

HAS CAUSED FOUR DEATHS

Severe Type of Influenza Has Been Prevailing in Lower Part of County For Several Weeks.

STATE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATES.

A representative of the State Department of Health recently spent the entire day with the physicians in Buck Valley and the adjoining Coves, investigating a severe type of influenza which has been prevalent in this community since early in November and which has already caused four deaths.

The symptoms of this disease are as follows: The onset in nearly all instances is sudden and begins with severe backache, pain in the muscles of the neck, back and extremities, sick stomach, abdominal pain, great weakness and prostration, and in a number of cases was followed in a day or two by a mild form of jaundice. In the cases dying, a rather severe type of jaundice preceded death.

The disease has proven to be distinctly contagious in character. In the village of Buck Valley, children from the school were permitted to view the remains of two children who died from the disease and four of these children sickened with a similar illness, not ending fatally, however, eight or nine days after this exposure.

The people in this community had already learned of its contagious character. The school directors had properly closed and disinfected the school room, keeping the school closed for seven days. The general alarm prevalent in this community was set somewhat at rest by this inspection. The entire community has been advised that, because of the unusual severity of this influenza and of its being so easily transmitted from the sick to the well, visiting with the sick should be discontinued; that those who are ill with the disease should be carefully isolated the same as is done with the more common communicable diseases; and, if others die, that the funeral should be made as nearly private as possible.

The Department of Health advises that, for the present, large gatherings be prevented as much as possible; and, that children and all young people should avoid coming in contact with those who are now sick with the disease, or with those who have recently suffered from it. Free ventilation of all sleeping rooms and living rooms is advised; and it is further recommended that on the first appearance of symptoms similar to those detailed, that the patient be carefully isolated, and that the family physician be called.

At least 100 young persons have suffered from this disease, and four have lost their lives from it. Older people seem to be less susceptible to it, and many mothers have nursed their sick children without contracting it.

It is hoped that by observing these precautions the disease will soon be stamped out. The physicians in the community are co-operating in every way with the Department of Health to accomplish this end.

Big Yield of Clover Seed.

A car load of clover seed consigned to western points was shipped from Martinsburg, Blair county, last week. The seed was purchased from the farmers of Morrison's Cove during the past few weeks, by Messrs. Lee Furry, of New Enterprise, and P. B. Furry, of Loysburg. The crop on the limestone farms of Morrison's Cove was abundant, yielding hundreds of bushels of the tiny seed. As clover seed sells anywhere from \$10 to \$15 per bushel, the total amount paid to farmers of that locality by the buyers amounted to more than \$25,000.—Everett Republican.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

Persons Well Known to Many of Our Readers, Who Have Answered Final Summons.

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

WILLIAM H. HOCKENSMITH.

After an illness of about three months, William Henry Hockensmith, a former resident of Bethel township, this county, died at his home in Santa Rosa, California, Wednesday morning, January 27, 1909, aged 67 years, 10 months and 1 day. He leaves a wife and two children, Miss Laura Hockensmith, of Santa Rosa, and Emerson, living in Trinity county, Cal.

The deceased served in the Civil War, in Company F, seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, having enlisted in September, 1861, and was mustered out as a corporal in January, 1866. He was married February 27, 1866, to Miss Rebecca Wink, of Sipes Mills, and three sons and two daughters blessed the union. He joined the Odd Fellows on leaving the army and has kept up his membership all these years.

Mr. Hockensmith joined the Christian church in 1863, while in the army, and has remained a faithful member ever since. He went to California in 1898, and for some years past had been the janitor of the Christian Church in Santa Rosa.

On Thursday afternoon a large number of friends assembled to pay a last respect, when he was laid to rest from his late residence on Seventh street. The funeral was held under the auspices of the Odd Fellows with the Rev. Peter Colvin assisting. The Grand Army and auxiliary societies turned out in large numbers at the service.

The remains were laid to rest in Odd Fellows' cemetery under a pall of beautiful floral offerings from friends and the societies to which he belonged. Owing to the washouts on the railroads the son, Emerson Hockensmith, was unable to be present at the funeral.

WILLIAM STEVENS.

From the Freeport (Ill.) Standard, Feb. 1.

William Stevens died very suddenly Sunday morning about 10 o'clock at his home in Ridott village. The cause was neuralgia of the heart, according to the verdict of the coroner's jury, which made an investigation of the death Sunday afternoon. Mr. Stevens seemed as well as usual when he arose Sunday morning. Shortly before 10 o'clock he complained of nausea, which the family regarded as some simple stomach ailment, but aid was at once summoned. He died before help could be given. Coroner Baumgartner was at once notified, and he conducted an inquest at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, with the result stated.

