

**Four Reasons Why THE FARMERS NATIONAL BANK IS POPULAR WITH ITS PATRONS.**

FIRST.—It is a safe bank.  
 SECOND.—It is a bank for all the people—rich and poor—men, women and children.  
 THIRD.—It is courteous to depositors and aims to accommodate and help them.  
 FOURTH.—It invites new accounts from all who wish to save or invest money.

**THE Farmers Nat'l Bank, Bloomsburg, Pa.**  
 Ent Building, Next to Court House.  
 WM. S. MOYER, PRESIDENT. A. H. BLOOM, CASHIER.

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 BLOOMSBURG, PA.

**J. S. Williams & Son,**  
 BLOOMSBURG PA.  
**Public Sale Criers and General Auctioneers.**

**SALES.**  
 FEBRUARY 28.—N. H. Stauffer will offer at public sale, on the premises, one mile north of Heller's Church, in Madison Twp., a lot of cattle, household goods, etc. Sale at 11 a. m.

FEBRUARY 28.—The executrix of Samuel Hutchings, deceased, will sell real estate in Hemlock township, at one o'clock p. m. See advertisement in this paper.

Don't forget the lecture on this Saturday evening, March 1. Subject "Brains Plus or Minus", by Rev. R. H. Gilbert D. D. in the New Church, Almedia. Admission fee—Adults 15 cents. Children 10c. Lecture to begin at 8 p. m.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has purchased an entire block in the heart of Altoona city, adjoining the present shop yards, and will erect the largest car wheel foundry in the world. It will cover two acres and will cost over \$1,000,000. It will require a year to build it and work will be started as soon as the councils grant the right to close Sixteenth street, adjoining the site.

A gang of swindlers has been operating in Susquehanna and Wayne counties. Approaching a farmer, they appointed him agent for a patent hay fork, and agree to give him a fork if he will show it to his neighbors, and devote one day of the month in taking orders. The farmer signs a contract, agreeing to the above. When the "contract" is cut in two, the signature end is a judgment note, which the farmer is forced to pay at a bank. Scores of farmers have been forced to pay from \$75.00 to \$450 each.

**Deaths.**  
 A day or two ago a certain young man of town, who was recently granted a patent on a device, was describing to a few friends the virtue of his invention. Concluding he said that if it turned out to be a success his future was assured, friends would multiply, and his one-time poverty would be entirely forgotten. We were impressed by his argument, for is it not true? Men judge actions always by events. It is success that colours all in life. Success makes fools admired, makes villains honest. Yes, all the proud virtue of this vaunting world follows on success and power, it matters not how it is acquired.

**RICH COPPER ORE.**

The Pennsylvania Copper and Mining Company has a piece of pure copper weighing five pounds which it obtained Friday, February 21st, from the F. J. Richard Manufacturing Company's plant in Bloomsburg. It had been smelted the day before from seventeen pounds of ore taken from one of its mines about two miles south of Central, Columbia County. The ore was brought here by the Secretary of the Company and we weighed it and superintended the smelting. After it was smelted and taken from the crucible, five pounds of copper and ten pounds of slag were found, being a loss of two pounds in the process of reduction. This ore sent to us by the Company for examination and smelting, shows that it contains about thirty per cent copper. Having had a number of years experience in melting and working in copper, we find that the ore taken from the mines of the Pennsylvania Copper and Mining Company is of a very good and rich quality.

This recent discovery of rich copper ore near our homes and so near the best markets of the world, will no doubt surprise our capitalists who have wandered into the far western territories to invest in copper lands.

It looks now as though Pennsylvania will become a great copper producing state.

**F. J. RICHARD,**  
 General Manager.  
**ISAIAH W. OHL,**  
 Foreman  
 of the F. J. Richard Mfg. Co.

**Berwick's New Bank.**

The incorporators of the Berwick National Bank have selected the following persons to act as Directors for the first year: C. C. Evans, Esq., Freas Fowler, T. Harvey Doan, F. A. Witman, S. W. Dickson, J. M. Fairchild, Geo. E. Sponsler, Geo. W. Harter, M. F. Williams. The Board will meet next week for organization and the bank will begin business about April 1st with a \$50,000 capital and a surplus fund of \$12,500.—*Enterprise.*

**Deaths.**  
 STINE.—In Benton township, on February 20th, 1902, Mrs. Sarah Ann Stine, aged 60 years, 8 months and 16 days.

HARRISON.—In Centre township, on February 21st, 1902, Miss Jennie Maude Harrison, aged 16 years, 6 months and 2 days.

