

### AN APPEAL ENTERED.

THE COMMISSIONERS TAKE STEPS TO INVESTIGATE THE COUNTY STATEMENT.

The following is the appeal from the county statement as entered by the county commissioners in the court of common pleas:

In the Matter of the Report of the Auditors of the County of Columbia on the Account of John L. Kline, Treasurer of the Said County, and on the Commissioners, Expenses, for which Orders were Issued on the Said Treasurer.

The County of Columbia appeals from the above stated report to the said court.

In witness whereof the Commissioners of Columbia County, the appellant have hereunto set their hands and affixed the seal of the said county, attested by their Clerk at their office in the Town of Bloomsburg this 26th day of February, 1894.

J. G. SWANK, Commissioners  
G. M. IKELER, of  
W. H. UTT, Columbia Co.

Attest: C. M. TERWILLIGER, Clerk.  
The County of Columbia, the appellant, files to the said report the objections following:

1. That John L. Kline, Treasurer of the said county, should be surcharged in the said report with the items following: "Due Bloomsburg on hotel and restaurant licenses, \$570.00," and "Due the said county on the said licenses, \$142.50," as the same were received and not accounted for by him as treasurer aforesaid.

2. That John L. Kline, treasurer of the said county, should be surcharged in the said report the sum of \$804.90 set down in the Report of the Auditors of the said county for the year 1891, as due the State, as the same was received and not accounted for by him as treasurer aforesaid.

3. That John L. Kline, Treasurer of the said county, should not be allowed credit as claimed in the said report for the item following: "Cash advanced by John L. Kline, balance due State, 1892, \$32.05," as credit for this item was allowed in the Report of the Auditors of the said county for the year 1892.

4. That John L. Kline, treasurer of the said county, should not be allowed credit for the commissions, to-wit: \$77.25 claimed in the said report on the share of the license money due the said county as the said credit is in violation of the Act of 9th June, 1891, P. L. 251, relating to the distribution of such money.

5. That John L. Kline, treasurer of the said county, should be surcharged in the said report with the sum of \$2300.00, as the same was received and not accounted for by him as treasurer aforesaid, as follows: Cash on note from Far. Nat. B., \$1000.00  
" adv. by John L. Kline, 1000.00  
" bor. of C. H. Campbell, 300.00

6. That John L. Kline, treasurer of the said county, should not be allowed credit as claimed in the said report for \$30.20, commissions to treasurer on sheep orders paid, as the same is in excess of the amount allowed by law.

7. That John L. Kline, treasurer of the said county, should not be allowed credit as claimed in the said report for "Balance due John L. Kline, \$133.30," as the said county is not indebted to him.

8. That the commissioners of the said county should not be allowed credit as claimed in the said report, under the head of "Commissioners' Expenses, &c." for the items following: "Balance State tax for 1892, \$42.50," and "Balance State tax for 1893, \$80.00," and John L. Kline should not be allowed as claimed in the said report any commission on these items.

9. That John L. Kline, treasurer of the said county should not be allowed credit as claimed in the said report for commission on the item contained under the heading, "Commissioners' Expenses, etc." "William Kramer, note and interest, \$804.00."

10. That John L. Kline, treasurer of the said county, did not at the audit of his account present a clear and full statement of all the moneys with which he is legally chargeable, as treasurer aforesaid.

11. That John L. Kline, treasurer of the said county, did not state his account and produce his vouchers to the present Commissioners of the said county for examination by them, before the same was submitted to the said auditors.

12. General exception.

COLUMBIA COUNTY, ss:  
J. G. Swank, W. H. Utt and G. M. Ikeler, Commissioners of the County of Columbia, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say, that the above appeal is taken on behalf of the

said county, and that they believe injustice will be done the said county unless they are permitted to defend the county, and that said appeal is not taken for the purpose of delay, and that the foregoing objections to the Report of the Auditors are just and true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

J. G. SWANK, } Commissioners  
G. M. IKELER, } of  
W. H. UTT, } Columbia Co.  
Sworn and subscribed before me this 26th day of February, 1894.  
G. M. QUICK, Prothonotary.

