

OBITUARY.

Verona Deno was born in Vermont, September 23, 1843, and died at Parkhead county, Montana, October 23, 1914, aged 71 years and 23 days.

She was married to Peter Deno of Kila, Wisconsin, October 29, 1865. During their marriage there were born seven sons and two daughters. They moved to Parkhead valley in 1903 and settled on Kila, where she was living at the time of her death. She was a devoted Christian and lived an exemplary life loved and respected by all.

Surviving are three sons and one daughter. Burial services were held in Kila on October 24, 1914, by Rev. D. M. Harvey and her body was interred in Conrad cemetery to await the general resurrection of the dead.

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Elizabeth Barber Eakins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Barber, who died Sunday, September 20, after a lingering illness of two years, moved to this city with her parents in January, 1906. On June 14 of the same year, she was married to Arthur L. Eakins of Duluth, the ceremony being performed in Kalispell by Rev. H. E. Clowes. They made their home in Duluth for six months, when they returned to this city, where they resided up to the time of Mr. Eakins' tragic death, May 21, 1910.

Beside her parents, Mrs. Eakins is survived by her little son Arthur Barber Eakins, who was born February 22, 1910, by an uncle, Fred Barber, who resides at the State mill.

The funeral was held from the Episcopal church at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Rev. C. H. Lindley conducting the services. A number of beautiful hymns were sung by a quartet consisting of Mesdames Mills and McAllister, and Messrs. Dunsire and Rydlander.

Interment was made in Conrad cemetery.

The bearers were Dr. C. S. Smith, O. H. Moberly, O. A. Quesnell, E. M. Child, A. J. Braunberg and James Harbert.

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Ernest Eugene Forman was born at Bloomington, South Dakota, July 19, 1888, and died at the home of Henry Luke, near Sparks school house, Flat-head county, Montana, May 28, 1914, aged 25 years, 10 months and 9 days.

He came with his parents to this county eleven years ago and spent three and one-half years on a homestead on the reservation. During his residence there, he was married to Miss Gladys Williams. To this union one child was born.

He was taken sick last November, and in spite of the best medical aid, he continued to decline. While the thought of parting with his dearest friends troubled him, he became reconciled to the will of God and died in the triumph of the Christian faith. He was a man with noble qualities.

During his intense suffering he was mindful of the comforts of others and words cannot express the loneliness his departure has brought. We are glad that we can feel that he is at rest waiting for us on the other shore.

He has left behind to mourn his loss a wife and child, father, mother, three sisters, five brothers and many friends, and was quietly buried in the Conrad cemetery to await the general resurrection of the dead. The funeral services were held by D. M. Harvey.
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FUNERAL OF MRS. GASTON HELD YESTERDAY MORNING

The funeral of Mrs. Joanna Fitzgerald Gaston, who died in San Diego, California, January 19, was held at 10:30 Monday morning. At that hour the funeral cortege formed at the Sherman undertaking parlors and escorted the remains to Conrad Memorial cemetery, where Father O'Farrell of the Catholic church held brief services. The large assemblage of friends who gathered to do honor to the memory of the deceased told of the esteem in which she was held.

Mrs. Gaston was born at Cashel, Tipperary county, Ireland, May 14, 1861. At eleven years of age she came to this country with the family, which located in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. At the age of eighteen years she was married to David Gaston. In August, 1912, they removed to Kallispell, Mr. Gaston dying a year later. Mrs. Gaston continued to live here and at Conrad, where her daughter resided. In 1911 she went to San Diego on account of ill health, where she has since lived.

Funeral services were held from the chapel of St. Joseph's sanitarium in San Diego January 21.

She is survived by five sons and three daughters, William W., Albert J., Cecelia M., David J., and Jerome Gaston of San Diego, Miss Susan D. Gaston and Mrs. Nellie B. Salsbury of Conrad, and Andrew D. Gaston of San Francisco.

On Friday, the 13 of February, 1914, there was laid to rest in the little cemetery near the Soldier's home at Columbia Falls, the earthly remains of one who, during his allotted span of four score and four years, had contributed probably as much as any other man to the development of the country, and particularly to that beautiful valley, where he spent the last quarter of a century of his useful life.

A man of iron nerve, gentle disposition, as brave as a lion and as meek as a lamb, beloved by all who knew him.

