

Samuel William Bernhisel, (11 Oct 1842 – Feb 1922), People's Advocate and Press,
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Former Associate Judge (Justice of the Peace) **S.W. Bernhisel** died at his home in Madison Township, Tuesday afternoon of this week from the infirmities of old age. He had been in failing health for months past and his death was not unexpected.

The deceased was a son of the late **Cornelius and Margaret (Bruell) Bernhisel** and was born in Madison Township, October 11, 1842. At that time he was aged 79 years, 4 months, and 11 days.

S.W. Bernhisel passed his youth on the farm attending the common schools and later completed his course under the tutorship of Prof. David Tressler, of Loysville. He taught five terms. September 2, 1864, he enlisted in Co. E, 208th Reg., Penna. Vols. under the leadership of Capt. G.C. Palm. His command saw much service and fighting. He was mustered out June 1, 1865. Following his discharge he returned to his farm on which he resided until his death. His home was one of the most substantial in this part of the state.

September 17, 1868, he was united in marriage to **Emma S.**, only daughter of **Hugh Gray** and wife. Four children resulted from this union, **Laura Belle**, who died in her third year, **Harry G.** residing at the homestead; **Charles W.** of Andersonburg, connected with International Harvester Co. and **Lillie May**, at home. Mrs. Bernhisel died, December 3, 1911.

Mr. Bernhisel joined the Lutheran Church at Blain, September 3, 1894, and was interested in the various activities of the church until his death. He was a stalwart Republican and supported his party's men and measures unreservedly. He was elected Associate Judge of Perry November 1911 and served for four years from January 1, 1912. He filled the office most capably and acted fearlessly as his conscience dictated. Mr. Bernhisel was a man of excellent judgment, a good citizen in every respect, a devoted parent and a kind neighbor. He was respected as a leading citizen by all who knew him.

Funeral services were held in the Lutheran Church, Blain, with interment in the Blain Cemetery.

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