

Some Births, Some Deaths, Some Marriages and Some Comings
and Goings 1888
From the Albany Vindicator

Albany Vindicator, January 5, 1888

Married, at the Methodist parsonage in Albany on December 30, by Rev. Jas. Lawson, **Arthur E. Silver** of Dayton to **Clara B. Parkin** of Mt. Pleasant.

Married, at the parsonage at Sylvester on January 1, by Rev. W.T. Hill, **George Hewett** of Arlington, Kingsbury County, Dakota to **Atta E. Hulburt daughter of Bradford Hulburt** of Sylvester.

Albany Vindicator, Jan. 12, 1888

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, Albany, on Jan. 10, by Rev. Jas. Lawson, **Floyd E. Flint** to **Katherine E. Wessel**.

Married, at the Nichols House in this city on Jan. 10, by J.B. Perry, Esq., **Joseph Slattery and Georgia L. Fox**, both of Brooklyn.

Albany Vindicator, Jan. 26, 1888

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, Footville, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 11, **J.E. Litel**, Albany, to Ella Beach of Footville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Milton Wells. The bride is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. H. Beach** old settlers and highly respected citizens of Footville. The groom is the young businessman and postmaster of our village and a partner with his father **J.F. Litel** in a large and well kept general store.

Mrs. Nattie Butterfield, daughter of Uncle Gilbert Dolson and sister of Mrs. G. W. Bartlett who has been visiting friends and relatives here for five or six weeks, started Tuesday morning for her home in Beloit, Kansas.

Samuel Gilbertson and Olive Jacobson both of Albany, were married in Orfordville on Thursday, Jan. 12 by Rev. T.K. Thorvildsen.

Albany Vindicator, Feb. 2, 1888

Another link has been broken in the fast shortening chain of time honored citizens known as the old settlers. **Albert S. Holmes** died suddenly at the residence of his son V.C. Holmes in Evansville on Friday, Jan. 27 of paralysis of the heart. He had been ill for several months. Mr. Holmes was born in Petersburg, Rensselaer County, New York on Feb. 10, 1820 where he lived until 1844 when he came to Wisconsin and purchased a farm a few miles southeast of this village where he lived until his death. On July 26,

1846, he married Sarah A. Cass, whose former home was in Rensselaer County, New York. Besides the bereaved wife the deceased leaves one daughter and three sons to mourn her loss. All are married and comfortably settled in life. Their names are **Mary F., Ezra S., Vivus C., and Lee G. Holmes**, the last of whom has always lived on the old homestead with his parents. Mr. Holmes was one of the most honest, upright men to be found in this country and one of the few who continued living to the age of 68 without making an enemy. The funeral services which was largely attended was held at the home of the deceased on Monday and a very appropriate sermon preached by Rev. Jas. Jameson of Magnolia, an aged minister of the Gospel. His remains were followed to their last resting place in the Albany Cemetery by 33 cutter and sleigh loads of mourning friends and relatives. For his many good qualities, Mr. Holmes will long be remembered by all who knew him.

Albany Vindicator, Feb. 23, 1888

Mrs. Jeanette Beattie died at her home in this village on Tuesday, Feb. 21 after a lingering illness in the 73rd year of her age. The deceased was born in Aberlindie, Scotland on July 30, 1815. She was married in 1839 to **William Beattie** and in 1848 they came to America. The family resided for a number of years at or near the village of Juda. Her husband, William Beattie, died in the year 1878. Their union was blessed with nine sons and daughters, six of whom survive her. For the past five years, Mrs. Beattie has made her home with her son Charles, who is in the employ of the C.M. and St. Paul Railway and her daughter Nettie Beattie, residents of our village. During her last painful illness of several weeks duration, she was cared for by her son Charles and daughter Nettie and for the past two weeks or more another daughter, Mrs. Agnes Trembly of Kansas City, had assisted at her bedside. David Beattie who had been paying a last visit to his mother for the first part of this month, returned soon after to his home in Sterling, Colorado. Mrs. Beattie had ever been a devoted Christian and was held in high esteem among neighbors and friends. The funeral services were held at the residence of the deceased on Wednesday at 10:30, Rev. Jas. Lawson delivering an appropriate sermon. At the conclusion of the services, the funeral cortege escorted the remains to the cemetery at Juda where they were consigned to a place of rest beside the companion of her former years.

Albany Vindicator, March 1, 1888

Irwin Pierce and William Wallace started for Dakota on Sunday evening. They took with them a complete farming outfit.

