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## COURT STOPS BOND DELIVERY.

County Commissioners Restrained From Placing the Millinville Bridge Bonds With J. N. Thompson, at Par.

Notwithstanding the claim of the commissioners that they had a legal right to act as they did in placing the \$96,000 issue of county bonds necessitated by the construction of the new bridge over the Susquehanna river at Millinville, the transaction has met with an obstacle in the shape of proceedings instituted against the County Commissioners, J. N. Thompson and the Farmers' National Bank. M. A. Bibby of Catawissa is the complainant in the suit, and John G. Freeze, Ikeler & Ikeler and Wm. C. Johnston are his counsel.

To print the entire bill of complaint would take up entirely too much space in our paper. We publish herewith, however, the form of the affidavits to which are affixed the names of county auditors G. H. Sharpless and William Bogart.

G. H. Sharpless, being sworn, says: "that according to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, William Krickbaum, W. H. Fisher and Nehemiah Kitchen, Commissioners of Columbia County, have awarded and are about to deliver to J. N. Thompson, individually, or as cashier of the Farmers' National Bank, of Bloomsburg, \$96,000 of county bonds, bearing interest at 4 per centum per annum, without tax, for the sum of \$96,000; when in fact said bonds are worth a premium of about four per centum; that this award was made in collusion and bad faith, for less than the market value of said bonds, without opportunity being given other proposed bidders, although the same had expressed a desire to purchase at a premium; that the said County Commissioners knew at the time of the award that the bonds were worth more than par and that responsible parties were willing to give a premium therefor, and that if the said bonds are delivered, as aforesaid, for the sum of \$96,000, the County and the taxpayers thereof will be greatly injured and damaged.

And the affiant says that such of the above facts as he has personal knowledge of, are true, and that as to those of which he has been informed, he verily believes them to be true."

(Signed) G. H. SHARPLESS,  
County Auditor.

Judge Little on Thursday afternoon granted a preliminary injunction restraining William Krickbaum, William H. Fisher and Nehemiah Kitchen, Commissioners of Columbia County, from issuing, executing or delivering to J. N. Thompson, individually or as cashier, or to the Farmers' National Bank of Bloomsburg, Pa., any of the issue of the \$96,000 of the aforesaid bonds of Columbia County under and by virtue of the offer of the said J. N. Thompson and the award thereon.

The order of the court in the matter is as follows:

And now, September 11, 1902, on reading within bill and injunction affidavits, and on motion of solicitors for plaintiff, it is hereby ordered and decreed that William Krickbaum, William H. Fisher and Nehemiah Kitchen, Commissioners of Columbia County, and their successors, or any of them, or any one for them, be, and they are hereby enjoined and restrained from issuing, executing or delivering to J. N. Thompson, or the Farmers' National Bank, of Bloomsburg, or to J. N. Thompson, cashier of said bank, or to any one for him or them, any of the issue of \$96,000 of the coupon bonds of the County of Columbia, heretofore awarded under and by virtue of the resolution of said County Commissioners, as of September 2, 1902.

And September 15, 1902, at two o'clock p. m., at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, is fixed as the time and place of preliminary hearing, when and where motions will be entertained to continue or dissolve the injunction herein granted.

On account of the enforced absence from town of some of the counsel the hearing was postponed to Thursday afternoon September 18th at two o'clock p. m.

Democratic candidate for congress, Chas. H. Dickerman, of Milton is in town conferring with the party leaders and meeting the voters.

## IN THE CLUTCHES OF THE LAW.

The Gang of Horse Thieves Which Has Been Operating in the Vicinity of Numedia for Some Time Past Has Been Apprehended.

Relief has at last come to the farmers living in the vicinity of Numedia who have long been suffering from the almost weekly depredations of a gang of horse thieves. Shortly after the second visitation of the gang the farmers banded themselves together for mutual protection. A fund was raised for the purpose of employing detectives to run down the guilty parties. Detectives were secured, plans were laid, and everybody was instructed to keep a close watch on every suspicious looking character that might invade the neighborhood, either by day or night. For a few days the vigil would be strict, then the farmers would grow careless and the next morning they would awake to find another favorite charger missing. All efforts to catch, or even get on track of the gang were futile, until on Tuesday of last week, when Abraham Berger, of Mt. Carmel, and Mike Sabus, evidently the ring leaders of the outfit, were arrested by Mt. Carmel authorities at Shamokin Dam. It appears that on Wednesday preceding the arrest Berger and Sabus drove into Aristes, a small village near Centralia, in Columbia County. The horse they drove was very lame and was otherwise injured. Dr. Kauffman, a veterinary surgeon, of Ashland, was called to see the animal. That night the two men left, but came back the next morning with another animal. This aroused the suspicion of Dr. Kauffman, and he closely questioned the two men, whereby he learned enough to satisfy his mind that they were horse thieves. From several things that was said during the interrogation Dr. Kauffman surmised that the thieves, at least for the present, had made their headquarters at Shamokin Dam. Before he could notify the officers Berger and Sabus skipped out, leaving the two horses behind.

The next day Dr. Kauffman went to Mt. Carmel, where he notified Chief of Police Morgan of what had happened. Early Monday morning Chief Morgan and Constable Harry Waters, of that place, went to Shamokin Dam, but during the day they could not locate the men they wanted. Being satisfied, however, that they were somewhere in the community, they remained over night. Tuesday morning early they saw the pair making their way across the river from sunbury in a row boat, and afterwards arrested them at the Ferry House. Berger and his pal were frightened badly and promised to give the officers all of the horses they had if they would leave them go.

