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SUDDEN DEATH OF C. M. BOWER

Stricken with Apoplexy on Sunday Afternoon

IN THE REFORMED CHURCH

Overcome While Teaching His Bible Class in Sunday School—Lingered A Short Time—Another Useful Citizen Gone.

Death came to C. M. Bower, Esq., one of our distinguished citizens, on Sunday, so sudden as to startle the community and unnerve those who are seldom moved. It was entirely unexpected for the reason that he had shown no symptoms of illness, and it was startling in the severity of the attack which came over him like a flash and in a few minutes life was gone.



C. M. BOWER, ESQ.

Stricken in the church where he worshipped and at the close of his address to the members of the Bible class to which he was devoted for years as their instructor, there could have been no more inspiring surroundings than these—so consistent with his life—to answer the summons of the Creator.

Sunday morning, before leaving his home, it was noticed that Mr. Bower was in a cheerful frame of mind and lively, as he chatted and played with his little grand-daughter longer than usual. He attended the usual morning services at the Reformed church, as was his custom for years. At 11:45 the regular session of Sabbath school followed and he taught his class of young men who constitute the Bible class. At the close of that period, while standing before them, it was noticed that his eyes twitched and his features became stern and fixed. He said he felt ill and was induced to sit down, when he became very ill and soon was unconscious; his last words, while his collar was being removed, as he breathed with difficulty, was a solicitation that his illness should not cause any interruption of the services. Dr. Hayes, then Dr. Klump, and Dr. Stewart, of Wilkesbarre, arrived; also his son John J. Bower, but he was unconscious, breathing became fainter and in a few moments the vital spark of life was gone, a usual life was ended.

The attending physicians attributed the cause of death to apoplexy, from which he for merly had had slight attack. For some years he had spells of sickness from indigestion, and was not considered in the best of health, yet the character of his death was beyond the expectations of all. He was really in the prime of life, at an age full of promise, when experience and training fit men of legal attainments for higher achievements in his profession, to reap greater rewards and win brighter laurels. He was but 54 years of age, Monday April 20th, at a period of life when he truly had reasons to look forward to the prospect of a future fraught with useful effort as well as an honorable preferment.

The one sad incident surrounding his death was that his devoted wife, at the time, and for the past month, had been confined to her bed with nervous prostration and was in a serious condition. It was feared that the sad news would be more than she could bear.

Mr. Bower was a man who will be greatly missed in various spheres of life. As an attorney, he was actively engaged since 1872, enjoying always an extensive practice in all the courts. His relation with the public therefore was wide and his acquaintance larger than any other member of the Bar. He was painstaking in every undertaking, faithful to his clients' interests; efficient and capable, his counsels were largely sought. He was esteemed and respected and an honor to his profession, and ranked among the foremost members of the Centre County Bar.

In politics he also was equally prominent, for years being one of the democratic leaders of our county, and in the State.

His marked devotion for his church is worthy of emulation. In this field he devoted much time and effort, while he gave liberally, yet few realized the extent of his charity. He died in the midst of the work he most loved.

As a citizen he always was public spirited and enthusiastic in his effort to assist any meritorious measure—a most useful man who will be missed.

In his home the noblest traits of character were displayed. To him home was the ideal spot, where he longed to be in touch with those whom he loved and cherished—and his presence always brought cheer and comfort.

Space will not permit us to further enumerate the virtues of the deceased.

For years he was to the writer a true and substantial friend, whose thoughtful consideration and numerous kindly acts will ever be treasured.

Wednesday morning the Bar Association held their memorial meeting in the Court House. Hon. John G. Love, presided, opening the meeting with a kindly tribute to the memory of the deceased member. J. C. Meyer, chairman of the committee on resolutions, then read the report of the committee, upon the death of C. M. Bower (same will appear next week) and at its conclusion spoke with much feeling of the one who was called away. He was followed by Col. D. F. Fortney, of Bellefonte; Thos. H. Murray, Clearfield; A. A. Stevens, Tyrone; John Blanchard, and Clement Dale, Bellefonte. Others were prepared to contribute a kindly word to the memory of the deceased, but time for the interment arrived and they adjourned to attend the services in a body, at the Reformed church.

