

CENTRE CO.'S GRAND OLD MAN IS CLAIMED BY DEATH.

Colonel D. E. Fortney Succumbs to Heart Disease While Seated in Chair in His Law Office.—Was Born and Raised West of Centre Hall.

Colonel David F. Fortney, the nestor of the Centre county bar, and one of the most forceful and manly men in Central Pennsylvania, passed away Monday afternoon at two o'clock, while seated in a chair in his law office in Bellefonte. Mr. Fortney had been a sufferer from heart trouble for some time, yet no one anticipated any serious results, consequently the announcement of his death came as a great shock to his legion of friends.

Colonel Fortney was born and raised about two miles west of Centre Hall, in the vicinity of the Gregg ore banks. The date of his birth was September 11, 1843, hence he was in his seventy-third year. He was the third in line to be named David, both his father and grandfather being named David Fortney. The deceased's father came to Centre county when a young man of twenty-three years and learned the carpenter trade. Many houses and bank barns in Penns Valley were constructed by him.

Mr. Fortney is survived by one son, David Paul Fortney, Esq., of Bellefonte, who was associated with his father in the practice of law. His wife preceded him to the grave some years ago. Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) morning at his late home, and burial made in Bellefonte. Rev. McKinney, of the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Fortney was an active and consistent member, will officiate.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

David F. Fortney, practically speaking, was reared among agricultural pursuits. His early education was such as the neighboring schools of the township afforded. He was in attendance at the academy at Pine Grove Mills, during which time he walked over three miles each day every day in the week, and was never tardy. While at the academy in August, 1862, young Fortney, with others, the principal included, enlisted for the war in Company D, 14th P. V. I., under the command of Col. James A. Beaver, afterward Governor of Pennsylvania. In less than a year, however, the young man Fortney was discharged from the service for disability arising from fever contracted while therein. He then returned to Pine Grove Academy for some months, and later taught a five-months term of school at White Hall school house, in Ferguson township, receiving \$20 per month for his services. From April 20, 1864, to the last of September, 1866, he attended what was known as Vermillion Institute, at Hayesville, Ohio, which was in charge of Rev. S. Dieffendorf, and was an excellent school, where he received quite a liberal education in higher mathematics, sciences, and in the Latin and Greek languages. On returning from Hayesville, he taught one term of school in Decatur township, Clearfield county. Early in life he made up his mind to be a lawyer, and with this end in view, he attended school, and taught probably longer than he otherwise would have done. In the spring of 1867 he entered the law office of the late Hon. John H. Orvis, of Bellefonte, and while reading law did, for his board, whatever work was to be done on his preceptor's place of some three acres, which comprised an orchard and garden. He was admitted to the bar April 30, 1869, having practically worked his own way through school, and maintained himself by work part of the time while studying law.

From the very first he took high rank as a lawyer, and gained and held the respect of his colleagues, and had acquired a fine practice, when he, to some extent, lost his hearing. While this in no way injured his ability as a lawyer, nor interfered with him as a counselor, it did to a certain extent prevent him from engaging in trials in court. As an advocate his ability was recognized by the bar and the public, and he was frequently employed in cases simply to make the argument to the jury because of his recognized ability in this line. But for this misfortune, there was no public position his friends would not have been willing to give him, and which he would not have honorably filled. He was chairman of the Democratic County Committee in 1871, and again in 1879, and in 1877 was elected district attorney of the county for a term of three years, by the largest majority, which up to that time, in a straight contest between two candidates, had been given for many years. He was frequently importuned to be a candidate for the Legislature, and just as often refused. He was widely known as the Democratic "War-horse" of Centre county. For many years he took an active part in State and county campaigns. He was always in demand as a campaign orator, and was a great favorite with the people of the county. No man in the county has at any time done more or better work for the continued success of the party, in both county and State, than Mr. Fortney, and no man in the party had more loyal and devoted friends than he.

From January, 1882, to January, 1888, Mr. Fortney was solicitor of the county, and from January, 1891, to 1897 he held the same office, and in examining accounts that pass through the commissioner's office he has been no respecter of persons in lopping off unnecessary expense or in cutting down bills. The public will never fully know the actual

service he was to them in this capacity. During his first term (January, 1882, to January, 1888) through his efforts there was collected and paid over to the treasury of the county over \$32,000. The fund arose from a lot of old claims which the county held against various townships in and outside of the county. Every member of the bar was arrayed against him, but feeling sure he was right, he pushed the claims, and at the end of about three years' litigation, the county was successful in every case.

Mr. Fortney was a writer of recognized ability, and editorials occasionally from his pen were well received and favorably spoken of. In April, 1894, he was appointed postmaster at Bellefonte, and it is worthy of note that in the contest for the place he was backed by the entire bar and the largest and best business interests of the place. The office was conducted in a business like manner on business principles. Strong partisan as he was, politics did not enter into the discharge of his official duties. As a citizen he stood high among the energetic and progressive men of the community in which he lived, and likely did as much for the good of the public and its advancement as any of the prominent men among whom he lived.

In 1882 he was made a member of the school board of Bellefonte and for a number of years served as president. During his term of office the schools made wonderful progress and he took much pride in what he did in this line of work than in anything else in the course of his life.

