

First National Bank, Bloomsburg, Pa.

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The First National Bank solicits a share of your business upon the basis of Sound and Progressive Banking, Liberal and Accurate Treatment.

Statement of Condition September 15, '02.

RESOURCES.	
Loans	\$294,144.47
U. S. Bonds	50,000.00
Banking House	27,500.43
Stocks and Securities	183,706.75
Cash & due from Banks & U. S. Tr.	109,217.53
Total	\$664,569.18
LIABILITIES.	
Capital	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	125,000.00
Undivided Profits	11,067.24
Circulation	50,000.00
Deposits	428,501.94
Total	\$664,569.18

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1902.

THE REWARD OF OBEDIENCE.

Berger and Katz Found Guilty of Horse Stealing, and Both are Heavily Sentenced.—The Former to Seventeen and the Latter to Ten Years in Eastern Penitentiary.

Two of the leading cases in point of interest of the present session of Criminal Court, were those of Abe Berger and Mike Katz, the two notorious horse thieves, who plied their vocation on an extensive scale over in the vicinity of Numedia, during the month of September. To these two cases can be attributed the large attendance at the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions.

Katz was the first to be arraigned before the Court. He entered a plea of not guilty to the charges, but the evidence was strong and conclusive, and his conviction was only a matter of a short time. The greatest length of time was required in selecting the jury. Ralph Kiser of Danville, counsel for the defense, took advantage of the law in this respect and challenged twenty of the jurors, which together with eleven challenges made by the Commonwealth completely exhausted the panel, and the twelfth juror had to be selected from three called as talesmen.

The first witness called in the case was William M. Rarig, the prosecutor. He testified that his gray mare was stolen on September 6th, and that it was four days later that he recovered her. Monroe Rake, proprietor of the hotel at Aristes, testified that Berger and Katz were at his place in the morning of September 4th and remained there until the evening of the 5th when they left, with the stated intention of going to Catawissa. In the matter of naming their destination, when leaving the Aristes Hotel it is evident that they told the truth as A. F. Hartman a harness maker of Catawissa, bore testimony that they had called at his place of business, and purchased a leather and strap. These were found in Katz' possession when he was arrested. On the evening of the day that the pair were in Catawissa they took supper at the Catawissa house, Berger, according to the testimony of the proprietor, Daniel Kistler, entered both names on the register.

The most important testimony for the prosecution was then given by W. P. Walter, hostler at the Ferry House, Sunbury, and J. R. Van Horn, proprietor of the Summit Hotel near Middleburg. Walter stated that on Sept. 6, at a very early hour in the morning, as near as he could remember it was about three o'clock, Berger and Katz arrived at the hotel with a team, a black and a gray. They unhitched the horses and ordered the gray to be kept under lock and key. They remained about the place all day Saturday. Sunday he did not see them, but early Monday morning they returned, hitched up and drove off in the direction of Selinsgrove.

Mr. Van Horn testified that he met Katz for the first time on Monday Sept. 8. He and Berger came to his hotel. They wanted to sell the mare, which they said had been in from the west for seven months. He finally made a deal, trading a bay mare and giving thirty dollars to boot.

The story of their arrest was related by Constable Waters of Mt. Carmel. He apprehended the pair at the Ferry House, Sunbury. They at first disclaimed any knowledge of where the horse was, but when confronted by some repairmen who had seen them pass near Selinsgrove with a gray mare, and return with a bay mare, they confessed. Chief of Police Morgan of

Mt. Carmel was with Waters when the arrest was made. His testimony was corroborative of that of the constable.

Dr. Coffman a veterinary surgeon of Shamokin, was in Ashland on Sept 4th. He testified that in the evening of that day he was called on by Katz and Berger to doctor a horse at Aristes.

Katz then took the stand in his own behalf. He tried to impress the jury that he had no connection with the crime. That he was only employed by Berger to assist him in bringing several horses from the country, and for which he was to receive \$5. He said Berger had told him that he had purchased the Rarig mare for \$65.00. When they were within a half mile of the Rarig home Berger instructed him to wait until he went and got the horse which he did.

In the cross examination, conducted by District Attorney Harman, the witness, developed a bad memory. He was very careful not to let go anything that he thought would connect him.

Berger followed Katz and testified that he had hired Katz for the trip and had offered to pay him \$5 for the work.

