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DEATH CLAIMS

WM. H. EGER

Well Known Hardware Dealer Succumbs After Short and Painful Sickness.

William H. Eger, for the past twenty years engaged in the hardware business in Rensselaer, and one of our best known and most highly esteemed citizens, died at 9:50 o'clock Saturday night, after an illness that confined him at home only since Thursday night. Heart failure and a badly congested condition of the lungs were responsible for death. Mr. Eger had been a sufferer from a weak heart for fully twenty-five years and had on several previous occasions almost succumbed to the attacks. Last year for some time he was confined at his home with rheumatism and he had not recovered his former vigor since that time, but recently he had been in fair health. On Thursday evening he told his brother John that was feeling better, and that evening friends were at the house and he was apparently feeling very well and laughed and joked with them. Friday morning he got up and dressed but he was soon seized with the heart pains and it was recognized that his condition was serious. Respiration was very difficult and he could not lie down. He became very much worse Friday evening when violent fits of coughing were followed by blood hemorrhages. A counsel of physicians was held in the night and it was agreed that there was no hope for his life. During most of Saturday he suffered from the coughing spells and the accompanying hemorrhages, and was in great agony until given a hypodermic injection of morphine. He then rested some and for the last two hours he was apparently unconscious and death came painlessly.

Mr. Eger has had a long and honorable business career in Rensselaer, and his unexpected death has cast a shadow over the entire community. He was the oldest child of Michael Eger and wife, and was born at Lafayette on Nov. 25th, 1851, being 56 years and 2 months old. His parents came to Rensselaer when he was only two years of age and he has since resided here. In his earlier life he worked as a tinner for Norman Warner, and he was also at one time a partner with his brother, John, in the grocery business. For the past twenty years he has been in the hardware business and has built up a large and successful business. He was married Aug. 20, 1882, to Mary D. Duvall, and to their union were born three children, all of whom survive; viz. Mrs. Beesie Grant, Cleve, aged 22, a student at Purdue University, and Harry, aged 19, a student in the high school. His mother also survives, as do the following sister and brother, Mary, Lizzie and Carrie, at home, John, the grocery man and Mrs. Emma Maloy, of Lowell.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the family residence on Division street. It will be under the charge of the Masonic lodge of which he was a member, and Rev. J. C. Parrett will be the minister. Interment in Weston cemetery.

Former Rensselaer Girl Married.

Lola next oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Warden formerly of Rensselaer, but who moved to Wabash about two years ago, was married Saturday Jan. 18, 1908, at five o'clock, to Mr. Guy Chaffee of Peru, immediately after the ceremony they took their departure for their future home at Deadwood, South Dakota, where Mr. Chaffee is in business.

All \$2.50 to \$5.00 men's heavy weight winter pants now \$1.50 to \$2.50 at Rowles & Parker's clothing and shoe store.

Farmers Short Course a Grand Success.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS

Contest will close March 14, 1908. No votes will be received after 8 o'clock p. m. of that day.

Prizes will be awarded in the order given in the advertisement.

In event of a tie vote for any of the prizes, the value of the prize will be divided equally among all who are tied.

Grace Peyton	102960
Lelia Grant	51960
Mrs. Joe Halligan	38030
Bessie Hardy	30925
Grace Reed	16240
Fannie Porter	10375
Ferne Parker	9250
Bernice Sayler	8850
Lillian McClanahan	6695
Kate Maxwell	5480
Esther Padgett	4400
Goldie Gunyon	3860
Ethel McCarthy	3560
Ethel Clarke	3485
Cecil Rutherford	2315
Mae Pettit	1950
Mary Adams	1845
Bessie Moore	1830
Day Jordan	1515
Bertha Eldridge	1070
Mildred Watson	685
Blanche Conaway	465
Edna Donnelly	385
Leah Knox	310
Pauline Ames	280
Carrie Pierce	245
Amanda Lokotzki	100
Mrs. Alice Potts	100
Dollie Schock	60
Clara Brusnahan	40
Fannie Roush	40
Minnie Karch	30
Callie Baker	30
Edith Adams	10
Pearl Price	10
Grace Shepard	10
Ruth Yeoman	10
Mamie Cull	10
Cenoth Jordan	10

A Very Meritorious Ordinance.

