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**THE BLOOMSBURG NATIONAL BANK**  
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**CHIPMAN—HARRIS.**

On Wednesday, June 30th, at high noon occurred the marriage of Miss Sara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Harris, of Buckhorn, to Albert E. Chipman, of Seaford, Delaware, at the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. W. Hartman, of Hollidaysburg, an uncle of the bride.

Dr. I. L. Chipman, of Wilmington, Delaware, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and Miss Mae House, of Bloomsburg, was the maid of honor. The bride's gown was of white chiffon tulle trimmed with Irish point lace, and the maid of honor wore a gown of apricot silk mull with bead trimming. The bride carried a bouquet of white lilies, and her attendant one of daisies.

Miss Ona Harris, cousin of the bride, presided at the piano, and rendered most effectively the march from "Lohengrin" as the bridal party entered the room. The home was elaborately decorated with daisies, white lilies, rhododendrons and roses.

There were many beautiful and costly gifts of cut glass, china, linen and silver. About 70 guests were present.

After an elaborate wedding dinner, the bride and groom left on an extended wedding trip including Philadelphia, Atlantic City and New York. They will make their home at Seaford, Delaware, where the groom holds a lucrative position.

**NEW ISSUE OF COUNTY BONDS.**

The county commissioners have issued \$14,000 of new bonds at 4 per cent. with which to pay off a like amount of 4 1/2 per cent. bonds now due.

The new bonds will be exposed to public sale on Saturday, July 17, at 10 o'clock, a. m., in the Commissioners' office. They will mature as follows: \$1,000 in 1920; \$1,000 in 1921; \$1,000 in 1922; \$1,000 in 1923; \$5,000 in 1935, and \$5,000 in 1936. No bid will be accepted at less than par.

They have also issued \$10,000 in 4 per cent. bonds, half of which will mature in 1933 and half in 1934, and also \$1400 in similar bonds that will mature in 1937.

All of these are to replace 4 1/2 per cent. bonds now due, and there is no increase of the county's indebtedness, but a considerable saving by the reduction of the rate of interest.

**MISS CAMERON A BRIDE.**

Miss Gonzella, daughter of Glasco and Mrs. Cameron, was married on Wednesday evening, at home, to Rev. Herbert L. Hughes, a recent graduate of Wilberford University. He has been appointed to a pastorate at Tucson, Texas.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. A. Scott, D. D. of Williamsport. It occurred on the 35th anniversary of the marriage of the bride's parents.

The groom will leave for his new field of labor this week, and his wife will join him later.

**FREE CONCERTS.**

The citizens Band gave the first of a series of free open air concerts on Main street last Thursday evening. A fine program was rendered.

**TOWN COUNCIL.**

The Town Council at its meeting Tuesday evening took up the question of the continuance of the Wilkes-Barre Fire Company. Boyd F. Maize, Esq., appeared in behalf of that organization stating that a new order of things has been instituted and that improvement is promised. The council decided to withhold their appropriation for a year, to be paid at the end of that time providing improvement is evidenced.

Various other matters were attended to, among the most noteworthy of which was the decision to call an expert from the Health Department at Harrisburg to look into the unsanitary conditions along the abandoned canal bed. This is a topic which has heretofore been freely discussed. It is to be hoped that the needed remedies will be applied.

**A GOOD AUCTIONEER.**

John S. Williams has met with phenomenal success as an auctioneer. Starting in here as a cryer of public sales many years ago, he soon displayed his ability in that line, and his services were much in demand. Later he worked into the business of selling horses at auction and made a wide reputation in that line, his services being called for at many distant points.

He is now employed by Bane Bros., Newark, N. J., at a large salary, and in addition he holds a sale one day each week in Buffalo for another party at a very flattering compensation. He recently sold a pair of coach horses in Newark for Bane Bros. for \$1700, the highest price ever realized for a team, in that state at public auction.

**PASTOR ELECTED.**

At a congregational meeting of the Reformed Church on Wednesday evening, Rev. W. C. Slough of Shamokin, was unanimously elected pastor. It is hoped that he will be able to assume his duties here by September 1st. The call will be presented to him at once.

The congregation also decided to build a two story addition on the upper side of the church, the second story to be used as an organ loft, and the first as a Sunday school room. A pipe organ is a probability in the near future.

Other improvements are now being made in the church.

**CHOSEN PRINCIPAL.**

From a large number of applicants for the position of Principal of one of the city schools in Wilkes-Barre, our townsman F. H. Fritz was chosen. He will have twelve teachers under his direction. The term begins September 1st and continues for ten months.

Mr. Fritz is a son of Hon. and Mrs. A. L. Fritz, and graduated last month at Bucknell University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He is fully competent to fill the position of Principal with credit to himself, and with satisfaction to the city.

**DOES THIS FIT YOU?**

"I am an old man, and I have had many troubles, but most of them never happened."