Attica: The funeral of **Mrs. T. Wright** took place at Exeter on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Wright was an honest, upright woman. She leaves a husband and six children to mourn her loss: **Mrs. Maria Mathems of Albany, Miss Bessie Wright, Mrs. Elie(?) Loucks, James Wright, Sam and little Guy.**

Death has again visited our friends and this time taken **Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, wife of Timothy Wright** who lived only a couple miles west of Attica in the town of Exeter.

She breathed her last on Saturday morning, Feb. 25 after an illness of only ten days in the 46th year of her age. Mrs. Wright, whose maiden name was **Hayden**, was born in the state of Indiana on March 26, 1842 but came to this state with her parents Mr. and Mrs. James Hayden, while she was yet a child and for many years has lived near the home where she died. In 1858 she married Timothy Wright who together with their six sons and daughters now mourn the loss of a kind and indulgent wife and mother. The funeral services held Sunday were largely attended by sorrowing friends and relatives who listened to an able and appropriate sermon preached by Rev. William Rowe of Monticello after which her remains were laid away in the cemetery near their home. Mrs. Wright will long be remembered for her uniform kindness and kind disposition and by the host of friends she has made during her lifetime.

Mrs. Emory Dunbar of Footville shot herself with her husband's revolver on the evening of Feb. 23. The ball passed through her body from side to side. Mrs. Dunbar had been in ill health for some time and is said to have been a little deranged at the time. Later reports announce that she died from the effects of the wound.

Albany Vindicator, March 8, 1889

Miss Nellie Rafter died at the home of her mother in this village on Thursday evening, March 1. She was born in Janesville on Sept. 23, 1858 but has lived in this village ever since. Her father, **James Rafter**, was buried in Janesville in 1863. Besides a kind and sorrowing mother, she leaves one sister, **Kate, now Mrs. John Hamer** of Kingsley Iowa and two brothers, **Frank** (who is also in Iowa) and the faithful, kind hearted **Isaac** now in the employ of the C.M. & St. Paul Railway Company. Nellie was a free hearted girl who was a friend to everyone and all who knew here were friends of hers and who now feel keenly the loss of their friend. The funeral service was held on Saturday afternoon in the M.E. Church and was largely attended by friends and acquaintances. An appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. W.T. Hill and her remains interred in the cemetery on the west side of the river.

Mrs. Mary Eastman who lived on a farm in the town of Decatur not far from the Gap Church, died suddenly on Saturday, March 3 of hemorrhage of the brain. Mrs. Eastman whose **maiden name was Bump**, was born in New Hampshire on Nov. 3, 1822 and married George Bump (transcriber's note, this might have been a printer's error, it might have been meant to be George Eastman) in 1841. They came to Wisconsin in 1856 and settled on the farm on which she so suddenly died. The deceased leaves an aged mother who feels deeply the loss of her dutiful daughter. The funeral was held in the Gap Church on Sunday and an excellent sermon preached by Rev. W.T. Hill in the presence of a large congregation which assembled to pay their last respects to one so highly esteemed. Her remains were laid to rest in the family lot near the church by the side of her husband who had gone before.

Albany Vindicator, March 15, 1888

Grace Estella, the beloved daughter of J.F. and E.A. Maynard, was born in Albany on April 25, 1871 and died at the same place March 12, in the 17th year of her age. In her short life she manifested many commendable traits of character. She was eager and persevering in her efforts to obtain a liberal education; just as long as she was able, she was present in her class at school and when unable to attend endeavored for a short time to keep up her studies at home. She became identified with and a worker in about all the young people's societies existing here which are seeking the intelligent and moral elevation of the youth. She was especially a lover of music and sacred songs. In January, 1887, she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Albany and on the following July was baptized and received as a fully accredited member of the church. She has been faithful to all the public and more private means of grace since her conversion up to the time of her illness even in stormy or unpleasant weather she seldom was absent from the weekly prayer meeting. A little over a year ago she resolved to read the Bible through by course and at the time of her death had almost finished the pleasant task. She kept a record of all texts she heard preached from and on two occasions being detained from attending the service she asked her pastor what the texts were and remarked "I would have liked to have heard the sermon". Her confinement at home by sickness was comparatively short; towards the close, however, the earthly tabernacle was taken down quite rapidly. She assured me but a few days before her death that, living or dying, all was well and at last passed away most peacefully. The funeral was held at the M.E. Church on Wednesday forenoon and attended by a large concourse of people. The church was appropriately draped and supplied with a profusion of choice flowers, two beautiful bouquets having been sent by the Equal Rights Club of Brodhead. The services were conducted by Rev. Jas. Lawson, assisted by Rev. W.T. Hill. At the close of the service the Albany Equal Rights Suffrage Society of which Gracie was a member, arose in a body to take a last look at their departed sister and as they passed each lady carefully laid on the casket a beautiful flower in token of their friendship. J.L.

