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### DAUGHTER OF JAIRUS.

Rendition of the Beautiful Cantata a Complete Success.

Before an audience that filled nearly every seat in the Normal Auditorium last Monday night, the Bloomsburg Choral Society rendered Sir John Stainer's cantata, "The Daughter of Jairus," in a most delightful manner. It is a beautiful musical composition and the solo parts were admirably handled by Miss Rosa E. Vollrath, soprano, Mr. William T. Gould, tenor, and Mr. John R. Heim, the two latter from Williamsport, they being the only out-of-town talent.

The orchestra of 22 pieces was gathered up by Mr. Skeer, and included instrumentalists from Bloomsburg, Williamsport, Danville, Catawissa and Northumberland. The wonderful thing about their playing is that they had but one rehearsal together, and that was on Monday afternoon. In execution and expression they performed as though they had been playing together for a long time, while in fact it was the first time many of them had ever seen the music.

The chorus was well trained, and they did their work well, seeming to be under perfect control of the conductor at all times. The orchestral accompaniment was a very great improvement on the piano alone. There has been just as good singing by home talent in Bloomsburg before this, but the orchestral addition, with the well trained voices, all under the magnetic leadership of a man whose heart and soul was in his work, combined to make this concert the best local musical performance ever given in Bloomsburg. And we say this without any intention of detracting from the excellence of any former entertainment, for there have been a number in past years that were of an excellent character; but they lacked the orchestral accompaniment, and the enthusiasm which it naturally engenders.

To Mr. Charles O. Skeer is due all the praise and credit for the successful presentation of this cantata. His energy and perseverance overcame all obstacles in his way, and they were many. He was discouraged by others who had in mind the lack of interest and consequent short-lives of former musical organizations. But once he had gathered enough together for a respectable chorus, he had no difficulty in holding them, for he at once impressed upon them the self-evident fact that they had a competent and enthusiastic leader.

The gathering of an orchestra too was no small undertaking, but he succeeded in this also, and when on Monday night he waved his baton for the closing tones of the cantata, he stepped forth as a conductor with a reputation made in a night. He had the singers and orchestra under perfect control from start to finish, he was graceful in his movements, perfectly self-possessed, and inspired the singers with confidence. Every number was greeted with continued applause, but no parts were repeated.

Mr. Skeer intends to continue the choral work, and the membership is open to all persons who can sing, and who are willing to give the necessary time to rehearsals. Applications for membership should be sent to E. H. Rut, secretary.

The First National Bank has a temporary entrance at the side near the Post office. The Townsend store has been torn out, and the work on the improvements to the building is progressing rapidly.

### COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Only one civil case was tried in court last week, that of S. R. Cool vs. the Grimes Feed Store, resulting in a verdict for the defendant.

Com. vs. Sam Somonoro. This case comes from West Berwick and the defendant was charged with an aggravated assault and battery. Investigation showed that this was not the name of the person who committed the assault as he was working at the steel plant and now the officers don't know who it was.

The District Attorney moved for a nol pros, and county to pay costs. This the Court would not permit, saying that the case should be continued over the term and that the District Attorney should send the indictment before the Grand Jury and let it dispose of the costs. That the practice of bringing such action should be stopped and there was no better way of doing it than compelling them to pay costs. If they persisted in bringing such cases they should pay for them.

In the case of Com. vs. John McCarty, f. and b., the Court allowed the District Attorney to enter a nol pros. The parties having married, they paid the costs.

In the estate of Peter Huttenstine, late of Center township, deceased, Henry Hetler and Charles Hartman were appointed appraisers to set aside the widow's share of the estate.

The case of J. M. Vought vs. D. E. Fegley, agent, which was down for trial, was settled and marked off the list.

Houck vs. Cabin Run Coal Co. was continued on request of the defendant.

In the estate of Geo. W. Supplee, deceased, H. Mont. Smith, Esq., is continued as auditor to report at September term.

Thos. A. Lohman vs. Elizabeth Lohman, divorce. On motion of James L. Evans, Esq., a master was appointed to take testimony.

The same action was taken in the divorce proceedings of Alice Trimbull vs. Simon Trimbull.

In the estate of George C. Smith, deceased, on motion auditor was appointed to make distribution of balance in the hands of the administrator.

Com. vs. Charles Sterner, charged with non support by his wife, Retta Sterner.

Com. vs. John T. Edwards, charged by his wife, Alice E. Edwards, with non support.

Com. vs. J. R. Fowler, who was charged with assault and battery by John T. Edwards.

The Court ordered the prosecutors in the above cases to pay the costs within ten days. These are all old cases and have been on the calendar for a long time. There was no evidence before the Grand Jury in support of the indictments.

### FORT MCLURE CHAPTER.

At a special meeting of Fort McClure Chapter, D. A. R. last Saturday at the home of Mrs. Judge Ikeler, regent, a report was made by her as delegate to the Sixteenth National Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Washington, D. C. held on April 15th. The report was very comprehensive and entertaining. After the business meeting Mrs. Ikeler served refreshments to the members.

The grand jury last week declined to recommend an appropriation from the county funds for a soldiers' monument, but on Thursday reconsidered the matter, and approved it, providing the county should not contribute more than \$8000.