Some weeks ago Dr. Gwin, acting in the capacity of city health officer, had occasion to call upon an old doctor who was stopping at the Makeever Hotel, and whose advance advertising had proclaimed in glowing terms that specialists from a great institute of medicine and surgery would be here to heal all the sick that would apply to them. The advertising smacked so loudly of deceit that the Republican refused to publish it, and when the self-styled "specialists" arrived it developed they were traveling in the singular and that there was no tangible evidence of "eminence" about him. He looked and talked very quacky. Dr. Gwin decided that the proper thing to protect the public from deceipts of this character would be to have a city ordinance passed that would require these people to take out a city license in order to practice. The ordinance as proposed seems entirely reasonable and we believe should be passed by the council. These traveling doctors are usually not successes in a located field and the people who patronize them because they have made remarkable claims do so at no small amount of risk. The bill is not introduced because the local M. Ds. fear such competition, but is aimed to protect the public against fraud. It is not improbable that, so far as the local physicians are concerned, they would get more business in correcting the blunders that the quacks have committed than they would from the patients that patronize the quacks, if they had taken home treatment in the first place. The ordinance will not prevent any person calling a doctor from any other place, and is simply aimed to prevent quackery. It would not effect Dr. Rose Remmek, the optician as she is credited with a Rensselaer residence. As regards the effect on business, these people patronize only the newspapers and the hotels, and they use the first to deceive and should be turned down by all just as the Republican turned the last one down. The passage of the ordinance will be a very proper proceeding.

Culp-Molitor Wedding.

Mr. Otis E. Culp and Miss Emma Molitor were married at Reynolds Wednesday, at 8:30 a. m. at the Catholic parsonage. Father Siemz officiating. The couple were accompanied by John and Mary, brother and sister of the bride.

A wedding reception was given at the home of the bride's parent, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Molitor and at 6 o'clock an elegant wedding dinner was served to about 60 guests. The decorations consisted of ferns and carnations. The bride was daintily attired in white silk.

The guests from a distance were Mrs. T. M. Brown, Dwight, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gentner, Chicago, sisters of Mrs. Molitor. Miss Mary Molitor, Valparaiso and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Long, of Monon, sister of the groom.

Many useful and valuable presents were left as souvenirs of the happy event.

The groom is a well known thrifty young farmer and has resided near Francesville for several years. The bride is a most estimable young lady and has made a large circle of friends during her four years residence in their present home four miles west of Francesville.

Thursday they started on an unlimited wedding trip. After their return they will reside at the Culp home near Francesville.

If you want to get a good horse or a good mule don't fail to attend J. V. Leah's sale on Jan. 28th.

Coal in big lumps \$4 a ton. Branch & Hamilton.

Disastrous Fire at Morocco.

A fire broke out Sunday night in the rear of McDonald & Biffle's West Side restaurant at Morocco, and after destroying that building, which belonged to E. T. Hope, the flames communicated to Irvin's harness and hardware store, and to the Handley photograph gallery up stairs, the vacant room formerly occupied by John Darling's saloon was then burned, and then Bell & Atkinson's barber shop and Isaac Purdy's meat market were burned. The fire was halted before it reached the large store of J. D. Kessler. Most of the buildings were frame structures, and there is said to have been very little insurance.

A beautiful souvenir for every \$10.00 worth of coupons.

Chicago Bargain Store.

George Ade Is For the President.

Seeking to learn just where George Ade stands in relation to his preference for a republican presidential candidate, the editor of the Kentland Enterprise asked the following question of W. H. Ade, George's brother:

"Who is George Ade for if he is elected a delegate to the national convention?"

Mr. Ade replied, "My brother, George Ade, is honestly and sincerely for the nomination of Vice-President Fairbanks for the presidency. He is an admirer of Mr. Fairbanks, and will do all in his power either as a citizen or delegate to bring about his nomination. If in the judgment of the members of the national convention Mr. Fairbanks cannot secure the coveted nomination, I speak with solemn assurance to the voters of the tenth congressional district, that my brother is in hearty sympathy with President Roosevelt, and will stand to the end for a man who will carry out his policies. My brother is an ardent admirer of the President, and when I say that he will stand by him, I know whereof I speak".

Mr. Ade added with a laugh, "I George is not in sympathy with the President, I am against him myself."

The enterprise then makes the following comment:

"This is enough. It pleased us greatly to make this announcement, and we are glad that the clever Indiana humorist occupies a position so thoroughly in sympathy with the voters of his county and district. But this might be expected for George Ade followed the newspaper business too long, not to know just exactly what to do."

T. A. Besse Likes South Dakota.

T. A. Besse writes a good letter to the Republican from Britton, S. Dak., remitting for two year's subscription and says he had a good crop last year and has 550 acres plowed for spring. He regrets that he did not move to that country some years sooner. He says the winter has been mild and the roads are in fine condition. Britton is the county seat of Marshall county, and is a very nice town. Land there is worth from \$25 to \$50 per acre. He says that it costs a great deal to get out there and get located but after a year of good crops one will not regret the move.

Billy Martin Takes up the Gauntlet.

Billy Martin when asked if he would accept Randolph Wright's challenge to wrestle any man in Jasper county, side holds and concede fifty pounds in weight, says, "I will wrestle Wright at the opera house here on any date, any holder, any weight and will bet him \$25 he can't throw me, 3 points down, two best out three falls. He can arrange everything with my manager, Joe Thornton.

Billy says he is in good condition, hard as nails. He has been chopping cord wood and building roads all winter.

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Don't fail to hear the next number of the lecture course, Thursday night of this week. The lecturer will be George D. Alden, and it will be one of the very excellent numbers of the course.