In 1879, when the Amendment to the Constitution of the State, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the State, was before the people for adoption, he went into the campaign for the Amendment with all his well-known energy and enthusiasm, and for a period extending over two months he made speeches in every part of the county, and did much to aid in securing for the Amendment the very large majority that was given it by the people of Centre county.

On September 19, 1876, he was married to Sarah E. Huey, a native of Harris township, and to them were born two children (twins): David Paul, the fourth in line to be called David; and Katy H., who died in her tenth year.

DEATHS.

An obituary notice on the death of the Rev. George W. Lelshar, formerly pastor of the Lutheran church at Boalsburg, appeared in the Lutheran Church Work and Observer, last week. Rev. Lelshar was born at Chambersburg, August 16, 1837, and died in Cleveland, Friday, March 24th. He taught school at Boalsburg and while there was given the opportunity for which he had been looking to prepare for the gospel ministry. He became a private student of the Rev. J. T. Williams, pastor loci, and pursued his studies with diligence. He was ordained by the Central Pennsylvania Synod, in session at Lewistown, in 1872, and served with signal fidelity and success the following pastorates: Fayetteville, Manorville, McAllisterville, Duncannon, Boalsburg, and Zion's church, Buffalo, N. Y. While in the Pittsburgh Synod he served that body as secretary and president, and was also president of the Central Pennsylvania Synod during his service there. He was frequently sent as a delegate to the meetings of the General Synod and was greatly beloved for his sweet Christian character by all who knew him.

Luther E. Stover, a respected citizen of Aaronsburg, died at his home late Monday night, following a paralytic stroke which he sustained Friday previous. He was born in February, 1853, consequently was past sixty-three years of age. Forty years ago he married Miss Anna Meyer, who survives him with no children. One brother and one sister are left to mourn his loss, namely, Charles Stover, of State College, and Mrs. C. G. Bright, of Aaronsburg.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Lutheran church at Aaronsburg, interment following in the Lutheran cemetery at that place. His pastor, Rev. M. D. Geesey, will have charge of the services.

Conrad Auman, an aged resident of Georges Valley, died at the home of his step-daughter, Mrs. J. D. Wagner, Wednesday night at 11:30 o'clock. Early in the day he had visited a neighbor, Asher Confer, and while there was stricken with paralysis and remained unconscious until death relieved him. Deceased was aged seventy-four years and was a retired farmer. One daughter survives him—Mrs. Henry Lingle—of Poe Valley; also one brother, Jacob Auman, of Green Brier.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning in the Mountain Church in Georges Valley and burial made in the cemetery close by. Rev. Miller, of the Evangelical church, officiated.

Spring Mills W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The Spring Mills W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Miss Ida Long, in Spring Mills, Wednesday afternoon, May 8th. A good turnout of members is desired at this time in order that the yearly dues may be collected.

MR. YODER WAS PLEASSED.

Good Horses snapped Up by Farmers at High Figures at Tuesday's Sale.—Sale Totals Over \$7,000.

R. C. Yoder sold a load of Kansas horses in Centre Hall, Tuesday afternoon, the sale of which totaled \$7349. There appeared to be a big demand for good animals and as Mr. Yoder had an extra fine lot on hand this time there was spirited bidding to get possession of them. A large crowd was present and the diamond was crowded with automobiles, the wet weather affording the farmers an opportunity to attend the sale. One team bought straight \$500, while the best price on a single horse was \$206. The purchasers, prices paid, and average price is given below:

George Seaton, 1.....	\$ 465 00
W. F. Benfer, 1.....	255 00
Thomas Shively, 1.....	250 00
J. Zimmerman, 4.....	738 50
Adam Reish, 1.....	200 00
William Mayes, 1.....	222 50
William Hoy, 1.....	174 00
Harry Gillmore, 1.....	245 00
Thomas Miller, 1.....	255 00
Bruce Roseman, 1.....	230 00
F. W. Keister, 1.....	245 00
J. H. Strickler, 1.....	265 00
F. E. Wieland, 2.....	490 00
W. T. Winkieblech, 1.....	235 00
Lee Weber, 1.....	225 00
I. J. Yoder, 1.....	185 00
A. B. Meyer, 2.....	355 00
C. Rossmann, 2.....	464 00
G. B. Shellenberger, 2.....	500 00
J. E. Frohm, 1.....	225 00
W. L. Ware, 1.....	172 00
H. E. Winkieblech, 1.....	178 00
J. W. Honkle, 1.....	138 00
James Muller, 1.....	266 00
I. P. Shawver, 2.....	872 50
Total.....	\$7349 50
Average price per head.....	216 16

Barnes-Murray.

L. G. Barnes, the local State Forester, and Miss Gertrude Murray, of Philadelphia, were united in marriage in the City of Brotherly Love, Monday morning. The ceremony took place in one of the city churches. The following day the bride and groom returned to Centre Hall and will make their home with the latter's mother. The Reporter extends congratulations.

LOCALS

Attend the horse sale at the Geiss livery stables in Bellefonte, Saturday.

