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THE CREATION.

BloomSBurg Choral Society's Third Concert Its Greatest and Best.

While it has merited much praise, and achieved a high reputation by its former concerts, the BloomSBurg Choral Society surpassed itself on Tuesday night when it presented Haydn's Oratorio of "The Creation." Through the kindness of the trustees of the Methodist Church that splendid auditorium had been secured for the occasion, and it was well filled by a representative BloomSBurg audience, while many were in attendance from neighboring towns.

A platform arranged in tiers for the singers was erected on the pulpit platform, and the chorus of eighty voices occupied these, while in front of these was the orchestra of twenty-five pieces, and the soloists. The orchestra consisted of Prof. C. P. Ellwell's regular organization, augmented by players from Williamsport, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Danville.

The only rehearsals of the orchestra by itself or with the singers was on Tuesday afternoon, and when the difficult character of the music is considered it is truly wonderful that they were able to work together so marvelously. The instrumentation was well balanced, and the orchestra is entitled to its full share of praise for its fine performance.

With the orchestra, Miss Grace Housel played the piano throughout the production, and of her splendid work too much cannot be said. During the weeks of preparation she has furnished the only accompaniment the society has had, and by her distinct touch, her accurate reading and her perfect time she has rendered the difficult task of mastering so intricate a musical composition, a comparatively easy one. To her a full share of the thanks of the society and of the public is justly due.

In the leading choruses the grandeur of the music was enhanced by the addition of the pipe organ under the skillful hands of Mrs. Fred Holmes, organist of the church. In the chorus "The Heavens are Telling" the effect was grand, and we may safely say that never before has this community ever had the pleasure of listening to such an outburst of majestic melody. It was inspiring and here as well as in other parts of the oratorio, it was evident that the production was under the guidance of a master hand.

The soloists were Miss Ethel Jones, Soprano, Mr. Thomas Beynon, Tenor, and Mr. Philip Warren, Bass, all of Scranton. Their services were secured by Mr. Skeer, as they enjoy the reputation of being among the finest vocalists in that city, and no mistake was made. They all performed their parts admirably and to the intense enjoyment of the audience.

Miss Jones, who is only 18 years old, is a wonder. She has a very clear, sweet voice, taking the high notes with perfect ease. By her voice and her unassuming manner she captivated the audience at once, and each of her numbers was enthusiastically applauded. The young lady has a brilliant future before her.

In managing the details of such an undertaking there is a vast amount of work to do. In this part of the work Mr. J. L. Richardson, librarian of the society, was most active and efficient. All of the business details were arranged by him and Mr. Skeer, and a few others, and the success of the undertaking shows how well this was done.

And now it becomes our pleasant task to ascribe "honor to whom honor is due." To Mr. Charles O. Skeer, who resuscitated a defunct organization, instilled new life into it, and produced such results with it, should

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DEEDS RECORDED.

The following deeds have recently been entered of record by Recorder of Deeds Frank W. Miller: Annie K. Riddle, administratrix of F. Br. Riddle, deceased, to Susannah Rambo for a lot of ground in West BloomSBurg.

Margaret Watts to Clyde E. Watts for 13 acres and 157 perches of land in Greenwood township.

Freas Fowler and wife to James Fox for lot of ground situate on Second street in West Berwick.

Mary M. Sittler to Carl Fleckenshtein for a house and lot of ground in Orangeville.

Izora Hosler and husband to D. G. Klinetob for a lot of ground situate in Briar Creek township.

Executors of Isaac Martz estate to Samuel E. Sittler for three lots of ground situate on Fairview Terrace, Briar Creek township.

C. F. Seeley and wife to Erastus Kline for a lot of land in Pine township.

John S. Housenick and wife to Hugh Thompson for a lot of ground situate on the West side of Walnut street, Berwick.

T. M. Scanlan and wife to Hugh Thompson for a lot of ground situate on the West side of Walnut street, Berwick.

E. H. Sloan and wife to Geo. W. Wagner for 84 acres and 129 perches of land situate in Orange township.

Samuel Smoyer and wife to John Hoffnagle for 15 acres and 68 perches of land in Millin township.

Henry Fry and wife to C. M. Gorton for 6 acres and 99 perches of land situate in Madison township.

Berwick Land and Improvement Company to Alex. Basala for lot of ground on Fifth avenue, West Berwick.

Alex. Basala and wife to Alex. Stezar for lot No. 1588 in Borough of West Berwick.

John Ammerman to Katherine A. Ammerman for lot of ground on the North side of First avenue, West Berwick.

