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Very Pretty Church Wedding.

Paul Z. Harman and Miss Flora A. Skeer Joined in Happy Wedlock.

SPLENDID ARRAY OF GUESTS

Tuesday evening at six o'clock marked the celebration of the nuptials of Paul Zahner Harman, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter S. Harman, and Miss Flora A. Skeer, daughter of Mrs. Laura E. Skeer. The event took place in the Methodist Episcopal church, before a large company of invited guests as well as many others who were attracted by the popularity of the two young people concerned.

The ceremony, which was performed by Dr. W. P. Eveland, pastor of the church, was a pretty one. Miss Skeer attired in a beautiful gown of white crepe de chine, trimmed with Irish point lace, wearing a veil surmounted with orange blossoms, made a charming bride, and her bridesmaids, who were Miss Florence Beisel of Philadelphia, Miss Julia Sharpless of Bloomsburg, and Miss Mable Hartzel of Millville, and the maid of honor Miss Bess Cleaver of Philadelphia, the former dressed in white net over taffeta, and the latter in white batiste over white taffeta, and all carrying shower bouquets of violets, constituted a picture fair to look upon. The ushers were Mr. Gerald Gross of Bloomsburg, Mr. Richard Lockard of Berwick, and the bride's brothers, Mr. Lloyd B. Skeer and Mr. Joseph A. Skeer.

The bridal party entered the church from the Sunday School room, during the rendition of a song selection by Miss Margaret Andreas of Wilkes-Barre, and took their positions in front of the altar, appearing in the following order: First the ushers, followed by the ring bearer, Frank Ikeler, Jr., son of Hon. and Mrs. Fred Ikeler, then the bridesmaids, after which came the maid of honor, and then the bride, leaning on the arm of her brother Mr. Charles O. Skeer. The groom and best man, his brother, Hon. John G. Harman, met the party at the altar, where the happy words were spoken.

The evening, unfortunately, was rather stormy, and did not bring the typical early spring weather, which during several of the days previous, glorified this particular section. But the large company of people who assembled at the ceremony and the following reception at the bride's home, were oblivious to weather conditions, as they had come to see and be seen.

Mr. and Mrs. Harman departed amid a shower of rice, and well wishes on the 8:44 D. L. & W. train for a tour to Jamaica. They will be at home after April 5th, at 326 Market Street.

Among those from out of town who attended the wedding: Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald, Mrs. A. H. Hazlett and J. Guy Sleppy, of Scranton; Mrs. Martha Hartzell and daughters, Miss Maude Wintersteen and Mrs. Robert Wintersteen, of Millville; Mrs. J. C. Wintersteen and family, of Numidia; Mrs. Fetterolf and daughters, Dorothy and Nellie, of Mazeppa; Miss Bess Cleaver and Mrs. Wm. Cleaver, of Philadelphia; Miss Elizabeth Andreas, Miss Margaret Andreas, Miss Fannie Andreas, Miss Emma Courtwright, Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Dora Mourey, of Wilkes-Barre; Miss Grace McAnall and Richard Lockard, of Berwick; Louis Plaza and Willis Hazen, of Wyoming Seminary; Rev. and Mrs. Harry Harman, of Milton.

Election at Public Library.

At a meeting held Tuesday afternoon the following library directors were elected: Mrs. S. C. Creasy, Miss L. P. Waller, Mrs. J. G. Wells, Mrs. Samuel Wigfall, Mrs. E. B. Tustin, Mrs. J. G. Harman, Mrs. J. L. Dillon, Col. J. G. Freeze, Messrs. C. W. Miller, O. H. Bakelless, J. R. Townsend, Louis Cohen. The tellers were Geo. E. Elwell and A. Z. Schoch.

C. C. Peacock has resigned from the board of directors of the Richard Manufacturing Company.

Quick's Coal Office Destroyed by Fire.

Burglars After Blowing Open the Safe Leave Building to Devouring Element.

CHRISMAN'S STORE VISITED

When daylight dawned on Tuesday J. G. Quick's coal office, a good sized frame structure along the P. & R. Railroad tracks, not far from the Magee Carpet Mill, was a heap of smoldering ruins. The destruction of the building was directly traceable to a visit of a gang of desperadoes, who evidently thinking that the safe contained money, blew it open with dynamite. Either the force of the explosion upset the stove, or else the perpetrators, chagrined at not finding any money in the safe knocked the stove over.

The night watchman at the Carpet Mill, was the first to discover the fire. He was making his rounds about four o'clock, when his attention was attracted by the blaze. He hurriedly investigated and found that nearly all of the interior was in flames and burning fiercely. He sent in an alarm from box 21.

Among the early arrivals on the scene were Albert Chamberlin and William Cox who by dint of hard work and bravery succeeded in saving the books.

By this time the Good Will and Liberty Fire Companies were on hand, but the fate of the building was sealed and they could do little more than prevent the spread of the fire to the adjacent structures.

An investigation after the fire had been extinguished revealed unmistakable evidence that dynamite had been used. The outer door of the safe was badly bent and twisted, and the inner door was considerably rent.

CHRISMAN'S STORE VISITED.

Later in the morning it was learned that J. H. Chrisman's harness store at the corner of Main and Railroad streets had been included in the raid. The door had been forced open with a sharp edged instrument and the money drawer removed from its position and thrown on the floor. But here too the burglars failed in their efforts to enrich themselves. It is evident that the motive was purely mercenary, as nothing else in the store or at least so far as could be seen, had been disturbed.