Mr. Stevens was born in Fulton county, Pa., January 8, 1856 and came west to Illinois seventeen years ago. He lived in the vicinity of Ridott until three years ago, when he retired and moved to the village. He is survived by his widow, an adopted son and an adopted daughter.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, the services to be conducted by Rev. J. E. Fry, at the United Brethren church. George Kurtz will have charge of the arrangements. The remains will be taken to Pecatonica for interment and services at the grave will be in charge of the Modern Woodmen lodge of that place, of which the deceased was a member.

MRS. JOHN B. SIPE.

At her home in Licking Creek township, Mrs. Mary Rebecca Sipe, wife of John B. Sipe, departed this life February 7, 1909, after an illness of 14 days, aged 68 years, 1 month, and 16 days.

Mrs. Sipe leaves to mourn her loss a husband, two daughters—Miss Lillie at home, and Mrs.

PENNSY BORROWING MONEY.

Company Needs \$50,000,000 to Run the Business.

Stockholders of the Pennsylvania railroad have received notice of their annual meeting, which will be held at Horticultural hall on March 9. The report for the year ending December 31, 1908, will be offered, and the stockholders will be asked to ratify an increase of the bonded indebtedness to be made from time to time when it may be required in the judgment of the directors.

It is explained that the increase is necessary to care for the payment of \$60,000,000 in short term notes now outstanding, and to provide for capital that probably will be needed in the near future. The directors also ask for an increase of indebtedness to the extent of \$80,000,000.

The annual election will be held in the general offices of the company at Broad street station, between 10 a. m. and 6 p. m. on March 23.

Miss Annie Dickson spent a couple of days in Harrisburg this week.

Sadie Shaw, of Hiram, Pa., and three grandsons; also, by Miss Edith Martin, a young lady who has lived with Mr. Sipe's for eight years. Mrs. Sipe's maiden name was Mumma, and she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Anna Hann, of Saluvia, and two brothers, Geo. W. Mumma, near Harrisonville, and David R. Mumma, of Hustontown. Just two weeks ago her brother, James A. Mumma, died.

Mrs. Sipe identified herself with the Presbyterian church May 5, 1867, and lived a devoted christian life up until her death.

Mrs. Sipe was a kind neighbor, beloved by all who knew her, and will be greatly missed in the neighborhood where she lived. The cause of her death was large grippe and bronchial pneumonia. Funeral services Tuesday morning, conducted by Rev. Cline, of Hustontown, and interment in the Greenhill Presbyterian cemetery.

R. C. GRAVES.

Ralph C. Graves, a well-known citizen of Thompson township, died at his winter residence in Washington, D. C., last Saturday evening, aged about 57 years. Funeral services were held at his home in Washington, Tuesday morning, after which his remains were shipped to Hancock, Md., arriving at the latter place Tuesday afternoon, after which interment was made in the graveyard at the Presbyterian church in Hancock.

Mr. Graves was married twice. His first wife was a Miss Carter, and to this union two children survive, namely, Mrs. Bruce Brosius, of Blossus, W. Va., and Mrs. Robert McCandlish, of Hancock, Md. Mr. Graves' second marriage was with a Miss Giddings, of Loudon county, Va., who survives him.

The deceased was a progressive farmer, and owned one of the best farms in his township.

His death was the result of a stroke of paralysis which he had recently.

ELVEY MERRIL WALKER.

Elvey Merrill Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walker, died at the home of his grandmother Mrs. Katharine McClain, in Taylor township, Thursday morning, February 4, 1909, aged 4 months and 10 days. Although he received all kindness and best of attention, it was the will of his Heavenly Father that he should be taken away from earth to dwell in a land free from sickness, sorrow and pain.

Thou art gone, little Elvey,
Sweet child of our loves,
From earth's fairy strands
To bright mansions above.
We loved this tender little one,
And would have wished him stay;
But let our Father's will be done—
He shines in endless day.

(The following is taken from the New York Herald of Saturday morning, April 15, 1865.—Editor.)

IMPORTANT.

ASSASSINATION

OF

PRESIDENT LINCOLN

The President Shot at the Theatre Last Evening.

SECRETARY SEWARD

Daggered In His Bed

BUT

NOT MORTALLY WOUNDED.

Clarence and Frederick Seward Badly Hurt.

ESCAPE OF THE ASSASSINS.

Intense Excitement In Washington.

Scene at the Deathbed of Mr. Lincoln.

J. Wilkes Booth, the Actor, the Alleged Assassin of the President.

&c., &c., &c.

THE OFFICIAL DISPATCH.

War Department, Washington, April 15, 1:30 a. m. MAJOR GENERAL DIX, New York: This evening at about 9:30 p. m., at Ford's Theatre, the President, while sitting in his private box with Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. Harris and Major Rathburn, was shot by an assassin, who suddenly entered the box and approached behind the President.

