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## CHORAL SOCIETY.

Will give a Concert May 28. More Members Needed.

The Choral Society, organized several months ago, has been holding rehearsals every Monday night in the Normal Auditorium, under the direction of Miss Comba. They have been working thus far on the Cantata of St. Cecilia a very tuneful composition, and at the meeting on Monday evening it was decided to engage the services of Dr. Mason of Wilkes-Barre, who is a conductor of high reputation, and to give a concert on the evening of Thursday May 28th, under his direction.

The object of the society is to cultivate and encourage musical taste. Bloomsburg is not lacking in good material for a large chorus, and the only trouble seems to be to get the singers sufficiently interested in the project. Thus far, while the attendance has been fair at each rehearsal, it has not been regular, and this has made the progress slow. The society offers a fine opportunity for those who wish to improve in singing, at a very low cost, the membership fee being only ten cents a month. There are nearly eighty names on the list of members, but only about one fourth of these attend regularly, and some of them have not yet appeared at a single rehearsal.

Now that a definite object is in view it is hoped that all will attend regularly, and that many new names will be added. The church choirs alone should supply at least fifty members, if all would join. Any information concerning membership can be obtained of O. H. Yetter, Frank Colley, Mrs. J. K. Miller, or of Dr. Welsh, Miss Comba and Mrs. Sutliff at the Normal.

Several efforts have heretofore been made to organize a choral society here, but they died a natural death after a few months trial, because the members treated the rehearsals simply as a place to go when they had nothing else to do. No organization can succeed that way. There must be a determined and united effort, and the society can be made a grand success. When a stranger comes here and wants a chorus for a public entertainment, a large part of the proceeds of which he puts in his pocket and carries away from town, he has no trouble to get it. Why should a chorus that proposes to keep the money at home languish for lack of support? Ye singers, think it over!

## BARN DAMAGED BY FIRE.

Only the prompt response and gallant work of the Winona and Friendship Fire companies prevented a disastrous conflagration Tuesday afternoon. The fire broke out in a barn located in Whitman Alley a short distance above Fourth street, owned by Mrs. A. K. Riddle and occupied by A. J. Beagle. The mows were filled with hay, and the fire notwithstanding the fact that the Winona boys were on the scene in less than four minutes after the alarm was given, had gained considerable headway. The firemen realized that the many adjunct buildings would be destroyed unless they could check the blaze. Two streams of water were kept playing on the burning structure, and by hard work and perseverance the firemen succeeded in extinguishing the flames before any of the other buildings were damaged to any extent. Just how the fire originated is not known. Next to the barn is W. E. Hartman's planing mill and the general impression appears to be that it was started by a spark from the stack.

The barn was practically ruined, but the loss is covered by insurance. Mr. Beagle sustained a loss of about \$200, but he too will be partly reimbursed. There were two cows in the barn, but they were gotten out, not until the building was wrapt in flames, however.

The fire attracted a big crowd of people, and everybody was enthusiastic in their praise of the excellent work of the firemen. You will find a good many miles before you can find a more efficient voluntary fire department than here.

Henry Jacobs, formerly of Bloomsburg, now of Berwick, and Miss Edna Hicks of Berwick, were united in marriage at the Presbyterian manse in Berwick Wednesday evening last.

## Mangled by Car Wheels

William W. Smith Falls From B. & S. Locomotive and is Crushed.

## Death Follows in Two Hours.

William W. Smith, mail carrier between the post office and the Main Street crossing of the Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad sustained injuries on the D. L. & W. Railroad Monday morning which resulted in his death at his home on East Sixth Street about two hours later. He boarded the B. & S. engine at the Fifth Street crossing, and rode to the D. L. & W. Station. He attempted to jump off while the train was still in motion and in doing so slipped and fell against the platform. He was thrown back under the lower step of the passenger coach and rolled for some distance. He called loudly for help, and in attempting to extricate himself his leg was caught under the wheel and terribly crushed. When the train was stopped the body was wedged beneath the step of the coach. J. R. Fowler who was at the station waiting to take the D. L. & W. train for Wilkes-Barre, assisted in pulling the man out.

Doctors B. F. Gardner and J. S. Join responded to a call and the injured man was removed to his home where upon examination it was found that in addition to his leg being crushed, his back bone and three ribs on his right were broken. The man was conscious for a few minutes after the accident, and shook hands and talked with several of those who were there. He sank into a comatose state however, and died without uttering a word to his wife or family.

The deceased was about fifty years of age and leaves a wife and four children, together with three brothers, Lloyd of Bloomsburg and Robert and George of Berwick. He had been in the employ of the B. & S. Company for several years, and had always performed his duties faithfully. His many friends are deeply touched at his untimely death.

The funeral will occur this afternoon. Rev. W. P. Eveland will officiate and interment will be made in Rosemont Cemetery.

## HIGHER COURT DECISIONS.

On Monday morning the Supreme Court handed down an order in the matter of the petition of J. B. Robison for an appeal from the decision of the Superior Court in N. L. Campbell's estate. Mr. Robison first took an appeal from the decree of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, and the case was argued in the Superior Court at Scranton several months ago. That court dismissed the appeal, and then Mr. Robison presented his petition for an appeal to the Supreme Court, and this was refused, which ends the case.

