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## TRAGIC DEATH OF JAMES H. SPRY STARTLES COMMUNITY

Shot Himself at Secluded Spot Near DuBois While Despondent Over Financial Matters.—Had Been One of the Town's Most Enterprising Business Men.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE WAS HELD AT REYNOLDSVILLE SUNDAY

James H. Spry, who shot himself Thursday afternoon of last week, Sept. 2nd, was a highly esteemed young man and the report of his awful and untimely end was a shock to his host of friends in Reynoldsville, where he had spent most of his life and for a number of years was a popular and successful business man. James Spry was born in England July 30, 1878, and was 31 years, 1 month and 3 days old on day of his death. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spry, moved to Reynoldsville in 1879, when James was less than a year old. His father died thirteen years ago. When James was eighteen years old he embarked in the grocery business in Reynoldsville and for twelve years he continued the business, and on account of his business integrity, shrewdness, hustling propensities and genial disposition he built up a large trade and won the confidence of his customers, the wholesale merchants from whom he bought his stock, and the people in general. His word and credit were both good. He was a promising young man. August 8, 1905, he was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Parker, of St. Marys, and the prospects for a happy and successful career for him was bright. On the afternoon of August 31, 1908, his store, store building and household goods were destroyed by fire, in which his loss was heavy. That was the first cloud to cast a shadow athwart his hopeful anticipations.

About the first of October of last year Mr. Spry went to Aspinwall, suburb of Pittsburgh and embarked in the grocery business. He did a good business and things run smoothly for a few months, but several months ago Mr. Spry awakened to the fact that he was doing too much credit business and that the book account was larger than his business would justify. He became discouraged, brooded over the matter and finally became despondent and melancholy. He was solvent and there was no real cause for alarm over his financial affairs, and his friends tried to reason with him but were unable to get his mind off the matter. His wife and relatives thought it would be better for him if the store at Aspinwall was sold and he would move back to Reynoldsville, therefore the store was sold and the move was made, but the melancholy condition was not overcome. Mr. Spry intimated several times to friends that the best thing for him to do was to shoot himself, but it was not thought he would commit the deed, yet his wife kept a close watch on him.

Mr. and Mrs. Spry spent a week at Anita at home of his half-sister, Mrs. John Pomroy, and Mr. Spry seemed to become more cheerful and was apparently getting out of his melancholy condition. On Thursday morning he informed his wife that he was going to DuBois that day on business. She wanted to go with him but he objected and it was finally decided that he would take his three year old son, Walter, with him. They came to Reynoldsville, where Mr. Spry got a check cashed at the Peoples National bank and remained in the bank until a Sykesville car came in and Mr. Spry and son got on the car for DuBois. While in the bank he talked rational, but did very little talking unless asked direct questions. They got into DuBois at 10.30 a. m., Mr. Spry telephoned to his wife that they were in DuBois and that he would call her up again in the afternoon, but she never talked to him again. He took his son to home of his brother-in-law, Homer Barley, and remained there for dinner. About 1.30 he started out for a walk, but did not take his son with him. He went to Prothero, Bailey & Goodwins and bought a .38 calibre revolver, for which he paid \$6.50, walked out to a lonely spot in the woods about a half mile from the public road, on the Andy Smith farm south of DuBois, wrote the following note on back of a letter he had received in DuBois that day: "Dear wife, Blanche, and mother:—Forgive me—nobody to blame but me. God protect my son. Have had good wife and mother and then loaded the revolver, put box of cartridges and revolver box into his coat pocket, took off his collar and necktie and put them in his coat pocket, took off his coat, vest and hat and hung them on a tree, placed the muzzle of revolver back of his right ear and sent

a bullet crashing through his brain. The bullet came out just back of his left ear. Death was so sudden that he did not loosen his grip on the weapon. The indications are that he was as deliberate about it as he would have been in getting ready to retire at night when sane.

It is supposed that he shot himself between four and five o'clock in the afternoon and the body was not found until about 7.00 p. m. when a young man named Walter Smith, who was out training a dog, found it.

The coroner was notified, a jury was empanelled and after examining the surrounding ground and getting Mr. Smith's testimony the jury reached a verdict of "death caused by a self-inflicted bullet wound caused by a revolver fired by his own hands."

As two bullets had been fired from the revolver and only one bullet was found in Mr. Spry's body, and it was known that he had taken his son with him to DuBois, it was feared that the other bullet had been used to kill the son and a search was made for body of boy. It was not until eleven o'clock that night that the boy was found at home of Mr. Barley.

The body of Mr. Spry was brought to home of his half-brother, John Trudgen, on Jackson street, Reynoldsville, Friday and funeral service was held there at 2.30 p. m. Sunday, conducted by Rev. John F. Black, pastor of the M. E. church. It was one of the largest, if not the largest, funeral ever held at a private residence in Reynoldsville. For several years deceased had been a member of the Reynoldsville I. O. O. F. Lodge, transferring his membership to the Aspinwall Lodge last fall, and members of the Reynoldsville Lodge attended the funeral in a body. Interment was made in Beulah cemetery beside body of the young man's father.