### The Powers of School Boards.

Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction, in answer to numerous inquiries from teachers and others connected with public schools, has decided that boards of directors in the several townships of the commonwealth have full legal authority to adopt and enforce such reasonable and necessary rules and regulations as they may deem proper as sanitary measures. Dr. Schaeffer says the directors may close the schools temporarily where, in their judgment, it is necessary to do so for the purpose of protecting the children of the community from the dangers incident to the prevalence of contagious and infectious diseases. They may also in certain cases suspend children from precautionary measure.

He further decides that the superintendent of public instruction cannot officially advise when and where boards shall take such action as the directors themselves, knowing all the facts and circumstances governing individual cases are competent to determine such questions for themselves. There is no provision under existing laws for the organization of boards of health in townships and the opinion of Dr. Schaeffer is important just at this time when scarlet fever, diphtheria and other contagious diseases are epidemic in various parts of the state.

### FIRE ALARM.

An alarm of fire was sounded Sunday evening about half past seven o'clock. The fire companies and citizens were quick to respond, and rushed to the grocery stand of E. E. Ralston on East street; the fire was in the cellar, and making rapid headway until a stream of water from the plug quenched it. Mr. Ralston had put some coal on the fire and hung his lantern in the cellar way waiting for the fire in the stove to burn a little before putting on more coal. He and other members of the family were talking, when Mrs. Ralston said she heard a roaring noise and smelled smoke. The cellar door was opened and the smoke and fire burst forth. Mr. Ralston hurriedly closed the door and sounded the alarm. Considerable damage was done by the smoke and water. The fire probably originated from the explosion of the lantern.

### SALE OF COUNTY BONDS.

County bonds to the amount of 23,600 were disposed of on Friday as follows:  
Farmers National Bank... \$ 5,000.00  
Jno. Raup, Light Street... 1,000.00  
Jos. Crawford, Mt. Pleasant 1,800.00  
Matilda Hughes, Bloom... 700.00  
Hiram Bogart, Mt. Pleasant 400.00  
Sarah R. Rote..... 400.00  
K. G. E., of Bloom..... 400.00  
Catharine R. Kline Catawissa..... 1,000.00  
Wm. M. Geiger, Catawissa. 200.00  
J. E. Geiger, " 200.00  
Lydia Miller, " 500.00  
Sarah J. O'Brien, Benton.. 1,000.00  
Hannah Fullmer, Pine Summit..... 500.00  
Catawissa Bridge Co..... 10,500.00

### FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The B. & S. will run a special train from Benton to Bloomsburg on Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3, leaving Benton at 7:30 a. m., and from Bloomsburg to Benton on Friday evening after the close of the lecture.

Excursion tickets will be issued from offices along their line to Bloomsburg and return on both days.

The C. P. & W. train will wait at Orangeville on Friday evening for the special on the B. & S. from Bloomsburg.

### POSTMASTER MEROER.

The Bloomsburg Post office was transferred by A. B. Cathcart to James H. Mercer on Monday night, the 28th. ult. Geo. A. Clark has been appointed assistant, and the services of Miss Bessie Jacoby will be retained. E. E. Caldwell will also assist for a few weeks.

The town clock is now illuminated by electric light.

### THE NEW GYMNASIUM.

THE FINEST IN THE LAND.

The new Gymnasium at the Normal School was opened with appropriate ceremonies last week Thursday. After the close of the exercises incident to the presentation of the large flag by the P. O. S. of A., the audience went from the auditorium to the Gymnasium, and filled every available space. The running track was crowded, and the sides of the first floor was thickly lined with spectators. After an opening piece by the school orchestra, which by the way plays very well, under the direction of Miss Haas, the gymnastic exercises began with an exhibition by the boys' class led by Prof. Aldinger. This was followed by the girls' class, and then came some heavy gymnastics on the German horse, parallel bars, vaulting bars, &c. The most exciting part of the program was the game of basket ball between members of the Philologist and Calliepan Societies. A bushel basket was hung at either end of the hall about ten feet from the floor. Every time that either side gets the ball in the basket at the opposite end of the hall it counts three. The game is nearly as exciting as foot ball, though not quite as rough and dangerous. The Philos were the first to land the ball in the Callies' basket and a great shout went up from the spectators. But the Callies put the ball in the Philo basket twice, and this with fouls made the score 9 to 5 at the end of the third inning, in favor of the former, and then the Callies and their friends went wild and everybody shouted.

