

Some Births, Some Deaths, Some Marriages and Some Comings and Goings 1897

From the Albany Vindicator

Albany Vindicator, January 7, 1897

The obituaries of **Samuel Mitcheltree and Thelma silver** are in this issue but they have already been transcribed and can be found at the Green County Message Board at Rootsweb.

Albany Vindicator, January 14, 1897

The obituary of **Alonzo Fenton** is in this issue but it has already been transcribed and can be found at the Green County Message Board at Rootsweb.

Attica: **Mrs. Sam Wright and Mrs. H. Purinton** of Plover, Iowa came home Monday to attend the funeral of their father, Mr. Price.

Attica: Died, at his home near Attica, on Jan. 9, **Ben Price**, after a lingering illness of some months. The funeral services were held at the church on Tuesday, Jan. 13. There was a large attendance.

Albany Vindicator, Jan. 21, 1897

The marriage of **Amasa Lewis** of Exeter and **Fannie Disch** of New Glarus was solemnized at the home of the groom at high noon today.

Nellie Melvin of Brooklyn and **Fred E. Soden** of Oregon were married at the residence of the bride's parents on the 12th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Muser formerly of Albany, now of the town of Spring Valley, Rock County, are the parents of a fine son born last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan who have been visiting at Aurora, Illinois the past two months returned home Saturday evening. Mr. Morgan has our sympathy in the death of his older brother which occurred during his visit at his former home.

Mrs. David Booker who has been a sufferer of consumption for a year or more died at her residence on **William Smiley's** farm last Sunday. Funeral services were held at the opera house and the remains interred in the English Settlement Cemetery.

Miss Leone Morris of Allen, Kansas who has been visiting relatives here the past two months or more left for home on Tuesday. Miss Morris is a niece of **Sam Tilley, Mrs. Jas. Whinery and Mrs. Ed Tilley**.

Birth, to **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Albrecht** on Thursday, Jan. 21, a daughter.

The obituary of **Benjamin Price** is in this issue but it has already been transcribed and can be found at the Green County Message Board at Rootsweb.

Albany Vindicator, Jan. 28, 1897

The obituary of **Ella Comstock** is in this issue but it has already been transcribed and can be found at the Green County Message Board at Rootsweb.

Albany Vindicator, Feb. 18, 1897

The obituary of **Mary J. Hess Smith** is in this issue but it has already been transcribed and can be found at the Green County Message Board at Rootsweb.

Albany Vindicator, March 11, 1897

Nathaniel Stephenson was born in Ireland on Oct. 25, 1820 and died on March 3 aged 70 years, four months and nine days. When quite young he came to this country with his parents and settled in Trumbull County, Ohio where they engaged in farming until 1845 when they came to Green County settling in Mt. Pleasant where they lived until 1876 when they removed to Sylvester where he resided at the time of his death. He was married on Nov. 30, 1851 to **Nancy Ann Harris** who with three children, two daughters and one son, survive. Mr. Stephenson was a good neighbor and a kind father and husband. The funeral services were held at the Monticello Prairie Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon March 6 with a large attendance of friends and neighbors.

Fred, the older son of **Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Webb**, died last evening aged about 16 years.

Mrs. Robert Koltz, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Struck, passed away at the home of her parents this morning. She had been a sufferer from consumption for a number of months. The funeral will be held at the Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon at 2:00.

Albany Vindicator, March 18, 1897

Died, on March 2 at her home in Albany, **Mrs. Sarah Webb** of heart disease aged 65 years. Deceased was born at Great Falls, New Hampshire on March 11, 1832. On October 9, 1853 she was married to **H.H. Hubbard**. They removed to Wisconsin about 42 years ago. She was the mother of six children. She was married to **William Webb** on June 5, 1891. Mrs. Webb will be well remembered in this city as this was her home for many years being known as **Mrs. Henry Hubbard**. A few years since she was married to Mr. Webb and has since lived in Albany where she died after a brief illness. Besides her many friends a husband and two children, **Alderman Hubbard** of this city and **Miss Effie Hubbard** of Albany are left to mourn her loss. The funeral took place from the Methodist Church yesterday at 1:00, Rev. C.C. Swartz of Albany officiating. The interment was made at Maple Hill Cemetery. Evansville Badger

Fred A. Webb was born Sept. 16, 1878 in Albany and died on March 10 aged 18 years, five months and twenty four days. He was a loving and lovable boy, the child of fond parents, a kind and obliging school mate, a general favorite both in school and the community and his death was a severe blow to all his friends and acquaintances. He was a student at our high school at the time of his death and the school testified their regard by adjourning and attending in a body and by a beautiful floral offering. The funeral services were handled by the Baptist Church on Friday March 2 conducted by Rev. Joseph Mountain.

