Record of Deaths of well known Sheboygan County Citizens

Prin. A. D. Tarnutzer

Sunday, February 28, Principal A. D. Tarnutzer of the Sheboygan high School expired, his demise being caused by tuberculosis of the spine and a kidney trouble. His remains were consigned to their last resting place in Wildwood cemetery on Wednesday, March 3, the Rev. Mr. Horetmeyer officiating. For hours while the body lay in state at the Reformed Church, many hundreds of people took a last look at the kindly face of their beloved principal. The long funeral cortege, the profusion of beautiful flowers and the gloom his untimely demise cast over the city expressed more profoundly than words could the great sense of loss felt by all, and the respect and esteem in which the departed was held.

Prof. Tarnutzer was born at Sauk City, Wisconsin, May 6, 1867. He lived in that place during childhood and youth and it was there he received his early training and where he prepared for college. At the close of his high school course he formed the purpose of devoting himself to teaching and for a few years he taught in the rural schools of Sauk county, after which he entered the Whitewater Normal School and completed the course in that institution in 1895. The following year he held a position in the schools of Prairie du Sac, but his ambition would not permit him to return there and he began a course at the State University, from which he was graduated in 1898, when he accepted a position as instructor of science in the Sheboygan High School. A few years of patient and conscientious work was followed by his promotion to the principalship of the school, a position he held when called from earthly scenes. While at the head of the High School of this city it grew in numbers and usefulness, there being very material changes and desirable improvements made in its courses and faculty.

Brief as was his life when measured by the numbers on the dial plate it was full of service which no doubt had yielded and will yield a richer and more bounteous fruitage than that of many who can count there years by fore-score-and ten. It was for him to lead the young to nobler aims, to develop their higher natures, to give to their intellects the proper bent, in short to attain the human soul to a nobler being. The best results of such labors can not be immediate, but like the waves of either, the influence of the true teacher continues in an ever widening circle, going on forever through eternity. It is a beautiful thing to contemplate that though poorly compensated for his efforts in worldly goods, the worthy teacher is a force which goes on strengthening rather than weakening, even after his mortal remains have been laid away to moulder to dust.

Mrs. Alford Tracy

Among the very earliest settlers of the town of Mitchell were the Tracy and Chambers families. They have also been among the most influential people of their neighborhood. Mrs. Alford Tracy was a daughter of William Chambers and a sister of Henry Chambers, who for years was the oracle of his neighborhood a few miles southwest of Cascade. Mrs. Tracy died on March 7, 1909, after having been confined to her home for twenty-five years. Her remains rest in the Swann Cemetery in the town of Sherman, the funeral having taken place on March 9, the Rev. F. E. Warren having officiated.

Mrs. Tracy was born in Counin County, Ireland, on May 27, 1837. She settled with her parents in the southern part of the town of Mitchell in 1849. Her union with Mr. Alford Tracy was solemnized on Jan. 11, 1863. She is survived by her husband, three sons and two daughters as follows: Joseph, John and Lewis Tracy Mrs. William Phillips and Miss Rilla Jane Tracy, all of Mitchell.

Mrs. Margaret DeVille

Among the early comers to Sheboygan was Mrs. Margaret DeVille, whose death occurred on Sunday, February 28, 1909. The last sad rites for the departed were performed on Wednesday, March 3, from the Holy Name Church, the Rev. Father Thill officiating. Interment was in the North Side Catholic Cemetery.

Mrs. DeVille came to Sheboygan in 1874 from Batavia, N. Y. where she was born on April 18, 1832. Mrs. DeVille is survived by a son, Nicholas and two daughters, Pauline and Gretchen.
Francis W. Lawrence

Francis W. Lawrence passed away on February 11, 1909. He succumbed to a general weakening of the system and died in his home on March 14, 1909. He had reached the age of nearly eighty, although the end was hastened by gangrene. The remains were laid to rest on February 13 at the Wildwood Cemetery, where a service was held at the Congregational Church officiated.