The exercises were all very creditable and considering the short time that the students have had for practice, were quite remarkable, and show the excellent instruction of Prof. Aldinger and his assistant. At 2:15 p. m. those of the audience who were favored with tickets, (and this included the alumni, Trustees, Faculty and their friends,) entered the dining hall where covers were laid for four hundred people. All but a few chairs were occupied. The dinner was a good one, and was promptly and nicely served under the direction of Steward W. H. Housel and his wife. At the close Robert R. Little Esq. one of the Trustees, acted as Toastmaster, and with appropriate remarks introduced the speakers. Remarks were made by Col. J. G. Frezee, J. C. Brown, Representative A. L. Fritz, and Dr. Welsh. It was a most auspicious occasion and all present enjoyed themselves. Among the guests were Thomas. Chalfant of Danville, and Mr. Kipp, the architect of the new building.

In the evening the entertainment given by the Calliepan Society was well attended. Prof. Beale, dramatic reader, added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

### PURSEL & HARMAN'S OPENING.

On Monday morning the store of Purse and Harman, successors to I. W. McKelvy, was opened for business. The services of Mr. McKelvy have been retained and Misses Utt and Stadon are clerking on the Dry Goods side, under the direction of Mr. Pursel. Many new goods have been added to the stock, and the store presents a bright and attractive appearance. The Grocery side is under the charge of Mr. Harman. A great improvement has been made by putting the dishes where the groceries were and the groceries on the dish side thus enabling them to display their goods to much better advantage. Several assistants have been employed in this department. Read their new advertisement.

Stage realism indeed will be seen at the Opera House on Monday, March 5th, when the "Diamond Breaker" will be produced. This is a spectacular melo-drama by Scott Marble and is said to surpass any of his previous efforts. It is thoroughly American and introduces several characters entirely new to the stage. There is a strong plot easily followed, intensely dramatic situations ingeniously conceived, a comedy element that is original and extremely funny, and mechanical effects that will undoubtedly prove the most startling of anything yet attempted. In one act the entire stage is a mass of machinery weighing nearly ten tons and in this act there is an effect that will surely stir the audience to enthusiasm. The hero is knocked insensible and thrown into a chute, descending headfirst in the ponderous jaws of the immense breaker, which has a capacity for crushing 10,000 tons of coal a minute. Two car loads of beautiful scenery will be used in this production, and the cast has been selected with unusual care, Etelka Wardell heading the program.

### Report of Local Institute Held in the I. O. O. F. Hall on Saturday, February 24, 1894, at Espy.

Program during the day as follows: Called to order by president, Mr. A. F. Terwilliger, at 10:30 A. M.; anthem by choir, followed with prayer by Rev. Artman; music by choir; address by Prof. Richardson, of Berwick, on History, Ancient, Modern and Biblical, also Current Events, which was very interesting as well as practical; in favor of teaching important matter not contained in ordinary text books, and thereby creating more than usual interest in subject. Solo, Beautiful Hands, by Rev. Artman; very excellent paper on Language Work, read by Miss Hattie Shellenberger in which natural methods were advocated. Prof. Trescott, of Millville, followed with some good remarks on the same subject, showing that present method is more natural than former one, and urging special attention of teachers to the teaching of practical language in our public schools. Song, See the Merry Dancing Leaves, by class of small girls; Supt. Johnston gave a talk on the necessity of correct language being taught in connection with other subjects, that every recitation is or ought to be a language lesson also that more care should be taken by the teacher in charge to promote correct oral expression. Adjournment.

Afternoon session called to order by president promptly at 1:30 P. M. Miss Geisinger favoring the audience with a voluntary; music by choir; paper on Spelling, by J. M. Lehman, recommending the teaching of practical words; U. S. History, by R. M. Creasy, illustrating important out-growths from certain events recorded in history; Civil Government, by Prof. Richardson, patriotism the real object of its study; solo, Moyatown, by Miss Hattie Ringrose; Influence of School Life upon Character, by Miss Carrie Redeker in which methods were given for good and lasting influences. Committee on resolutions appointed by president; extemporaneous speech in favor of co-education by Mr. C. Weiss, was heard with interest by the audience; music by choir; address to parents, by Prof. Trescott, which was most favorably received. Song, I'm Going to Write to Papa, by Ethel Greenwalt, a tot of six years from the primary room; Needs in Primary School-room Work, by Miss Sadie Hagenbuch, giving some good reasons in favor of busy work in its various forms; recitation, Lord Lockinvar, by Miss Sue R. Creveling, given in a very creditable manner. Discipline, its Principles and Methods, by Grace McKamey; music by choir; address by Supt. Johnston, on the necessity of correctly beginning work, that well begun work insures a greater degree of success, etc. The New Education, by Mr. A. F. Terwilliger, proving it to be far more practical than the old method, therefore preferable; Necessity of Civil Government, by J. W. Miller, the desired results being better citizens, more intelligent voters, hence of greatest necessity; The Mariner's Dream, a pleasing recitation, by Maude Creveling. Resolutions read and adopted. Supt. Johnston then advised a regular monthly meeting of both teachers and directors for the purpose of reporting condition of schools and further urges appointment of such meetings by the President of School Board, which was responded to by Pres. M. C. McCollum favorably, he further speaking upon the Duties of Directors in his usual brief style. Music by choir. Final adjournment.