In the death of **Hon. Marvin Osborne** of the town of Magnolia which occurred on Monday evening, March 5, society lost an honest, upright and exemplary citizen and the people among whom he lived lost an obliging neighbor and his family a kind and indulgent parent. Mr. Osborne was born in Lenox, Madison County, New York on January 22, 1817. He came to Wisconsin in 1848 and first settled in Dodge County but since 1860 he has been a resident in Magnolia, Rock County. He was twice elected to the Assembly in 1873 and again in 1874 and was a member during the memorable struggle between the people and the corporation which resulted in what is known as the "Potter Law". Among those who withstood the powerful influence of those great moneyed corporations and remained true to the people, Hon. Marvin Osborne's name will ever remain prominent. He was a man of strict integrity, of unblemished character whose very presence in the legislative body was a rebuke to schemers, tricksters, and public plunderers. He had been in ill health for some time but was finally taken with pneumonia which soon terminated in death while four other members of his house lay sick. Scarcely had his mortal remains been consigned to the grave when his wife closed her eyes to wake no more. Mr. Osborne died on Monday evening and Mrs. Osborne who had taken the same disease, died on Thursday morning. Thus companions in life for more than 46 years were not long separated by death. **Mrs. Osborne's maiden name was Annie**

Palmer, a native of Chautauqua County, New York and was married to Mr. Osborne while both were resident of that state. She was 66 years of age at the time of her death. She was spoken of as a woman of great moral worth, kind and generous and highly respected by all who knew her. Two sons and one daughter remain to mourn the loss of their parents. The mortal remains of those good people were laid to rest in the cemetery at Evansville in a lot previously purchased by Mr. Osborne, Mr. D. Osborne and wife were constantly at the bedside of his parents until death relieved them of their suffering. Now, on their return home, Mrs. Osborne is stricken down with the same disease and is in a very critical condition.

Albany Vindicator, March 22, 1888

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, Sylvester, on March 13(?) or 15(?) by Rev. Ford, **Walter McElwee** of Juda to **May Collilns** of Sylvester.

Michael O'Donnell of Mt. Pleasant died Thursday and was buried at Janesville on Friday. His funeral was held at the Catholic Church in this place and the sermon preached by Father Kelly. Mr. O'Donnell was 101 years of age.

Albany Vindicator, April 19, 1888

Mr. Lauren D. Smout, and Annie Owens both of Albany were married in Brodhead on Wednesday, April 11.

Albany Vindicator, May 8, 1888

William Flood of Dayton, was married to **Miss Mary O'Donnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Donnell** of Monticello at St. Rose's Catholic Church in Brodhead on Wednesday, April 25 at 9:00 am, Rev. Father Kelly officiating. Miss Kate O'Donnell and M.W. O'Donnell, sister and brother of the bride, acted as bridesmaid and groomsmen. A wedding supper was served at the home of the bride's parents. The happy couple will now make their home in Blue Mounds, Wisconsin.

Albany Vindicator, June 7, 1888

Attica: Birth, to **Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Crossgrove** on June 1, a daughter.

Albany Vindicator, June 28, 1888

Sarah Atkinson, consort of Frank Atkinson and whose maiden name was Jones, was born in Radnorshire, Wales on May 22, 1838 and died of paralysis in Albany on Monday morning, June 25. She came from Wales to America in 1844 with her parents. In her 17th year she was saved and united with the church. At the age of 22 she married her now bereft companion. To them were born 11 children, three of whom while quite young were transported from this vain world to happy glory. Eight children, 3 boys and 5 girls are still living with their father without a mother's blessing, prayers and care. At her

marriage she was a member of the Primitive Methodist Church. After her marriage she joined the church to which her husband belonged, fully uniting her destiny with his. For 28 years they walked the journey of life together sharing each other's joys and sorrows. As a faithful mother to her children she was pre-eminent, no toil was too much, no sacrifice too great if she could thereby help. Although living some distance from church and having the care of a large family, she was always ready and willing to help in church work and by her hearty manner indicated that it was a pleasure for her to do what she could for the Master. Her death doubtless came to her as to all as unexpected. She had been enjoying her usual health, having attended a camp meeting on Friday evening and intended to be at the festival Saturday evening but the stroke came upon her suddenly and without warning, depriving her entirely of the use of one side of her body and of the power of speech; but none who knew her doubted for one moment that even when her bodily powers failed that God "was the strength of her soul and would be her portion forever". The funeral was held at her late residence on Thursday morning, June 26 and was attended by a very large concourse of people. A sermon was preached by Rev. Jas. Lawson and her remains conveyed to Brodhead for burial

Albany Vindicator, July 5, 1888

Mrs. James Martin, mother of Mike Martin, was buried in the Catholic Cemetery on Monday. She was 92 years of age.

