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BLOOMSBURG, PA. THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1903.

Commencement Week. THE CHORAL SOCIETY

Large Audiences mark the **Closing Days of the** Term

IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

To-day is the closing of the year's work in the public schools of Bloomsburg. The program for commencement week began on Sunday evening, when the graduating class of lery seats were filled and nearly the High school, and all the teach- every seat down stairs except those ers assembled at the Presbyterian under the gallery. Owing to an Church to listen to the baccalaureate unavoidable delay it was 8.45 when sermon by Rev. Dr. Hemingway. A large congregation was present. The text of the sermon was Rev. 3rd chapter 11th verse; "Hold that fast which thou hast, th t no man take thy crown." It was an eloquent discourse replete with wholesome advice.

THE DRAMA.

On Monday evening the Senior class presented a four act drama entitled, "Down in Maine", in the Opera House, and covered them-selves with glory. The following is the cast of characters:

Zeph Cammings of Hardscrabble Farm, way down in Maine,.... Mr, Silas Riddle. Believes in the Golden Rule, and practices

Believes in the believes. what he believes. Ralph, his brother, a New York Millionaire, Lewis Moyer.

Neil Wentworth, a young inventor, ... Eugene Quick. Bingle, the old fisherman.....

Susie Cummings, Ralph's daughter, ... Miss Edith Krumm.

Mrs. Cummings, Zeph's wife, Miss Mæ House,

Miss Mar House. Keziah, "forty-three and desperate,"...... Miss Mary Welliver. Betsey Tomps,......Miss Luzetta Davis. Time:—The Present. Place:-Down in Main

The music was furnished by

Schwarz's orchestra which played the following selections: 'Medley Overture, "Comin' thro' the Rye,"

JUNIOR CONTEST. On Tuesday evening the sixth annual contest in elocution, and the elocution, a medal, a fountain pen, vigorous applause, and this may be

Two Public Entertainments a Year will be given in the Future.

First One a Grand Success.

The first concert of the Bloomsburg Choral Society was given in the Normal Auditorium on Thursday evening, May 28th. The gal Dr. Mason took his place on the conductor's stand. The program opened with a chorus, "O Hail us, ye free" by Verdi. It was sung with spirit, and it was at once evident that Dr. Mason had the chorus under complete control. Mrs John L. Richardson followed with a humorous reading entitled "Guess-ing Nationalities," by Mark Twain. It was given in her usual excellent style and was much enjoyed by the

audience. Miss Mary Albert sang "Orpheus with his lute" by Sullivan, in a charming manner. She has a voice which, though not of great strength, is remarkably sweet and clear, and her singing in public is always one of the attractive features of any program. The aria, "O God have Mercy," by Mendelssohn, was sung by Mr. Chas. O. Skeer in fine form. He has a rich baritone voice, and his tones are clear and resonant. His enunication was perfect and every word was distinctly understood in every part of the house. His selection was a difficult one to sing, and of rather a sembre character, but he acquitted himself with great credit, and added much to the pleasure of the audience.

The closing number of part first was "The Arrow and the Song," by Longfellow, with music by Walter Hay. It was easily the gem of the evening among the choruses, both in beauty of composition, and the expression with which it was sung. Dr. Mason stated during the rehearsals that it was the most difficult piece on the program to sing

effectively, and great care was ob- very satisfactory result considering served in its preparation. The that this was the first concert of the first contest in vocal music was audience could have had it repeated society, and the very low price of held. Three prizes were offered in by asking for it with a little more admission. Much credit is due to the pianists

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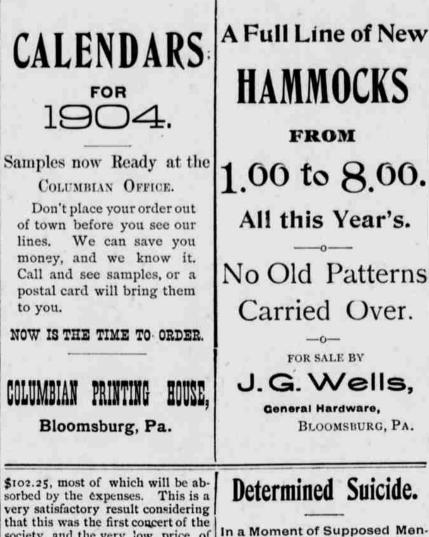
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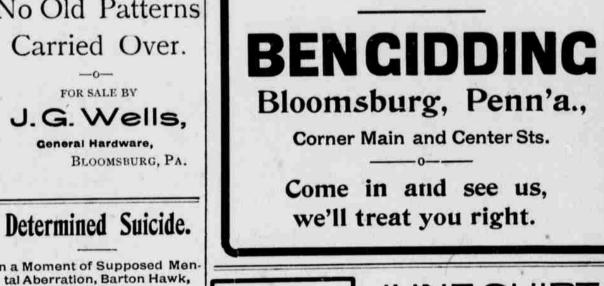
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and a book, to be awarded to members of the Junior class of the High School. A handsome picture was offered as a prize to the chorus doing the best work, and this was contested for by girls from the High School, and girls from the Grammar School. The judges of the oratorical contest were Mrs. Judge Herring, Mrs. J. L. Richardson, and Prof. Snyder of Berwick. The chorus judges were Mrs. J. K. Miller, Miss Pontius and Geo. E. Elwell. The reports of the judges will be announced tonight at the commencement exercises. The program of Tuesday evening

