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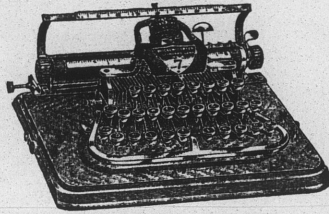
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Died, at his home in North Braddock, Pa., on the evening of December 19, 1898, Rev. John W. Welfley, aged 75 years, 4 months and 12 days.

The Master's call to this aged laborer in his vineyard was indeed a sudden one. Apparently in his usual state of health during the day, about half past six o'clock in the evening he was seized with a mortal illness. Medical aid was speedily summoned, but in vain. In a brief hour all was over. His sudden demise was a great shock to all of his family, as well as to his friends, and we believe he had these wherever he was known.

John Welfley, who was born here in this town, (Salisbury) August 7, 1823, was the fourth son of the late Peter Welfley, of blessed memory. His mother's maiden name was Eva Weimer, who was the youngest daughter of Martin Weimer, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and one of the pioneer settlers of Elk Lick township, having made the first improvements on the farm now owned by James Maust.

His childhood and youth were passed, as was usually the case in this community in those days, working among the surrounding farmers as he grew up and going to school when opportunity offered. At the age of seventeen his educational acquirements were such as to enable him to teach school, and it is known that he did at this time teach a term in Greenville.

Shortly after this he apprenticed himself to Nicholas Flamm and learned the wagon-making trade, serving a full apprenticeship of three years thereat. During this period of apprenticeship much of his leisure time was spent in the improving of his mind by the reading of such books as fell within his reach, but these were all too few.

In 1841 Mr. Flamm, his employer, removed to a small tract of land on the Stoyestown road, about two miles northeast of Somerset, that he had purchased from Rev. C. F. Heyer, of Missionary fame. John accompanied this move of the Flamm's and has related to the writer that in the attic of the house he found a number of books that had been left there by Father Heyer, some of which he found interesting reading.

He had been baptized into the Lutheran church in his infancy, and it was while living near Somerset that he united with the Lutheran church at Friedens, which charge was then under the care of the Rev. Samuel B. Lawson, same who afterwards was the first pastor of the Lutheran congregation at Salisbury on its reorganization.

It would appear that about that time he came to the determination to enter the ministry; but the Lutheran church, then as now, would only have an educated minister, and he must needs prepare himself for this calling. Going to school some, teaching country schools, and providence finally opening the way, he left Salisbury in the month of October, 1845, and entered Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg as a student. He spent five years at the college, graduating, and then two years more at the theological seminary at the same place, receiving assistance while here in his preparatory course from the Allegheny Synod of the Lutheran church, and was licensed to preach the Gospel by that body at Somerset, Pa., in October, 1852.

His first pastorate was at Emmittsburg, Frederick county, Md. He was there when Emmittsburg was visited by the epidemic of cholera, in 1853. He removed his wife to a place of safety, but believing that it was a poor shepherd who would fly when the flock was in peril and trouble, he returned to his post at once. In 1857 the Emmittsburg Lutheran congregation celebrated the centennial of the building of its first church edifice. On that occasion Mr. Welfley was an honored guest.

In February, 1855, he accepted a call from the Centreville charge, in Cumberland county, Pa., but remained there only about one year. In May, 1855, he moved into the bounds of the Strasburg pastorate, in Franklin county, Pa., and near the end of 1858 he was settled in the North Zion charge, in Allegheny county, Pa. In 1864 we find him in the Appollo pastorate, in Armstrong county, Pa., and in 1869 he located in Donegal, Westmoreland county, Pa.; where he remained until 1877, when he removed to Bowerston, Ohio.

In 1883 he accepted a call to Springdale, Allegheny county, Pa., resigning the same in March, 1890. This was his last settled charge. He then removed to North Braddock, Pa., but his settling at Braddock was not as a pastor, yet it was not wholly a cessation from labor, for he still frequently preached among the Lutheran congregations around about his home, his entire ministry covering a period of 46 years. In the division which sprang up in the Lutheran church, some thirty years ago, he adhered to the General Coun-

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In July, 1874, he was married to Miss Nancy Shaffer, of Donegal, who survives him, as do two sons and one daughter, all from his second marriage.