Minnie Otelle Struck was born in the town of Sylvester on Aug. 20, 1875 and died in Albany on March 11 aged 21 years, 6 months and 21 days. She was married on Dec. 26, 1895 to **Robert A. Koltz** of Beloit who with a little daughter eleven months old are left to mourn her loss. Her disease was consumption and everything that kindly friends could do was done for her but in vain. After a long siege of suffering and sickness she passed away. About five years ago she united with the Baptist Church of Albany and remained a member until her death. Her funeral was attended by a goodly congregation of friends and relatives from the Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon March 13, Rev. Joseph Mountain officiating.

Albany Vindicator, April 1, 1897

Mary Josephine Broughton (nee Coburn) was born in Troy, Walworth County, Wisconsin on June 6, 1849 and died at her home in Albany on March 22, 1897. When about 18 months old she was taken by **Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mitchell** to their home and raised by them to womanhood. She was tenderly cared for and greatly beloved by her foster parents. She very early manifested those noble traits of character which greatly endeared her to all and especially those who cared for her. She married William Broughton on Sept. 17, 1871. The fruits of this marriage were three children, two daughters and one son who with the bereaved husband mourn her death. Mrs. Broughton was a most excellent woman possessing those rare endowments and accomplishments that always command respect. She was truly a womanly woman—happy when she could make others happy and to accommodate this no sacrifice was too great. She greatly loved her home. Her motto was “make home what it should be then it will be appreciated”. That she succeeded all the family will testify. She was an affectionate wife and an indulgent mother. The funeral took place at the M.E. Church on March 25 conducted by Rev. C.C. Swartz. It was very largely attended. The floral offerings by friends were profuse. C.C.S.

Fell asleep in Jesus in Albany on March 24, the infant son of **Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Jones**, aged 10 months. Funeral services were conducted by Elder E.P. Graves.

Hazel Jennie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Ewing, who live northwest of town, died Monday aged 9 months and 10 days. The funeral was held from the M.E. Church on Tuesday.

Married at Storm Lake, Iowa on Wednesday, March 17, **Fred Root** of Dayton to **Lettie Pryce**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pryce** of Albany. Miss Pryce had been running a millinery store at Storm Lake for several years and will continue in that business. Mr. Root will engage in farming.

Mrs. M.F. Jackson of Monroe has gone to Kansas to marry the husband from whom she was divorced 34 years ago. The gentleman, whose name is **Harding**, has been married since parting with his first wife. Being now a widower he recently wrote to his first wife and as a sequel, they are to be again united for life. The couple have a son who now resides in Chicago.

Albany Vindicator, April 15, 1897

The obituary of **Carrie Burns Roberts** is in this issue but has already been transcribed and can be found at the Green County Message Board at Rootsweb.

Ellen B. Wallihan, formerly of Brooklyn, was married to **John E. McCune** at the residence of the bride's parents at Reliance, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. McCune will reside at Harmonie, Pa.

Albany Vindicator, May 20, 1897

William Jones died at the home of his brother, **John Jones**, near Albany on May 12, aged 42 years, 6 months and 5 days. He was the son of **John and Sarah Jones** and was born at their old home in Albany on Nov. 6, 1854 and grew to manhood there. In the spring of 1881 he decided to go to Colorado. After residing there several years, he went to Alaska where he engaged in mining. In March, 1896 he was attacked with pneumonia which terminated in lung trouble and he was given up to die. He recovered enough so that he went to California and received the best of medical treatment but failing to be benefited went to Arizona where he thought the climate would improve his health. He seemed to think he was gaining until about three months ago when he took a fresh cold and got so much worse that he thought if ever he came home he must come soon and arrived on May 11. Although worn out with a journey of five days and nights he seemed cheerful and talked all day and all night, expressing his happiness at being home. At 4:00 in the morning he wanted to rest and fell asleep never to waken again in this world. As quietly and peacefully as a child he passed away. He leaves two sisters and two brothers, **Mrs. Thomas Bufton and John Jones** of Albany; **Edward**, who lives in Illinois; and **Mrs. Nelson Peckham** of Oklahoma. Those who knew him best loved him for his unselfish nature always ready to help those who needed it and appreciated the many acts of kindness extended to himself. The funeral services were held at the church in the English Settlement Thursday, May 13 and conducted by Rev. C.C. Swartz who preached from Job 14:14 "all the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change cometh". There was a very large attendance to pay the last respects to one so loved. The song service was by **Dr. Hitchcock, F.E. Graves and Miss Abbie Davis**. The pallbearers were **John Swancutt, George Pryce, E. Jones, Russell Atkinson, John Bufton, Ervin Ross**, were cousins or nephews of the deceased. The remains were buried in the English Settlement cemetery.

