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With this issue we begin volume number 9 of the CENTRE DEMOCRAT. We do not wish to review the history of the past, to make promises for the future, or to speak of ourselves. The new year dawns brightly on our common country, peace reigns within our borders and "prosperity" which last year but for "strikes" "lockouts" and "boycotts" would have been with us, is now in our midst. This is peculiarly so with Centre county. From every section comes reports of increased business, railroads are being projected in almost every direction, and manufacturing establishments are going up in many of the towns outside of Bellefonte, which though not very extensive, still indicate energy and activity in business circles. The Bellefonte and Buffalo Run Railroad is completed and ore is being shipped over it. It is asserted as a positive fact that the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad will be in Bellefonte this year, corps of engineers are now locating a railroad through Brush Valley, said to be a through line to the west and another corps is running a line west by way of Marsh Creek. Lying in the geographical centre of the state, with the easiest route to the west through our borders, it is not surprising that our valleys are full of surveyors. The west must be reached by the easiest, cheapest and best route. Two immense iron establishments are now in course of erection and a third as large, perhaps larger, and with more varied interests is projected and by the time this reaches our readers the negotiations may have reached a successful conclusion. The Glass Works are rapidly approaching completion, the Nail Works are running night and day, Wm. P. Duncan & Co's machine shops are run to their utmost capacity and Buck and Bush of the Logan Foundry and Machine shops are turning out large quantities of their manufactured articles. All our manufacturing establishments are doing a flourishing business. It is estimated that next year will see an increase in the population of Bellefonte and suburbs of 2500 or 3000. Phillipsburg is rapidly and surely assuming the proportions of a city, Lemont, Centre Hall, Spring Mills Millheim and Aaronburg in Penns Valley are rapidly growing little towns. Millheim has a Knitting Factory which will soon supply our merchants with their stockings. Spring Mills has a creamery which turns out large quantities of golden butter each week. Aaronburg will build ten additional houses, each owned by a thrifty young man of that ancient burg. Port Matilda may be enlivened by the pick and shovel of the rail-roader Unionville, Milesburg, Howard and Blanchard towns in the Bald Eagle valley are flourishing and will be benefited by the improvements that will be made possible by the return of prosperity and good times. Should a railroad come up through Brush Valley that section of the county could market its lumber to great advantage. Rebersburg and Madisonburg are on the line proposed and would be immensely benefited. The ore fields of Centre county are beginning to attract the attention of capitalists, and the cheapness with which iron can be made is not the only inducement for capital to invest here. The climate is healthy and the air bracing. The schools of the county are first-class, society is refined and moral, "strikes" "boycotts" "lockouts" and other labor disturbances are unknown, taxes are low and farm produce cheap. We have within our own boundaries untold wealth, which needs but the magic wand of capital to put into life. It is not only that our man-

ufacturing industry will stop with the mere manufacture of pig iron. The blooms and pigs, bars etc., much of it at least, will be manufactured into articles of use. If we can manufacture the pig iron cheaper here than it can be done in the east we can work up the product of our furnaces as cheaply. The year 1887 promises for us, to be the dawning of a new era. In the prosperity, progress and growth of our county the DEMOCRAT takes the liveliest interest. We feel like polishing up the "old fossils" that abound in every section of the county and use them for "danger signals." But father Time will gradually gather them to his bosom, and they will sink out of sight like a shot in a bucket of water, making no commotion, and leaving no remembrance. 1887 stands on the threshold of the new epoch, with a cheery greeting to all.

### John Roach Dying.

NEW YORK, January 3.—It is known that for some weeks John Roach, the great ship-builder, who has been confined to his residence, is gradually failing in health. According to his own desire that his friends should not be needlessly alarmed, and apprehensive of the effect upon him of learning the real nature of the disease from which he is suffering, his family and physicians have been reticent in regard to his condition.

Mr. Roach, however, now realizes fully the impossibility of recovery and the reason for concealment no longer exists. In view of this fact a representative of Mr. Roach's family has to-night made the following concise and authoritative statement of the invalid's condition:

"Mr. Roach is beyond the reach of medical help, save in the alleviation of his sufferings, which have long been incessant and intense. His disease is epithelioma and its development has been very similar to the case of Gen. Grant, the location, however, being the roof of the mouth instead of the throat. All efforts to arrest its progress have failed and only his powerful constitution has sustained Mr. Roach so long. He has never seen a well day since the entire nervous prostration consequent upon his assignment eighteen months ago. From that crushing blow he could not rally and the cancer began to develop last January. In March an operation was performed, in the hope that the disease might be eradicated. In the summer the trouble returned, and it became evident to the physicians that there was no hope. Mr. Roach is now failing gradually, his agony relieved only by anodynes."