Mrs. Gusta Livingston of Chicago is spending the 4th with her mother, **Mrs. C.C. Bliss**.

Albany Vindicator, July 12, 1888

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Howard of Jordan Prairie are the happy parents of a fine baby boy born July 2.

Birth, to **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holiday** on July 5, a baby boy, ten pounds.

George S. Brink and Effie Ludington of Evansville were married at the residence of the bride's parents in that place on June 27.

George Magee Sr. died at his residence near Attica on July 4. The remains were interred in the Dayton Cemetery on July 5.

Mrs. George Sutherland started for Ouray, Colorado yesterday morning to see her son **Leonard** who has been very ill with pneumonia and whose death is expected hourly.

Albany Vindicator, July 19, 1888

Fred Warn and Lizzie Brisbane both of Jordan Prairie were married at Monroe on July 1.

A fine baby boy came to gladden the hearts of **Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Burt** last Friday morning.

Albany Vindicator, August 2, 1888

Mrs. Alvah Marden spent Saturday and Sunday with her brother **Frank Clifford**. Mrs. Marden was a resident of this town for many years.

Mrs. Jas. Magee died at her home near Attica Friday morning at 2:00 of neuralgia of the heart. She was sick only one short day and part of one night and she passed away very serenely believing in Jesus. Mr. Magee and their **adopted son John Stewart** have the sympathy of many in their affliction. The funeral was held at the M.E. Church in Attica, Rev. Jas. Lawson officiating. The remains of the deceased were placed in the Exeter Cemetery and were followed there by a large concourse of neighbors and friends.

Albany Vindicator, August 23, 1888

Juda: **Mrs. Thomas Barmore** died at her home about one and a half miles west of Juda on Sunday at noon. She leaves two small children and a husband to mourn her loss. She was the **daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willian Randall** of this place. She joined the Baptist Church when quite young. She leaves a fond mother and father and five brothers and five sisters. The funeral services were held at the Baptist Church on 2:00 pm Tuesday Elder Prescott of Brodhead officiating.

Albany Vindicator, August 30, 1888

Juda: **Alex McNish** died at his home in Monroe on August 23 at the age of 70. Mr. McNish came to Wisconsin when quite young and married **Elizabeth Chadwick** who has been dead a number of years. He leaves seven children to mourn his loss. The funeral was held at the Baptist Church, Rev. Prescott officiating.

Albany Vindicator, Sept. 20, 1888

John Kerwine and Annie Corcoran of Dayton were united in marriage at Albany by Rev. Father Kelly on Wednesday, Sept. 12. The bride was attired in blue silk. **John Gale and Catherine Corcoran** acted as groomsman and bridesmaid. A grand reception was held at the residence of **Jno. Corcoran** in the afternoon. The happy couple left on a brief wedding tour to New York after which they go to Omaha, Nebraska to their future home. The bride is well known in this vicinity and followed to her new home by the best wishes of many friends.

George W. Lounsbury of Berlin, Wisconsin and **Mrs. Mattie Faust** were married at Mr. S. Wales on Sunday evening, Sept. 9.

Jno. C. Dalton of Chicago and **Lacey Anne Kelly** of Albany were married at St. Rose's Church, Brodhead on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Jno. A. Kirwin of Omaha, Nebraska and **Annie Maguire** of Monticello, were married at St. Roses's Church on Wednesday, Sept. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bidwell of Rochester, New York, were guests of **Mr. and Mrs. D.D. Osborne** on Tuesday. Mrs. Osborne and Mrs. Bidwell are sisters and had not met for 20 years.

Albany Vindicator, Sept. 27, 1888

Magnolia: **Mrs. Alice Howard** who has not walked for six years, has so far recovered here health as to be able to walk around the house.....An old man named **Bahr** was killed last Friday while cutting grass. The horses ran away and the mower did its work of death. Funeral services were held in the German Lutheran Church Center, a large number of people attending.

Magnolia: **Myrtie, the three year old child of George and Maggie Jones** was buried at Orfordville on the 18th inst., Elder Willis of Center officiating.