The assassin then leaped upon the stage, brandishing a large dagger or knife, and made his escape in the rear of the theatre. The pistol ball entered the back of the President's head and penetrated nearly through the head. The wound is mortal.

The President has been insensible ever since it was inflicted, and is now dying.

About the same hour an assassin, whether the same or not, entered Mr. Seward's apartments, and under pretense of having a prescription was shown to the Secretary's sick chamber. The assassin immediately rushed to the bed and inflicted two or three stabs on the throat and two on the face.

It is hoped the wounds may not be mortal. My apprehension is that they will prove fatal.

The nurse alarmed Mr. Frederick Seward, who was in an adjoining room, and he hastened to the door of his father's room, when he met the assassin, who inflicted upon him one or more dangerous wounds. The recovery of Frederick Seward is doubtful.

It is not probable that the President will live through the night.

General Grant and wife were advertised to be at the theatre this evening, but he started to Burlington at six o'clock this evening.

At a cabinet meeting, at which General Grant was present, the subject of the state of the country and the prospect of a speedy peace was discussed. The President was very cheerful and hopeful, and spoke very kindly of General Lee and others of the confederacy, and of the establishment of government in Virginia. All the members of the Cabinet

CITY OF OMAHA.

Some Interesting Facts About This Metropolis of Nebraska By Prof. Don Morton.

Omaha, Nebraska, is rapidly reaching the point when it will take rank as the leading city west of the Mississippi. It covers about twenty-five square miles of ground, and if picked up and dropped down in Fulton county, would hide a whole township. It has 500 miles of streets, of which over 100 miles are paved. The population is 200,000—about 20 times as many people living in this city as in all Fulton county.

The city is building very rapidly. Building permits have been granted for putting up \$7,000,000 worth of property in 1909. There are six colleges, deaf institute, academy, five hospitals—besides number of smaller institutions. It is an important city for assaying, refining, and smelting ores, of zinc, lead, copper, silver and gold. Especially is Omaha noted for its packing houses of which Cudahy's main plant is here, Swift and Armour each has a large plant. Omaha also boasts of having the largest wholesale implements building in America, that of John Deere Plow Co. The General Offices of two of America's largest railroads are located here—the Burlington and the Union Pacific. These offices alone give employment to 1500 men.

I should like to tell more concerning the industries of this city but time will not permit and newspaper space would all be consumed before the manuscript.

Pennsylvania is well represented here, and especially "Little Fulton." At present there are five Fultonites here. These have all recognized the place which Omaha is making for herself.

No doubt some have been interested in the meeting of the Wool Growers' Association which was held in Chicago two weeks ago. Chicago was given the preeminence as a wool center; Omaha second, as a place for storing and shipping the vast amount of wool received from the Middle west.

Each year a festival known as "Aksarben" (Nebraska spelled backwards), is held here during one week. I noticed an account of the National Corn Show in the "News." This was also one of the marks of superiority placed on Omaha, and it has been honored in like manner for next year. I should like to describe these two very important events, and the educational phase of the corn show, but shall have these for a later article, if this be not consigned to the waste basket. With best wishes to all for a prosperous year.

W. DON MORTON.

January 30, 1909.

Greenland—Griffith.

At the M. E. Parsonage, 252 N. 13th St., Philadelphia, on Monday, Jan. 25, 1909. Rev. George Burns, Ph D., D.D. united in marriage, Mr. Reese D. Greenland and Miss Nora Griffith, both of Wells Valley, this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenland proceeded at once to their present home at White Hall, near Lake George, N. Y.

The bride and groom are excellent young people and have the best wishes of their numerous friends.

except Mr. Seward are now in attendance upon the President.

I have seen Mr. Seward, but he and Frederick were both unconscious.

EDWIN M. STANTON,

Secretary of War.

THE PRESIDENT DEAD.

War Department, Washington, April 15, 7:30 a. m. MAJOR GENERAL DIX, New York: Abraham Lincoln died this morning at twenty-two minutes past 7 o'clock.

EDWIN M. STANTON,

Secretary of War.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

The Patriotic Instructor of the Grand Army of the Republic Issues an Order.

BELLS BE TOLLED IN THE MORNING.

On the 12th of February, 1809, one hundred years ago, there was born in a home of poverty, in Kentucky, a boy destined to share with George Washington the first place in the hearts of Americans. This boy rose to be the president of the United States and by virtue of that office was Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States and held that position from 1861 to 1865 or during the Civil War.

The Grand Army of the Republic, composed of men who served in the Army and Navy during that war, believing that the One Hundredth Anniversary of an event so auspicious should be appropriately observed. We, therefore, urge upon the municipal authorities, the clergy, press and people of this Commonwealth to co-operate with us in making February 12th, 1909, a day for the consideration and commemoration of the life and services of Abraham Lincoln.