J. WESLEY JOHN.

J. Wesley John of Mainville was stricken with paralysis while driving home near that place on Saturday. He was in BloomSBurg that day, then went to Mainville, and seemed in his usual good health. He passed the teams of Barton Bisel and Pierce Gruver, and did not notice them or attempt to turn out at all for them, which was considered unusual, but they had no thought that anything was wrong with Mr. John. His team took him safely home, and there his son met him and found him unconscious. He died eight hours afterwards. His age was 68 years.

He was a life long resident of Main township, and highly esteemed citizen. He is survived by his widow and the following children: Bessie, Ida, David and Wilson, at home; Ralph R. John Esq., and Dr. J. S. John of town; Mrs. Daisy Zimmerman, of Mt. Carmel; Mrs. W. C. Langfield, of Hemlock township; also by one sister, Mrs. A. W. Gruver, of Mainville.

The funeral was held on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, the burial being at Catawissa.

FAST DRIVING ON BRIDGES.

The county commissioners have decided that fast driving on the county bridges must be stopped. The penalty will be enforced hereafter, and arrests will be made. It has been the practice for some time past for teams with heavy loads to go over the Bloom and Catawissa bridges on a trot.

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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The second week of court opened on Monday with fourteen cases marked for trial. All the jurors but three were present, the absentees being ill.

The first case called was Thos. E. Parder vs. John A. Shuman, an action of assumpsit for \$112.00. On account of a statement to the jury of one of the plaintiff's counsel on opening the case that the suit had been previously heard before a justice, and came into court on an appeal by defendant, a juror was withdrawn, and the case continued.

Suit of Yetter vs. Longenberger, was next called. It was an action of ejectment to recover title to land in Main township. The defense was the statute of limitation, the defendant having been in uninterrupted possession for twenty-one years. The case went to the jury on Wednesday, and a verdict was returned for the defendant.

The report of the viewers on the opening of East Fourth street was confirmed absolutely, no exceptions having been filed.

In the matter of the division of Briar Creek township into another election district, the report of the viewers awarding the same was confirmed and the school house fixed as the place for holding the same.

The appearance docket was called and judgments taken for want of an appearance and affidavit of defense.

Jacob M. Rider was appointed tax collector of Pine township vice Alfred Kitchen, who resigned owing to illness.

John W. Bogart was appointed overseer of the poor of Fishingcreek township, Charles Whitenight, the former overseer, having resigned.

In the matter of the removal of the school directors of Conyngham School District, the Court made an order that the costs of the proceedings be paid by the school district.

On motion the Court appointed Wm. W. Brown guardian of Elmer W. Brown and Stella M. Brown, minor children of Wm. A. Brown, deceased.

The bond of Henry C. Knapp, constable of Beaver township, was approved by the Court.

The hotel license of John J. Lee for the hotel near the B. & S. Railroad was upon petition transferred to Thomas Brittain.

Upon petition Herman Rote was appointed tax collector of Greenwood township, vice Burr Albertson, resigned.

Isaiah Hagenbuch vs. C. W. Hidlav. Petition for a rule to show cause. Rule granted returnable May 22, 1908.

In the application of Mary Catharine Robbins for guardian. Petition ordered filed, and the first Monday in June at 2 o'clock p. m. fixed for a hearing.

MRS. MARGARET FINNEY.

After an illness that began on Tuesday of last week Mrs. Margaret Finney died at her home on Third street on Saturday evening. She had been failing for some time, but her last illness covered only five days.

Mrs. Finney moved here from Northumberland in 1881, her husband having died some years before that. She was an earnest member of the Presbyterian church. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. L. P. Sterner of BloomSBurg, and by one brother, Thomas Geringer, of Watsonstown.

The funeral was held on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Dr. Hemingway, and the remains were taken to Northumberland for interment.

NOT APPRECIATED.

With a seating capacity of 1800, only about one third that number were in attendance at the presentation of "The Creation" by the BloomSBurg Choral Society in the M. E. church on Tuesday evening. It is unnecessary to say that this was disappointing to the management. Great pains had been taken to give BloomSBurg a great musical feast, and it was confidently believed that the church would be filled.

There has been much talk for years about the need of a good public hall where first class entertainments could be given. The encouragement given the Choral Society is not much of an inducement to put money into a well appointed Opera House. There is either a lack of culture, or a lack of interest here in high class entertainments. Twelve to fifteen hundred people attend the moving picture shows every Saturday night, and "Uncle Tom's Cabin" or a minstrel show can fill the opera house to the doors.

Haydn's great composition is attended on a pleasant night by about 550 persons. This is a comment that the people of BloomSBurg ought not to have made possible.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

A meeting of the Board of Managers of the BloomSBurg Public Library was held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the library rooms.

