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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. | |
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| 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 | \$664,629.18 |
| LIABILITIES. | |
| Capital | \$50,000.00 |
| Surplus | 125,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits | 11,067.24 |
| Circulation | 50,000.00 |
| Deposits | 428,561.94 |
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1903.

MR. BAER PLACES BLAME.

Independent Operators. He Says, Keep up
Prices of Coal—He is Selling it
at \$5 a Ton.

President Baer, of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, was outspoken on Tuesday in his denunciation of the course pursued by the independent coal operators in forcing the price of their coal up to \$11.50 a ton, a price which is equivalent to \$14 to the consumer.

"Unfortunately," said he, "there seems to be no way to compel them to sell down to the level fixed by the railroads for their coal. If their sense of obligations to the people cannot deter them from asking prohibitive prices, nothing the public or the railroads can do would be of any effect. The railroads cannot refuse to transport their coal; the law regulating the business of all public carriers opposes it. We have to take the coal they give us for transportation. There is no alternative.

"When the independents saw what opportunities the shortage in the supply of coal offered they endeavored to get the railroads to release them from the obligation, assumed by contract, of furnishing a stated quantity of their coal to the railroads at a stated price, the public being willing and anxious to pay them three times this price for their coal. This the railroads refused absolutely to consider, and the independents are being held strictly to their contracts.

"The charge that the railroads are selling railroad coal to independents for disposal in the open market is absolutely false. We are doing everything in our power to keep down the price of coal and get it to the market quickly. I have been bitterly assailed by the dealers for insisting upon their keeping down the price to the public, but I shall continue in this course. Moral suasion can do a great deal when there is an alternative back of it. We cannot influence the price of independent coal. It is mined and sold by private individuals, who have a right to conduct their business as they see fit. We act merely as the carriers of their products, but we can influence the price of coal which we ourselves sell to retailers, and we are doing it.

"As for the talk of there being large quantities of coal held up in Jersey, there is not one particle of truth in it. The only coal delayed that I know of is that which our fleet of boats bound for Boston has on board. Owing to the storm they had to seek shelter in an intermediary port. The coal is being rushed East as fast as is physically possible, and New York is getting more than its share.

"We—that is, the operators—are blamed for the high price of coal. We are selling it at \$5. When we discover a dealer making exorbitant advances over that price we punish him promptly by cutting off his coal supply.

"We cannot do this with the independent operators. They mine their own coal. The railroads are common carriers and cannot refuse under the law to transport their coal because the operators are going to demand unfair prices for it of the public.

"I want to say that I am doing everything in my power to punish dealers who buy from us and then

ask unreasonable prices. For this reason I have been severely criticised by many of the dealers, who think that our responsibility ends when we deliver the coal.

Must Not Engage in Other Business.

The Pennsylvania railroad has issued an order that its employees must not be engaged in any other business while working for the company.

A number of conductors were interested in restaurants along the line of the road, some of them operated coal yards, others had groceries; one on an eastern division was the silent partner in a saloon. In fact, there was hardly any branch of business but some one working for the Pennsylvania, in the train service particularly, had an interest in it.

The position of the railroad company is that the time of the employes all belongs to the railroad, and in the train service especially, if trainmen have outside business cares on their minds, they are apt to neglect the affairs of the company.

Death of Mrs. Hill.

Mrs. Anna Hill died at the home of her son, C. F. Hill, Esq., West Broad street, Hazleton, Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, aged 89. Deceased, whose maiden name was Anna Achenbach, was born at Lime Ridge, this county, October 6th 1814, and lived there till the time of her marriage to Jacob Hill, February 20th, 1834, when she went to Fort Jenkins, where she resided till her husband's death, November 9th, 1895. The remainder of her life was spent in the homes of her children. She was an active member of the M. E. church and a devoted christian. Surviving her are six sons, Charles F. and Emanuel of Hazleton, James of Chicago, S. Wesley, Thomas J., and Dr. Jacob W. of South Bend, Ind., two daughters, Mrs. Dr. E. W. M. Low of Lime Ridge, and Mrs. Enos Everett of Watsonstown. She is also survived by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Monday with a short service at the house at 11 o'clock. The remains were brought to Lime Ridge via Nescopeck where services were held in the M. E. church. Interment in the Lime Ridge M. E. churchyard cemetery.