Mr. Lawrence was born in Monroe, Michigan, on November 3, 1830. At the age of fourteen, he entered a hardware store in his native city. In 1854, he moved to Sheboygan and had been identified with the city since then. His death was suffered shortly before his demise. He was very active in church work, having been a member of the Congregational Church. He was a pioneer missionary in the Hawaiian Islands and is a teacher at Honolulu. Mrs. Frederick Damon, another daughter, is also a resident of Sheboygan, and Mrs. Mary is still a resident of Sheboygan, making her home with her mother who still survives.

H. W. Fischer

After serving the city of Plymouth as a member of the county board from the First Ward, Supervisor H. W. Fischer, on February 2, succumbed to an attack of pneumonia. On Sunday, February 7, the funeral was held, and the Rev. F. Beisser of the Reformed Church officiated. The obsequies were attended by a large number of acquaintances, among whom were several members of the county board as well as some of the county officers. The remains rest in the Plymouth Union Cemetery.

Mr. Fischer was a native of Bavaria, Germany, having been born in the Rhinefels on August 18, 1838. He came with his parents to America in 1852, when he was a lad of fourteen. Since coming here he has resided either in or near the city. His marriage with Miss Theresa Karpe took place in 1862. Several years later his union with Miss Katherine Gessert was solemnized. Of the first marriage, the following children survived: O. H. Fischer of California, Charles W. of Plymouth, Emil of Green Bay, Mrs. A. Kurtz of Timothy and Mrs. Bertha V. of Sheboygan. The second marriage was blessed by two children, Raymond and Elsie, both at home.

At one time, Mr. Fischer owned a good farm on the north part of Plymouth, where he conducted a large boot and shoe store in the city. For the last few years prior to his death, he spent the greater part of his time tilling a piece of land he owned in the northern part of the city.

Mr. Fischer had a strong hold upon the affections and confidence of the voters of his ward, and he was invincible against any opponent who entered the list against him at the polls. As a representative, he was conscientious and aimed to look carefully after every detail of his duties. For many years he was made postmaster by the board of which he was a member and as such his services to the county were invaluable.

H. E. Dow

On March 14, 1909, H. E. Dow died in St. Louis. He was not a pioneer of the county, and, indeed, was a resident here only six years. He had scarcely passed the prime of life when he passed away. Yet he had a history of the county and especially of Plymouth would not be complete without mention of his work.

Mr. Dow has been called a "live wire," and he certainly was full of life and enterprise. Plymouth owes much to his efforts. The cold-storage, which has had a considerable influence in making that place a leading cheese market, was built through his efforts. He suggested other improvements for the place, such as electric light and water-works as well as interurban railways.

August Warnecke

At the age of nearly eighty-nine, August Warnecke, Sr., passed from earth on February 4, 1909. Paralysis claimed him. The funeral was held on Sunday, February 7, with interment in Wildwood Cemetery. The Rev. Mr. Horstmeier officiated. Deceased was born in Germany on February 27, 1829, and came to this country and Sheboygan in 1856, thus having been a resident here for fifty-three years, and he lived in the same house during all that time. He leaves a son, August, who resides in Sheboygan.

August Pieper

On March 12, 1909, there departed this life Mr. August Pieper, one of the first settlers of the town of Herman. Death resulted from injuries received when he fell off a flight of stairs. His advanced age may account for his sustaining the fatal injuries. The interment was on Tuesday, March 16, in the Siemers' cemetery in the town of Herman, the funeral having been held from his home near Howard's Grove. Mr. Pieper was born at Gellerson, Hanover, Germany, on March 10, 1827. In 1847, while a youth of twenty, he came to America and lived directly to the town of Herman, which was then but little more than a virgin wilderness. By energy and industry he carved a good farm out of dense forest, and by thrift he was en-
able to accumulate considerable property. He was an important factor in the development of his town, and took a leading part in all social events. The name Pieper is inseparably connected with the history of Sheboygan county.

