

Columbia County Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of the Columbia County Agricultural Society for the election of officers was held in Court House Saturday January 20th. It was called to order at 2 o'clock. F. B. Hartman was chosen chairman, C. M. Terwilliger and C. B. Lutz, secretaries, and W. B. Allen, reading clerk.

The following printed report of the treasurer was circulated:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.	
JAMES C. BROWN, Treasurer, DR.	
To balance on settlement 1893	\$ 1982 60
admission tickets sold	4074 20
advertisements in catalogue	122 00
amount grand stand	899 75
amt. horse entries	4191 50
dep. horsemen, fines 100 00	1200 00
amt. sale score cards	15 10
amt. check books	10 35
amt. from stand rents	791 76
amt. wood sold	6 00
amt. interest on loan	35 20
amt. membership dues	165 00
	2848 84

JAMES C. BROWN, Treasurer, CR.	\$10181 84
By premiums paid	\$3850 08
expenses, salaries, etc. fair	2856 83
amt. forwarded Nat. Ass'n	105 00
materials used in improvements	1019 44
labor account	941 50
coupons paid	1980 05
balance in treasury	408 79
	10181 84

We, the undersigned auditors, hereby certify that we met at Bloomsburg, Pa., on Monday, January 15, 1894, and having examined the accounts of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian, with bills and vouchers find the accounts correct as above stated.

J. M. WHITE, D. A. HESS, G. E. WILBUR, Auditors.

Balance in treasury \$ 408 79
Balance due from Lutherans 2856 83
Church 1889 37 34
acres and improvements 4700 00 \$4746 18

LIABILITIES.
Coupon bonds outstanding \$1860 00
Excess of assets over liabilities 2886 84

A. N. Yost, Secretary.
S. J. Conner, of Briarcreek, called for explanation of the item "expenses salaries, &c., fair of \$2856.83." The items were given and were mainly as follows: officers, \$715; policemen and watchmen, \$779; printing and advertising, \$407.47. Mr. Conner then moved that the salaries of officers except that of secretary and treasurer be reduced one-half. The salaries of officers was then read: President, \$75; Vice-Presidents, each \$50; Secretary, \$125; Treasurer, \$100; Librarian, \$50; Auditors, \$3 per day. Amendments were made to increase the salaries. After some discussion it was resolved that all salaries remain the same as heretofore.

Nominations were made for president. John Deily and I. Hagenbuch chosen tellers. The result was as follows: Ellis Eves, 101; John S. Mensch, 62. Mr. Mensch's name was not printed on the ticket, so all who voted for him wrote his name.

A motion was made that a vote be taken on the entire balance of the ticket. H. V. White, W. W. Barrett and Harry Hartley were appointed tellers. While the tellers retired to count the vote the committee on By-Laws gave their report. The report was accepted and the society proceeded to adopt it by sections.

W. M. Monroe made a motion that life members be furnished annual tickets free. This was discussed at length, and a committee consisting of W. M. Monroe, Frank Ikeler and Freas Fowler appointed to consider the question and report at the next annual meeting.

The following is the vote as cast. Those marked with a * were elected:

- VICE PRESIDENTS.
- R. W. Smith *141
 - J. O. Warner *136
 - A. B. Hartman *139
 - A. C. Creasy *149
 - J. S. Heller 92

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
- Levi Fester *131
 - J. T. Reeder *105
 - C. B. McHenry *106
 - J. J. Crawford 28
 - E. D. Hagenbuch 73
 - W. C. Richart 50

SECRETARY.

A. N. Yost *170

TREASURER.

Jas. C. Brown *169

LIBRARIAN.

Thomas Webb 77

W. B. Allen *85

AUDITORS.

G. E. Wilbur *141

J. M. White *129

D. A. Hess 95

W. M. Monroe *117

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

Chandlee Eves *153

The following are the new By-Laws adopted by the Society.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

The name of this Corporation shall be the Columbia County Agricultural

Horticultural and Mechanical Association.

