

## ILLEGAL FISHING.

Oliver Bankus and Monroe Gruver Plead Guilty.

### Will Be Sentenced Tomorrow.

Illegal fishing must be stopped, so says Game Warden Harry Eshleman, and the first move in this direction was made on Monday when Oliver Bankus, Monroe Gruver, Charles Sweppenheiser, Alexander Bitler and Charles John all of Main township were arraigned before Justice of the Peace Guy Jacoby, in the Court House, for a hearing, on the charge of having used dynamite for the destruction of fish.

At the outset of the hearing, John G. Harman who with Fred Ikeler represented the defendants, entered a plea of guilty for Gruver and Bankus, and stated that they would furnish the required bail and appear later for sentence, which was allowed.

The Commonwealth's attorney Dwy and Herring then endeavored to connect the other three defendants with the crime, and to show that according to an act relating to an offense of this kind, they were equally guilty.

Testimony was given by Frank P. Betz, Wesley Crawford, Emanuel Artman, Harry Fox, William Goodhart, Charles Hartzel, Mrs. Margaret Crawford and by the defendants.

The evidence showed that they were all together when they left home, Gruver had a nine inch stick of dynamite in his pocket but Bankus was the only one of the party that knew it.

When they arrived at the stream, they separated, Bankus and Gruver remaining together. About eleven o'clock Gruver cut the stick of dynamite in two, and exploded half of it. The other half was put off at three o'clock by Bankus. When the first explosion took place Sweppenheiser, Bitler and John were about twenty five yards distance, and it was upon this that the Commonwealth sought to establish their guilt. Mr Herring in his argument stated that if they did not know of the dynamite when they left home, they certainly knew of it after the first explosion, and that it was their place to go and stop the further use of it. But instead they remained away and by so doing abetted the violation and made themselves equally liable.

Both Ikeler and Harman argued for the defendants, and some very fine points of law were brought out.

The Justice stated that it would be unjust for him to dispose of the case without hearing the defendants, and they were called to testify. While they admitted being in the party, they took no part in the explosion of the dynamite, and they did not receive any of the fish killed by its use.

There were probably upwards of a hundred and fifty people in the court house during the hearing, and easily four out of every five were of the opinion that the defendants were guilty. But it was a case in which the Justice was vested with tremendous power, he was the Judge and jury, and the evidence in a case of this kind must needs be convincing in order to convict. There must be more than suspicion, more even than a moral certainty, the absolute facts must be shown. While the evidence was against them in some respects it was not sufficiently strong to convict and they were therefore discharged.

The punishment which the law prescribes is a fine of \$100 and imprisonment for six months. Sweppenheiser, Bitler and John can shake hands with themselves. They got out of a mighty small hole, and their narrow escape has no doubt taught them a wholesome lesson. It should serve as a warning to others.

The Republican State convention in Harrisburg yesterday nominated the following ticket: For Auditor General, W. P. Snyder of Chester Co.; State Treasurer, W. L. Mathews of Delaware Co.; Judges of Superior Court, J. J. Henderson of Crawford, and T. A. Morrison of McKean. Everything was all cut and dried beforehand, and the boss's orders were obeyed without a murmur of dissent.

B. A. Fritz has been appointed postmaster at Waller.

## Child's Terrible Death.

Nine Year Old Mabel Herring Caught by Flames From Gasoline Stove.

### Death Relieves Her Suffering.

Mabel, the nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Herring, met with a terrible accident Saturday evening, from the effects of which she died six hours later.

Mrs. Herring attended a funeral in the afternoon and arrived home a little after six o'clock, and immediately set about to prepare supper. The little daughter, desirous of assisting her mother in the preparation of the meal, attempted to light the fire in the gasoline stove. Finding the supply can empty she went to an outkitchen and there, by means of a syphon-pump, filled the can, but was unable to stop the flow. Her dress coming in contact with the can was saturated with gasoline, and after calling her mother, whose efforts were directed toward preventing a waste of oil, she returned to the stove and struck a match. Instantly the flames leaped upon her, and she ran screaming to her mother. Mrs. Herring, paralyzed with fright, carried the little one out into the yard, all the while using every effort to tear away the burning clothing.

The cries of the mother reached the ears of Charles Sterner, a neighbor, who leaping over the fence, seized the child and rolled her upon the ground until the flames were extinguished. She was carried into the house by Charles McBride, and Doctors Bierman and Bruner summoned.