We repeat again that this young man was highly esteemed by the people of Reynoldsville and the large attendance at his funeral of all classes of people was evidence of this fact.

At the time of the organization of the Peoples National bank Mr. Spry was elected a director, although rather young for the office, and held the directorship until after he had moved to Aspinwall.

James H. Spry is survived by his wife and son, Walter, aged mother, Mrs. Jane Spry, one half-sister, Mrs. John Pomroy, of Anita, and two half-brothers, John Trudgen, of Reynoldsville, and Elijah Trudgen, of East Brady.

The following out of town relatives attended the funeral: G. W. Parker,

wife and two daughters. Misses Phyllis and Ruth, of St. Marys, A. W. Parker and wife, Homer Barley and wife, of DuBois, John Pomroy and family, Wm. Bolt and wife, of Anita, Wm. Pomroy, of Cloe, Elijah Trudgen, wife and two daughters, Flora and Fay, of East Brady, John G. Stauffer and wife, of DuBois.

Floral tribute from following persons: A. W. Parker and wife, DuBois, John Pomroy and family, Anita, Merchants' Association of Allegheny, Aspinwall, clerks in Aspinwall store, Mrs. N. G. Pinney, Brookville, George Monroe and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, DuBois, John Trudgen and family, Charles Burge, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Sayers, Mrs. Haskins and family, Reynoldsville Business Men's Association, Mrs. M. E. Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Draucker, Mrs. L. Carl, Mrs. Benjamin Jones, Mrs. Northey and daughters, Mrs. J. W. Gillespie, Mrs. L. J. McEntire, Miss Eleanor Reed, Mrs. John Bashor, Mr. Beduir and family, Mrs. Bessie Burns, Allie Demore, Leo Schultze, Mr. Braund and family.

## Pulled a Revolver On Trolley Conductor

But the Conductor's Boot Hit The Foreigner's Jaw First And Ended the Scrap.

Passengers on the DuBois Traction Co. car arriving at Sykesville from DuBois at 7.30 Monday evening witnessed an exciting dispute between the conductor and an Italian at Eriton. The foreigner had boarded the car at DuBois and paid his fare to Eriton, but when he arrived there refused to get off, claiming to have paid another fare. The conductor was emphatic in his demand for more money and after an angry dispute hustled the man off the car in unceremonious style. When he reached the ground the Italian swung around and with a quick motion pulled a pistol half way out of his hip pocket apparently intending to take vengeance on the conductor. The conductor was standing on the rear platform, his feet just about on a level with the foreigner's head and the moment the revolver appeared the conductor's foot shot out, catching the Italian under the jaw and sending him heels over head backward. The car moved on.

### The Lurid Glow of Doom

Was seen in the red face, hands and body of the little son of H. M. Adams, of Henrietta, Pa. His awful plight from eczema had, for five years, defied all remedies and baffled the best doctors, who said that the poisoned blood had affected his lungs and nothing could save him. "But," writes his mother, "seven bottles of Electric Bitters completely cured him." For eruptions, eczema, salt rheum, sores and all blood disorders and rheumatism Electric Bitters is supreme. Only 50c. Guaranteed by H. L. McEntire.

## Valuable Patent Has Been Granted To Well Known Reynoldsville Man.

L. M. Simmons is the Inventor of a Noiseless Helical Gas Mixer that Promises Large Returns When Manufactured And Placed on the Market.

THE INVENTION MAY BE MANUFACTURED IN REYNOLDSVILLE

This is an age of inventions and ever and anon patents are being granted to men of inventive genius in various parts of the country and occasionally a Reynoldsville man makes application to the government for protection on some invention that is worthy of the patent office seal. A recent invention that gives promise of large returns to the inventor and a money saver for gas consumers is the Simmons Gas Mixer, patented by L. M. Simmons, an esteemed and substantial

baffle to bring out the thorough and complete commingling of the gas and air, and to produce a uniform mixture thereof, so that there will be perfect combustion of the gas.

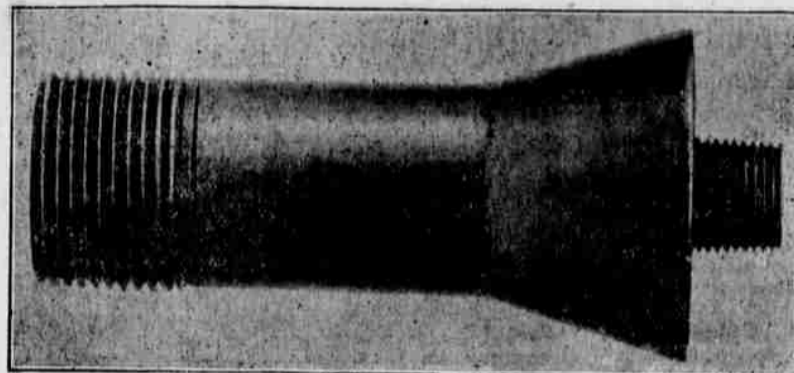
The circular motion given to the air and gas passing through the mixer, by reason of the helical or spiral, has this advantage, that it prevents all accumulation of dust and dirt on inside of pipes and burner.