**Married.**  
 HILL—LEIBY.—On Washington's birthday, February 22, 1902, by W. B. Snyder, J. P., at his office, in Locust township, Mr. Harvey A. Hill to Miss Polly F. Leiby, both of Roaringcreek township, this county.



**NORMAN SMITH MURPHY, A. M., OF CENTRALIA, CANDIDATE FOR CO. SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.**

Prof. Murphy has issued a circular letter to the school directors of the county announcing himself as a candidate for Supt. of Schools in the place of J. K. Miller.

He is a college graduate, also a normal school graduate, and has had twenty years of experience in all grades of work from the country school to supervising principal.

Other essential qualifications are indicated by some of the testimonials accompanying the announcement.

Ex-Judge Walter of Mt. Carmel, in recommending him to a position in 1900, said: "I have known Prof. Murphy personally for about six years. He has had a wide experience in school work and possesses intellectual attainments and other qualifications which fit him to fill the position of Supt. of any school," and besides being intellectually qualified he possesses the physical appearance and those other mental qualifications which are so necessary to thoroughly fit a man for the office of principal or superintendent."

Rev. J. W. Buckley of Centralia says: "Prof. N. Smith Murphy is a regular attendant at the services of the M. E. Church; that his gentlemanly instincts and moral habits constitute him a good citizen and efficient teacher."

Dr. E. A. Sheldon of Oswego State Normal School writes: "Prof. Murphy has had large experience in his profession and is a man who has come in contact with the world in various departments of work and is calculated to meet people and adapt himself to any condition in which he may be placed. He is a man of unblemished character and of high moral qualities. His preparation for his profession is rather unusual, having both a college and a normal school training."

**LA GRANDE GOLD MINING CO.**

This Company is organized under the laws of South Dakota with its main office in Bloomsburg, Pa. The capital is \$2,000,000 in shares of one dollar each. The company has been incorporated for the purpose of conducting gold placer mining on an extensive scale in New Mexico where its lands are situated. The Company originally owned seven grand claims aggregating 1120 acres and three miles and one half of the land of the Rio Grande River adjacent in Laos County, New Mexico. Its possessions have been greatly extended recently by the purchase of twenty-two additional claims which gives the Company now 4640 acres of rich gold bearing sand and gravel and twenty one miles of river bed. La Grande is now probably the owner of the largest and most valuable body of mineral lands in New Mexico. A limited amount of treasury stock has been put upon the market at 20 cents a share, but the price will be advanced soon. Our townsman C. B. Robbins is Secretary and Treasurer of the Company, and the home office is in the Wirt building near the Court House.

**A Oute Farmer.**

A Susquehanna county farmer had a dog, and he paid the tax assessed on that dog. The dog killed eight fine sheep for his owner, and was caught at the business red-handed, or rather red-mouthed. The owner promptly shot him full of holes, and then put in a bill at the county commissioner's office for the sheep. "It was my dog," he admitted, "but I paid tax on him. If he had killed some other fellow's sheep the county would have paid the bill without a wink, and I'll bet you that I can make you pay this bill." The commissioners laughed at first, then they thought a while, and called in the county solicitor. He pondered on the subject, and finally said that the county could avoid the costs of a law suit by paying the bill, and pay it they did.

**Deeds.**

A new lot of deeds have just been printed at this office, conforming to the Act of 1901. They are as good as the best, and cheaper than some. Price, 6 cents each, or 5 for 25 cents. Orders filled by mail on receipt of the cash.

**LACKAWANNA'S NEW PLAN.**

The Management adopts a Pension System For the Benefit of Employees.

Further evidence of the progressive policy which has made the Lackawanna Railroad so conspicuous among our leading railways is found in the announcement made yesterday by its management that a pension system for the benefit of employees who have faithfully served the company would be placed in effect on March 1. The adoption of a pension department has been favored by President Truesdale almost from his identification with that company in 1899, and the plan which has just been adopted by the board of managers of the Lackawanna has been the subject of careful and prolonged examination and study on his part.

Under this system any employee engaged for twenty-five years in any capacity in the operation of the railroad proper, who has faithfully performed his duties, is to be retired at sixty-five years of age, and receive after his honorable retirement, a monthly allowance, dependent in amount upon his pay and length of service. The fund from which such payments will be made will be regularly appropriated each year by the company, employees not being required at any time to pay anything either for the support of the pension system or to add to the fund from which benefits will be made.