Attica: **Miss Mary Swan** died at the residence of her parents on Sept. 19 aged 32 years. She had been an invalid for 30 years. The funeral was held at her late home and was conducted by Rev. Dinsmore of Monticello. Her remains were followed to their last resting place by a very large concourse of people.

Married, on Saturday evening, Sept. 15, at the residence of the bride's parents, **Mr. and Mrs. B.W. Beebe**, in Brodhead, **Hector D. Kirkpatrick and Grace Beebe**, Rev. E. Barr officiating. During the evening the Brodhead Cornet Band appeared on the lawn west of the house and gave the young couple a beautiful serenade.

Married, at the residence of E.B. Smith of Orfordville on Sept. 16, by Rev. B.L. Prescott, **Dwight A. Purdy and Lillie B. Mack**, both of Brodhead.

Birth, to **Mr. and Mrs. Mort Tilley** on Sunday, Sept. 23, a fine girl.

A boy of tender age made his appearance at "**Scrib**" **Lewis**' on Tuesday and demanded food and shelter.

Jaspar Patton, of Monterey County, California, a large wheat farmer was the guest of **V.B.S. Newman's** family the first of last week. He is a brother of Mrs. Newman.

Albany Vindicator, October 11, 1888

Birth, to **Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Broderick** of Evansville on Thursday, Oct. 4, a daughter.

A family reunion was held at the residence of **Artemus Silver** on Tuesday last a large number of relatives being present. **Mrs. Chris Silver**, an old lady of 86 years was

present as were six of the seven children now living, along with three grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Magnolia: Birth, to **Mr. and Mrs. James Langdon**, on October 3, a son.

Albany Vindicator, Oct. 18, 1888

Married, at the residence of T.G. Mitchell of this place on Oct. 13, by Rev. J.H. Flower, **Jay Bolf and Emma Smith**, both of Evansville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Abley who have been visiting their daughter **Mrs. David Milks** of Chepstow, Kansas for several weeks, returned home last Thursday.

Albany Vindicator, November 1, 1888

Married, at Monroe on Thursday, Oct. 18, by S.W. Abbott, J.P., **Andrew Christopher to Emma Sanderson**, both of Albany.

Albany Vindicator, November 13, 1888

Attica Breezes: **James McGee** died at his home last Thursday in the 66th year of his age. The deceased survived his wife only four lonely months. His only son was present at the funeral. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jas. Lawson of Albany. The deceased was noted for his kindness and generosity of spirit. His remains were carried to their last resting place beside his companion and were followed by a large concourse of friends and neighbors and relatives

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Bowen of Jordan Prairie are the proud parents of a fine baby boy born on Saturday last.

Albany Vindicator, November 22, 1888

Attica: **Mrs. Huldah Price** returned home from Plover, Iowa where she has been visiting her brother **Squair Heathman**.

Attica: **Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bubb** are the happy parents of a little daughter.

Albany Vindicator, November 29, 1888

One of the saddest deaths that has occurred in this community is the death of little **Lorrain Smiley, the youngest son of William and Ida Flint Smiley**, which occurred on the morning of November 14 at 11:30. Little Lorrain was born on August 23, 1886 and while but a little over two years old at the time of his death he was a most interesting and lovable child and had in him the promise of a bright boyhood and useful manhood; but an all wise providence called him to that better kingdom and on Thursday, November 15 his

remains were laid to rest in the cemetery of the church at Monticello Prairie, the funeral service at the house and at the church were impressive and a large number of friends and relatives were in attendance.

Albany Vindicator, Dec. 6, 1888

Married, at the residence of the bride, by Rev. J.H. Flower, **Samuel Truax** of Brodhead to **Mary Chamberlain** of Albany.

Married, at the Free Methodist parsonage, Belvidere, Illinois, on Nov. 29, by Rev. W. M. Kelsey, **Rev. J. H. Flowers** of Albany to **Carrie M. Phelps** of Jerico, Missouri.

G.W. Swancutt and Gertrude F. Partridge, both of Albany, were married in the Methodist parsonage in this place yesterday Rev. Jas. Lawson officiating.

Albany Vindicator, Dec. 27, 1888

There arrived at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. George Laughead** of Plover, Iowa, a little daughter.

Married, at the parsonage in Sylvester on Dec. 23, by Rev. William T. Hill, **Byron E. Stephenson and Lydia M. Sutherland**, both of Sylvester.

Albany Vindicator, December, 1888

Mrs. W.C. Hodge died at her residence in this village on Wednesday evening, Dec. 15, after several weeks illness. The funeral services were held at the house on Friday, her husband, by her last request, conducting them.