was as follows:

was as follows: Reading, Scorching vs. Diamonds..... Pauline Phelps Belva Fahringer. Reading, ...The Confessional...W. W. Story Carola Gunton. Becker's March Chorus Number I...Becker Reading, How Ruby Played.....Anon Raymond Rinker. Reading, Zingarella the Spanish..... Ed. L. McDowell Gertrade Gross. Becker's March Chorus Number II Becker Reading, Sally Ann's Experience..... Jennie Knapp. Reading, Mark Twain and the Interviewer Harry Andres. O, Hush Thee, my Baby, Chorus No. II Sullivan. The elocutionary exercises were all given with a degree of proficiency that surprised many in the audience. They were of varied character, and though each recitation was long, but not unpleasantly

so, there was not an apparent skip of memory nor the slightest hesitation on the part of any participant. Each selection was thoroughly committed, and was delivered with accuracy, ease, grace, and a clearness of enunciation that was admirable. All did so well that it would be unfair to name one without naming all. It is not surprising that the judges were in session an hour before they could decide who was entitled to the three prizes. Miss Houser has had charge of the

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hall.

During the few moments inter-mission, Dr. Welsh, president of the society, thanked the audience for their liberal patronage, and ex-plained the objects and benefits of the organization.

The second part consisted of the cantata," St. Cecilia's Day." It is all good music, and was well sung throughout. Miss Albert, Miss Cope, and Mr. Colley were the solo-ists and performed their parts in a very pleasing manner. Recitatives are very hard to sing, and are not usually very highly appreciated by an audience, but these singers made an audience, but these singers made the most of their assignments.

vocal powers of a high class, Miss of the agreement. Cope has cultivated her voice by practice here and study abroad until music that is a great and to the Society and a delight to all her friends

quet. The contata was sung from beginning to end with spirit and expression, and its very satisfactory rendition was owing largely to the thorough drilling by Dr. Mason, and to the interest and enthusiasm with which he inspired the singers. He is certainly a great conductor, and the society will undoubtedly endeavor to secure his services in the future.

The receipts of the concert were from the elements.

said of every number of the first Mrs. J. K. Miller and Mrs. R. F. part. There were no encores be- Colley. They have been constant cause the audience evidently were in their attendance at rehearsals, given the impression in some way and it was a pleasure to sing with that owing to the lateness in be-ginning no encores would be re-them are among the leaders in sponded to. This explanation has musical circles, and their ablilities been given by a number of people are frequently in demand on public sitting in different parts of the occasions. The Society is fortunate in having two such willing and skillful pianists. It is not likely that much work

will be done until September. Then it is intended to get as many new members as possible, and to take up work preparatory for a pub-lic rehearsal either in November or

The Columbia and Montour Electric Railway Company must cease running cars across the river bridge The most musical parts of the at Catawissa, until their part of the cantata were the chorus of men, agreement, that is, the construction "Rise and break the chains that of the road through the town of bind us"; the choral, "Incense odors hovering o'er us,"; solo and chorus, "Come forward with pleas-er made at the meeting of the Board ure," by Miss Cope and Society; on Monday, the company is running and the finale "Holy Music." Miss its cars across the bridge and allow-Cope's solo in "Come forward" was ing the car to stand on the bridge a bright part and her voice seemed while passengers are being taken on to be made for it. Endowed with or discharged, which is a violation

As a matter of course the Trolley Company cannot extend the line up she has reached a stage of culture in into the town until they obtain the right to cross the tracks of the Reading Railway Company. They who have the privilege of listening to her. During the evening she was presented with a beautiful boudown along the wing wall so as not to obstruct the approach to the bridge, and put down the "felloe" guards, which are to be made of white oak. The clerk was instructed to notify the Trolley Company to cease operations on the bridge until these conditions are complied with.

> The Trolley Company has erected a station at Willow Grove, which weather has put back vegetation so will afford passengers protection far that there has not been much

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Decapitated by Car Wheels. The dead body of Barton Hawk,

of Main Township, Ends

HIS LITE.

of Main township, was found along the Philadelphia & Reading Railway tracks, a short distance from Mainville, about seven o'clock Tuesday morning. The body was lying face downward, and had evidently been pushed from the main track over on the siding. The head was completely severed from the body.

It was at first feared that murder had been committed, that after having been killed and robbed, his body had been placed upon the railroad, for the purpose of hiding the crime. Investigation and developments however, seem to indicate that it was a case of determined suicide.

He had been in ill health for everal weeks, and frequently during that time many peculiarities in his conduct had been observed. Only the night before he was discovered in a tree adjusting a chain to a limb for the purpose of hanging himself.

The body was removed to the home of his parents, and Coroner B. F. Sharpless of Catawissa summoned. Mr. Sharpless went to the scene, and empanelled a jury, but no inquest was held. He gathered and considered the facts and concluded that it was purely a case of self destruction and that an inquest was unnecessary.

The unfortunate man was twentyeight years of age. Illness had either unbalanced his mind, or else, discouraged him to such an extent, that life had become burdensome.

Ourb-Stone Market.

The curb-stone market will open on Saturday morning next. The order will be issued by the town council at it's meeting to-night. It is past the usual time for opening the market now, but the dry for the truckers to sell.