The attorney general's department at Harrisburg is preparing the papers to take an appeal to the supreme court from Judge Simonson's decision that the store order tax bill is unconstitutional. The decision was made in the tax appeal of the Lehigh Valley Coal and navigation company, and it will be fought to a finish in the higher court.

Turn over that new leaf to-day, and then see that it doesn't flop back again in a day or two.

Hair Falls

"I tried Ayer's Hair Vigor to stop my hair from falling. One-half a bottle cured me."
J. C. Baxter, Braidwood, Ill.

Ayer's Hair Vigor is certainly the most economical preparation of its kind on the market. A little of it goes a long way. It doesn't take much of it to stop falling of the hair, make the hair grow, and restore color to gray hair.

If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express you a bottle. Be sure and give the name of your nearest express office. Address, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

HIS TERM ENDS.



PROTHONOTARY WILLIAM H. HENRIE.

On Monday next William H. Henrie, who has filled the office of Prothonotary and Clerk of the Courts for the past six years, will end his term, and will hand over the office to Charles M. Terwilliger. Mr. Henrie has made an efficient official, always courteous and obliging, and he has made many friends who will wish him success in any pursuit that he may decide to engage in. Bloomsburg will no doubt continue to retain him as a citizen, although prior to his election he was a resident of Catawissa. Mr. Henrie has been fearless and independent and has worn the collar of no man or faction, but has endeavored to treat all alike, showing neither prejudice nor favoritism.

He has been ably assisted by R. Rush Zarr Esq., his very efficient deputy, who will retire to accept a position in the Bloomsburg National Bank. Gentlemen, here's to you! May you live long and prosper.

"The Newspaper and the Pulpit"

The above is the subject of an excellent sermon delivered by Rev. F. A. Hinckley, one of Philadelphia's best known preachers. The length of the discourse makes it impossible to reprint it in its entirety, much as we would like to do so. We reproduce the two closing paragraphs.

"Of the education of public sentiment through the editorial, I may say that I have read editorials also which seemed to me to be sermons concerning some public questions and conditions. It must be the case in times like these, when religion is coming more and more to concern human conduct and human opportunity now and here, that the live editor and the live minister will often find themselves speaking in sympathy, if not in unison. So, I think the word cooperation the right one to represent the relation which ought to exist, and to some extent does exist, between newspapers and the pulpit. Perhaps, as the pulpit gets a little more practical, as it deals a little more with the needs of everyday people in everyday life, and as the newspaper becomes more and more a recognized moral force in the community, editor and minister will become more and more one in spirit and purpose.

"The community can but be better served when the great forces whose function it is to enlighten and uplift are friends; friends to criticize as friends can; friends to suggest as friends can; but, most of all, friends to pull together as only friends can. I am glad to think of the newspaper and the pulpit as standing side by side, and with sympathy of purpose in the great work of human enlightenment and human betterment."

Ex-Judge Krickbaum, who will be 78 years old on February 23, 1903, had a thrilling experience on Monday, 22nd of December which nearly cost his life. The Judge had been to Benton, and returning, stopped with his nephew, W. S. Laubach, tied his team, which is a heavy and fractious one, especially when standing idle in cold weather. While he was in the house Mrs. Laubach discovered that the team had broken loose and started away, when she informed the Judge, who hastily ran and called "whoa," when the team stopped long enough for the Judge to get into the sled, when they again started at "break-neck" speed. The Judge sawed on the lines with all the energy of his power, and arrived home safely, with the team all in a lather of sweat. That night the Judge was taken very seriously ill, and great fears were entertained that he would not live till morning. Dr. Davidson of Cambria was hastily summoned, and the Judge rallied and is on the road to his wonted health. The doctor attributed this serious attack to over exertion in trying to manage his team. The Judge's many friends will be glad to learn that his experience did not prove more serious, or fatal.