Died, **Bernice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Flint** on Tuesday, May 18 after a week's illness with infantile paralysis. She was three years, 11 months and 15 days old. The funeral was held from the Baptist Church at 2:00 pm today.

Albany Vindicator, July 8, 1897

Mary Elizabeth Pashaw was born in Massachusetts on Feb. 22, 1850 and died at Albany on July 3 at 6:50 pm. Miss Pashaw came with her parents to Leeds, Colombia County, Wisconsin when a little girl living there until she was 17 years of age when the family moved to Albany. While at Leeds she united with the M.E. Church of which church she remained a member until her death. She was a devoted, loving daughter, self sacrificing, honorable and upright in the way she bore her burdens with a patience that was wonderful. The beautiful serenity of the last hours of her life and the pure and peaceful expression of her face after the death angel had called her home impressed one with these words "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Her family have lost a kind and loving daughter and sister and their sorrow is sincere. The funeral services were held at the family residence Monday morning at 7:30 and the remains are being taken to Leeds for burial.

From the Weekly News of DeLand, Florida we learn of the death of **A.R. Montgomery** who for years was a resident of Albany. He removed to Florida about 12 years ago. His death came after a long illness of old age. He was 85.

Albany Vindicator, July 8, 1897

Married, at the M.E. parsonage, Albany, Saturday, July 3 by Rev. C.C. Swartz, **Arthur H. Wright to Sallie Brayton** both of Monticello.

Albany Vindicator, Sept. 9, 1897

Hannah E. Eldred was born in Rensselaer County, N.Y. on May 8, 1838 and was therefore 50 years, 3 months and 6 days at the time of her death. On November 6, 1856 she married **Henry Holly** in Albany. To this union were born six children, five of whom grew to adulthood but two of these have passed to the other shore, **Alfred Holly and Mrs. Minnie Silver**. Three survive to mourn the loss, along with the husband—**Edward, Jessie and Mrs. Nellie Tate** besides brothers and sister and grandchildren. 25 years ago Mr. and Mrs. Holly came to Nebraska and settled on a homestead which remained her home until her death. At the beginning of womanhood, Mrs. Holly experienced religion and became a member of the United Brethren Church. About five years ago she united with the Baptist Church of this place and as a faithful member at the time of her death. Plainview Nebraska News (The deceased was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Eldred. Her death occurred on Aug. 14 after a painful and lingering illness.)

Conductor P.T. Rock who for several years had charge of the train on this branch, died at his home in Janesville last Saturday, aged 65. Mr. Rock was probably the best railroad man on the St. Paul system. He had been in continuous service on the road for over 40 years. His wife and one son and three daughters survive him.

Albany Vindicator, Sept. 16, 1897

Mrs. Joshua McCammant of Monroe visited at the home of her uncle **L.W. Preston** last week.

Albany Vindicator, Oct. 14, 1897

I.A. Hoxie who was for 20 years editor of the Evansville Review was married to **Mrs. Hannah Cook** of that city on the first inst.

David Rugg died at his residence southwest of Albany on Sunday, Oct. 10 aged 86 years, 6 months and 13 days. Mr. Rugg was born in Compton County, Quebec on April 27, 1811. When about 28 years of age he was married to **Minerva Whitcomb** who departed this life in January of 1892. Deceased spent about ten years in the mining regions of California coming to this state in 1866. He was a man of good education, conscientious in his dealings with his fellow man and had the respect and esteem of all who knew him. While not a member of any religious organization he lead a blameless life and attended church and contributed to its support. For the past six years, he had been an invalid and for two years almost helpless. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rugg, five of whom are living. Funeral services were conducted at the Gap Church on Tuesday by Rev. J. Andreck of Juda. The comforting song service was by the Baptist choir of this city.

Albany Vindicator, November 4, 1897

Charles Brinks of Evansville committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor Saturday evening. Despondency over ill health is alleged as the motive for the rash act. He had stomach trouble and had failed to secure relief except through the use of morphine. Mr. Brinks was a young man about 35 and well known. He was deputy sheriff of Rock County and the city marshall of Evansville. He leaves a wife, formerly **Josephine Shriner**

of Brodhead and a baby daughter. The funeral was held Tuesday under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias of which order the deceased was a member.

Henry Hammas of Janesville was sentenced to five years in the state prison for stealing a horse. He has served three years in prison for the same offense.