## Townsend's



**SUITS, HATS,  
SHIRTS, HOSE,  
NECKWEAR.**

**TOWNSEND'S  
CORNER  
CLOTHING STORE,  
BLOOMSBURG, PA.**

**WANTED MONEY.**

H. W. Cole Writes Threatening Letters to Prominent Berwick People.

**PROBABLY INSANE.**

Believing that his mind is affected, relatives of H. W. Cole, who is in jail at Wilkes-Barre, charged with threatening to dynamite the homes of C. R. Woodin and Mrs. E. S. Jackson, of Berwick, unless, he be paid \$10,000, have decided that he is better off in jail than he would be at large. Elias U. Young, of Berwick, Cole's brother-in-law, who went to Wilkes-Barre, to go upon his bail bond for \$2,000 and get him released, decided after a long talk with Cole to let him remain where he was and come home to report to Cole's relatives.

Cole's friends assert that his mind is unbalanced, declaring that none but a man of unsound mind would demand that a cashier's check be mailed him knowing that he must inevitably be captured when he tried to cash it.

**WANTED THE CASH.**

In the first letters alleged to have been written by Cole, demanding \$10,000 from Mr. Woodin and \$1000 from Mrs. Jackson, he wanted the money in cash. The instructions to each of his intended victims were identical. The money was to be placed in packages and sent by wagon along the road toward Foundryville and dropped from the wagon when a signal light was displayed. Both parties made an attempt to capture the letter writer by sending armed men in the wagon, but no light was shown, although the wagon was driven all the way to Foundryville and return.

**STORM STOPPED SECOND TRIP.**

The next day letters were received stating that the wagon had been seen, but as there were two men in it the money would have to be sent the following night with but one man. A terrific storm prevented the trip from being made at that time.

As no more letters were received for several days Mr. Woodin and Mrs. Jackson concluded that the affair was at an end, although they continued to have their homes guarded day and night to prevent the dynamiting, as threatened in the letters.

**CAUGHT BY DECOY LETTER.**

Then came the letter to Mrs. Jackson, demanding that a cashier's check be mailed to an address furnished. Then the postal authorities were called in, and Inspector Holtby, of Philadelphia, and Rose, of Wilkes-Barre, sent the decoy check in a registered letter. It was delivered to a woman near Benton, who declared that the letter was for her, but the inspectors did not believe this and watched the house until Cole appeared, and captured him as he was leaving with the check in his possession. Cole's family knew nothing of his arrest until after he had been lodged in the Wilkes-Barre jail, when he wrote them that he had been arrested for selling medicine he manufactured without putting the pure food stamp upon it or paying the tax.

Cole's wife has been a resident of Berwick for several years, during most of which Cole has been employed in the lumber woods near Benton. She does not believe her husband could be in his right senses to have written the letters it is charged he did write. She says he was a postmaster at Cole's

**THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.**

In this age of what we call civilization there comes annually a period of tomfoolery and bloodshed which could hardly have been equalled by Nero's gory festivals. We proudly boast of it as a grand and glorious celebration, and listen to speeches about forefathers, and the liberty bell, and taxation without representation, and perfectly good tea that was spilled out of a boat, and what not.

And while all this is most patriotic and should be even more indulged in by good citizens, yet we seem to overlook all of the idiotic things that are going on around us. It is not until we pick up the paper the next day and read two columns of real patriotism and ten pages of accidents that we realize that the day at a bird's eye view has passed something like this:

Some hundreds of youngsters who have no business to be outside of the nursery have been allowed to run out before breakfast and blow off hands and legs and blacken their eyes with cannon crackers—all of this could have been avoided by a bit of sense on the part of the parents; older children, who ought to have known better, have stooped over "unlighted" crackers and squinted into the barrels of toy cannons, thereby promoting the interests of the undertaking profession.

The afternoon is made exciting by an exhibition of the "national sport" which is broken up in the seventh inning by a free-for-all fight; supposedly full-grown individuals have attempted to be regular humorists by pointing revolvers at others, thus giving the tombstone makers additional work; the evening has been enlivened by careless fools amusing themselves by shooting rockets into a crowd or by exploding a cannon or two to send a few dozen into kingdom come; the day is fittingly brought to a close by shooting a few rockets and things on top of wooden roofs and starting a several thousand dollar blaze, which is put out after several hours by those who are not otherwise occupied in ministering to the wounded and making funeral arrangements for those whose lives have been snuffed out through their own carelessness or that of patriotic souls who probably have never read the Declaration of Independence nor heard of Thomas Jefferson, but who know that a certain day in July is offered to them in which to make fools of themselves. All of this is part of the Glorious Fourth.

The chances are that if the estimable gentlemen who were instrumental in framing the historic document could have foreseen the row that it was going to stir up annually, they would have been content to have posed as targets for British muskets rather than that their posterity should be blown to pieces by Chinese crackers.

**NINETY-FIRST BIRTHDAY.**

Mrs. Malvina Barton of Normal Hill celebrated her ninety-first birthday last week Monday. She resides at the home of her daughter Mrs. M. A. John, and possesses all her mental faculties, and good health. A pleasant surprise was tendered her in the shape of a visit from a number of relatives on the occasion.

Creek for some time and a prominent business man and certainly would have known that such letters were criminal. He always supported his family, she declares, and was a good husband, and loves his children, of whom there are five.