The last two years have been fatal to the men who have competed for the offices of President and Vice President. Grant, Hancock, Davis, Tilden, Hendricks, Seymour, Arthur, Gratz, Brown and General Logan have all passed away within the period mentioned. There lives but one man who has ever occupied and retired from the Presidential office—Mr. Hayes and there is but one man who has been elected Vice President—Hannibal Hamlin. Of unsuccessful candidates for the Vice Presidency, there is (speaking of the great parties) none living, and of such candidates for the Presidency Mr. Blaine is the only one.

No grander tribute could be paid to the memory of Edmund Blanchard by the citizens of Bellefonte than to name one of its prominent streets after him. "High" street is neither expressive nor euphonious, but "Blanchard Street" would be both. Why not re-name it "Blanchard Street?"

So we are to have another history of the war. The Mulligan man of Maine has thought it incumbent on him to write a history of the late rebellion, and there seems nothing left for the people but to grin and bear the affliction.—Times.

## EDMUND BLANCHARD.

A useful and honorable life ended.

On Monday of last week at 9.30 a. m. after a short confinement to the house Edmund Blanchard died. Mr. Blanchard's death was not unexpected by those who knew the nature of his disease.

He was born in Bellefonte July 1824 and was in his 63rd year. He was at least ten years older than his personal appearance would indicate. Mr. Blanchard comes of a race of people who have figured largely in the history of the world and of our own country. He was of French Huguenot descent, and was the eldest son of John Blanchard an eminent attorney of Bellefonte. He graduated from Dartmouth college in 1846, where his father had taken collegiate honors in 1812. On his return from College he entered the law office of Curtin & Blanchard as a student and in November 1849 was admitted to the bar. His father having died in March preceding he took his place in the firm and it continued "Curtin & Blanchard" until Mr. Curtin was elected Governor of the state. Mr. Blanchard was one of the foremost members of the Bellefonte bar when the names of Curtin, Hale, McAllister, Boal, Petrik and Barnside were found on the rolls and in its more modern but not less brilliant days he stood among the ablest and maintained the position he had won in his earlier years. Edmund Blanchard has made for himself a place in the history of Centre county peculiarly his own. The labors of his life are about to bear fruit which he, far as he was, never reached but in his dreams. Edmund Blanchard stands to-day the colossal figure in the development of the vast resources of our county. There is not an enterprise of any magnitude that does not bear the impress of his genius and enterprise. He has always been to the front in every movement that tended to benefit his town or county. Among the latest and most important enterprises which were carried to a successful termination were the sale of the Snow Shoe coal lands to the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. and the purchase of the Bellefonte & Snow Shoe Railroad by the Bald Eagle Valley Co. The Bellefonte & Buffalo Run Railroad is the result of his energy. The Bellefonte Nittany and Lemont railroad is another. The sale of the Valetine Ore Lands is another and the last of his great works for his native county. Each an enduring monument to his memory, grander than any shaft that could be erected.

If Bellefonte shall become the centre of a vast iron industry, a city of furnaces, forges and rolling mills; if the ore fields of Nittany and Penns Valleys shall be developed and the earth made to yield up the vast wealth which now lies buried useless and almost unknown, it will be due to the energy, enterprise and foresight of Edmund Blanchard. If our town and county shall fall of all this it will be because we are undeserving of the sacrifices which he has made. There are many sides to the character of every human being and those which strike us most forcibly are those which stand out in the boldest relief. His decease was celebrated among his fellow citizens as a tireless, ceaseless worker. The amount of work he did each day would have appalled an ordinary man. His brain was constantly at work, no rest day or night. He literally worked himself to death. Underneath a calm, and at times apparently a cold exterior beat a great big generous tender heart. The poor, the afflicted, and the sorrowing could always find a ready listener in this noble man. In his home life could be found a most beautiful ideal of a husband and father. Who that has passed up or down high street but

glancing through the windows of his parlor on an evening could see him surrounded by his wife and beautiful little children, the very picture of human happiness. Through his position as solicitor of the Pennsylvania Railroad for this county, he secured passes for many poor persons who were afflicted with diseases and sent them to Philadelphia for treatment, never forgetting to provide a pass for an attendant, nothing was considered a trouble to him if he could help the needy. In his business relations he was uniformly kind and courteous. In the past four years during which his greatest work was done for his county, the writer of this article had intimate business relations with him growing out of his great work and among the pleasant memories that will linger while life lasts, will be the kindness and consideration shown us in that time. He was cast in the mould of natures noble men, and grew constantly in stature. We have lost a model citizen whose place in the community will long remain vacant. The sorrow of our people is genuine and heartfelt and their sympathy reaches warmly into the charming little home circle so sadly bereft and could a human hand lift from those sorrowing hearts the load which weighs them down, thousands would be outstretched in an instant. He was a christian gentleman a member of the Presbyterian church and died feeling that he had a "safe hope" of salvation in the next world. The funeral took place on Thursday from his late residence on High street and was very largely attended. Special trains were run from Penns Valley and Lock Haven.