The interment took place Wednesday, and was largely attended by relatives and friends. Short services were conducted at the residence, East Linn street, by Rev. L. E. Robb, and at 11 o'clock the funeral cortege, proceeded to the Reformed church, which was thronged at an early hour and many could not gain an entrance. The entire front of the room was decorated with flowers and evergreens, most of which consisted of floral designs sent by the numerous organizations with which he was actively identified. The Masonic order of Bellefonte, with delegations from other places attended in a body. The regular services of the church were observed.

The following then made short addresses: Rev. Dr. J. H. Dabbs, representing Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.; Rev. Dr. Ellis Kremer, representing the Board Foreign Missions; Rev. Dr. J. F. DeLong, Bethlehem, Pa., former pastor; Rev. Levan Bickle, Philadelphia, former pastor; Rev. Dr. Holloway, pastor Lutheran church, Bellefonte; and the closing address by the pastor Rev. Ambrose Schmidt. Others who assisted in the services were: Rev. L. E. Robb, Altoona; Rev. Dr. L. K. Evans, Pottstown; Rev. H. I. Crow, Hubersburg; Rev. A. A. Black, Boalsburg; Rev. Dr. Wolf, Spring Mills. After the services a large throng viewed the remains. The interment took place at the Union cemetery, and was under the direction of the Masonic order.

Mrs. Bower was able to attend the services and the interment at the cemetery, although her condition is such as to give her friends concern.

Calvin M. Bower was born in Haines township, Centre county, Pa., April 20th, 1849, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bower. He spent the early years of his life working on his father's farm during the summer, and attending the public schools in the winter months. In the fall of 1866, he entered the Aaronburg Academy to prepare for college. His time was devoted to study, teaching public school and assisting at farm work until 1870, when he entered Central Pennsylvania College at New Berlin, Pa. He remained at College until 1871, when he came to Bellefonte and became a student in the law office of Orvis & Alexander, one of the leading law firms in Pennsylvania. In December 1873, upon his admission to the bar of Centre county Mr. Bower was offered, and accepted, an interest in this law firm with which he became a member of the firm of "Orvis, Alexander & Bower." When Judge Orvis, the senior member of the firm, was appointed to the bench the remaining members of the firm continued the practice under the firm name of "Alexander & Bower." This partnership continued for a period of eleven years, during which time they were retained in most of the important cases tried in Centre county.

Mr. Bower was at once recognized as a careful and conscientious lawyer, and early attained a prominent and influential position at the bar. He soon acquired a large practice in the orphan's court, and was looked upon as especially strong on this class of cases. The firm of which he was a member having a large general practice, he took an active part in the trial of cases, and soon became one of the leading lawyers in the central part of the state. One of the strongest evidences of Mr. Bower's ability and standing in the profession is the fact that when Judge Orvis retired from the bench he selected him as his law partner. The firm of "Orvis, Bower & Orvis," of which Mr. Bower was a member, was organized January 1st, 1885, and was always recognized as one of the leading law firms in Pennsylvania. Mr. Bower always took an active part in this practice, and his success had placed him prominently among the leading attorneys in this section. During the last fifteen years he was concerned in the trial of many of the important ejection cases tried in the central part of the state, and was considered one of the leading lawyers in this important branch of the

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APRIL TERM OF COURT

The Commonwealth List was Unusually Small

SOME TRIALS AND VERDICTS

A Number of Cases Settled or Continued—Meeting of the Bar Association—Report of the Grand Jury—Adjourned Wednesday

(Reported by W. Harrison Walker.)

The regular April term of court convened in the Court House Monday morning, with Hon. John G. Love, P. J., on the bench.

The morning session was taken up in the presentation of motions and petitions, and the returns of the constables to the Court of Quarter Sessions.

After the transaction of the routine business of the court, the Hon. A. O. Furst arose, and in an appropriate address, informed the Court of the death of one of the foremost members of the Centre County Bar Association, C. M. Bower, Esq. He spoke with much feeling of the deceased paying a high tribute to his memory as an able attorney, distinguished citizen and true friend. In closing he asked that in recognition of the deceased the court should adjourn. His Honor responded briefly in some thoughtful remarks and court was adjourned until 2 p. m.

A meeting of the Bar Association was immediately called and action was taken upon the death of Mr. Bower, committees being appointed as follows: On Resolutions: J. C. Meyer, Hon. A. O. Furst, John Blanchard, Hon. J. H. Wetzel and Wilbur F. Reeder. On arrangement of funeral and memorial meeting: W. Harrison Walker, E. R. Chambers and Clement Dale. The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday at 9 a. m.