The big one half price sale of clothing will continue to Saturday night Feb. 8th.

Chicago Bargain Store.

OBITUARY OF JOS. B. SPARLING

Oldest Resident-Born Citizen Spent Entire Life In Jasper County. Soldier in 48th Indiana.

The funeral of Joseph B. Sparling occurred last Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at his late residence, 1½ miles southwest of this city. Rev. B. F. Ferguson, of the Baptist church, conducted the service, and interment was in Weston cemetery. The local G. A. R. Post acted with the minister in performing the funeral rites.

Deceased was born Nov. 23, 1837, at Rensselaer, Ind., and passed away Jan. 21, 1908, at the age of 70 years, one month and 29 days. During his early childhood his parents lived in Rensselaer on ground now occupied by the Howles House. Being the second child of white parentage born in Jasper county, and the oldest at the time of his death, he had witnessed the growth of the county from its pioneer days into a prosperous and populous community. When the deceased was about ten years of age his parents moved to the Sparling homestead southwest of Rensselaer, where he has constantly resided.

In the early years of the civil war Mr. Sparling answered the call to arms and enlisted as a member of Co. K. of the 48th Indiana regiment of infantry. His regiment was assigned to duty in Kentucky and along the Mississippi. He continued in service until sickness forced his retirement.

On March 12, 1865, he was married to Mary Hammond. Two children, Samuel E. and Francis D. Sparling, and an adopted daughter, Glen, are the remaining members of the family.

The parents of the deceased, Samuel L. and Julia Sparling, died some years ago. Four brothers and sisters are still living, viz. Henry and Ella reside in DeMotte, Frank lives in Kansas, and Sarah in Iowa. On account of sickness none were able to be present at the funeral but Mrs. Ella Peck, of DeMotte.

Rensselaer Triumphs.

Before a packed house at Lowell Rensselaer defeated the pick of the Lowell High School, 26 to 7.

The game was devoid of spectacular work the hard, grinding team play of the Rensselaer girls won.

Bert Baker's Partner Arrested.

Bert Baker, who has been in jail here for several weeks, being held for trial for the theft of hogs from the Otis ranch, near Rose Lawn, will not have to face the charge by himself. His partner, Auk. White, has been arrested by Deputy Sheriff Fred Fuller, of Rose Lawn, who traced him to Benton Harbor, Mich., when his wife went there following her release from jail here.

Harry Baxter, manager of the Otis ranch, has missed stock for several months and finally was so well satisfied that White and Baker were the thieves that he swore out warrants for their arrests, but White disappeared. Baker was arrested and brought here. The wives of the two men were also arrested, but were released at a hearing before Judge Hanley. Mrs. White soon moved away and the officer traced her to Michigan, where he found them ready to begin house-keeping.

The trial of both will come up at the present term of the Newton circuit court.

J. V. Leah's sale will take place on Jan. 28th, and he has a fine list of stock, including several brood mares. He has one driving mare, lady broke, and automobile broke. Several good cows, and a lot of good Durro sows that will farrow in April.

Only 1.00 and 1.25 per bushel for fancy belleflower, northern spy, russet apples.

Chicago Bargain Store.

H. R. W. Smith Won \$10 Prize.

H. R. W. Smith, whose wife was a sister of the Paxton boys, and who for several years was the exchange editor of the Chicago Daily Tribune, and who has since been engaged in the newspaper business of this state, is now residing in Longmont, Colo., where Chas. N. and J. W. Paxton also reside. He has just been awarded a cash prize of \$10 by the Longmont Commercial Association for having written the best letter on Longmont, published in a paper outside of that city. The article was published in the Hammond News some months ago, and Mr. Smith has just been awarded the prize. Mr. Smith is a very able and a very entertaining man. The editor of the Republican was going to Missouri some sixteen years ago to work on a Missouri newspaper and was a guest for a day or two in Mr. Smith's home in Chicago and was shown thru the Tribune office. Mr. Smith volunteered considerable useful instruction about a beginner in newspaper work, and the last clause of his advice was, "Mention everybody, if you have to give half of them hell." We have found during intervening years that it pays to mention everybody, and that it is rarely necessary to give any one severe criticism. Indeed, Mr. Smith did not say that it was necessary, but he said it was better than to ignore them, and we believe he was right.

Always a Warm Spot for John.

"Jack" Walker, the Tombstone, Ariz., terror, and the bedest man on the Mexican border, has temporarily laid aside his six shooter, and with a calm and dignified demeanor he once again walks the streets of our city beautiful. In private life "Jack" is known as John W. Walker, official stenographer of the U. S. District court, with headquarters at Tombstone, Ariz. He will remain here only a few days and then go to Bloomington to visit his parents. He will then return here and make a more extended visit and when he finally starts back to Tombstone his parents will accompany him for the remainder of the winter. Jack is said to be the best newspaper filler west of the Rockies and whenever things are looking a little dull for the space writers in the west Jack is given a round. He will be the center of attraction while here.

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