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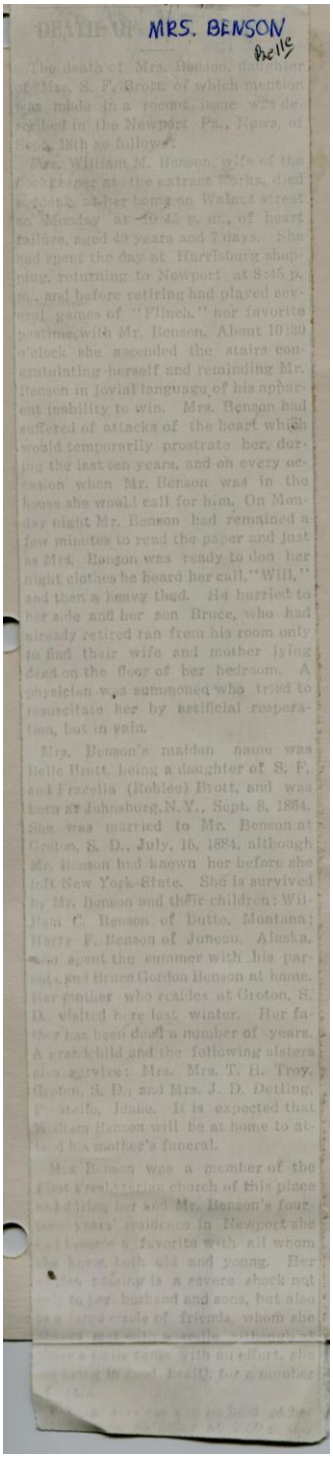

DEATH OF MRS. BENSON

Belle

The death of Mrs. Benson, daughter of Mrs. S. F. Brott, of which mention was made in a recent issue was described in the Newport Pa., News, of Sept. 18th as follows:

Mrs. William M. Benson, wife of the bookkeeper at the extract works, died suddenly at her home on Walnut street on Monday at 10:45 p. m., of heart failure, aged 40 years and 7 days. She had spent the day at Harrisburg shopping, returning to Newport at 8:45 p. m., and before retiring had played several games of "Flinch," her favorite pastime, with Mr. Benson. About 10:30 o'clock she ascended the stairs congratulating herself and reminding Mr. Benson in jovial language of his apparent inability to win. Mrs. Benson had suffered of attacks of the heart which would temporarily prostrate her, during the last ten years, and on every occasion when Mr. Benson was in the house she would call for him. On Monday night Mr. Benson had remained a few minutes to read the paper and just as Mrs. Benson was ready to don her night clothes he heard her call, "Will," and then a heavy thud. He hurried to her side and her son Bruce, who had already retired ran from his room only to find their wife and mother lying dead on the floor of her bedroom. A physician was summoned who tried to resuscitate her by artificial resperation, but in vain.

Mrs. Benson's maiden name was Belle Brott, being a daughter of S. F. and Fracelia (Roblee) Brott, and was born at Johnsburg, N.Y., Sept. 8, 1864. She was married to Mr. Benson at Groton, S. D., July, 15, 1884, although Mr. Benson had known her before she left New York State. She is survived by Mr. Benson and their children: William C. Benson of Butte, Montana; Harry F. Benson of Juneau, Alaska, who spent the summer with his parents, and Bruce Gordon Benson at home. Her mother who resides at Groton, S. D., visited here last winter. Her father has been dead a number of years. A grandchild and the following sisters also survive: Mrs. Mrs. T. H. Troy, Groton, S. D., and Mrs. J. D. Detling, Pocatello, Idaho. It is expected that William Benson will be at home to attend his mother's funeral.

Mrs. Benson was a member of the First Presbyterian church of this place and during her and Mr. Benson's four-[illegible] years' residence in Newport she had become a favorite with all whom she knew, both old and young. Her [illegible] passing is a severe shock not only to her husband and sons, but also to a large circle of friends, whom she [illegible] with a smile, although at [illegible] a smile came with an effort, she [illegible] in good health for a number [illegible]