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### Bloomsburg, Pa.

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Statement of Condition September 15, '02. RESOURCES.

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Loans . U. S. Bond Banking He Stocks and Cash & due	Secur!	ties Banks	& U.S		294,144 50,000 27,560 183,706 109,215	43
Total				8	564,629	18
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Capital Surplus Undivided Circulation Deposits	Profits			. 3	50,000 125,000 11,067 50,000 \$28,561	24
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Total \$664,629.18

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The Value of Silver Gradually Falling. If Downward Rush Continues a Gold Standard Basis will Result.

Speaking of the diminishing value of silver an exchange says:

If the present downward rush in the price of silver shall continue the whole world will go upon a gold standard basis. Free coinage of silver at the present bottom prices for And one Which May Constitute a Precedent. the white metal would be a national folly akin to the unlimited manufacture of dollars out of brass.

Within the past fortnight silver told down to the lowest price it ever ommanded. Bar silver sold in ondon at 21% pence the ounce 925 ine, which is equivalent at the rate of exchange to 47.96 cents the ounce 1000 fine. At this low rate the ratio of silver to gold is not 16 to 1, but more than 21/2 times that. When silver a few days ago sold at 2176 pence one ounce of gold would purchase 45.10 ounces of silver. The bullion in one American silver dollar was worth exactly 37.09 cents.

Nations like Mexico, which have clung to silver for centuries, are abandoning it for gold standard. Two prime causes are responsible for the cheapness of silver. The the output of that metal, which in thirty years has been 135 per cent. The greater cause, and the one which has brought about this acute crisis in silver at this time, is the Chinese indemnity.

Last year the world's output of silver bullion was 175,000,000 ounces fine. Of this the United States produced 55,214,000. The Chinese indemnity will require a little more than one-eighth of the total or 22,122,000 ounces every year. China has actually started in to scrape up all her silver, which is being converted into gold. These enormous quantities of the white metal which are poured upon the world have made the price of it melt away. Ordinarily China is a tremendous purchaser of silver. It is the money of the Orient.

WHERE SILVER IS USED.

The Philippines, the Straits Settlements such as Singapore, Penang and Hongkong, which are controlled by the English, use silver dollars. They are usually called "Mexican" dollars, as they are of the same value as the Mexican, which is just half the American dollar. In that part of the world an American dollar is always called a "gold dollar" because it passes as a gold dollar.

The following table shows the world's production of silver in 1873 and up to and including 1901, for each decade, with the highest and lowest price in each year given in English pence per onnce:

RANGE OF PRICE.

The range of price in 1902 up to the present time has been: Highest, 25 15-16, and lowest, 21 11-16. From 1833 to 1873 the price of silver never dropped below 581/2 pence ers in that body. the lowest record being in 1848. Since 1873 there has been a decided | reaction against silver as a money Ben Gidding.

standard, which, coupled with the larger production of it, has vastly Franco-Prussian war Germany demonetized silver, the United States followed that example quickly afterits use as a legal tender nine years flood of rupees, which had been free and unlimited, and at the same time this country suspended the purchase of silver bullion which had been authorized by the Sherman act. Some of those countries which are thought that if one could read, proposition of becoming so, notably, Mexico. Each one that deserts silver strikes a blow at the white metal from which it never ralhes. As China's indemnity payments have they were very costly and precious now been added to the burden it and hard to procure, as stationery seems likely that silver will sink even lower. And if the first year of the payment has produced such an effect what will be the result of forty years of the same transaction?

Neck-wear! Neck-wear! Neckwear, all styles and shapes at Ben Gidding's.

A UNIQUE CASE,

A case unique in the legal annals of Pennsylvania, says the Mt. Carmel to its conclusion with interest as it may constitute a precedent for similar actions in the future.

On December 27, 1898, Thomas McDonald of Girardville, who had driven into Mt. Carmel, came into Robertson's livery stable on Second street and asked Mr. Robertson to telephone for Dr. Longacre a veterinary sergeon of Shenandoah, to come more modern days of first class immediately to Mt. Carmel as his horse had been taken sick. Mr. with all the para Robertson did as he was requested, but Dr. Longacre did not come and the horse died. On investigation it used to attend the weekly spelling was found that the message was not bee, in which was as much interest delivered promptly by the representative of the telephone company at Here the champion spellers within smaller cause is the vast growth in Shenandoah, and while it had been sent from town between one and two in the afternoon it did not reach Dr. Longacre until about five o'clock.