Teachers enrolled from Centre as follows: Misses Sallie Watson, Hattie Ringrose, Hattie Shellenberger, J. W. Miller, C. Weiss; from Scott, Misses Sue R. Creveling, Sadie Hagenbuch, Carrie Redeker, A. F. Terwilliger, R. M. Creasy, Harry Baker, C. E. Nagle, J. M. Lehman, Grace McKamey.

### Collector Herring's Appointments.

Collector Herring has recommended the following named gentlemen for appointment:  
For store keeper and gauger A. D. Brader, of Centre, for the Ash distillery.  
M. W. McHenry, of Stillwater for the Edgar distillery.  
D. H. Steadman, of Colescreek, for the R. McHenry & Son distillery.  
W. D. Heilman, of Millville, for the Fowler distillery at Pine Summit.  
Wm. J. Lore, of Unityville, Luzerne county for the Shoemaker distillery and Jacob Wilson, of Lycoming P. O., for the Seagle distillery.  
S. W. Montgomery, of Muncy, for Deputy Collector for the division comprising the counties of Lycoming, Potter, Bradford and Tioga.

Women graduates of Eastern colleges are successfully working farms in South Dakota.

### The Diamond Breaker.

Will be presented at the Bloomsburg Opera House Monday evening March 5th. The title suggests coal mines, mountain scenery and ponderous machinery, and all these will be found in "The Diamond Breaker," for the author has chosen a mammoth diamond coal breaker as the central scene for his drama.

To set huge machinery, with its accompanying belting, shafting, pulleys, revolving cables, coal cars, steel cylinders, fly wheels, steam engine and other necessary devices, require the full stage area, and the scene is so presented that the breaker can be seen from all parts of the theatre.

Running from the gigantic teeth of the breaker is a chute which connects with an elevated railroad track, over which run the cars loaded with coal, which is dumped down the chute and crushed. In this scene a fierce struggle takes place, and the hero is knocked insensible by the villain and thrown into the chute leading towards the jaws of the breaker, and just as his head seems about to be crushed the heroine appears, and, leaping from the railroad tracks, slides down a pole to the ground and pulls the helpless man away just in time to save his life.

### "MONEY AND MONEY MAKING"

Prof. F. E. Woods of Scranton, Pa., will lecture on the above subject, Monday evening in the Young Men's Christian Association. Prof. Woods is founder and Principal of Wood's Business College and also Business Manager of the Scranton Tribune. He is a very interesting speaker and his lecture is running over with wit and humor. The choir of the Methodist church have prepared a program of music for the occasion. Tickets free, call at the rooms.

Next Sunday afternoon Dr. Andrew Graydon will address the Men's meeting on the subject: "Dangers that threaten Young Manhood." All are invited.

The Williamsport Board of Education has passed a resolution compelling all pupils of the public schools to be vaccinated; and refusing admission to those who fail to comply with the resolution. An injunction was served on the Board restraining them from enforcing the resolution, but Judge Metzgar dissolved the injunction, and said the Board had such authority to prevent the spread of any contagion. As a result of the decision from 2000 to 3000 will be debarred from the schools until they become vaccinated.

The fall of the thermometer caused some trouble with the steam pipes at the Fifth street school. There being no school on Saturday and Sunday the steam was allowed to run down and by the condensation of steam, water was left in the pipes at some of the distant points, and in the two rooms, second floor exposed to the north winds, the pipe froze and burst. The two schools were dismissed on Monday, and the repairs promptly made so that all were in attendance again Tuesday. This is the first accident this winter from the cold weather.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., post office and will be sent to the dead letter office Mar. 13, 1894.