Any employee actively engaged for twenty-five years in the railroad department of the Lackawanna Railroad comes within the operation of the pension system, and his time of service will be computed from the time he began work upon the Lackawanna Railroad proper or upon any of its branches. The amount of pension will depend upon two conditions, the number of years the person has served the company and the amount of his average regular monthly pay for the ten years next preceding his retirement. If, for instance, the average monthly pay for the ten years preceding retirement has equalled \$60 a month, and the employee has been in the company's service thirty years, his pension will be \$18 a month, an amount equal to 1 per cent a year, for thirty years, of an average monthly salary of \$60. The pension board also has power in case a faithful employee has received injuries which totally incapacitate him from his regular or other avocations to consider his case, award a pension, if it is considered merited, and fix the time during which such pension shall be paid.

"This pension system has been adopted by the Lackawanna Railroad," said one of the officials who was active in arranging the details of the plan, "in the interests both of the men and the service. The company's benefits consist for most part in the added efficiency of service naturally consequent upon the employment of younger and more active men in the stead of those whose age has rendered their retirement beneficial both to themselves and the service; also in establishing more fully the spirit of co-operation and of mutual interest of employer and employee, thereby contributing to unity of effort and uniformity of action, which are essential to the successful management and conduct of a great railway company. From the standpoint of the men, it is primarily intended as giving assurance to faithful employees that, after a certain period of service, and when they are attaining an age where they are not so well adapted for the performance of their work, they shall have provision for their future support.

The board of officers selected to administer the affairs of the pension department, under the direction of the president of the company, are General Superintendent T. E. Clarke, General Auditor O. C. Post, Chief Engineer W. K. McFarlin, Superintendent of Motive Power and Machinery T. S. Lloyd and Traffic Manager B. D. Caldwell. At the organization of the board Traffic Manager Caldwell was elected chairman and General Auditor Post secretary.

**Street Parade.**

You have no doubt seen imitators of the Country Band Street Parade. See the originator, Mr. J. C. Lewis, and his Si Plunkard Country Band Parade. The success of this novel and amusing method of heralding the advent of this attraction in every city they appear has led others to imitate this medium of heralding their inferior shows. So do not confound this attraction with their imitators, for while Mr. Lewis feels flattered by imitators he does not wish to be judged by them. So watch for this funny parade to-day. It's funnier than a whole circus.

**TAILOR-MADE SUITS.**

N. S. Tingley has accepted the agency for Reinach, Ullman & Co. of Chicago, merchant tailors, and is ready to supply made-to-measure clothing at prices lower than can be obtained elsewhere. He has a large line of samples to select from. His place of business is the third floor of the COLUMBIAN building.

**I. W. HARTMAN**  
 RETIRING FROM BUSINESS.

Last Day, Saturday, March 15th.

**Dissolution Sale Prices.**

**CURTAINS.**

8.50 lace curtains; dissolution price.....	7.50
7.50 lace curtains; dissolution price.....	6.50
6.50 lace curtains; dissolution price.....	5.75
5.00 lace curtains; dissolution price.....	3.95
3.75 lace curtains; dissolution price.....	2.95
2.75 lace curtains; dissolution price.....	2.25
2.00 lace curtains; dissolution price.....	1.69
1.50 lace curtains; dissolution price.....	1.29
89c. lace curtains; dissolution price.....	.75
60c. lace curtains; dissolution price.....	.52

**OIL CLOTH CURTAINS.**

75c. curtains, dissolut'n sale..	64c
59c. " " " "	50c
39c. " " " "	30c
25c. " " " "	21c

**HEAVY PORTIERES.**

CHENILLE AND DERBY.	
\$9.00 curtains, dissolut'n sale \$7.95	
8.00 " " " "	6.95
7.00 " " " "	5.95
6.50 " " " "	5.39
5.00 " " " "	4.19
3.75 " " " "	2.95
3.00 " " " "	2.39

**CURTAIN POLES.**

White poles, 4 ft. long, now 13c.	
Before dissolution sale, 18c.	
Oak poles, 4 ft. long, now 11c.	
Before dissolution sale, 15c.	
5 ft. poles, 6 ft. poles, 8 ft. poles and 10 ft. poles, at dissolution sale prices.	

**DRESS GOODS.**

50 and 75c. dress goods, dissolution sale, 31c. yd.  
 All wool dress goods, in nearly every color—some pieces of black, plaids, stripes and small neat figures.

**BLACK DRESS GOODS.**

59c. wool dress goods for 44c.  
 45c. wool dress goods, 34c.  
 These black wool dress goods, in several styles. Small, neat figures.

**APRON GINGHAM, 3/4c. a Yd.**

**CURTAIN NETS & SWISSES BY THE YARD.**

1.00 curtain nets, dissolut'n sale, 83c	
.75 " " " "	62c
.50 " " " "	39c
.39 " " " "	31c
.25 " " " "	21c
.19 " " " "	16c
.15 " " " "	12 1/2

**HOSIERY.**

Women's black fleeced stockings, Women's black wool hose, Children's black ribbed wool hose. All of the above reduced from 25c. a pair to close. 3 pairs for 50c., or per pair, 19c.