Nearly the entire bar of Lock Haven attended the funeral. A meeting of the Centre County Bar Association was held in the Court room at 10 a. m. Dec. 30 with Judge Hoy in the chair. Judge Hoy stated the object of the meeting and in a few well chosen remarks paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the deceased. The committee appointed to draw up a suitable memorial and resolutions, then reported the following.

### MEMORIAL AND RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF EDMUND BLANCHARD ESQUIRE.

The committee appointed at the meeting of the Centre County Bar Association held on the 25th, of December, 1886 to prepare a suitable memorial of the late Edmund Blanchard, Esq., and to present resolutions expressing the regret of its members at the loss they have sustained by the death of Mr. Blanchard:— Report the following memorial and resolutions:

Edmund Blanchard, Esq., was born in Bellefonte in 1824. His father Hon. John Blanchard was a prominent member of our bar from the year 1815 until his death in 1849. On his mother's side (Mary Miles) Mr. Blanchard was a descendant of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Centre County.

He received his earliest literary training at the Bellefonte Academy, whence he was transferred to Dartmouth College, New Hampshire where he graduated July 29th, 1847; his father having graduated at the same institution in 1812. From College he was sent to Easton Law School and in consequence of his training there, was admitted to the bar of Northampton County, Sept. 28th, 1849, and to the Bar of Centre County, November 26th, 1849.

He took his deceased father's place as law partner of Hon. A. G. Curtin in which firm he continued until the election of Gov. Curtin in October 1860, since which time he has been associated with his brother Evan M. Blanchard up to the day of his death.

He had qualities of mind and heart which had he applied himself solely to the practice of law, would have made him the peer of any lawyer in the State. He was by temperament earnest and decided, not only in the entertaining of opinions, but in expressing them, and his ebullient frankness of nature was one of the greatest elements of his power. He was a most excellent lawyer, well versed in the learning of his profession, but the dream, and in

fact the reality of his life was the public improvement of his native town and the substantial prosperity of his native County.

The Borough of Bellefonte and the County of Centre are indebted to Edmund Blanchard, Esq., for taking the initiative in, and steadily holding on to their accomplishment of railroad, coal, iron and lumber enterprises which have developed to an immense extent the material resources of our county, and will in time make Bellefonte the iron centre of our State.

He has accomplished a career of high distinction as a member of the bar and of honorable service to his native town and county. He has always preserved the high standard of our profession, and an ancestral character for honesty and integrity.

For some years he has been in failing health and it was evident to many of us that the power of the other world were slowly and surely drawing his spirit into their silent fellowship, but he held bravely on while strength was given him. After several weeks of illness during which he suffered at times intensely without a word of murmur or complaint, only regretting the trouble he thought he gave to his attending friends, illumined by the sure hope of an eternal reunion in Heaven with those he parted with here, he passed tranquilly away on the morning of Dec. 25th, 1886.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

**Resolved.** That the Bar of Centre County, having learned of the death of their fellow member, Edmund Blanchard, Esq., do

**Resolve.** That in the decease of Mr. Blanchard the community has lost a valued citizen and the Bar an able, honorable and conscientious advocate.

**Resolved.** That in his professional relations Mr. Blanchard won the respect and esteem of his associates by his kind and genial nature, his patriotic devotion, his generous impulses and unswerving integrity of character.

**Resolved.** That we tender to the bereaved family of our departed associate and to his brother Evan M. Blanchard, Esq., our most sincere sympathy, and that a committee of the Bar be appointed by the chair to communicate to them the sentiments of our meeting with a copy of these resolutions.

**Resolved.** That the chairman of this meeting direct the presentation of the forgoing memorial and resolutions to the court at its next session for entry upon the records thereof.

Respectfully submitted by  
JOHN B. LINN,  
JOHN H. ORVIS,  
D. S. KELLER.

Addresses were made by Judges, Orvis and Furst; Jas. P. Coburn, Esq., Gen. W. H. Blair, J. L. Spangler, Jas. H. Rankin, J. W. Gephart, and J. C. Meyer. The memorial and resolutions were adopted and Jno. B. Linn, Jno. H. Orvis and D. S. Keller were appointed a committee to present the same to the family of the deceased.

The bar met in the afternoon at the office of Judge Hoy and with the County officials of Centre County, the bar of Clinton and a delegation from the Lycoming County Bar viewed the remains. The funeral was very large and many people from a distance were present.