ARTICLE 2—OBJECTS. The objects of this Association shall be to encourage the arts and sciences, to foster and improve Agriculture, Horticulture and Mechanics.

ARTICLE 3—MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The Association shall consist of such persons as shall signify their wish to become members and shall pay to the Treasurer or some other properly authorized person or officer of the Association an initiation fee of one dollar or more as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2. The initiation fee of new members shall be paid on or before December 1st to entitle such member to vote at the annual election following.

SECTION 3. Whenever a member shall appear by the books of the Treasurer to have paid ten dollars in annual dues, he shall become a perpetual member and be thereafter exempt from the payment of annual dues. Provided that said sum of ten dollars may be paid at the option of the member, either all at once, or in any sum annually not less than one dollar until the whole be paid. And provided also that any member who has already paid in the sum of ten dollars as appears on the books of the Treasurer shall be placed on the list of perpetual members.

SECTION 4. Every perpetual member shall be entitled to a certificate signed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association, which certificate shall set forth that said member having paid the sum of ten dollars in annual dues has hereby become a perpetual member of said Association.

SECTION 5. Certificates of perpetual membership may be transferred on the books of the Association and the Secretary is hereby authorized to make such transfer, and to issue a new certificate to the person named in the transfer to be endorsed on the old certificate on payment of the sum of one dollar to the Association.

SECTION 6. No member who is in arrears shall be entitled to a membership ticket for the current year.

SECTION 7. The previous payments of any member who is now or shall become in arrears for two successive annual dues shall be forfeited to the Association and the Treasurer is hereby authorized immediately after each annual meeting to strike the names of all such delinquent members from the roll. Such person after having forfeited his membership can reunite with the Association and become a member thereof by complying with all the conditions and requirements governing his original entry to membership. The sum so forfeited shall not be included in making up the ten dollars required for a perpetual membership. This section to take effect June 1, 1894.

ARTICLE 4—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Association shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary and a Librarian.

ARTICLE 5—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. There shall be an executive committee which shall consist of the officers of the Association and three members to be elected by the Association at the same time and for a like term as the said officers.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to transact the business of the Association generally; shall superintend and direct the publication of such of the reports and transactions as they may deem proper; shall designate the time for exhibitions, regulate the expenditures, and keep such general charge of the affairs of the Association as may best promote its interests.

SECTION 3. They shall select their own chairman, and meet quarterly, and at any other time when convened by their chairman. Six members shall form a quorum.

SECTION 4. An auditing committee shall be elected annually by the Association who shall examine the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary and report on the same at the next meeting.

ARTICLE 6—DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The President shall have a general superintendence of the affairs of the Association. In case of the death, resignation or inability of the President to perform the duties of his office, the executive committee shall select one of the Vice Presidents to act in his stead, who shall have the same power and perform the same duties as the President until the election.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice Presidents to take charge of the affairs of the Association in their

respective districts, to advance all its objects, to call upon farmers to report the condition of agriculture in their neighborhood, modes of cultivation adopted by different farmers, and make known, as far as possible, all such matters as may be interesting to farmers and mechanics in general.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of all moneys paid into his hands, and shall pay all bills when approved by the executive committee. Each order for payment must be signed by the chairman of the executive committee and the Secretary. The Treasurer shall give such security as the executive committee shall demand.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the minutes of the Association and of the executive committee, and to attend to such correspondence as the business and interest of the Association shall demand.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the Librarian, to take charge of all books, pamphlets, &c., belonging to the Association and shall act as Curator, to preserve seeds, implements, and property of the kind the Association may possess and to grant vendors privileges during the fairs.

ARTICLE 7—SALARIES.

The salaries or daily pay of all officers shall be fixed by the Association at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE 8—MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS. The Association shall meet annually on the third Saturday of January, at the place designated by the executive committee, when all officers of the Association shall be elected by ballot, (no person being allowed to vote except those holding membership tickets or certificates of perpetual membership) for the ensuing year, and until another election. At least two weeks public notice must be given of these annual meetings by the executive committee.