When his country called for volunteers in 1861, at the age of 31 years, William H. Gregg enlisted in the infantry at Carlisle, Indiana, and was discharged in December, 1862, on account of sickness, he then being a corporal. When he had sufficiently recovered or re-enter service in June, 1864, he received a commission as second lieutenant in company G of the 120th Indiana infantry, in which regiment he served until wounded at Columbia, Tenn., and was discharged at Connecticut, Ohio, May 5, 1865.

After the war was over, he moved west to Kansas; from there he moved to the Gallatin valley, Montana, and in 1886 moved to the Flathead valley, and remained here until his death at the Soldiers' home on February 11, 1914.

The circumstances of his death were tragic. He had become quite feeble, and was lying down to rest and was dreaming a beautiful dream. He had been a great hunter, a deadly shot with a rifle, and when his sight was good probably no man in Montana could shoot a deer while on the jump with more accuracy than could the deceased. He loved nature, was a true sportsman and up to his last few days on earth was fishing on the banks of the beautiful Flathead river, and seldom, if ever, did he return home without all the game he wanted.

In his dream on the day of his death, he imagined he had killed a deer, and he arose to get the dead animal; he thought he saw another man coming take his game away from him, so he jumped out of the window to reach the game first. Unfortunately, he was thirty feet above the ground, and the fall broke his leg and many ribs and injured him internally, which resulted in his death within a few hours. However, the wonderful vitality of this old man enabled him to recover sufficiently to tell the story of his last dream to those who came to his rescue.

On his arrival in the Flathead valley he located his homestead at the head of navigation of the Flathead river, and in 1887 when T. J. Demers of Frenchtown, near Missoula, came to this valley in search of a location for his large general mercantile store, Mr. Gregg presented him with a piece of ground 300 feet square upon which to build his store, and upon this and adjoining ground was platted the first incorporated city of the Flathead valley, Demersville.

Mr. Gregg eventually sold all of his land around Demersville, and was admitted to the Soldiers' home November 24, 1897. He was born at Big Creek, N. C., May 12, 1829, and was in his eighty-fifth year.

During the Indian troubles around Demersville and other parts of the valley in 1888-89, Mr. Gregg was always in the front rank to defend the settlers against the attacks of the Kootenais, and it was he and others with great nerve and indomitable courage who made it possible to settle up this incomparable valley and build the railroad and the many beautiful cities and towns which have sprung up since 1892.

Surely such men as W. H. Gregg deserve to be remembered. They have shed their blood for their country and turned their swords into plowshares. They stand out like the planets in the firmament above and recall the truth of the poet's lines:

"Were a star quenched on high,
For ages would its light
Still traveling downward from the sky
Shine on our mortal sight.
So, when a good man dies,
For years beyond our ken
The light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the paths of men."

GEO. F. STANNARD.

CAPTAIN HILMAN DEAD

Taps Sounded for Venerable Citizen
of Flathead County While
in Helena.

In the death of Captain J. R. Hilman, which occurred at the home of his daughter in Helena last Monday night, Montana lost one of her most beloved and esteemed pioneer citizens. His well spent life was one of the best examples of splendid manhood and his memory will live long in the minds of the residents of the state.

Captain Hilman was born in Ashland county, Ohio, on Christmas day, 1832, and the first fifteen years of his life was spent on the parental farm in that county. Then he availed himself of the educational advantages of the university at Hayesville, Ohio. Before he had completed his course of study, however, the rush for California came on, and Capt. Hilman joined the expedition. He engaged in the lumber business on the coast with his brother, and they had hardly completed a very valuable plant when it was destroyed by fire, and its destruction was a total loss to the two brothers, who then returned to Ohio. On June 4, 1861, Captain Hilman enlisted in Company C, Forty-second Ohio regiment, which was in command of J. A. Garfield, who later became president of the United States.

He was never ill a day and never took a furlough and was with his regiment in every march, skirmish and battle in which it was engaged, which included some of the hardest fought contests of the war.

After the war he engaged in the grocery business at West Salem, continuing this business until 1882 when he moved to Montana to engage in stockraising, but instead devoted his attention to dairying at Miles City for three years, and later at Billings, where he was one of the founders of the town. In 1885 he came to Helena to make his home. He remained here until 1897, and was then appointed commandant of the State Soldiers' Home at Columbia Falls, later serving a term in the Montana legislature.