The deceased was twice married the first union was formed with Miss Caroline Wenthe in 1851. She died ten years later and about two years later Mr. Pieper took unto himself another wife, whose maiden name was Miss Johanna Sperl. Two children of the first wife survive and reside in St. Paul, Minn. William and Henry Pieper. These children of the second wife also remain; Mrs. Carl Abling and Mrs. Albert Fuhrman, Howards Grove; Mrs. Frederick Weiskopf, Mrs. Frank Mueller, Mrs. George Kautioner and Louis Pieper, Sheboygan; Mrs. Wm. Roerborn, Wilson; and Miss Tonie Howards Grove.

R. A. Van Alstyne

It was on January 6, 1909, that R. A. Van Alstyne succumbed to a kidney trouble, at St. Agnes' Hospital, Fond du Lac. The funeral took place on January 9 from his home in the village of Glenbeulah, the Rev. John Norton officiating. His remains rest in the Greenbush-Union cemetery.

Mr. Van Alstyne came to the town of Greenbush as early as 1850, and had been one of the influential and substantial citizens of that vicinity. He was born in the East in 1833, and came to Glenbeulah nearly fifty-nine years ago. He was a wagonmaker by trade. His union with Miss Isabelle Clark took place at Elgin, Ill., in 1861. His wife survives him as do also two sons, John Van Alstyne of Rhinelander and Edwin Van Alstyne, Wadena, Canada.

Mrs. Eliza Ann Platner Mac Graw

On March 28, 1909, there passed away at Plymouth one who had been privileged to spend nearly ninety-five years upon earth. When Mrs. Eliza Ann Platner Mac Graw expired it was the close of a life of usefulness. The end came after a lingering of months at death's door and years of gradual decline in strength.

The remains were laid in the Plymouth Union cemetery on March 30, when the funeral was held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. T. Evans, with whom she had been living for several years. The Rev. A. G. Wilson of the Congregational church officiated.

The remains of Mr. Mac Graw, whose maiden name was Eliza Ann Platner, was born at Cherry Valley, Otsego county, New York, on October 18, 1814. She was united in marriage to Edward M. Mac Graw in 1834. They early moved to Michigan where they were residents for a number of years. In 1848 they removed to Sheboygan and several years later to Plymouth. They were among the earliest and most progressive citizens of Plymouth. Mr. Mac Graw conducted a lumber yard in that city for many years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mac Graw were advanced thinkers, and they were thoroughly humane and fair and just in their relation with others. Mr. Mac Graw's death occurred in 1886. Mrs. Evans of this city and Mrs. Dolly Weitzel are the surviving children.

Andrew McDonald

Death claimed another pioneer of Sheboygan county when Andrew McDonald expired at his home in the city of Plymouth, on Friday, January 15. The funeral took place on January 19, from the Catholic church in that city, and the remains were taken to St. Michael's cemetery for internment. The Rev. Father Meyer officiated.

A native of Ireland, Mr. McDonald was born in Mayo county on March 25, 1839. He came with his parents to Sheboygan county in 1856, settling on a farm in the northern part of Scott. There he lived during the greater part of his life, except while working in the northern pinyries.

He was married to Miss Mary Flanagan, a teacher. From this union sprang a large family, the survivors of which are Mrs. James Hardgrove of Fond du Lac; Misses Emma and Mae of Spokane, Wash.; Misses Florence and Jennie at home; George and Edward, Spokane; Andrew, Hosmar, British Columbia; Charles at home. Mrs. McDonald also survives.

H. E. Austin

The passing of H. E. Austin in the prime of life was sincerely deplored by a large circle of friends. His demise occurred on March 28, 1909, he having succumbed to cancer of the bowels.

On March 31 his remains were committed to earth in the Winooksi cemetery, the funeral being held from the family home on that day, the Rev. A. G. Wilson officiating.