ARTICLE 9—SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the executive committee when necessary, of which at least two weeks' public notice must be given.

ARTICLE 10—QUORUM. Twenty five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but no member in arrears at the time of the annual meeting shall be entitled to vote.

ARTICLE 11—AMENDMENTS. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at the annual meeting in January by a vote of two-thirds of the members in attendance and voting, provided that the notice for amendment be included in the call for the meeting.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

At a meeting of the county commissioners Friday of last week the following resolutions were passed: "Resolved not to pay any items of indebtedness contained in the auditor's report until further action."

Resolved to furnish at the cost of county the office furniture, books and stationery required for each, saving excepting that no printed or other blanks required by such officer shall come within this resolution, and the commissioners further resolved that the said county officers before being furnished with said furniture, books and stationery shall make application to the commissioners in writing, setting forth in detail the furniture, books and stationery required by them.

That the county statement be published in the COLUMBIAN, the Sentinel and the Republican at \$45 each, and a sufficient number of supplements be prepared for all the other county papers who wish to furnish their readers with the same.

The dwelling house at the Catawissa bridge was leased to Mr. Achey for one year from April 1st, 1894; he to take care of the bridge in consideration for the rent of the house.

On Tuesday a debt statement was made and presented to the court, asking permission to issue bonds to the amount of \$70,000 as follows:

50 of \$200 each \$10,000 due Jan 3, 1902	
10 " 500 " 5,000 " " " 1903	
20 " 500 " 10,000 " " " 1904	
50 " 200 " 10,000 " " " 1905	
15 " 1000 " 15,000 " " " 1906	
20 " 500 " 10,000 " " " 1908	
20 " 500 " 10,000 " " " 1909	
Interest payable annually at 4 per cent. clear of taxes.	

The new board of County Commissioners at Sunbury and Northumberland are not slow to show up the misdoings of the old board. They have opened the books, probed all the accounts and discover that since January 1st, 1891, the expenses exceeded the revenues by nearly \$50,000.

BUSINESS FAILURES.

William Neal & Sons, and I. W. McKelvy Succumb to the Stringency of the Times.

The firm of McKelvy Neal & Co. was one of the oldest and best known in this section of the state. They operated the Bloom Furnace, and a general mercantile business for many years, and did a prosperous trade. More than twenty years ago the firm dissolved, and William Neal & Sons took the furnace property, and I. W. McKelvy who was a member of the firm, took the store, William McKelvy retiring. Among the matters assumed by I. W. McKelvy were the debts of the old firm, which were considerable, but he thought he could manage them and undertook to do so. This was one of the mill stones that has been hanging about his neck all through his business life, but which he could have handled but for other burdens. He has met with loss after loss, until finally the failure of William Neal & Sons last week was followed by an investigation of his own financial condition and he was compelled to make an assignment. It is not necessary to enter into details. The records of the court show that judgments and mortgages exceeding \$70,000 have been entered, and his debts will take all his property.

The failure of W. Neal & Sons was brought about by the long continued dullness in the iron trade, and by a number of failures of parties who were heavily indebted to them. The furnace has been blown out, and will not start up again. Judgments and mortgages have been entered against them for a large amount, and will sweep all their own.

The Neals and I. W. McKelvy have been the leading business men of the town, and have always encouraged every enterprise that was intended to benefit the community. Their business transactions have always been fair and honorable, and they have enjoyed the respect and confidence of everybody. Their failures are spoken of with one universal voice of sympathy and regret, and a gloom has been cast over the town. The exact amount of assets and liabilities are not yet known.

THE EVANGELIST.