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### DEATH CAME SUDDENLY.

Russel C. Buckalew Expires at Lightstreet.

Last Saturday at 12.45, while chatting with several friends at Remley's hotel in Lightstreet, Russel C. Buckalew's head suddenly fell to one side, his breathing became labored, and in a few moments he was dead. He had gone to Lightstreet to look after one of his horses which had gone lame and been left there by a patron of the livery stable of which Mr. Buckalew was the proprietor, and had telephoned to his wife that he would not be home for dinner. He had eaten a hearty meal and seemed in the best of spirits, and had just indulged in a hearty laugh when the sudden summons came.

Mr. Buckalew had been in the livery business here for many years, first in partnership with his brother Amos until the latter's death some years ago, and the business continued to be conducted in the name of Buckalew Bros. up to the present time.

He was of a cheerful and jovial disposition, and enjoyed a large acquaintance all through this section, and among travelling men. He was a son of the late John Buckalew and was born at Cambria, Luzerne County, June 9, 1836. At the outset of the Civil War he enlisted June 13, 1861, from this county and was mustered into the service at Harrisburg to serve three years. He was a member of Co. F, 7th Regiment Reserve Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Col. E. B. Harvey and H. C. Bolinger. He participated in the battles of Great Falls, Dranesville, Mechanicsville, Haines Mills, Savage Station, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Mud March. He was assigned to garrison duty at Camp Conval and later was engaged in the battle of the Wilderness. At the expiration of his term he received an honorable discharge at Philadelphia June 16, 1864. He was a member of Ent Post 250 G. A. R. and of Union Veteran Legion No. 32.

Following the Civil War Mr. Buckalew went to New York City where he was employed in the Cotton Exchange. It was in that city that he met Miss Mary E. Gager, who afterwards became his wife.

Coming to Bloomsburg 27 years ago he with his brother, Amos, purchased the Risewick livery, and the partnership since the death of his brother has been continued with the widow.

He is survived by his wife and three children: Louis, employed by the State Highway Department and located at Milton, and Raymond and Lillian at home. The following named brothers and sisters also survive: Sheridan, of Maple Run; Samuel and Evan, of Wilkes-Barre; William, of Philadelphia; James and Miss Mary R. Buckalew, of Fairmont Springs.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. J. E. Byers and Rev. Dr. Hemingway. Ent Post 250 G. A. R., members of the Union Veteran Legion, attended in a body, and a volley was fired over the grave by a squad of the Sons of Veterans. The attendance was very large, and the great number of the floral tributes bore testimony to the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

The remains were buried in Rosemont Cemetery.

The High School seniors will all graduate, having passed their examinations.

### EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

The third annual convention of the Episcopal diocese of Harrisburg convened Tuesday evening at St. Matthew's church, Sunbury. Practically all of the clergy of the diocese were in attendance and many lay delegates. There were 73 laymen and 44 clergymen who answered the first roll call.

This diocese is composed of twenty-two counties in the centre of the State. There are sixty-one clergymen entitled to seats in the convention and one hundred and thirty-eight lay deputies, representing seventy-seven parishes and organized missions.

The services of the convention began when Bishop Darlington delivered his annual address on the state of the church in the diocese. At the conclusion of the address the convention was organized. After the organization a reception was tendered in S. Matthew's parish house to Bishop and Mrs. Darlington, the clergy, lay delegates, their ladies and friends.

St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, was represented by Rev. J. W. Diggles and Geo. E. Elwell.

This year there are to be elected four clerical and four lay deputies to represent this diocese in the general convention to be held in Richmond, Va., in October next. This election causes the church to look with unusual interest upon this convention because it is the first time the diocese of Harrisburg has been called upon to choose a deputation to represent it in the general convention, there always being considerable good natured rivalry for these offices and honors.

This month being the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of Bishop Potter to the diaconate, the church club of the diocese of Harrisburg, composed of laymen from the different parishes, tendered him a complimentary banquet in the Sunbury armory at 6:30 o'clock last evening and at his suggestion the banquet was held at Sunbury after the close of the diocesan convention. There is no connection between the diocesan convention and the church club, and their sessions have never previously been held at the same time.

### MUSICALE.

The Parish House was well filled Thursday evening when a musicale was given under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. J. G. Wells was the manager, and under her guidance a delightful program was prepared. Those who took part were Miss Blanche Letson of the Normal School, who sang several soprano solos in a very charming way; Miss Anna Creasy, who has acquired a high reputation as a harpist. She played a solo, a duet for harp and flute with Mr. Karl F. Wirt, a duet for harp and violin with Mr. Gines Escanaverino, and accompaniments in other numbers. Mr. and Mrs. Karl F. Wirt rendered a duet for flute and piano, which was evidently received with much favor. Mr. R. R. Voris sang two solos, and made a hit both times. Miss Comstock was very graceful in her Indian club exercises.

Every number was vociferously applauded, and the audience demanded encores, but it was previously understood that no encores would be given so none responded. But notwithstanding this everybody received the full worth of their money, and went home fully satisfied with the delightful entertainment.

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