As the horse was a valuable one, and as Mr. McDonald thought the negligence of the telephone company championship. At all events there agent was the cause of its death he brought action against the Central Pennsylvania Telephone Company for damages in the sum of \$300, and the case came up for trial last Wednesday. Testimony and arguments last-ed two days, W. W. Robertson, the local liveryman, being one of the chief witnesses for the prosecution. hence the people and their children The prosecution tried to prove neglino longer grope in intellectual darkgence on the part of the defendant in ness, nor stumble over superstitious not delivering the message promptly, but the defence contended that it forefathers cleared the country from could not be shown that Dr. Longacre the forestry and removed all imwould have saved the horse even if he pediments and rubbish from the had received the message earlier and soil that the industrious husbandhad repaired to Mt. Carmel without man might reap thirty, sixty and a

Thursday afternoon at four o'clock land. So, in like manner, they and Friday afternoon, after twenty- prepared the way for intellectual four hours' deliberation the jury re- advancement and progression, that ported that they could not agree. by the use of all modern education-They were discharged accordingly al machinery, our schools reap more and the case was continued. Report than a hundred fold of educational says that the jury stood eleven for the advantages of which we boast as plaintiff and one against. McDonald the triumph and glory of our is by no means discouraged but will American Institutions. proceed with his plans for pushing the case to a conclusion.

Hog Cholera medicine at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Hon. Fred Ikeler is mentioned prominently as a candidate for chairman of the House caucus of the Democrats at the coming session of the legislature. This position carries with it the party leader-ship in the House. Mr. Ikeler's ability was recognized in the last legislature, and he was acknowledged to be one of the best speak-

Pains in the Back

Are symptoms of a weak, torpid or stagnant condition of the kidneys or liver, and are a warning it is extremely hazardous to neglect, so important is a healthy action of these organs.

They are commonly attended by loss of energy, lack of courage, and sometimes by gloomy foreboding and de-

"I had pains in my back, could not sleep and when I got up in the morning felt worse than the night before. I began tak-ing Hood's Sarsaparilla and now I can sleep and get up feeling rested and able to do my work. I attribute my cure entirely to Hood's Sarsaparilla." Mas. J. N. Perry, care H. S. Copeland, Fike Road, Ala. Hood's Sarsaparilla

and Pills Cure kidney and liver troubles, relieve

the back, and build up the whole system.

IMPROVEMENTS IN EDUCATIONAL FAUILITIES.

The pioneer schools corresponded with pioneer life in the early period of our country's history. Needs of school supplies were few cheapened the price. Soon after the them. The attention of the people was chiefly directed to clearing up the country, which occupied all of ward, the Latin countries restricted their time, and their children could not be spared much of their time ago, the mints of India stopped the for intellectual improvement. The school buildings in those days, like the houses of the people, were rudely constructed and school supplies were of the most primary character, and scant in quantity, and it was not on a gold basis are debating the write and cipher, was all the education that one needed, as so many people could neither read nor write.

Probably half the children went to school without any books, as of all kinds were scarce, and many parents too poor to buy them. But it must be remembered that the printing press was also in its pioneer days, and labored under the same disadvantages that all other pioneer enterprises did.

Under such circumstances, neither teachers nor pupils could have any higher ambition than "go through the books," then in vogue three National Banks while the whether they mastered them or not. schools and churches meet all the as each teacher (perhaps then better known as "master") was a law unto himself, and his qualifications Hem, was tried in the civil court of certified to, by his ability to con-Schuylkill county at Pottsville last quer the pupils, if not by moral week. It will doubtless be followed suasion, then by brute force and "hickory oil."