Mrs. Grace Weiser Davis, the eminent woman evangelist, will assist Rev. W. G. Ferguson in his Evangelistic services in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The first service will be next Sunday at half-past ten o'clock. The press speaks of her in the highest terms. Scranton Tribune says she assisted the pastor of Simpson Church and that "the church has been the scene of a series of most interesting and successful meetings which have been productive of inestimable good. Persons who have heard her speak are charmed with her earnest convincing methods and we do not wonder at her great success." Mrs. Davis was born in York, Pa., converted at the age of eight years. For a number of years she taught in the public schools of that city. She has spoken in most of the large cities of the land. At her various meetings it is estimated fully twenty thousand persons have professed conversion. A Long Island paper says the singing of Mrs. Davis is something grand. She has a powerful voice under thorough control, and full of expression, and the fifteen minutes service of song each evening is a rare treat to all who have heard her. One of the New York daily papers says "when Mrs. Davis was at Washington Square Methodist Church she was pronounced the best lady evangelist in the field. She presents truth with such sweetness of temper and persuasiveness as to avoid being offensive and repellent; and yet she has won thousands to Christ."

COLLECTOR HERRING.

Senator Grant Herring expects to take charge of the office of collector about the first of February. The office will remain in Scranton until the necessary arrangements can be made for its transfer to Bloomsburg. The applicants for positions under him are pouring in with each mail. There are dozens for each place and all seem to think they are especially entitled to the place. It will be some time before any appointments are made, as the Senator expects to move slowly in making his selections.

The Mears Manufacturing Company have started operations under new management. They are advertising the Perfect Washer extensively and expect soon to have employment for all the men the plant can accommodate. The Perfect Washer is a great seller. It is the leading washer of the day.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court convened on January 23, pursuant to adjournment at 2 o'clock p. m. All the judges present.

Petition for allowance in estate of H. Earl Hess, a minor. Allowance decreed.

Auditor's report in estate of Daniel Stroup deceased, confirmed nisi.

Sale ordered in estate of G. W. Poust, deceased.

Hotel license of John Bush in Bloomsburg, refused.

Ruth Gillispie's use vs. B. F. Spotts, petition to open judgment, writ stayed, lien of levy to remain, rule to show cause granted.

Hotel license of A. H. Swisher, Buck Horn continued until next term.

Hotel license of J. R. Rhoads in Mifflin township, refused.

County statement, report of county auditors, directed to be filed.

Hotel license of J. J. Burcher in Sugarloaf township, refused.

Hotel license of Joseph Carpenter, Sugarloaf granted to the house and same transferred to J. B. Earkhart upon his application filed this day, in place of Joseph Carpenter.

M. I. Low appointed guardian of Lydia F. Turby, minor child of Jas. Turby deceased.

Sale ordered in estate of Simon Lowry.

W. A. Everet Esq., appointed commissioner in the lunacy of Margaret Weaver.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Rev. James W. Coughlin, Supt. of City schools of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., will deliver his popular lecture "Habits" in the Young Men's Christian Association next Monday evening. This is the third lecture in the members' course. Don't fail to hear Prof. Coughlin, as this lecture is very highly spoken of in Wilkes-Barre and other places where it has been given. Admission free. Members and friends can procure tickets at the association office.

Rev. D. A. Artman of Espy, will deliver the third address in the series "Topics on the Young man," in the Association Hall next Sunday afternoon. "The Young Man away from Home" is the subject of this address and is one that will interest every young man. These practical addresses on the "Young Man" have already attracted the attention of a large number of young men, who have crowded to the rooms from Sunday to Sunday, and have been benefited and helped. Don't miss the next address, bring other young men with you.

RESOLUTIONS.

At a meeting of the Bloomsburg Chapter of the Agassiz Association, held on January 19, 1894, the following action was taken:

Whereas, one of our early members, Hervy V. Grotz, has been removed from us by death, we desire to enter on our minutes a tribute of our affection for him.

We recall his interest in all that related to the Agassiz Association and his cheerful fulfillment of his duties as Carator.

And we shall ever associate him with all that has been so pleasant in the history of this Bloomsburg Chapter.

LOUIS BERNHARD, ANNA T. LEVERETT, President, Secretary.

The directors of the Farmers' National Bank met last week to consider the resignation of their cashier, Mr. Frank Ikeler, when the following was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved: That the Board having received the letter of resignation of our cashier Mr. Frank Ikeler, do hereby accept the same with great regret. We desire further in the severing of these official relations which have always been the most cordial to express our high appreciation of his valuable service, and also note the faithful and conscientious manner in which he has discharged all the duties of his position during the three years he has been with us, and we extend to him our best wishes for his future welfare and success."