Following is the report of the librarian for the month of April:

Circulation.—Fiction, 1573; Philosophy, 1; Religion, 9; Sociology, 16; Science, 18; Useful Arts, 6; Fine Arts, 12; Literature, 186; Travel, 7; Biography, 25; History, 89; total circulation for the month, 1942; total circulation to date, 136,602; average daily circulation for the month, 78; evening circulation for the month, 1157; reading room visitors for the month, 540; registration for the month, 12; registration to date, 2956.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on book fund, \$12,741; maintenance fund, \$3,966. The bills to be met by this sum amount to over \$55.00.

SATURDAY'S COURT.

At a session of court on Saturday Capt. Robison made application for the discharge of Albert Chamberlin, convicted of stealing chickens, as the jury found he was not mentally responsible. The court took the papers.

On application of Solicitor Rhawn Patrick O'Reilly was discharged from jail, having served his sentence, and having no money to pay fine and costs. He was warned not to return to this county.

Divorce was decreed in Rebecca Chromis vs. R. H. Chromis.

John G. Harman, Esq., guardian of Inez Ratti, presented a petition asking permission to deposit the funds of the estate in bank which was allowed.

NEW ELECTION DISTRICT.

By a decree filed by the Court on Tuesday Hemlock township is divided into two election districts. The polling place for Fernville or South Hemlock shall be in the store room of Mrs. G. B. Hosler in the village of Fernville. The judge of the election of said district shall be Jacob H. Rhoades, and the Inspectors, Thomas W. Snyder and H. H. Grotz until others are elected. This will be a great convenience for the residents of Fernville who heretofore have gone to Buckhorn to vote.

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ARRESTED AT HARRISBURG.

George Snyder who is wanted at Danville in Connection With the Robbery at Whipple's.

George Snyder, of BloomSBurg, who was wanted in Danville in connection with the robbery at James J. Whipple's, Thursday, was arrested by the police at Harrisburg Monday afternoon.

Snyder is also wanted at Centralia where he is charged with highway robbery. The Harrisburg officers had been put on Snyder's trail both by the chief of police of Danville and of Centralia. After making the arrest the Harrisburg authorities called up Danville and Centralia apprising them that Snyder was in custody.

Chief Mincemoyer consented that the arrested man might be handed over to the Centralia authorities where the greater crime of the two charges is alleged to have been committed.

IS PROSPERITY COMING?

That a wave of prosperity is about to engulf the Pittsburg industrial district, and very soon, is evidenced by certain movements at Pittsburg among the railroads and at the steel mills.

It was announced from the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad that the company was now ready to begin work on reducing the tunnel on its main line at Greensburg to a cut, and also that the grade would be reduced there.

This work, which will cost a trifle over \$1,000,000, was set aside at the coming of the financial stringency last fall, and the indication that it is to be taken up gives the impression that the railroad sees light ahead. The cut will be for six tracks, and will be the first move toward six-tracking the system from Pittsburg to Philadelphia.

In addition to this the Pennsylvania will open bids for its new \$65,000 station at Swissvale and begin work immediately.

The Pennsylvania and Vanderbilt systems have placed orders for a lot of coal, and the steel mills report themselves ready for a long run, as repairs have been made on all the plants of the steel corporation.

HAYDN AND THE CREATION.

The following is a brief sketch of Joseph Haydn and his great musical work which was rendered by the BloomSBurg Choral Society in the M. E. church last Tuesday evening.

Haydn was born in a small village in Lower Austria in 1732 of humble parentage. His father and grand father were wheelwrights and his mother a cook in the household of the lord of the village.

The family had music in a simple way in the home and young Joseph was noted for his correct ear and keen sense of rhythms.

His early life was one of misfortune and poverty but by the time he was thirty his genius and work had brought him comparative comfort.

When he was nearly sixty he made his first visit to England. At this time he was famous throughout the civilized world and was received there with marked distinction.

While there, he attended the Handel Commemoration at Westminster Abby and heard for the first time the "Messiah." When the full power of the "Hallelujah Chorus" burst upon him, he wept like a child and exclaimed "Handel is the Master of us all."

Upon his return he determined to compose a work after that style. In two years he completed the "Creation" his greatest work which has been sung for a century.

Its first performance in America was in Bethlehem, Pa., almost a century ago and Haydn had correspondence with them at the time.

The overture opens with weird strange harmonies representing chaos but finally finishes in quiet and orderly style.

The baritone has a short half recited song followed by a chorus in quiet style. At the words, "let there be light—and there was light." The chorus bursts into its full strength.

The soloist sings the description. The choruses are the glad songs of joy at the completion of each day's work.

The last chorus "Achieved is the glorious work" is a fitting closing chorus for this magnificent work.