Albany Vindicator, Nov. 18, 1897

Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Tomkins went to Milton yesterday to attend the wedding of their niece **Miss Elizabeth M. Tomkins** and **A.F. Dodge** of Marinette. Rev. A.L.P. Loomis of Windsor performed the ceremony.

Fritz Marty and family of New Glarus recently started for Switzerland but became stranded in New York and have returned to Green County.

Charles Copeland of Evansville formerly of Albany and **Henrietta Sargent** of Evansville will be married on the 25th inst.

Albany Vindicator, Dec. 2, 1897

Birth, to **Mr. and Mrs. John Meredith** on Nov. 29, a son.

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, on Nov. 24, **B.M. Richards** of Mt. Pleasant to **Miss Mertie Jackson** of Mineral Point.

A little daughter was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Jacobson** on the 15th inst.

Mrs. Lydia Baker, for 30 years a resident of Mt. Pleasant, died at her home in Clear Lake, Iowa on Nov. 21 at the age of 76.

Albany Vindicator, Dec. 16, 1897

Word has been received here of the death of **Z.F. Dickinson** at Osgood, Iowa. A number of years ago, Mr. Dickinson owned and lived on what is now the J.A. Clemmer farm and will be remembered by all of our older residents.

Fell asleep at her home in the town of Albany, on Dec. 9, **Mrs. Lizzie Jones**, aged 33 years, 6 months and 7 days. Her maiden name was **Francis**. When 18 years of age she was married to **Charlie Jones**. She leaves a husband and seven children to mourn her loss. Also she leaves a father and mother and brothers and sisters and a large circle of friends. Sister Jones was a member of the 7th Day Adventist Church. Funeral services were held at the Union Church in Albany on Saturday at 1:00 conducted by the writer from the text "I am the Resurrection and the Life", St. John 11:25. We trust her sleep will be short. God bless the mourning ones. Elder E.P. Graves

Albany Vindicator, Dec. 16, 1897

Mrs. Will Fish of Monroe died very suddenly at the sanitarium last Thursday night. She has been in poor health for several months and has been at the sanitarium for treatment at various times during that period. On Thursday

she drove down from Monroe with her husband, arriving about 7:00 in the evening. She took her usual treatment and retired but two hours later she passed away. She leaves two children, a boy and a girl, aged 8 and 5 respectively and her father and brother besides the sorrowing husband and hosts of friends. She was 32 years old. Her mother lives in New York. Mr. Fish is interested in the planning mill at Monroe.

Albany Vindicator, Dec. 23, 1897

Mrs. Polly Thompson was born in New York on May 10, 1828 and died at the home of her daughter **Mrs. William Wallace** of this city on Dec. 20, 1897. Mrs. Thompson married on March 9, 1856 and her husband passed away on Nov. 14, 1881 and she was the mother of five daughters, three of whom have gone before. The living are **Mrs. Fred Burt and Mrs. Wallace**. Mr. Thompson has four children by a former wife and to the 4^{se} as well as to her own she was a loving and faithful mother. In her girlhood, she became a member of the Baptist Church and was an attendant at religious meetings whenever circumstances presented. When the end came she sank to rest "ready and willing". Her last words to a mute friend were "I am going home, meet me there." Funeral services were held at her late residence, Rev. H.B. Brenaman speaking from Isaiah 40:7 and the remains taken to Monticello for interment.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gunn celebrated their twentieth anniversary which occurred last Thursday by inviting their relatives to the number of about 25 to spend the day and take dinner with them. A most enjoyable time was spent and the occasion made still more pleasant by the surprise in the evening arranged by the cousins numbering fifteen, of the host and hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Gunn were the recipients of many valuable and useful mementoes of the occasion. Relatives were present from Belleville and Dayton.

Albany Vindicator, Dec. 30, 1897

Married, at Evansville at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. Miner, on Dec. 25, **Arthur Wood** of Magnolia to **Lillie Lloyd** formerly of Albany now of Brodhead.

Ray Howard was born in Albany on Oct. 12, 1880 and died on Dec. 23, aged 17 years, 2 months and 12 days. He was the youngest of 9 children, 3 girls and 6 boys. A loving father, two brothers and one sister awaited him in the better land. A dear mother, two sisters and 3 brothers are left to mourn their loss. Ray was of a kind and loving disposition surrounded by all the sweet and good influences of a Christian home and mother which he loved with all his tender boyish heart and he abided by that sweet and gentle mother's good advice and wise council and died in the faith of the Lord Jesus believing his sins were all forgiven. Funeral services were held at the M.E. Church on Friday afternoon, Rev. Brenaman spoke from the words "Life and Love" 1st John 3:14