Another advantage the Simmons Gas Mixer has is that the flame cannot fly

## Big Balloon From Cleveland Sighted

Sailed Over Reynoldsville On Friday Morning And Was Watched By Many.

About ten o'clock Friday morning a large balloon carrying two men plainly visible, passed over Reynoldsville, a little to the south, and seeming to be bound for the east. A number of local parties witnessed the transit and believed it to be one of the three balloons which, according to press reports, had left Cleveland, Ohio, bearing a number of wealthy men who have ad-



The Simmons Gas Mixer.

opted ballooning as a hobby and were on a pleasure trip to eastern coast resorts. The balloonists are reported to have landed at New Mansville, Clarion county, to ascertain their location.

This may be only the precursor of what will become a common occurrence in a few years, when aerial travel by means of dirigible balloons, aeroplanes and other craft will have been developed for commercial purposes. If ever an "aerial express" is established between New York and Chicago the direct line of travel would pass over Reynoldsville. More visionary dreams than this have materialized in the past.

back and burn in the mixer, as is the case in the ordinary mixers. You cannot turn on gas strong enough to blow flames away from the burner.

The cut in connection with this article shows the style and shape of the mixer. In appearance it is neat and tasty, being finished in nickel throughout. It is a noiseless mixer, which will add to its market value.

It is possible that a company will be organized and the Simmons Gas Mixer will be manufactured in Reynoldsville. The mixers will be put on the market this fall. Applications have already been made, by men who know a good thing when they see it, for all the western territory.

THE STAR congratulates Mr. Simmons on this inventions and wishes for him a very lucrative return on the Simmons Gas Mixer.

## Rev. Black Closes Year's Pastorate

Will Probably Be Returned To Reynoldsville For Another Conference Year.

Rev. John F. Black closed his first year last Sunday as pastor of the Reynoldsville M. E. church and yesterday morning he went to Fredonia, N. Y., to attend the Erie annual conference. It is expected that Rev. Black will return to Reynoldsville for another year. He did good work here the past year and the people are unanimous for his return for another year. On account of the absence of Rev. Black there will not be preaching in the M. E. church next Sunday.

Notice to all Dealers and Traders of Every Kind.

You are hereby forbidden and warned against giving any one credit on my account, as I will pay no bills unless ordered by myself. G. W. FULLER.

Buy the children oxfords for early school wear at special prices at Adam Shoe Co.

## Falls Creek Herald Will Soon Suspend

Editor Bangert States Reason For Suspension In Very Plain Language.

In the last issue of the Falls Creek Herald the statement was made that the paper would be suspended in the near future and the office would be continued for job printing only. In the announcement of suspension a letter was printed from a subscriber requesting his paper discontinued on account of the stand the Herald has taken on the local option or prohibition question, and Editor Bangert says: "The receipt of dozens—perhaps a hundred—letters similar to the above, and my belief that a newspaper that advocates those things which are intended to benefit the liquor interests can live only by the support of those who are engaged in the liquor business, convince me that the usefulness of the Herald has been destroyed, so the Herald in the near future will be suspended, the office continuing for job printing—as was intended when originally established.

"Some few of the liquor dealers who induced the publication of a paper that would oppose local option and prohibition have kept their promises with me—others have not."

### McCall's Patterns.

It will be of interest to Reynoldsville users of McCall's patterns to know that they can procure them at the News Stand, at Sykesville. At present no store in Reynoldsville handles the McCall pattern and their constant users will have no other, and they can be secured by mail or telephone. They have both Bell and Summerville telephones, but prefer to have orders come over the latter phone. Send for October Fashion Plate to Otto J. Nupp, at the News Stand, Sykesville Pa.

Men's oxfords at special prices at Adam's.

### Why Worry?

Why worry? It is all going Uncle Sam's way.

The crops are big, bigger than ever, and food is going to be cheaper and growing cheaper day by day. Work is increasing. Men are more and more in demand. The rate of wages dropped little in depression. The new men are going on at the rate and hours of 1907.

Every day some furnace or mill starts up. About \$750,000,000 is going into building. Big railroads are buying rails and equipment for 1910 right now, so as to get them then. There are more wheat and corn, more wool and leather, more iron ore, coal, coke and copper to be turned out in the last four months of 1909 than ever before.

Why worry? The boom is on. Prosperity has come. The United States never saw more of either than this coming autumn is to show. Why worry?—New York World.

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