His two brothers, Israel and Balthazar Welfley, both of Confluence, alone survive him out of a numerous family of brothers and sisters. His brothers Henry, Jacob, Martin and David, and his sisters Catharine and Margaret having preceded him to the eternal world in the order named.

In his domestic life he was a kind husband and father, a firm friend and withal a devout christian and a faithful minister of the church. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Donegal, beside those of his second wife, where they await the coming of Resurrection morn.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, DEC. 23, 1898.

President McKinley has received many congratulations on his selection of Hon. Ethan Allen Hitchcock, of Missouri, at present Ambassador to Russia, to be secretary of the Interior. The Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination, although it was received only a few minutes before the adjournment for the Christmas recess. Secretary Hitchcock is a successful business man, just what a man must be to satisfactorily administer the affairs of the Interior Department.

At the last meeting of the Cabinet it was decided to muster out 50,000 more volunteers just as quick as the necessary arrangements to do so can be made. This decision will add to the Christmas enjoyment of many thousands.

The Senate committee on the Nicaragua Canal will sit during the recess, with full authority to summon witnesses, administer oaths, etc., for the purpose of investigating the work of the lobby against the Canal bill.

No better evidence of his acceptable performance of the arduous duties of Secretary of the Interior could have been given to Secretary Bliss than the personal requests to reconsider the matter and withdraw his resignation made of him by prominent Western Senators, including Wolcott, of Colorado; Spooner, of Wisconsin, and Warren, of Wyoming. His appreciation of this was enhanced by the knowledge that his selection for the head of the Interior Department was not pleasing to the Western men, because they thought that particular department should have a Western or a Southern man at its head. Having made up his mind to retire, Mr. Bliss declined to change it, but will remain in office until Secretary Hitchcock arrives in Washington to relieve him.

In an interesting address on "National Progress," Hon. Ellis H. Roberts, U. S. Treasurer, said: "President McKinley pierced to the heart of pessimism by asking, 'Who shall haul down the flag?' Truly, who shall perform that act of national mutilation? Mr. Cleveland may be willing to haul down the flag in Hawaii. Who will haul it down in the Philippines? Who in Cuba? Who in Porto Rico? Then, will these Lilliputians summon Stockton and Fremont from their graves to haul down the flag from the Golden Gate? Shall Sam Houston shake off his cements to take Texas from the Union? Shall death restore Jefferson from his embrace to haul down the flag from all the free mountain peaks which make the Louisiana purchase glorious?"

Gen. Shafter, who was a witness before the War Investigating Commission, this week, said the Santiago expedition was as well fitted out as time and circumstances would permit, and that if he had the campaign to make over again, he would not change the plan made and followed, in any material way. Gen. Miles also testified, but he declined being sworn.

It is regrettable that the House Military committee should have divided on party lines when the question of reporting the Hull bill, with amendments, for the reorganization and increase of the regular army came up, but it cannot be helped. The eight Republicans on the committee voted to favorably report the bill, and five Democrats voted against reporting the bill and gave notice of their intention to submit a minority bill as well as a report.

Able speeches showing the right of this government to acquire territory and govern it any manner it pleases, were made this week by Senators Teller and Platt, of Connecticut, and no Senator attempted to defend the illogical position taken by Senator Vest in denying the existence of that right.

Only one man in Congress was so far lost to decency as to attempt to slur at President McKinley's patriotic sentiments expressed in speeches during his southern trip, and he made his break all the worse by combining with it a slur at "Old Glory." The man is Representative Williams, of Mississippi—Democrat, of course,—who in the course of a speech against the retention of the Philippines by this government used this language concerning the flag and the President: "It is nothing but a piece of bunting, and when some one announces that it must not come down, I care not how high his station, he says something unworthy of himself and his country." Mr. Williams and those who agree with him will find out before they are through that three-fourths of the people of this country are ready to back up to the position of President McKinley as to the keeping our flag over all captured territory.

Senator Butler, of North Carolina, intends offering an amendment to the Pension Appropriation bill that will, if it becomes a law, grant pensions to soldiers and sailors of the Civil war regardless of the side they served on.

Representative Henderson, chairman of the House Judiciary committee, to which Bailey's resolution inquiring whether any member of the House had forfeited his seat by accepting office, was referred, got the House to refer the resolution to the committee on rules, of which Bailey is a member, and thus gave Bailey what he probably didn't want—a chance to vote on his resolution.

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