Chief Morgan said he was only after the gray horse of William Rerig's, which had been stolen near Numidia. One of the two thieves confessed that they had sold the animal at Millersburg. The officers then took the guilty pair to Millersburg, where the stolen horse was recovered. The pair were then placed in the lock-up at Mt. Carmel. Sheriff Daniel Knorr and ex-Sheriff William Black went to Mt. Carmel on Wednesday expecting to bring the prisoners back and put them in jail here, but the authorities there would not give them up until the animal for the theft of which they had been arrested, had been seen and identified by its owner Mr. Rerig, and the sheriff was obliged to return home empty handed. Later in the day Mr. Rerig went to Mt. Carmel and claimed the animal, after which Chief of Police Morgan of that town, assisted by a constable took the prisoners to Locust township and turned them over to Constable J. L. Stein, who brought them to Bloomsburg and placed them in jail. It is that when the Mount Carmel officers and the prisoners arrived at Numedia some wild scenes were enacted. Feeling ran high for a while and lynching was threatened. As most of the thefts have been committed in Columbia and Schuylkill Counties, the prisoners will likely be tried in either of those counties.

Berger has a record as a horse thief. He was released from the Northumberland County Prison only four months ago, having serv-

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Bloomsburg National Bank

At the Close of Business September 15th, 1902.

[IN BUSINESS THREE YEARS.]

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Investments, \$374,615.61	Capital Stock, - \$60,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures, - 8,000.00	Surplus and Profits, (Net) 41,017.73
Cash and Reserve, - 81,500.29	Circulation, - 58,700.00
	Individual Deposits, - 300,084.06
	Bank Deposits - 4,312.11
\$464,113.90	\$464,113.90

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

[READ MY AD ON 5TH PAGE.]

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ed a sentence of four years and a quarter on a similar charge. His former theft was a pair of black horses, which he took from the barn of Silas Pensyl, of Elysburg. He drove one horse to death on the way to Philadelphia and the other was recovered.

## Old Veterans Will Meet.

The Columbia County Veteran Association will hold its seventh annual reunion at Shawnee Park on Saturday next. It will be a big day for the old soldiers and many pleasant reminiscences of the days of '61 will be exchanged. The complete program for the day follows:

All soldiers will be met by the Reception Committee and conducted to headquarters, at Auditorium in Park, where they will be enrolled and receive badges.

Business meeting in auditorium, 10:30 a. m., opened by prayer by Rev. W. H. Stover.

Reading of minutes of last meeting.

Address of welcome, by W. C. Johnston.

Response, by J. T. Howe, Scranton, Pa.

Treasurer's Report.

Choosing place of next meeting.

Election of officers.

Adjourn for dinner.

The parade will form on Main street, at corner of Ferry, at 1:30 p. m., and be led by the Lime Ridge Cornet Band. The line of march will be down Main to Lochiel, out Lochiel to Second, up Second to Ferry, down Ferry to Water, out Water to Park.

Meeting called to order in auditorium after parade.

Music by band.

Prayer by Rev. Hartman.

Singing by P. O. S. of A. quartette, of Berwick, Pa.

Address by Rev. Smith.

Singing by quartette.

Address by Hon. Fred Ikeler.

Music by the band.

Address by Rev. Hemingway.

Singing by the quartette.

Music by the band.

H. H. HETLER, President.  
GEORGE LEE, Vice President.  
W. R. PRICE, Secretary.  
J. H. HUGHES, Treasurer.

## J. G. Wells' Special Gun Sale.

A first class single barrel gun, self ejector. This is a good one \$4.48.

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Special price on double barrel hammer guns \$7.98 up to \$18.00.

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Hunting Coats, Leggings,

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General Hardware,

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

## ELIAS REICHARD.

The death of Elias Reichard, aged 60 years, 11 months and 20 days occurred at his home in Orangeville on Sept. 7th. The deceased was an experienced and successful farmer. As a man he was noted for his push and energy. In his intercourse with his fellowmen he was truthful and honest. As a neighbor he was kind and sympathetic. As a Christian he endeavored to be consistent with his holy profession. He is survived by the widow and a daughter, Mrs. Jasper Poust. During his protracted sickness the neighbors were very kind for which they have the sincere thanks of the family.

## Pattison and Guthrie Coming.


Democracy will have an outpouring on Thursday October 8th. State Chairman William T. Creasy is arranging to have Robert E. Pattison candidate for governor and George W. Guthrie, candidate for lieutenant governor, here on that day. It is also expected that Hon. James A. Stranahan of Harrisburg and Hon. John H. Low, of Philadelphia, will be present also. Mr. Pattison, if he comes will no doubt make a speech at the fair grounds, and a public meeting will be held in the evening.

## Death From Typhoid Fever.

Miss Maud Werkheiser, a two week's victim of typhoid fever, died at her home on Catharine Street Sunday evening. She was aged twenty-one years, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Werkheiser. Her kindly disposition won many friends, and her untimely end is mourned by all. The funeral, conducted by Rev. M. E. McLinn, took place yesterday. The remains were taken to Swenoda for burial.

## Penny Men Must Pay up.

Employees of the Pennsylvania railroad must pay their debts hereafter or forfeit their positions. They have no alternative in the matter and if the money for just debts is not paid within a reasonable time the railroad will cease to continue the men's names on the pay rolls. Such is an order sent out from Philadelphia. All divisions have received the manifesto and all must act accordingly.



## Fall Overcoats

The first chill of Autumn brings the light-weight Overcoat into use. It is never out of service till April. Better get yours now and have the full benefit of it. Long or short—either is good, if the coat's good. Style isn't everything. Cloth is important; tailoring still more so. Style costs nothing—and yet it does. Two coats may be made in the same style, but the one that's best tailored will be the most stylish. Get your Overcoat where you know what's back of it.

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