It is known that several suspicious looking characters had been seen in that section of town for a day or two preceding the fire, and they are doubtless the ones who committed the crimes.

FIRE FIEND AT WORK AGAIN.

The fire fiend who has been operating in and about Catawissa for more than a year, during which time several buildings principally barns have gone to feed the flames, was at work again last evening. This time it was Philip H. Miller's barn, and that the building was not entirely wiped out of existence was no fault of the miscreant. His plans were well laid. A good portion of the floor was saturated with kerosene, as well as the sides of the building. Mr. Miller was in an out-house only a few yards from the barn and the first glare of the fire challenged his attention. As luck had it, there were several buckets of water standing inside the barn door, and Mr. Miller quickly put them on the fire, extinguishing the blaze.

An alarm had been sent in, the fire department was out, and the greatest excitement prevailed. The incendiary has been rampant in Catawissa of late. This makes four attempts within a year all made about the same time in the evening and right in the face of the fact that the Locust Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Locust township has offered a reward of \$1000 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons.

Ten days in jail on bread and water was the sentence passed upon Frank Hire by President Townsend, after the hearing given the prisoner in the Council Chamber on Tuesday. Hire, it seems, is possessed of an undue propensity for house breaking. Among the houses into which he attempted to effect an entrance was that of E. B. Tustin on South Market street.

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DIRECTORS' CONVENTION.

A Goodly Attendance Notwithstanding that Weather Was Inclement.

A gratifying attendance and deep interest characterized the second annual convention of the School Directors Association held in the Court House yesterday. The morning session convened at ten o'clock. President of the Association, Dr. L. B. Kline, presided. Rev. J. D. Thomas, pastor of the Reformed Church, conducted devotional exercises, after which Dr. Kline made an excellent address to the meeting. Jas. C. Brown followed with an able talk, with reference to the address of the State president, at the Penna. Directors' Convention.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Nathan C. Shaffer was the next to speak. His address was what he styled a "Plea for the Child." Mr. Shaffer is a clever logician and clinches his arguments well. His address was the very essence of force and definiteness, and was most highly enjoyed. The last speaker at the forenoon session was Prof. C. H. Albert, who voiced some high minded views along educational lines.

The afternoon session convened at two o'clock. A. W. Eves spoke on "The Parental Side of Education," followed by F. B. Hartman, with an excellent paper on "The Value of Music in the Public Schools." J. P. Hill discussed "What Directors may do to Arouse More Educational Interest in the Rural School," after which Supt. Shaffer addressed the convention on "School Supervision."

The closing remarks were made by County Supt. W. W. Evans, who spoke in a clear, forceful manner. Mr. Evans has developed a style of speaking that always keeps his audience on pleasant terms with him, and contributes much to the enjoyment of his hearers.

There were in all seventy-three directors present.

LAST SAD RITES.

The high esteem in which he was held and the personal respect toward Rudolph H. Ringler was attested by a large attendance at the funeral Monday afternoon. Included among those present were many members of the secret societies to which he belonged, namely: Washington Lodge No. 265 F. and A. M.; Bloomsburg Council No. 146 O. U. A. M.; LaVallette Commandery No. 91 Knights of Malta and Van Camp Lodge No. 140 I. O. O. F. The procession left the house at one o'clock and proceeded to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church where services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Byers, assisted by Rev. W. M. Tinker, of the Baptist Church. The choir of the church sang several beautiful selections. Many beautiful flowers, from the secret societies and friends, were banked about the casket. The pall bearers were W. H. Cook, W. M. Lemon and William Traub, of the Knights of Malta, and Isaiah Ohl, F. H. Eyerly and Wm. Dieterick, of the United American Mechanics. The services at the grave were in charge of the Masons and were conducted by H. A. McKillip Master and Rev. W. M. Tinker.

Secretary Morgan of the Y. M. C. A. has completed the arrangements for Sunday afternoon's meeting in the Opera House. All the fire companies have been invited to be present. Special music has been prepared and the address will be delivered by Hon. Fred Ikeler.



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NARROW ESCAPE.

Ice Gave Way Beneath Weight of Team But Fortunately Water Was Not Deep.

W. B. Rhoades, agent in this section for the Grand Union Tea Company, had a hazardous experience while crossing the river on the ice a short distance below the bridge at Catawissa toward evening Friday afternoon. He was driving across with his team and had reached a point about twenty feet from shore on this side when the ice suddenly gave way precipitating driver, horses and wagon into the stream. Fortunately the water was not deep. Mr. Rhoades got out unaided and with the assistance of some men succeeded, after the ice was broken to the shore, in getting the horses out with much difficulty. The contents of the wagon were ruined by the water.

Lenten Services.

The Lenten season opened on Wednesday. Services were held at St. Paul's church morning and evening, the Rev. Lewis Nichols of Lock Haven preaching at night. The services will be as follows:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:30 P. M.
Wednesdays, 9:30 A. M. 7:30 P. M.
Fridays, 9:30 A. M. 4:30 P. M.
Saturdays, 7:00 P. M.

Next week, Wednesday, the Rev. G. I. Brown, rector of St. John's Church, Bellefont, will preach in the evening.

Special lenten services are being held in St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church by Rev. J. E. Byers, the sermons on Sundays being especially appropriate for the season. During Holy Week daily services will be held.

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In a letter enclosing \$1.00 for an advance subscription to the COLUMBIAN, Mrs. S. J. Campbell, of Orangeville R. F. D. No. 2 says: "I cannot well get along without your paper." This kindly expression makes us feel that our efforts to publish a first class weekly paper are being appreciated.

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