Each school was independent of all other districts, and the only test of superiority of rival districts, was in the old fashioned spelling bee. It appears that the patrons of the schools in those days took more interest in these spelling bees than beauty of scenery, for architectural do the patrons of our schools in the school facilities, and full supplies, state of civilization, at all of which phernialia of school the pioneer founders would stand apparatus. Whole communities, old and young, male and female, manifested as in a circus show. reach of all districts, assembled and engaged in the contest for the championship or "belt," which they prized more highly than a Jeffries or a Fitzsimmons could prize the pugilistic belt for the was more honor in the spelling "belt" than is in the pugilistic

But with our country's development and improvement the pioneer schools faded with pioneer life, and both were supplanted by a higher and more refined civilization, and hundred fold as the product of his The case went to the jury on labor, by properly cultivating the

Yet, with all the glorious improvements which lifted humanity to a higher and nobler state of life and general advantages in every department of human activity, we love to take an occasional backward glance, and crown with glory and praise the noble pioneers and their immediate successors-that is, our aucestors, who paved the way that such glorious results might follow in the wake of their noble deeds; but which they never dreamed could ever be accomplished by their

descendents. It the first settlers and founders Prof. Lorenz, the noted Australian of Bloomsburg could rise and see surgeon, which will be held before teeming with industry and busi- College to-day.

and Cassemeres 2.75, 3.50 to 15.00

XMAS GIFTS.

House Coats, Velours

Imported Velours, 3.00, 5.00, to 15.00

Bath Robes,

Fine Dress Gloves-Pique, Mocha, Reindeer, Silk Lined Driv-

Gentlemen's Silk

25c. to 1.00

25c. to 1.00 Suspenders-The latest novelties, Harris, Presi-

25c. to 2.50

and the financial wants supplied by

schools and churches meet all the

requirements of the intellectual and

spiritual wants of people and child-

ren and second to none in any part

of our country, and above all the

State Normal School, not only the

pride and glory of Bloomsburg, but

a state pride and the central star of

the first magnitude in the constel-

lation of the institutions of learning

art, neatness of appearance, intelli-

gence and refinement, and a high

aghast in utter wonder and amaze-

never lived there. But what is

true of Bloomsburg in this respect

is true of every locality within the

Can it be possible that for the

next hundred years this marvelous

improvement will accelerate and l

outdo the last hundred years? If

so, what can we imagine Blooms-

development of pioneer ideas. Be-

hold, what "mighty oaks from little

Sheriff Knorr, assisted by Frank

Deitrick, J. S. Cole, J. T. Fetterolf

and Spades Welliver took the con-

ger to the Eastern Penitentiary on

The Columbia County W. C. T.

Genuine seal driving gloves \$5.00

David Mauser, one of Grovania's

best known residents died at his

home in that place on Tuesday,

aged 64 years. Besides a wife, he

Judge Charles C. Jones, of Monte-

zuma, N. Y., is probably the most

ponderous jurist in the United

height and weighs 416 pounds.

States. He is six feet one inch in

Seven years in business is our

Dr. B. F. Gardner has gone to

Philadelphia, to attend the clinic of

reference. Gem Steam Launday.

U. executive meeting will be held

J. C. W.

bounds of our state.

acorns grow."

Tuesday.

Saturday, 13th inst.

at Ben Gidding's.

Weaver of Bloomsburg.

commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

TOWNSEND'S

Fine Silk Umbrellas English Twills, Etc.

1.00 to 6.00

ing Gloves, Fur Lined, 50c. to 5.00

Handkerchiefs. Fine Linen, Cambric, Initial Linens.

Gentlemen's Neckwear In the latest designs in all the various styles.

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> 25c. to 1.00 We Shirts for Dress, for Business. Monacle-Offer Gold and Silver in soft and stiff. the 1.00 to 1 50 Dress Suit Cases, Best

Values

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Bags, Telescopes. New

MMAS GIFTS.

Hats-Soft and Stiff.

Dunlap, Knox and

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Toques, Tams and

Novelties in Caps for

Children. New and

Miller style.

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Night Robes in Mus-

Guaranlin, Flannelette, Etc tee Sat-50c. to 1.00

isfaction Pretty Overcoats for in all

Boys and Children. 2.00 to 8.00

Gentlemen's Swagger Overcoats in all the various shades.