The first business of the session Tuesday afternoon was the charge by the Court to the Grand Jury. Daniel Heckman, an ex-County Commissioner, was selected as Foreman. After a short charge by the Court the Grand Jury retired to consider the several bills of indictment to be laid before them by the District Attorney.

The following cases were continued until next term of court: Maggie Gumbo, vs. Overseers of the Poor of Boggs township. Appeal, plea non assumpsit. Wise and Bailey vs. Jenkins & Lingle. Appeal, plea non assumpsit.

White & Stine vs. J. A. Depew. Appeal, plea non assumpsit. Settled.

The first case called for trial Monday afternoon was that of William Hazzard vs. H. H. Harshbarger. This was an appeal from the judgment rendered by a justice of the peace; plea non assumpsit and set off. From the facts in the case it appeared that the defendant had employed the plaintiff to cut and put away some hay for him on his farm in Boggs township in the summer of 1901; plaintiff owed defendant eighty some dollars and defendant agreed to pay the claim or give him credit on account for \$75 in case the plaintiff sold a certain property for him. The plaintiff testified that he, his two sons and two of his nephews worked seventeen days putting away the hay from a 16 acre field; the defendant alleged that too much time was taken in this work and stated that he would settle in case he was allowed for any goods he had furnished him while doing the work for him. This Hazzard refused to do. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the defendant.

In the case of Com. vs. Mrs. Odille Mott, the Court directed the jury to render a verdict of not guilty, for the reason that the title to the property in dispute was not settled, and that the defendant took the same under agreement which she had with the prosecutor, Milton R. Johnson.

TUESDAY FORENOON.

There were several petty criminal cases disposed of Tuesday morning, as follows: Commonwealth vs. Daniel Cross; prosecutor, Wm. T. Taylor; defendant convicted for larceny.

Commonwealth vs. Peter Haverstak; O. J. Harm, prosecutor. Defendant found guilty of receiving stolen goods and larceny, and sentenced by the Court to pay a fine of ten dollars, the cost of prosecution and imprisonment in the jail of Centre County for a period of two months.

Commonwealth vs. Charles Harrington; prosecutor, Henry Stone. Defendant charged with assault and battery. Acquitted by the jury but placed one half the costs on him, and the other half on the prosecutor.

Commonwealth vs. Charles Ammerman; prosecutor Harry Rote. Defendant entered a plea of guilty on the indictment and was sentenced by the Court to pay the costs of prosecution, to restore the property stolen or pay the value thereof, and undergo imprisonment in

the jail of Centre county for a period of two months.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

That they have acted upon thirteen bills of indictment of which eleven were found true bills and ignored two.

We beg leave further to report that we have visited and inspected the County buildings and find same in neat and clean condition.

We further report the iron railing to be painted, a few places in ceiling to be repaired and also the bakeoven to be repaired. Also new steps on the stairway of the jail.

We respectfully tender our thanks to the Honorable Judge, and the District Attorney for their courtesy and assistance rendered us during our deliberations. April 28th, 1903.

DANIEL HECKMAN,
Foreman.

The most important case tried on Tuesday was that of Commonwealth vs. John Barnes, charged with assault and battery and threats, etc.; Wilson C. Bilger, prosecutor. From the evidence in the case it appeared that James Corl, the present Deputy Recorder, lived in the property owned by a Mrs. Armstrong at Pleasant Gap, before he moved to Bellefonte the latter part of March last. Mrs. Armstrong had rented the same property to Wilson C. Bilger, the prosecutor in this case from April 1st, 1903, and after making the agreement with Bilger, she sold the property in question to John Barnes, the defendant. Barnes desired to go on the property to make some repairs, and while doing so some trouble arose between him and Bilger. Barnes took the furniture which Bilger had placed in the house out of it and placed it outside of the yard fence. When Bilger came there on Monday, March 30th Barnes told him not to come into the yard, and later not to go on the porch "or something serious might happen" Barnes told him that he "meant business" and pulled a revolver out of his pocket and pointed it at Bilger, at least that was the testimony on the part of the Commonwealth. Barnes denied however that he pointed the revolver at Bilger, but admitted that he had a revolver in his hand at the time, but had no intention of using it. The jury found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to pay a fine of ten dollars and the costs of prosecution.

The Grand Jury approved a County Bridge for Snow Shoe township.