**SILKS.**

Silk selling has been truly wonderful. Still another cut in prices. 25 styles of \$1.00 and 1.25 silks reduced to close at 75c. a yard. 34 styles of 75c. silk reduced to 59c. a yard.

**PERFUME.**

The kind we have been selling for years at 15 and 25c. each. Too many bottles on hand. 15c., dissolution sale, 9c. 25c., dissolution sale, 16c.

**I. W. HARTMAN & SON, BLOOMSBURG, PA.**

**EAST BENTON.**

Mrs. A. R. Stine of this place died Thursday morning of last week from apoplectic stroke from which she did not rally. About two weeks previous she had an attack of pneumonia but was growing better, and complete recovery was considered a question of only a few days. Her death therefore was sudden and the sad event cast a gloom over the entire community. A husband, two daughters, four sons and a brother survive. Three of the sons reside in Nebraska and one at Acme, West Virginia. Three of the boys, William and Alfred with their families of Nebraska, and Harmon of Acme visited their parents but so short a time before her death, while Alfred returned to the west after Mrs. Stine was better, but William remained a little longer and probably reached home by the time the news of the death of his mother reached there by telegraph.

Frank Keefer of Ravenscreek, died Tuesday morning of last week at 12 a. m. from consumption. He lingered for several years wasting gradually away until relieved by death. He was a printer by trade and highly respected, and aged 36 years. He is survived by a widow and five small children.

Charley Drescher of lower Ravenscreek, passed peacefully away on Friday of last week. He has been sorely afflicted and a great sufferer for several years. He was highly respected and is survived by a widow and a large family of children.

The grim monster death is no respecter of persons and enters at present so many households and snatches from them loved ones until a solemnity appears to settle over the entire county.

Miss Edna Wilson of Ravenscreek, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Arthur Harrison of Harveyville on last Wednesday noon. Congratulations are in order.

The Pine Creek Oil Company is again obliged to suspend operations by reason of the breaking of the drill. Grappling irons must again be secured to fish the broken fragment from the well.

Well for a fact, we were visited by a genuine snow storm of two days duration last Friday and Saturday. There is an immense body of snow and ice on the surface at present. If it had not rained in the snow and settled it there would possibly be a depth of two feet. On Sunday morning the mercury dropped to the zero point and though a warm day followed yet the sun made but little impression on the snow. If it should pass away suddenly disastrous floods would be the result.

Leases, 3c each, 30c a dozen. Notices to quit, 10c a dozen. For sale at this office.

**SHOES**

That wear well, look well, and are comfortable.

The Herrick Shoe, for women, at \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50. "Try Me" Shoe, for women, \$2.00.

Box Calf Shoes, for women, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00. All leather.

The W. L. Douglas Shoes, for men, full line. If you want solid comfort, buy our Government Shoe, \$2.50.

**W. H. MOORE,**  
 Cor. Main and Iron Sts.  
 BLOOMSBURG, PA.

**A New Way to Raise Money.**  
 If Your Town Has Any Special Needs, Organize a "Picture Club" Like This One.

Five years ago a "Picture Club" was organized in a New England town. Twelve members, six of each sex, were enrolled. Each member owned a camera, or borrowed one. It was agreed that during the summer each would take as many photographs of various spots in the town or its vicinity as possible, and would try to induce others outside of the club to take pictures. The best one hundred were selected, made into slides, and an evening selected when, in the Town Hall, the club showed the pictures on a screen. The admission was fixed at twenty-five cents. The "Picture Club Exhibition" has now become "the event of the season" in the town. The capacity of the hall is taxed, and the sum of money raised each year is always a handsome one. The money is given to some special town object.—*March Ladies' Home Journal.*

**"The Little Blue Book."**

The February number contains the latest revised time tables of all the railroads in the state. It is corrected and issued monthly. It is indispensable to people who travel or as a book of reference. It is the most accurate guide published. Sent postpaid at \$1.00 per year. Single copies by mail 10 cents. Address, W. F. Hastings, Milton, Pa.

**You may Snap your Fingers at Dyspepsia**

There is a quality in Royal Baking Powder, coming from the purity and wholesomeness of its ingredients, which promotes digestion. Food raised by it will not distress. This peculiarity of Royal has been noted by hygienists and physicians, and they accordingly recommend it in the preparation of food, especially for those of delicate digestion.

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