When Captain Hilman first became a resident of Flathead county, he filled the office of commandant of the Soldiers' home at Columbia Falls. He was afterward elected to the state legislature in 1904 where he served two years; in 1906 was appointed receiver of the Kalispell land office, which office he filled for four years when he was succeeded by R. M. Goshorn. Since 1910 he has made his home in Helena, visiting his many friends in this city with regularity.

During his residence here, Captain Hilman constantly lengthened his list of friends and admirers who justly boast of his acquaintance.

His funeral was held Wednesday under the auspices of the G. A. R. at Helena and interment made in Forestvale cemetery. He is survived by a son, Clifford and a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Wade, both of Helena.

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Zera Scott Nicholson, second son and third child of A. G. and Matilda Shuey Nicholson, was born in Otto county, Nebraska, February 7, 1880, and died at Bigfork, Montana, June 7, 1914, at the age of 34 years and four months.

Mr. Nicholson's early life was spent in Nebraska, but in 1900 he came with his parents to Carbon county, Montana, and in 1910 to the lower Flathead valley, where he has ever since resided.

In 1901 he married Miss Bessie Shockey of Nebraska, and to them was born one daughter, Goldie Mae.

Death was caused by being thrown from his spring wagon as he was returning about 8 o'clock in the evening from Flathead river where he, with his wife and uncle, had been for an outing. In his fall from the wagon, a number of ribs on the left side were broken and crushed into the lungs. He was taken at once in an auto to the office of Dr. Enderlight at Bigfork, where he passed away before an examination could be made, only living forty or fifty minutes after the accident.

As a son, Mr. Nicholson was loving and obedient. His parents were always welcome at his home and no task was too great if by it he could bring happiness to his parents. In his home life he lived to make his loved ones happy. As a friend, neighbor and citizen he was kind, accomodating, loyal and patriotic. He will be greatly missed, not only in the home, but also in the community in which he lived. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. Lake lodge, No. 50, Kalispell, the members of this lodge attending the funeral in a body and following the casket from the undertaking rooms to the train. He was also a member of the Woodmen lodge.

Mr. Nicholson leaves to mourn his loss and revere his memory, his father, A. C. Nicholson; his wife, and daughter, Goldie Mae; also a brother in Idaho and a sister in the lower Flathead valley, besides other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held from the Waggener undertaking parlors Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. F. A. Ginn of Somers, officiating. The body was taken to Carbon county, Montana, where it will be interred by the side of his mother and other loved ones in the Fromberg cometary.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to these bereaved ones in this time of their deep sorrow.

F. A. GINN.

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Henrietta Nitz was born in Bussin, Germany, on September 3, 1840, and died in Flathead county, Montana, on June 15, 1914, aged 74 years.

She was married in Germany thirty-five years ago, to Herman Wegner, and they resided in Germany for some years, afterward coming to America and settling in Ohio, from which place they removed to the Flathead four years ago, taking up their residence east of the river on the O. B. Preston ranch, where they have lived ever since.

Mrs. Wegner was the mother of seven children, four of which are living in Ohio, and three in this valley. She also has a brother and sister in Germany, all of whom, with her husband, are left to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Wegner was a steadfast member of the German Lutheran church for many years past, and passed away in full hopes of a better future world.

She was a woman of rare traits of character, and all the finer qualities of a most perfect woman; a person whom it was a pleasure to meet and converse with, her kindly presence will be sorely missed by all. Her death was due to cancer, from which she had been a great but patient sufferer for the past year. The body was taken to Toledo, Ohio, for burial, it being her express wish to be laid to rest there among her kinfolk, who have gone on before.

Her son Herman accompanied the remains to their last resting place.

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Mrs. Harry Wagoner, for several years a resident of Kallspell, died at her home in Wahpeton, North Dakota, October 17. She is survived by her aged husband and six children. Mrs. Mary E. Strehel, Stevensville, Montana, Mrs. James Tuning, Parma, Idaho, Mrs. Evenda Kirkham, Wahpeton, N. D., and three sons, William and James of Wahpeton and Daniel of Prentice, Wisconsin. Also leaves one sister and two brothers, who reside in Illinois.