William Crawford and James Barrett, who were in the county jail at the time, testified to a conversation they had overheard between Katz and Berger in which the latter threatened to testify that he had not hired Katz unless he would swear that Berger had paid \$65 for the horse.

Argument was made by District Attorney Harman and Ralph Kiser. Then came the trial of the chief offender, Berger, for the larceny of Daniel Levan's horse.

George Honaberger testified to having seen Berger near Levan's the day before the horse was stolen. John Ross, of Trevorton, testified to having purchased the Levan horse from Berger, and P. H. Dalbert, of Snyderstown, the buggy. Constable Morgan, of Mt. Carmel, further testified that Berger had told him he could tell them where the Levan horse could be found; in fact, subsequently directed Sheriff Knorr, to the place.

On the stand in his own behalf Berger related a very flimsy story. A fellow he said, Lewis Cottrell, by name, had given him Levan's horse and buggy to sell. He wasn't aware that the horse had been stolen. His memory, too, like that of his partner in crime, was faulty. However, it would not have availed him much had it been retentive. His guilt was firmly established, before his own defense was attempted.

The sentences imposed by Judge Little are very severe, and should serve as a warning to criminals of this sort who may come before him in the future. The maximum sentences for the various offenses for which the men were indicted, is thirty-seven years. Had they been given the limit, it is doubtful if either of them would have survived it.

Berger's punishment is seventeen years at hard labor at separate and solitary confinement in the Eastern Penitentiary, a fine of \$1,000 and the costs of prosecution.

Katz fared somewhat better. He was sentenced to ten years imprisonment at hard labor at separate and solitary confinement in the Eastern Penitentiary, pay a fine of \$500 and costs of prosecution.

Berger, while the sentence was being pronounced, maintained the same tacit indifference that has characterized his demeanor during the whole trial. He chatted with Sheriff Knorr in a manner that would indicate that nothing had happened.

With Katz it was different. He was greatly distressed and could scarcely make his way to his seat. His eyes, which had probably not known tears since boyhood, were wet and he displayed other evidence of misery.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The teachers' institute now in session in the Normal Auditorium, and which closes tomorrow, has been one of the most successful ever held in this county. In the selection of instructors and the arrangement of the lecture course and all of the numerous details necessary for the conduct of a gathering covering nearly a week. Superintendent Evans has exhibited rare sagacity and good judgment. The instructors are Supt. W. W. Stetson of Maine; Dr. D. J. Waller of Indiana, Pa.; Prof. C. H. Albert, Prof. W. W. Deatrick, Ex-Superintendent John K. Miller, Dr. Corson, Prof. John B. Demott, and Prof. O. H. Yetter, leader of the music.

On Monday night Miss Elsie Hicks played a piano solo, "Hungarian Rhapsodie" by Liszt. Her performance is always marked by great precision and expression, and she was fully up to her standard. William Hawley Smith of Peoria, Ill. lectured on "We the People." It was more of an informal talk than a lecture, and was especially an address to teachers. He said many things that are true about education, and some things that we should dispute if we had the space to criticize his whole lecture. That is probably what he would prefer. Lecturers often say startling things in order to invite criticism and bring themselves more prominently before the public. But Smith is all right, and his auditors gathered much useful information from his talk.

The Rogers-Grilley Company on Tuesday evening captured the audience. Mr. Grilley is a reciter and personator of unusual excellence, and Mr. Rogers is a master of the harp. Prof. Thomas R. Williams of Pittston, a favorite here, sang two tenor solos in fine style. This evening was most entertaining.

On Wednesday evening Prof. O. H. Yetter sang a bass solo, "In the Heart of the Mighty Deep" and was encored. We need not tell a Bloomsburg audience that he sang well. Dr. D. F. Fox of Chicago followed with his lecture on "A Neglected Cavalier." Sir Walter Raleigh was the cavalier. The lecture was historical with modern application. It was a scholarly production.

To night Prof. J. B. Demott will lecture on "A Plea for Posterity." Mrs. Marion Harter Miller who was announced for a violin solo, will be unable to play owing to an injury to her hand.

Superintendent Evans is worthy of congratulation for the success of his first county institute.

From Court House Corridors.

Business is brisk at the Court House this week and all the officials are busy. In the Prothonotary's office there are many signs of activity. At court time there is always a vast amount of work and it is necessary to have some extra help. Boyd Maize Esq. is assisting with the transcribing this week.

TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE.

The following deeds have been recorded during the past week, in the Recorder's office:

- Creveling Cemetery Co. to R. A. Graham, land in Scott twp.
- Jonathan Lacombe and wife to James Cornelison, land in Franklin twp.
- Chas. Brunstetter and wife to Joseph S. Cole, land in Millville.
- D. A. Michael and wife to R. O. Davis, land in West Berwick.
- Berwick Land & Improvement Co. to Morgan Griffith, land in West Berwick.
- American Car & Foundry Co. to Morgan Griffith, Land in West Berwick.
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- Berwick Land & Improvement Co. to D. A. W. Huebner, land in West Berwick.
- W. H. Woodin, et. al. to William East, land in West Berwick.
- A. E. Mc Afee and wife to Lena Abrams, land in Berwick.

SHERIFF SALES.

Sheriff Knorr sold the following properties at his office on Saturday.

Property of Hiram Der and Franklin Derr situate in Montour township, to Catharine E. Ammerman for \$85.00.

Properties of John K. Lockard, store building on Main street and dwelling house on Fifth street in Bloomsburg to C. W. Miller attorney for \$9550 and \$6100 respectively.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Ola Larish of Benton and Miss Edna E. Larish of Guava.
Andrew H. Thomas and Miss Etta M. Welliver both of Eysergrove.
W. H. Pollock and Miss S. E. Smith both of Salem township, Luzerne Co. Pa.

Itching Skin

Distress by day and night— That's the complaint of those who are so unfortunate as to be afflicted with Eczema or Salt Rheum—and outward applications do not cure. They can't. The source of the trouble is in the blood—make that pure and this scaling, burning, itching skin disease will disappear. "I was taken with an itching on my arms which proved very disagreeable. I concluded it was salt rheum and bought a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla. In two days after I began taking it I felt better and it was not long before I was cured. I have never had any skin disease since." MRS. IDA E. WARD, Cove Point, Md.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills rid the blood of all impurities and cure all eruptions.

THE ANNUAL EXCURSION

Of Normal Teachers and Students to Washington, D. C. December 15th.

All arrangements for the Excursion to Washington, December 15, have been completed. The itinerary is printed below. Arrangements have been made to reach Philadelphia on Thursday night, leaving Washington after all departments are closed and the sight-seeing is done. This is a decided gain. Heretofore Thursday evening was spent in resting at the hotels, and it was impossible to get started from Washington before 8 a. m. Friday. Friday forenoon was then taken for the run to Philadelphia. By the present arrangement, they spend the same time sight-seeing in Washington, and go to Philadelphia on time not otherwise profitably used and gain a half day for sight-seeing in Philadelphia.

Throughout the entire trip they have their own special train of vestibule cars, and the cost of the entire trip including railroad fare, hotel expenses, trip to Mt. Vernon, transfer of baggage, and fees of guides will be \$14.25.

The party will be conducted by members of the Faculty who are well-informed in regard to all places to be visited. The excursionists will be divided into groups, so that all can get the full explanations of the teachers and guides. The same oversight of the students will be exercised as is exercised at the school. If you have not yet written Dr. Welsh about the matter, do so at once.

ITINERARY.

The excursion party will be divided into sections and each section will be in charge of a teacher. The following itinerary will be followed in the main, but is subject to change for the different sections in order to avoid crowding when visiting certain places of interest. When changes are made for any section it will be announced by bulletin in each hotel. Maps and guides can be had of the teachers in charge of the section.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1902.

Leave Bloomsburg P & R. Station, 7 a. m. sharp. (All baggage, if tagged with the owner's name and home address, will be delivered at hotels in Washington.) Arrive in Washington about 3 p. m. Proceed to United States Navy Yard by street cars, where remainder of afternoon will be spent. (Buy six street car tickets for twenty-five cents. They are good until used on all lines.) From Navy Yard take green cars to intersection of New York Ave. and 15th St. This is near hotels (Fredonia, 123 H St. and Oxford, corner 14th St. and New York Ave.) at which the party will be entertained. Dinner at 6 p. m. At 8 p. m. visit Hall of the Ancients on New York Ave., near hotels. (Admission 25c.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1902.