### A Heroic Life Ended.

GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN PASSES AWAY PEACEFULLY ON SUNDAY.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 1.—The public was profoundly shocked by the announcement on Sunday afternoon that General John A. Logan had expired at three minutes before three o'clock. His death, which came with startling suddenness to his family and friends, had not been unexpected by his physicians for some days. The lurking tendency to brain complications which had been present in a greater or less degree and constantly increasing in severity during his entire illness, had prepared them to expect the worst. The racking pains which he suffered during the early days of his illness yielded to treatment, but left him in weak and exhausted condition, from which he never rallied, and upon which the fever preyed with increasing violence until the hour of his death. Saturday midnight his pulse grew weaker and weaker, and at four o'clock next morning his conditions was

such as to cause great fear of his immediate death. After this he rallied some what and at the consultation on Sunday morning his pulse was found to be some what stronger, but his general condition was not such as to give any hope of ultimate recovery. Dr. Baxter relieved Dr. Hamilton at the conclusion of the consultation and continued in constant attendance until the General's death. The physicians again met in consultation at 1:30 p. m., at which time it was apparent that the patient was rapidly sinking and could live but a few hours. At 2 o'clock he revived sufficiently to recognize his wife, who had been at his bedside night and day during his entire illness. As he spoke to him he looked up into her face and all who were present knew that he recognized her. This was the last manifestation of consciousness. He then wearily closed his eyes and sank again into a lethargic sleep, from which he never woke.

John Alexander Logan was born in Jackson county, Ill., February 9, 1826. He received a common school education, and subsequently graduated at the Louisville University. He enlisted as a private in the Illinois Volunteers, and became quartermaster in the war with Mexico. In 1849 he was elected clerk of Jackson county, and later began the study of law. He was a member of the Illinois legislature in 1852, 1853, 1856, and 1857, and was prosecuting attorney of Jackson county from 1853 to 1857. He was also a presidential elector in 1856, and in 1858 was elected a member of congress by the Democrats of the Ninth Illinois district. He was reelected in 1860, and resigned to enter the army as colonel, having raised a regiment of volunteers. He was wounded at Fort Donelson in February, 1862 and a month later was made brigadier general. Before the close of the year he was made a major general. He served with distinction in the campaign against Vicksburg, which ended July 4 1863. In October of that year he obtained command of the Fifteenth Army Corps with which he contributed two victories gained by Sherman between Chattanooga and Atlanta after McPherson was killed. He commanded the Army of Tennessee in a battle near Atlanta, July 22, 1864. He also led a corps of Sherman's army in the march from Savannah through South Carolina and North Carolina in February and March 1865. After the close of the war he was appointed Minister to Mexico, but declined. In 1866, and again in 1868, he was elected to Congress, and was one of the seven members elected March 2, 1869, as managers to conduct the impeachment of President Johnson. He entered the U. S. Senate as a member from Illinois March 4, 1871, and serving a full term, resumed the practice of law in Chicago, which he since regarded as his home. He was elected to the Senate again in 1879, succeeding R. J. Oglesby, and in March of last year began his third Senatorial term, having been elected to succeed himself.

Mr. Logan was utterly prostrated by the event, the news of which brought messages of condolence from every part of the country. Many sympathizing friends called at the house and manifestations of sorrow were visible everywhere. Flags were placed at half-mast and resolutions expressive of regret were passed by military and civic organizations in every part of the United States at the earliest moment. Mrs. Cleveland sent a tender letter to Mrs. Logan, lamenting that the President's rheumatism prevented a personal call. Senator Cullom, of Illinois, took charge of the burial arrangements. The selection of the place of interment was not made for several days. Chicago desired the honor and a lot was offered in this city. Finally it was decided to take the remains to the rotunda of the capitol on Thursday, there to lie in state until Friday, when funeral services would be held in the senate chamber and the body would be deposited temporarily in a vault at Rock View cemetery. This was done. Thousands viewed the face of the gallant dead, and the funeral procession yesterday was most imposing. Gen. Simon Cameron, Hon. Roscoe Conkling, Hon. Robert Lincoln, Mr. C. H. Andrews, of Youngstown, O., Col. Fred Grant, Gen. Lucius Fairchild, Mr. M. D. Leggett of Cleveland, O.; Gov. Jeremiah Rusk, of Wisconsin; Gen. W. T. Sherman, Gen. William F. Vilas, Gen. John C. Black and Dr. Chas. McMillan, of the Royal legion, were the pall-bearers selected by the widow and her friends. Rev. Dr. Newman officiated assisted by Rev. Dr. Butler, chaplain of the senate. A shop Fowler and Rev. O. H. Tiffany. The transfer of the remains from Calumet place to the capitol on Thursday was made with as little ceremony as possible but the procession to the cemetery on Friday afforded an opportunity for civic and military organizations, committees and citizens to testify their respect to the memory of the dead. It was a noble tribute to an honest statesman and brave soldier, whose death is universally deplored. Logan seemed to stand next to Grant in popular esteem, and he has passed away crowned with tokens of affectionate regard from every class and party.