Mr. Austin was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Austin, who for many years were residents of the town of Lyndon, where the subject of this sketch was born on November 16, 1855. The Austins owned one of the largest and best farms in that town, and for a number of years before removing to Plymouth with his family, Mrs. H. E. Austin conducted it. On the 10th of November,
1886, he was united in marriage to Miss Ida Peck, who was one of the prominent teachers of the county. She survives him as do also three sons, George, Frank and Orvin.

Assemblyman E. J. Keyes, a friend and life-long acquaintance, said of Mr. Austin: “He was a man of a most genial and friendly disposition and temperament. He was kind and loving to his family and loyal and true to his friends. His record as a citizen and neighbor is without a stain or a blemish.”

**August Truttschel**

The death of August Truttschel occurred on January 8, at his home just east of Plymouth. The funeral was held on January 12, with interment in the cemetery on the Dye Road in the town of Lima. The Rev. Mr. Proehl of the Plymouth Lutheran church officiated.

Mr. Truttschel was also a pioneer of Sheboygan county, having settled here in 1848. He first resided in the town of Mosel, then in the town of Lima and finally in Plymouth. His union with Louisa Schwarz took place in Mosel in 1855. Besides his wife five children survive him as follows: Mrs. William Schroder of the town of Plymouth and Mrs. M. Bachant and Mrs. G. A. Albrecht of the city of Plymouth, and two sons, Carl and Herman, of Lima.

Mr. Truttschel was an active and energetic man and contributed not a little to the development to some parts of the county. His birth occurred in Eislieben, Saxony, Germany, on August 12, 1830.

**Mrs. Jane B. Hubbard**

Mrs. Jane B. Hubbard, widow of the late Rev. George B. Hubbard, passed away Monday February 8, 1909, after a five weeks illness of grip, coupled with a general breaking down, due to old age. The funeral services were held from the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bamford on February 10, Rev. J. T. Chenoweth of Racine and Rev. A. G. Wilson of Plymouth, being the officiating clergymen. The interment was private and was in the Plymouth cemetery.

Mrs. Hubbard was born in Prattsburg, N.Y. on November 8, 1826, where her father, the Rev. William Beardsley, was teacher in the academy after residing at several other places in New York and Ohio. Her father removed to Quincy, Ill. to teach the ancient languages in a Mission Institute. The daughter, the subject of this sketch, began early to teach, and while conducting a country school in western Illinois, she saw the Mormons fleeing from Nauvoo. She recalled that they were a whole day in passing the schoolhouse.

It was while teaching at Beardstown, Ill., that she met Rev. Geo. B. Hubbard whom she married Aug. 5, 1849. Her wedding trip to Connecticut was by waggon, the Great Lakes to Buffalo, and thence by rail. After thirty-eight years service as a pastor’s wife in Illinois and 2 years at Mazomanie Wisc., Mrs. Hubbard came with her husband to Plymouth in the spring of 1888. Here, after ten years pastorate at the Congregational church, Mr. Hubbard resigned and in June 1900, entered into his reward. Since that time, Mrs. Hubbard has made her home with her daughter Mrs. H. J. Bamford, though spending a part of each year with her son, J. S. Hubbard in Beloit and her other son Rev. W. B. Hubbard now of Centerbrook, Conn.

When the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in October 1907, Mrs. Hubbard became a charter member and took a lively interest in its affairs, one of her last acts being to prepare and read an exhaustive account of election days and town meetings in New England, at the December meeting, three weeks before her last illness.