C. H. Mack, Daniel O'Reardon. Cards—Miss Alice Dimm.

Persons calling for these letters will please say they were advertised Feb. 27, 1894. One cent will be charged on each letter advertised.

### A. B. CATHCART, P. M.

### Postal Notes.

There will be no postal notes after July 1st, but the money order system is to be so arranged that orders not exceeding \$2.50 may be bought for 3 cents and the fee is graduated until it is 30 cents for orders amounting to \$75 to \$100.

There was an interesting meeting of the Royal Arcanum on Wednesday evening. The attendance was large, and W. H. Vanderherchen was admitted as a member. The order now numbers fifty members in Bloomsburg, and there are new applications coming in.

There were more sleighs and sleds seen upon our streets Tuesday than there has been for many a day. It was probably the last good sleighing of the season and everybody wanted to take advantage of it.

### BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

Bernhard Stohner has had an attack of the grip during the past week.

Mrs. Freas Brown has been confined to her room by illness.

Cyrus Demott was among the visitors to town on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. K. Bittenbender is spending a few days at Mauch Chunk with her sister, Mrs. Dr. Kirby.

Mrs. Dr. Biddle of Ashland visited her mother, Mrs. Buckingham last week.

C. P. Sloan and Thos. E. Gaddes went to Philadelphia on Wednesday to attend the G. A. R. reunion.

E. S. McKillip made negatives of interior and exterior views at the Normal on Tuesday.

Mrs. Yohe had a good sale in Mifflin last week. J. S. Williams was the auctioneer.

Geo. M. Lockard went to Philadelphia on Wednesday. Mrs. Lockard accompanied him.

G. W. Sterner has rented his brick residence on Market street to Riggins & Liness.

Judge H. M. Hinckley of Danville was in town on Wednesday, making preparation for some Supreme Court cases.

I Maier will remove his clothing store to the second room in the Opera House block, on Centre street, on April 1st.

County Treasurer J. R. Fowler has bought two lots from Mrs. Phillips on First street, and will erect a handsome residence this spring.

Boyd Trescott associate editor of Millville Tablet had a close call on election day. He was elected Auditor by one majority.

Ex-commissioner A. B. Herring of Orangeville was among those who witnessed the exercises at the Normal School on the 22nd ult.

Drake & Son have sold their undertaking business and equipments to W. J. Corell & Co. Mr. Drake intends to remain in Bloomsburg and engage in some other business.

T. L. Smith does horse-shoeing and general wagon repairing. He also repairs furniture, and can do almost anything in that line that anyone wants. He is an all around handy man.

Mr. Harry Townsend was married on the 22nd ult. to Miss Emma Caradiskie of Danville. The marriage was a quiet one, and Harry didn't tell his associates of it until it was done.

Mrs. Wolt Driefuss of Milton visited her brother, Joseph Lowenberg at Wilkes-Barre last week. On her return she spent Saturday and Sunday in Bloomsburg with her mother and returned home at Milton Sunday evening.

Among the visitors to town on Washington's Birthday was ex-sheriff Samuel Smith of Stillwater. He still retains his genial disposition that made him so popular throughout the county during his official career, and his many friends were glad to see him here. He is the father of thirteen children, twelve of whom are living, and he says he has done so much to increase the Democratic majority in the county as most men. Probably he wasn't speaking of the recent election.

The people of Millville are making an effort to secure a Worsted Manufacturing Co. A citizens' meeting was held last week and a committee appointed to confer with the proposed Company, and secure if possible the old Woolen factory, which has a good water power. The new company asks for donation of land and the citizens to subscribe stock. The plant will be valued at \$45,000.

At the spring election last week in Shickshinny 273 voted for and 12 against the borough furnishing electric light for the town. W. B. Poust a former citizen of Bloomsburg was one of the active agitators for light. After the result was announced there was great rejoicing over the town, with horn blowing and torch light procession.

### SUPREME COURT CASES.

The following cases have been taken to the Supreme Court by appeal, in this county. They will be heard in Philadelphia during the second week in April.

Clara Long vs. W. H. Cherrington; Franklin Yocum vs. W. S. Zahner; Appeal in Wm. Raup audit.

Last Saturday was the coldest day of the winter. A blizzard swept over the whole country.