The hour of Lincoln's birth being unknown, it has been suggested that twenty-two minutes past seven in the morning, the hour of his death, bells be tolled to remind the people that at that hour the United States lost the brave, patient soul that would have carried our country in safety and honor through reconstruction, as it carried it in safety and honor through war.

Let the children in our schools, the children whom Lincoln loved so well, upon that day welcome to their school houses the survivors of the Grand Army of the Republic, that made it possible for our country to be the Great Nation that it is today. Let the children hear the words Lincoln spoke at Gettysburg, and unite in singing the "Star Spangled Banner," the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "America" and other patriotic songs.

Let the National flag be displayed from sunrise to sunset from public buildings, business houses and homes.

The firing of the national salute at mid-day is suggested, and also that the churches hold special services during the noon hour and that merchants and employers of labor close their places of business as generally as possible during that hour.

FINALLY—May all men on this centennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, wherever noon overtakes them, pause for one passing moment and give thanks to God, who having sent us the Founder of our liberties, sent us again in our hour of need a Saviour of the Nation.

CHARLES O. SMITH.

Patriotic Instructor of the Department of Pennsylvania of the Grand Army of the Republic.

HUSTONTOWN.

The groundhog as a weather guide seems to be a fake.

Dr. H. C. McClain is laid up with Grippe at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Hockensmith, of Chambersburg, Pa., were the guests of Clem Chesnut and wife over Saturday and Sunday.

Jennie Cutschall, of Six Mile Run, spent several days with his parents last week.

Gideon Ritchey and Arthur Woodcock made a flying trip to Everett on business last week.

This trip has gained fame for Ritchey and Woodcock as horse dealers. After making two swaps on their way home, they luckily landed in Hustontown with the biggest joke the people ever saw.

Miss Lillian Miller, of Dublin Mills, is visiting her aunt Mrs. Jerrie Laidig.

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SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY

Assaults Married Woman on Public Highway near Fayetteville in Franklin County.

COURT SENT HIM TO REFORMATORY.

Earl Dehart, sixteen years of age, residing at Fayetteville, Franklin county, was last week convicted in the Franklin county court on a charge of rape, on oath of James H. Wingert whose wife Elizabeth, aged 32 years and the mother of four children, was assaulted on the evening of the 19th of January, while she was returning to her home from Fayetteville.

On the witness stand in court, Mrs. Wingert said that on the evening of Jan. 19, 1909, she had been in Chambersburg and took the trolley car for Fayetteville, arriving at Shively's drug store stop in that village at about 8:45 p. m. She went to John Lego's store to get some coffee and thence started with a basket on her arm for her home at Germantown, about 1/4 of a mile northeast of Fayetteville, along the road to Scotland. When not far from the home of Jacob Baughman, the miller, she noticed a man walking in front of her who lagged and finally accosted her with an obscene and improper proposal. She indignantly repulsed him and started on and coming from behind he seized her and a long, hard, intense struggle ensued, in which she jabbed her hatpin into the man's face and body, after he had tripped and thrown her to the ground. She fought her way to her knees and again he evercame her and her hat fell off.

When she used her hatpins on him, she broke two of them and bent one in jabbing him. She screamed but the man put one hand over her mouth and then the other. She grabbed the fence and fought as best she could and at one time said she was stood on her head against the fence. Nearly all her clothing and one shoe were torn from her and then she became nearly unconscious. Having accomplished his devilish purpose he left the woman lying in the road.

After five hours deliberation the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and last Saturday morning Judge Gillan sentenced him to the Reformatory. Young Dehart may congratulate himself that he got off so easy, for the Court had it in his power to give him 15 years in the penitentiary.

PLEASANT RIDGE.

Our school is getting along nicely under the care of C. W. Mellott.

Riley Deshong is now very busy moving his property down to his new home near Sipes Mill, known as the W. Mellott farm.

Edward Swope and family spent last Sunday very pleasantly in the home of Riley Deshong.

Mrs. Anthony Mellott and son Jennings are very low at this writing.

Mrs. E. L. Daniels had the misfortune to fall and hurt her arm.

Miss Mary Mellott spent last Saturday night in the home of her grandmother Mellott.

Preaching was well attended at Greenhill last Wednesday night. The Presiding Elder preached.

Christ Spade and wife have moved into Bard's mill property, where they expect to make their home.

Mrs. Bertha Daniels and daughter spent the latter part of last week with her parents near Hancock.

Hear the bells, how they tinkle, tinkle, tinkle, in the icy air of night! while the stars that oversprinkle all the heaven seem to twinkle with a crystalline delight, keeping time, time, time—from the jingling and the tinkling of the bells.

Mrs. Geo. W. Reisner is visiting in the home of her mother in Philadelphia.