Take street cars from hotels to East Capitol street. Meet in the rotunda of the Capitol at 9 a. m. sharp for tour of the building under escort of special guides. Reassemble in the rotunda at 10:30 a. m. Visit the new Congressional Library until 11:30 a. m. Visit the United States Supreme Court, Capitol Building, at 12 o'clock noon, and witness the assembling of the judges and the opening of the court. The Senate and House of Representatives convene at 12 o'clock noon. Take street cars at East Capitol street at 12:30 p. m. for hotels. Luncheon at 1 p. m. Spend the remainder of the day in the Capitol, attend the sessions of the Senate and House of Representatives, and complete tour of the new Congressional Library. Take street cars at East Capitol street for hotels. Dinner at 6 p. m. The Congressional Library will be open every evening until 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1902.

Visit Bureau of Engraving and Printing at 8 a. m. Smithsonian Institution, National Museum and United States Fish Commission. Special train of electric cars over the Mt. Vernon Electric Railway will leave station on Pennsylvania Ave. and 13 1/2 St. at 12 m., sharp, for trip to Mt. Vernon, stopping at Alexandria and Arlington National Cemetery on return trip. Box luncheon will be served on the train. Return to hotels for dinner at usual time.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1902.

9 a. m. visit State, War and Navy building, White House and United States Treasury. Luncheon at hotels at 1 p. m. In the afternoon visit the New Corcoran Gallery of Art and the Washington Monument. The elevator in the monument will carry only thirty persons on each trip. Trips commence on the hour and are repeated every twenty minutes. It is not wise to attempt to ascend or descend the monument by the stairway. Dinner at hotels at 5 p. m. Take train for Philadelphia at B. & O. Station, New Jersey Ave., and C. St., at 6:30 p. m. sharp. Arrive Reading Terminal Philadelphia 10 p. m. Walk one square to Hotel Hanover 12th and Arch Sts., where the party will be entertained.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1902.

Visit City Hall, Independence Hall, and other points of interest. Take train for home at Reading Terminal Station at 3 p. m. Brief stop at Valley Forge about 3:40 arrive at Bloomsburg about 9 p. m.

Watch for This Space
NEXT WEEK!
TOWNSEND
Will Tell You Something
That will Interest You.

SHAPING UP FOR THE Holiday Trade

Always forehanded, always looking ahead. These things add much to the usefulness of a store to its buying public. We consider it good advertising to tell you now that the Big Christmas lines are here; that they are now ready for you to look at. We want you to know that when you are ready to buy, you can depend upon this shop being in complete readiness to supply your wants. In the meantime glance through the following list of things that you need now.

Black Dress Goods.

This is the biggest Black goods season we ever had, but we prepared big for it and have been adding to it each week as fast as they were sold out, so you will find most any weave shown this season.

Rich Silk and Velvets.

Silk and velvet selling is always a feature at this season. We've bought to make the selling most satisfactory to you in every way. Colored Taffeta Silks, 50 and 75c yd., unfinished Black Taffeta Silk, 27in. wide and 36in. wide at 90c. per yd. and \$1.25 per yd.

The Stormy Day Skirts.

More of them sold just at this season than at any other time. Here are three special lots at special prices. All wool Cashmere Skirt at \$3.98, worth \$7.50. All colors and different style Skirts at \$4.98 A lot of handsome \$10.00 Skirts at \$7.50.

Ladies' and Misses' Fleece Hose.

Fleece Hose keep you warm and wear so much better than wool hose, unless you pay a good price for them. Misses' Fleece Hose 15 and 25c Ladies' " " 15, 25 " 50c.

All Kinds of Underwear

This is a busy section in this store, ought to be a proof we have the right kinds at the right prices. We buy them right from first hands and the best make too. Mens' shirts and drawers 50c. each to 1.50. Boys' shirts and drawers 10c. each to 1.00. Misses' Vests and Pants 10c. each to 1.00. Ladies' vests and pants 25c. each to 1.50. Misses' combination suits 25c. each to 1.35. Ladies' combination suits 49c. each to 2.98. Big assortment of children's wrappers.

A List of Little Things.

It don't take long to read the list. If the needed things are found, then you've saved a little something by buying it here. Lace collars 75c. each to 1.50. Wrist bags 25c. each to 1.50. Beaded Chatelaine bags 50c. each to 4.50. Brushes of all kinds trimmed with silver 25c. Imitation shell hair pins at 10c. a dozen.

F. P. Pursel.

Freight Rates go up. 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. 4.

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