CLEARFIELD AUDITORS HALTED.

Twenty-five citizens, lifelong residents and heavy taxpayers of Clearfield county, appealed Friday from the settlement of two of the county auditors with the county commissioners for the year 1902.

This appeal is general in character and is the result of charges made against the board by the Republican, a local newspaper, which exposed the lightning rod steal last August, and succeeded in having a surcharge of \$575 made against the Commissioners on that contract.

When the auditors were at work in January the same newspaper offered to prove that several other contracts made last year, entailing the expenditure of many thousands of dollars, were fraudulent, illegal and extravagant, but the two majority auditors refused to hear the evidence, although the names of the witnesses and location of documents and other evidence were publicly proffered.

An Olden Charm.

That the forefathers found it necessary to ward off ghosts, hobgoblins and other fantastic spirits that came to disturb their peace of mind was evidenced when W. O. Kohler, of Abbottstown, York Co. tore down his large stone house, built by one of the early settlers nearly 140 years ago. Five skulls of horses were found between the ceiling of the first story and the floor above. In tracing the purpose of the skulls it has been learned that those of the days gone by believed that the house was haunted and that horse heads were efficacious in putting to flight for all time the obnoxious visitors.

New Gas Field.

The rig builders are on the ground at Hyner in Clinton county and if natural gas is found in sufficient quantity, as is expected, it will be a grand boom for the railroad town.

The record of an early well, drilled at Hyner in the days when natural gas was regarded useless, showed a strong pressure the same showing today would mean a profitable result, hence this might be regarded as proven gas territory, and the sealed treasures only await the touch of the drill.

Rev. John Grimes, who shot himself in the head at Juniata during the session of the Methodist conference last month, was discharged from the hospital a few days ago. He was placed on the supplementary list by the conference, which means that for the present at least he will not be given a regular charge.

AMONG THE POLITICIANS

The Republican County Convention Will be Interesting.

THE JUDICIARY SKIRMISH

There Will be a Contest for the Organization—J. K. P. Hall Elected Chairman of Democratic State Committee—On Probation.

The republicans of Centre county will hold their primary election on Saturday, May 16th, and the convention the following Tuesday at 11 a. m. in the court house, Bellefonte. The following nominations will be made:

One candidate for the office of Jury Commissioner, and one person for the office of County Surveyor. The convention will also elect two delegates to the Republican State convention, which meets at Harrisburg on May 27, 1903. At the same time a report will be made by the committee appointed to prepare new rules to govern the party.

The convention will elect a Chairman of the Republican Committee for the year 1904, which promises to be the most interesting point in the programme. Col. Reeder is prominently mentioned as a candidate for President Judge to succeed the Hon. John G. Love, who has no intention of giving up the position, and there is where the rub comes in. Col. Reeder has not deemed it advisable to throw up the organization or turn it over to those who are not in accord with his aspirations, for that reason he will seek a re-election as Chairman, while the opposition have put forth W. I. Fleming for County Chairman.

It is the first skirmish in the judicial fight of 1904 in Centre county and considerable advantage is to be gained at this point. It is a little early to predict results of this contest which is now pending, but some lively work can be anticipated in the next few weeks.

Judge Love will seek a re-election and will make his appeal to the party on his record. He opposes Col. Reeder for re-nomination as County Chairman, as it will not benefit his cause.

Both these men are able attorneys, adepts in politics and with strong supporters over the county.

ON PROBATION.

Last Thursday Senator J. K. P. Hall, of Elk county, was elected state chairman of the Pennsylvania Democracy to succeed Wm. T. Creasy. Mr. Hall was born at Milesburg, this county, was recently sent to congress from this district, therefore his name requires no further introduction to our readers. For years he has posed as one of the political leaders in the state. He is a shrewd, clever man, of wide experience in public life and business enterprises. His democracy has been considered consistent and we have every reason to believe that he will bring together the remnants of the Democracy in this state and put it in better shape than ever. One fact we can not overlook, when the Press-muzzling libel bill was before the senate for final passage, Senator Hall was in his seat but refrained from voting against this vicious republican machine-measure. His explanation given is that "he had just arrived" and "was not fully informed," etc. For three days prior citizens of Pennsylvania were reading in the daily papers of this Press-muzzler, it was the most important piece of legislation of the session. Therefore Senator Hall's humiliating apology may satisfy someone to us it is odious. We hope that in the future few blunders like this will mar his public career. If he is a political rooster, in sympathy with the Quay organization, time will tell. These are our private views publicly expressed, and like our Methodist brethren, we think that since Hall shirked a duty, he deserves to be put on probation, although he is our State Chairman.