The physicians were quick to respond, but they could do nothing. She lingered along until half past twelve o'clock Sunday morning when death relieved her suffering. The child was possessed of a very lovable disposition, and was a general favorite in the neighborhood. The blow is a sad and severe one to the parents, and their grief is shared by the whole community.

The funeral occurred from the home on East Sixth street Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Eveland of the Methodist Episcopal church officiated. The remains were taken to Orangeville for burial.

### CONCERT NOTES.

Francis O'Neill, leading tenor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre, will sing with the Choral Society tonight.

Mrs. Dr. D. J. J. Mason of Wilkes-Barre accompanied her husband to Bloomsburg at noon today, and will attend the concert this evening.

It is reported that parties are coming from Catawissa and Berwick tonight to attend the concert.

The sale of seats up to this morning indicates that there will be a large audience. The concert will be the leading musical event of the season.

The doors will be closed during the rendering of each number of the first part and open between them. This will be done to avoid the annoyance to both audience and the soloist, caused by late arrivals coming in and taking their seats while the act is on.

A vote of thanks was extended to Dr. Mason by the Choral Society, last evening, for the interest he has manifested in the Society, for giving them an extra rehearsal gratuitously, and for some excellent words of advice given by him in a neat address at the close of the last rehearsal.

### FIRE DEVASTATES BUILDINGS.

Four Barns Wiped Out, Entailing a Loss of \$2,000.

Light Street had a destructive fire about ten o'clock Tuesday night, which wiped out four barn, buildings and a chicken. That the destruction of property was not greater was due solely to the united and heroic efforts of the populace, and a shifting of the wind.

The fire was first discovered in the chickenery of Roy Leiser. The building was in close proximity to the barn of William Shuck, and in a few minutes the flames were communicated to that structure. Fanned by a stiff breeze, the forked tongues of the destructive element leaped from one building to another until three other barns, those of A. B. White, Robert Patterson and

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### THE CONCERT.

All arrangements have been completed for the concert by the Bloomsburg Choral Society this evening, and the event gives promise of being one of the best of the kind ever given in Bloomsburg. It is certain that the chorus is the best drilled that has ever sung in Columbia county. There are about sixty voices under the leadership of Dr. D. J. J. Mason of Wilkes-Barre, and the music is of a high order, and yet of such a character that it can be enjoyed by everybody who loves music, regardless of musical education. The seats are selling rapidly, and it promises to be the most brilliant audience of the season.

### THE PROGRAM.

The following is the program for the concert to be given by the Bloomsburg Choral Society at the Normal Auditorium on Thursday evening, May 28th.

#### PART I.

O, Hail us, ye free.....Verdi  
Bloomsburg Choral Society.  
Reading, Guessing Nationalities, Mark Twain  
Mrs. John L. Richardson.  
"Orpheus and his lute".....Sullivan  
Miss Mary Albert.  
Aria "O God, Have Mercy".....Mendelssohn  
Mr. Charles O. Skeer.  
The Arrow and the Song.....Walter Hay  
Choral Society.

#### PART II.

St. Cecilia's Day.....J. B. von Bree  
Chorus.....Breathe into this quiet vale.  
Choral Society.  
Solo—Sing praise to her, Miss Mary Albert.  
Chorus.....Brooks shall murmur.  
Choral Society.  
Solo—Frascati, fairest vale of Italy.  
Miss Hetty Cope.  
Chorus—Youth and beauty hand in hand.  
Choral Society.  
Recitative—Sweet sounds the Song of Love.  
Mr. R. F. Colley.  
Chorus—Rise and break the chains that bind us.....Chorus of Men.  
Chorus.....Shady Groves.  
Choral Society.  
Recitative.....Von silver moon.  
Miss Mary Albert.  
Chorus—Incense odors hovering o'er us.  
Choral Society.  
Recitative—With gratitude our hearts are filled.....Miss Mary Albert.  
Solo with Chorus, Come forward with pleasure  
Miss Hetty Cope, and Choral Society  
Chorus.....Holy Music  
Choral Society.

The tickets are 25 cents, including reserved seat. Diagram at Bidleman's book store.

Max Gross severed his connection with the Louis Gross clothing store Saturday evening. Gerald Gross will assist his father in the store in the future.

# GARLANDS FOR OUR FALLEN HEROES

Over the narrow homes that hold the dust of "the blue and the gray," fond memory lingers, while loving hands place a chaplet of flowers upon their graves.

The muffled drum and muted fife again wake the strains of "Marching Through Georgia," and the sweet melody of "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," echoes through the vistas of the past. Soldier, sleep well, the breezes chant thy requiem, while the heartthrobs of America's millions honor thy memory.

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