.
Just received a fresh invoice of Crackers and Cookies at C. B. Howard & Co's.
Don't forget! 3 cans Sweet Clover Peas, for 25c, at C. B. Howard & Co's.

THE WEATHER.

FRIDAY, Showers.
SATURDAY, Showers.
SUNDAY, Fair.

ASSETS First National Bank, EMPORIUM, PA.

At the close of business, May 26, 1909.

\$812,132.09.

STURDY OAK

has its beginning with the little acorn. Likewise, the Tree of Fortune takes root with the opening of a saving account.
\$1.00 Starts an Account.
3% INTEREST PAID ON SAVING BOOK ACCOUNTS AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT.

DR. LEON REX FELT,
DENTIST.
Rockwell Block, Emporium, Pa.

DR. H. W. MITCHELL,
DENTIST,
(Successor to Dr. A. B. Mead.)
Office over A. F. Vogt's Shoe Store,
Emporium, Pa. 12y

Emporium Hygenic Ice Company
The Emporium Hygenic Ice Company are rapidly pushing their plant towards completion and hope to soon be turning out pure ice for their numerous customers who are patiently waiting. They expect to be ready to deliver ice within ten days and announce the following rates:

Domestic use, 40c per 100 pounds, placed in refrigerator.
Meat Markets, Hotels, etc., 18c per 100, on curb; 17c at plant.
Coupon books, good for 500, 1,000 and 2,000 pounds are now ready. Will be ready to deliver ice between June 1st and 5th.
EMPORIUM HYGENIC ICE COMPANY.
May 18th, 1909.—14-3E.

Pastor Installed.

The Rev. Paul J. Lux, was installed as pastor of the Presbyterian church last Thursday evening. Several ministers from out of town assisted in the services. The Rev. Lux, although only being in Emporium a short time, has many friends here who sincerely hope that his stay with us may be a happy one and be continued for a long time to come.

Emmanuel Church Services.
May 30, Whitsunday:
10:30 a. m., Holy Communion and Sermon. Subject: Church Unity.
7:30 p. m., Evening Prayer. The Hon. Josiah Howard, who is a member of the Diocesan Committee on the Division of the Diocese, will address the congregation on the subject of the proposed division.
The offerings will be devoted to Diocesan Missions.

Tariff Bill Coming.

President Taft believes that the tariff bill will be in his hands not later than June 20th. Mr. Taft also adheres to the belief that when the bill does come from conference it will constitute a revision of the tariff in the generally accepted sense and it will be such a measure as will warrant his signature as a step in the right direction.

Property Improvements.

James Farrell is making preparations to raise his building, on West Fourth street, next door to the opera house, and will set the house back in the lot, leaving a space for a front lawn. This will add greatly to the appearance of the street and Mr. Farrell and family's comfort.

W. D. White has raised his residence on Fourth street and has placed a concrete foundation under the same.

For Rent.

Living rooms for small family, Corner Fifth and Cherry street. Inquire of Arthur Frappier.

Lost.

White and Black Setter Dog. Finder please notify Dr. H. S. Falk and receive reward.

For Sale.

Some good medium sized potatoes for seed, at a bargain, cheap. Box 39, Cameron, Pa. 15-2t.

Union Teachers' Training Class.
The Union Training Class for Sunday School Teachers meets on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock in Emmanuel parish house.

Where did you get that stylish Straw Hat? At C. B. Howard & Co's

Linoleum at 99c per yard is getting scarce at C. B. Howard & Co's.