**B. O. Coon**

B. O. Coon, one of the very earliest settlers in this vicinity, expired at the home of his son-in-law, F. J. Isserstedt, on Sunday, March 28. He was one of the few survivors of the times when Plymouth, if it existed at all, existed only in the imagination of a few, who could hardly have foretold that the spring near the one lone building, the log tavern, would furnish water for a pop factory in days to come. Mr. Coon suffered a stroke of apoplexy on the Thursday preceding his death, and though he rallied somewhat at times, on Sunday evening he suddenly passed into the sleep which knows no waking. On Thursday afternoon, April 1, the funeral was hold from his late home, with interment in the Grant cemetery north of Plymouth. The Rev. A. G. Wilson was the officiating clergyman.

It was in 1846 that Mr. Coon came to the town of Plymouth and took up eighty acres of government land. He came here from Oswego county, New York, where on February 2, 1825, he was born. A year or two after coming here his parents followed, and he came into possession of 120 acres more of virgin forest. On the 200 acres he had acquired he lived up to the time of his demise. On June 1, 1851, his marriage with Miss Philena R. Grant was solemnized. Of the five children born to them only two survive, Mrs. F. J. Isserstedt and Mrs. J. E. Lee, both residents of the town of Plymouth. Mrs. Coon also survives.

Mr. Coon was a great observer and lover of nature, and like Whittier’s uncle he was: “Himself to nature’s heart so near that all her voices in his ear Of beast or bird had meanings clear.” He was a man of the strictest integrity and one whose life was a boon to his fellowmen.

**Curd Boedecker**

On Sunday, March 21, Curd Boedecker, a pioneer of the town of Herman, departed this life at the home of his son Frederick Boedecker, and the remains were laid to rest on Thursday, March 25, in the cemetery adjoining the Reformed church in the northern
part of the town of Sheboygan. Falls. The Rev. Mr. Vriesen officiated. Although arterial sclerosis is assigned as the cause of death, his extreme old age must have left him open to attack by disease. He had passed his ninety-fourth year.

Mr. Boedecker was born in Hohenhausen, Germany, March 2, 1815. While still living in Germany, his marriage with Wilhelmine Uhlenmeyer took place. In 1849, when many a patriotic citizen of the fatherland sought a home in a country where he could exercise the rights of a freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Boedecker came to America and directly to Sheboygan county and Herman. They bore the hardships of pioneer life, and by thrift and industry made themselves well to do. Mr. Boedecker was one of those who made personal sacrifices in upbuilding the Mission House. His surviving children are Fred Boedecker of Herman; Mrs. Conrad Johanning, Herman; Mrs. Carl Sanderman, Baxter, Iowa.

Mr. Boedecker was esteemed for his real worth and was highly regarded by his many acquaintances.

Daniel Gill

After a residence of fifty-five years in Sheboygan, Daniel Gill passed away on February 6, 1909. His remains were interred in this city. Mr. Gill is survived by three sons, Ben, George and Albert, and Mrs. E. Jensen, all residents of Sheboygan, and Mrs. A. W. Thayer of Milwaukee. Mr. Gill was born at St. Francis, Canada, on July 16, 1833, and came here in 1853. He was a cooper by trade.

Capt. Henry Stocks

On February 3, 1909, Capt. Henry Stocks expired, death being due to a stroke of paralysis suffered several days previous to the end. The funeral was held Sunday, February 7, Father Coxe of Grace Episcopal church officiating, and interment was in Wildwood cemetery. Capt. Stocks was born in Mobile, Alabama, Jan. 14, 1841. While yet a mere boy he came to Sheboygan to live. In September, 1862, he enlisted in the Union army, serving his country so well that on May 11, 1864, he was promoted to the rank of captain. He served to the end of war; a few years after returning to Sheboygan he secured a position with the Geele Hardware Co. and except for a few years, while conducting a hardware store at Plymouth, he remained with the Geele's until a year and a half ago. During the last year or so of his life he was connected with his sons in a grocery business, the firm being known as the Stocks Grocery company. Capt. Stocks left as his death his wife, five sons, Frank E. Stocks of Fond du Lac; Wm. H., Alfred, Robert, Clarence, Sheboygan; and a daughter Miss Henrietta also of Sheboygan.

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