The public installment of the G. A. R. Post 135, Orangeville on last Saturday night was a success notwithstanding there was a concert in town. The Post realized about \$25 in the sale of oysters. E. J. Bowman followed with a very eloquent and beautiful address of about 15 minutes that was highly appreciated by the veterans and their friends.

The town council of Milton have voted to pay their firemen fifty cents an hour while on duty at fires, and also an annual allowance of ten dollars for each member.

BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

Mr. Judah Boone is visiting friends in Bloomsburg.

C. H. Moore, the newly elected County Surveyor will move to Bloomsburg this spring.

E. A. Rawlings sold his slaughter house lot to Wm. Ferguson for four-teen hundred dollars.

E. W. M. Low was elected president of First National Bank, Tuesday, in place of I. W. McKelvy, resigned.

Harry Houck has accepted a position as stenographer and typewriter in the office of Revenue Collector Herring.

H. V. White, James O. Warner and A. N. Yost attended the agricultural meeting held at Harrisburg. The former as a trustee of State College and the latter two as representatives for the Columbia County Agricultural Society.

Mr. Jones of the firm of Jones & Walter, of Jonestown, who have purchased the boot and shoe store of F. D. Dentler, was in town Tuesday, looking up a dwelling house, in which to move after the first of April.

Nelson J. Brunner of Muncy has been visiting his sister Mrs. E. C. Wells. He was a former resident of Bloomsburg and was a member of the "Iron Guards" Company A. Sixth Pennsylvania Reserves.

A. H. Bloom has been elected Cashier of the Farmers' National Bank to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Frank Ikeler. Mr. Bloom has been lately employed in one of the Banks at Wilkes-Barre, and has had considerable experience in that work.

H. R. Grimes Robbed.

For three years H. R. Grimes has been free from burglarious raids, and he had begun to hope that he would forever be exempt from the levies of these undesirable visitors. But sometime between midnight on Saturday and daylight Sunday morning he suffered another visit at their hands.

A gang of six tramps had been looting around the vicinity for several days, and Mr. Grimes made up his mind that they contemplated paying him a call. Saturday evening he took extra precautions in securing the doors and windows, but retired with many misgivings. Sunday morning about seven o'clock he discovered that the store had been raided during the night. The doors on the canal side of the store had all been tried, but without success, and an entrance effected through the window over the scales. The shutter had been wrenched from its fastenings with a powerful claw bar, used on the railroad for spike pulling, and the window glass broken. Through this opening one of the burglars entered and opened the door, when the entire stock was at their mercy. The dog in the store, a particularly cross and noisy little fellow, never made a noise, or if he did, not enough to give an alarm.

At first glimpse it looked as though they had made a big assessment this time. Goods were thrown upon the floor, drawers were pulled out and their contents turned topsy turvy, and the whole stock had evidently been given a thorough overhauling; but a careful examination showed that they had carried off only \$700 worth of stuff, consisting of clothing, tobacco, cigars, candies, boots, and a few notions. The burglars disappeared without leaving a clue about the place as to the direction in which they went.

But, on this side of the river, down along the Penna's track, between the station and the tank, a new plug of tobacco was picked up by some one, and as it was a brand kept in this section only by Mr. Grimes, it is safe to presume that the raid was the work of the tramps who make their headquarters at the tank.

This is the third time the store has been burglarized.—Catawissa Item.

A meeting of the stockholders of the School Furnishing Company was held Friday of last week when the following directors were elected: A. Z. Schoch, L. E. Waller, J. L. Moyer, C. M. Creveling, C. W. Neal and P. S. Harman. The directors organized by electing the following: A. Z. Schoch, president, John Aikman, secretary, N. U. Funk, treasurer.

Street Commissioner Housel has nearly completed the grading of East Third Street. It is now open for travel. The opening and widening has made a great improvement in that part of the town.