Honor to Phillipsburg Artist.

Miss Marian Gray, daughter of I. V. Gray, of Phillipsburg, has been highly complimented by admission to membership in the charmed circle of the Boston Art club, upon the exhibition of three miniatures done by her, at the club's 98th annual exhibition, held in Boston this month.

Miss Marian has never had any instruction in miniature work which makes her success all the more remarkable.

Thirty-Six Pow-Wows Cost \$18.25.

Christopher Westphal, of Williamsport, has sued Samuel Cox for \$18.25, which he claims is due him for manual labor in pow-wowing for a daughter of Mr. Cox, who is afflicted with rheumatism. Westphal claims to have pow-wowed the daughter thirty-six times. The case was decided against the plaintiff by the alderman, and he will carry the case to court.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

COMPENSATION.

There's never a day so sunny
But a little cloud appears,
There's never a life so happy
But has its time of tears;
Yet the sun shines on the brighter,
Whenever the tempest clears.

There's never a sun that rises
But we know 'twill set at night;
The tints that gleam in the morning
At evening are just as bright;
And the hour that is the sweetest
Is between the dark and the light.

There's never a dream so happy
But the waking makes us sad;
There's never a dream of sorrow
But the waking makes us glad;
We shall look some day with wonder
At the troubles we have had.

If marriage is a lottery.

And lotteries are wrong,
Why does the pious clergyman
Still boost the game along?

All things may come to those who wait,
Without exerting muscle,
But you will find they come too late
Unless you go and hustle.

I cannot sing of gentle spring
While April blizzards blow,
The clouds today may clear away,
Tomorrow it may snow.

A polite tree always boughs before it leaves.

A turn for the better—the roulette wheel.

A waiter always stands better when his tipped.

Some people only make friends of those they can use.

Shad fishermen are beginning to figure on the net profits.

Soldiers and safe robbers are obliged to do a lot of drilling.

A girl may have dreamy eyes and still be pretty wide awake.

A footnote is not necessarily a shoemaker's advertisement.

To most people a clear conscience is a luxury, not a necessity.

The only man who can truly say his wife's an angel, is the widower.

The best way to get along with your neighbors is not to know any of them.

It's a good thing to strike out for yourself, unless you happen to be a ball player.

When a girl is not pretty the mother always insists that she looks like her father.

Although a man of considerable push, the engineer of a wheelbarrow is always behind with his work.

Women have more confidence in one brass pin than most men would have in a whole keg of railroad spikes.

Out in Denver where the women vote, a gentleman was interested in the election of the independent candidate. So at breakfast he handed to his wife an independent ticket, which was printed on white paper, and requested her to vote that ticket. When they met at dinner, he asked if she had voted all right. "Yes," said she, "but I didn't vote that white independent ticket you gave me; I voted the Republican ticket; it was printed on pretty pink paper and matched my shirt waist."

After various offerings of candy and flowers, buggy drives and front seats at the theatre, the young gentleman decided it was time to declare himself and win his reward. According he called on a Saturday evening, when the young woman was sure to be at home, and when no other callers would interfere. In his most irresistible manner he asked for a kiss. The girl refused. "Then I will kiss you anyhow," said the young man, not thinking for a moment that she really did not want him to do so. "The I shall tell papa," said the girl in her sweetest tones. Nothing daunted, the young man seized and kissed her, not once but several times. The girl hastily left the parlor and fled up stairs. "Papa," she said, "Mr. — is down in the parlor. He is much interested in hunting and I was telling him of the new shotgun you purchased today. I tried hard to explain about it to him, but couldn't, and he wants you to bring it down and show it to him." The old gentleman was delighted. He took the weapon from its case, put it together and, carefully rubbing off a few specks of dust gathered on the barrels, started down the steps. As he entered the parlor he was astonished to see a young man rush wildly across the room, jump through the window and disappear into the night.

Strike in Clinton County.

The big strike of Clayworkers is still on and four of the largest of the fire brick works in Clinton county are shut down, says the Express, of 25. The plants closed are the Farrandsville fire brick works, the American, the Clinton county brick works and the plant at Monument. The clay miners and all the other men employed about the mines are also out.

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