5.00 to 25.00

#### ness, and abundantly supplied with railroad and trolley facilities, and The Christmas Selling Begins. in communication with all the outside world by telegraph and teleand it beg ns right. Begins with every section fully forphone lines and supplied with newspapers, dailies and weeklies from a half dozen printing presses,

tified to meet the demards of the gift givers (and who is not a gift giver at Christmas?) To tell you about this big stock is the object of this "ad." Can't tell you about all of it by any means; can only suggest to you the strength of some of its most prominent features, a hint here and there to guide you in your buying. A visit to this store will do the rest, and this visit you are cordially invited to make at as early a date as possible. You'll find a Christmas spirit in every part of this store.

We've Bought Dolls Enough to The Sale of Handkerchiefs. go Around.

At least we think so. Dolls of all sizes, dressed and unin the educational sky of our great dressed. You'll find doll buy-Thus Bloomsburg stands in point ing here very satisfactory, 25c. of importance in the front row for to \$2.98.

> I, It's an Umbrella Try This Shop

> A careful study of your wants in this important item has been est care.

Price 50c. to \$5.00. The Great Christmas Book

The success of former Christmas book selling has enburg to be at the end of the 20th couraged us to put in a big century? This is a thought that stock of all kinds of books for impresses us with wonderful possi- children and at prices that will bilities. Yet, it is all only the out- clean them out by Christmas, growth of pioneer life and the 5c. to \$1.00.

Gloves.

The glove provision for gifts is most complete, especially bought lines all up to date. We know of no gift more sensible victed horse thieves Katz and Ber- than gloves.

Gray, tan and black mocha gloves at \$1.00. Heavy mannish stitched gloves at \$1.00.

Colored Centimeri gloves at at Mrs. Agnes Smith's, instead of W. C. T. U. headquarters, on Fine quality of ladies' kid

gloves at \$1.00. 50 dozen ladies' golf gloves, assorted, 25c. and 5oc.

We have provided for the wants of handkerchief buyers as never before. More than double what we had last year.

Fine Handkerchiefs for ladies and men at 5c. 175 dozen Ladies' Fancy Handkerchiefs for you to choose

from at 15c, or two for 25c. The price 5c. to 2.98. The Toys and Games.

A maze of wonders for the ment and declare that they had made. Materials of the best, little folks. To itemize all is handles selected with the great- impossible in our allotted space. Iron toys for the little folks, 10c. to \$1.25.

Mechanical toys, every kind, 25c. to \$1.00.

Most every kind of games there for children and big peo-Price 10c. to \$3.50.

The Host of other Items for Gifts.

These we can only hint at, but you'll find the inspection of A Great Christmas Sale of them profitable and the buying more profitable still.

Rocking horses, \$2.98 to 4.75. Children's go-carts, 25c. to Ornaments for trimming trees

5c. to 25c. Tinsel for trimming, 22c. a

piece to 30c. Dress Suit Cases, Silks, Fancy Rockers, China, Morris Chairs, Shoes, Side Boards, Jardinieres, Toilet Sets, Pocketbooks, Silverware, Wrist B'g, Beaded Bags, Dress Goods, Leggins, Dinner Sets, Co a ts. Bed Room Suits,

# is survived by two brothers, and a sister. The latter is Mrs. Levi

Freight Rates go up.

The advance in wages made by the Pennsylvania and to be made by the Reading and other railroads business offered to them has doubtwill, it is asserted, suffice to pay the COLUMBIAN building.

gist is selling.

tor the increase in wages.

TAILOR-MADE SUITS.

N. S. Tingley has accepted the agency for Reinach, Ullman & Co. will soon be followed by an increase of Chicago, me chant tailors, and is in freight rates. An inability of ready to supply made-to-measure the .oads in this state to handle the clothing at prices lower than can be obtained elsewhere. He has a large less had something to do with th's line of samples to select from. His decision. The treight rate advance place of business is the third floor of

L. E. Whary imports his china No nicer, in fact none as beautiful direct. He has no jobber's profit We are leaders in Holiday Goods, that beautiful and magnificent town, the seniors of Jefferson Medical as the lamps that Mercer the Drug- to pay and hence his prices are the lowest.