The Superior Court has reversed Judge Little in the case of Rose Gillespie vs. L. E. Agnew. The plaintiff levied on goods for a debt of Agnew, and the latter's wife claimed that the goods belonged to her and not to her husband. The court decided against Mrs. Agnew and she took an appeal, and her appeal is sustained.

## Still a Mystery.

The McAndrews murder mystery is no nearer a solution today than it was a week ago. Detectives have been keeping a strict watch over a couple of fellows who it is believed know something about the crime but nothing has as yet developed. District Attorney Duy has not given the case up by any means, and, while he has learned practically nothing that can be used as evidence, he is still confident, and believes that the guilty parties will soon be caught.

## Death of A Stillwater Lady

After a protracted illness Mrs. Joseph F. McHenry died at her home in Stillwater on Saturday. She was seventy six years of age and leaves to survive a husband and two daughters, Mrs. Oscar D. Hagenbuch and Miss Eva both of Stillwater. The funeral took place on Tuesday. Interment in the Christian Church Cemetery.

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

## The Bloomsburg National Bank

At the Close of Business April 9th, 1903.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Investments,	\$74,591.20	Capital Stock,	\$60,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures,	8,000.00	Surplus and Profits, (Net)	45,538.74
Cash and Reserve,	90,889.45	Circulation,	60,000.00
		Individual Deposits,	326,180.39
		Bank Deposits,	11,752.52
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## PRIMARIES LOOK INTERESTING.

Even Republicans Didn't Know That an Election was in Progress.

The Republican primary election held throughout Columbia county from five to seven o'clock on Saturday was a tame affair. There wasn't even semblance of interest manifested and a great many people, including some Republicans, didn't know that an election was going on. There were no contests of any kind and of course there was no effort made to get out a vote.

## THE CONVENTION.

The convention met at the Court House Monday afternoon. That everything moved along smoothly and peaceably is shown by the fact that it required less than twenty-five minutes to transact the business. This includes the time taken up by cheering and applause. The business of the meeting began with the reading of the convention call by H. A. M'Killip. Then County Chairman A. W. Duy made a few remarks. Prof. G. E. Wilbur was elected chairman, W. A. Butt and C. J. Fisher secretaries and C. C. Yetter reading clerk.

The naming of a ticket was next in order. Here it is, for sheriff Col. Jenkin Evans of Berwick and for jury commissioner Emory D. Hagenbuch of West Scott. Clark D. Eaton of Berwick was named as delegate to the state convention with C. C. Yetter of Bloomsburg as alternate.

Mr. Eaton in a few words thanked the convention for the honor conferred upon him and promised a faithful service. The county chairman was empowered to fill any vacancies that may arise on the ticket, after which J. L. Townsend offered the following resolutions which were adopted: "We, the Republicans of Columbia county, by our delegates in convention this day met, do hereby reaffirm our allegiance to the principles and doctrines of the Republican party, and express our pleasure at the wise, statesmanlike and fearlessly patriotic administration of President Roosevelt.

We endorse the business like course of our Senators, Matthew

Stanley Quay and Boise Penrose, and appreciate their loyal interest in the affairs of the government, both state and national.

We note with pleasure the confidence which the learned, judicious and economical administration of Governor Pennypacker has inspired in the people; and express our satisfaction with the prompt and careful work of both branches of the Legislature.

After adjournment of the convention the committeemen met and re-elected A. W. Duy county chairman, and he re-appointed H. A. M'Killip secretary.

## Doctors Out in Full Force.

The Columbia County Medical Society held a largely attended meeting at the Susquehanna House, Catawissa, Tuesday afternoon. Many matters of interest and value to the profession were discussed, and the meeting was voted one of much interest to all concerned. The next meeting will be held in Bloomsburg on Tuesday, June 16th. Those present at the meeting were: Dr. Kline, Dr. J. H. Vastine, Dr. J. M. Vastine and Dr. Sharpless, Catawissa; Dr. Montgomery, Buckhorn; Dr. Reagan, Dr. Follmer, Dr. Davis, Dr. Catterall, Dr. Bear, Dr. Pfahler, Berwick; Dr. Rhoades, Numedia, and Dr. Brown, Dr. Arment, Dr. Bruner, Dr. Reber, Dr. John and Dr. Redecker of Bloomsburg.

## Entertained at Euchre.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Caswell entertained about one hundred guests on Tuesday night, at a euchre party, at the residence of E. C. Caswell on Fifth street. It was a very pleasant affair throughout. Among the guests from out of town were Miss Becktel of Cincinnati, Miss Ferguson of Harrisburg, Miss Kelly of Lewisburg, Mrs. F. C. Williams of Scranton, Dr. M. Vastine, Catawissa.

The Normal School base ball team will open the season on Saturday. Wyoming Seminary will be the opponents, and the school boys hope to inaugurate the season with a victory. Turn out and encourage the team. Game called at three o'clock.

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and  
Fat.

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and  
Slim.

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