D. W. Bradford is beautifying the interior of his home with paint. F. M. Ackerman's doing the work.

There will be a sale of good horses at the Geiss livery stables in Bellefonte, Saturday.

Miss Rebecca Derstine was home from State College over the Easter vacation period.

Miss Helen Harper, of Bellefonte, spent a few days last week at the G. H. Emerick home.

Aaron Thomas is laying the foundation for a two-story carpenter shop on his lot on Hoffer street.

Miss Marie Kurtz was home on Saturday on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. (Rev.) D. S. Kurtz.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Getchell and son Wendell, of Youngwood, spent the Easter season at the Squire Brungart home.

Mr. Manne, who was announced to lecture in the Reformed church tonight (Thursday), has been obliged to cancel his engagement.

Mrs. Mary Shoop is back to her home again after an absence of several months. Most of the time she was away from town was spent in Altoona.

F. P. Geary assisted Harry Ruhl, of Bellefonte, in the latter's tonsorial parlor during the rush incident to the Odd Fellows' celebration on Wednesday.

George Smith, of Bellefonte, was stricken with paralysis Sunday morning and his condition is regarded as critical. His sister and brother, Mrs. C. W. Pennington and T. L. Smith, of this place, are at his side.

D. Sparr Wert, one of the energetic young farmers of lower Penns Valley, was in town Tuesday to attend the horse sale. He had just returned from a trip to Lewistown where he disposed of an auto load of apples.

Morris M. Geary, a brother of F. P. Geary, of this place, died at Yeagerstown Monday night following an illness of some months resulting from a nervous breakdown. His age was thirty-seven years. He was formerly employed in Burnham works. He was a native of Millheim and leaves a widow and five children. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon and burial made at Yeagerstown.

Those who were present at the Bellefonte High school's presentation of "A Modern Knight"—a three-act comedy—in the Grange hall, Tuesday evening, were well pleased with the performance of these young people. The entertainment was very creditable and the parts were most admirably taken. Miss Pauline Johnston, in the role of Miss Bettie Annesley, showed marked ability, and captivated her audience by her charming manner. The High school orchestra rendered excellent music between acts.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Letters of administration on the estate of Mrs. Elsie Taylor, late of Potter township, deceased.

Letters of administration on the above estate having been duly granted to the undersigned, he would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

A. J. WEAVER, Administrator.

THE MARKETS.

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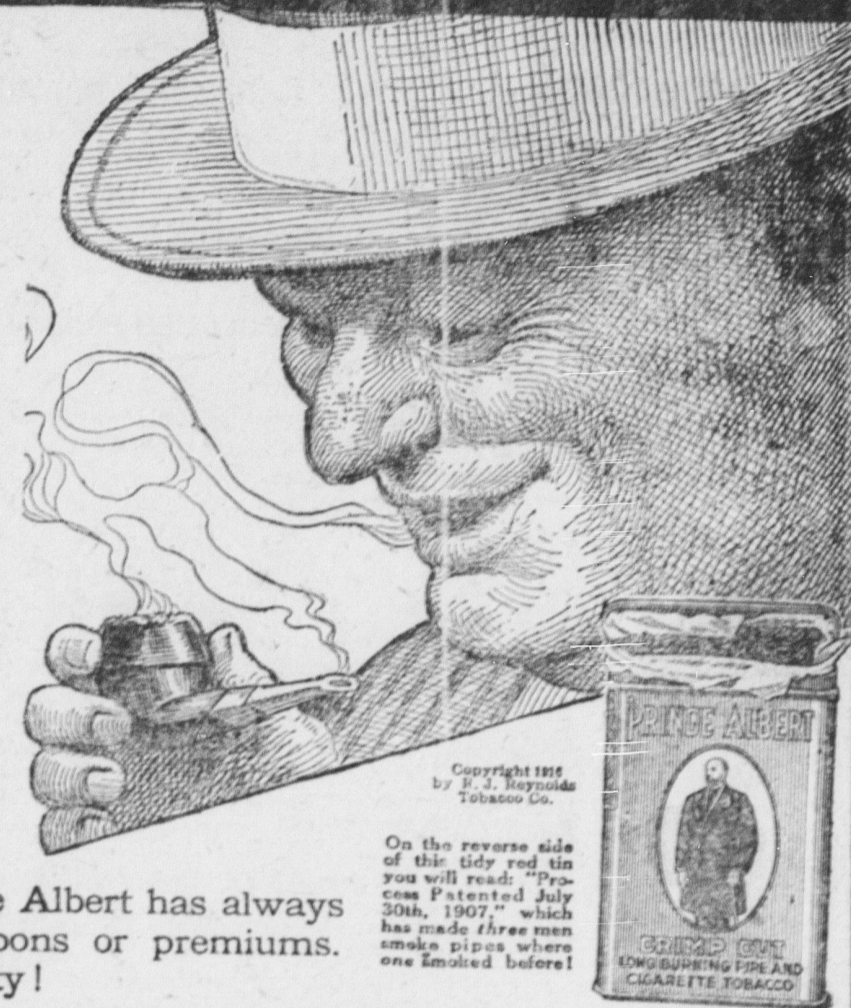
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