J. C. W.

All Stuffed Up

That's the condition of many sufferers from catarrh, especially in the morning. Great difficulty is experienced in clearing the head and throat.

No wonder catarrh causes headache, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, irritates the throat, deranges the stomach and affects the appendix.

To cure catarrh, treatment must be constitutional—alterative and tonic. "I was afflicted with catarrh. I took medicines of different kinds, giving each a fair trial; but gradually grew worse until I could hardly hear, taste or smell. I then concluded to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and after taking five bottles I was cured and have not had any return of the disease since." EUGENE FORDS, Lebanon, Kan.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Cures catarrh—it soothes and strengthens the mucous membrane and builds up the whole system.

An Evening Party.

A most enjoyable event of the season took place at the home of T. C. Kocher near Fowlerville on Friday eve Dec. 26th. When many young people from the vicinity, gathered there to spend the evening. The evening was spent in different amusements consisting of music and games of different descriptions. Refreshments were served and at a late hour all departed for their homes, wishing to spend many more such enjoyable times.

Among those present were the following: Nida Clossen, Lizzie Ruckle, Elsie Ruckle, Cora Kocher, Edna Kocher, Amanda Harrison, Lizzie Harrison, Alice Robbins, Pearl Shaffer, Fannie Shaffer, Laura Kirkendall, Clara Kocher, Mary Kocher, Belle Miller, Blanche Knorr and Myrtle Dennis. Messrs. Floyd Conner, Ralph Bower, Merrill Hartman, Clarence Creasy, Dea Hess, Harry Conner, Frank Kocher, Harry Stahl, Milton Kocher, Grant Seybert, Bert Knorr, Ralph Kirkendall, George Ruckle, Cleve W. Kocher, Creasy Conner, Miller Shuman, Samuel Bower and Robert Harris.

NEW SERIES.

The Industrial Building and Loan Association, of Bloomsburg, will open a new series for subscription to its shares of stock January 6th, 1903.

This association has matured the 1st and second series during the past year, within a period of eleven years. It has paid \$11,600.00 to matured shares and cancelled \$20,200.00 on loans. Why not subscribe now for stock in an association that has proven to its share holders to be a safe and profitable investment. Profits over 11 per cent. per annum.

During its existence there has been but one Sheriff's sale and the association has never been obliged to take any real estate from its borrowers. You can subscribe for stock at the office of

A. N. Yost, Secretary.

Silk tassels and pencils for programs for sale at this office. tf

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If you've an Outer garment, Skirt or Suit to buy, now is the time to buy it. Profits in many instances completely wiped out

\$7.50 and \$7.98 Misses Jackets, 25in. long, sizes 12, 14, 16 and 18 years. Reduced to \$5.00.

\$10.00 Misses Jackets, 25in. long, sizes 12, 14, 16 and 18 years. Reduced to \$6.50.

\$10.00 and \$11.00 Ladies' Jackets, 27in. long, lined with Silk and Satin, half fitting backs, reduced to \$7.98.

\$10.00, \$11.00 and \$12.00 Ladies' Tailored Suits, most any color. Reduced to \$7.98.

A lot of ladies' all Wool Dress Skirts in colors. Some nicely trimmed and plain ones worth \$5.00. Reduced to \$3.75.

Ladies' Walking Skirts reduced to \$3.98 and \$4.98.

Furs! Furs!

A lot of Furs just opened. They were bought very cheap and we offer them to you at reduced prices.

Remnants! Remnants!

This stock has been gone through and the remnants all taken out and marked to sell quick. They are ready for you to look at.

This store begins its big sale of Muslin Sheetings, Sheets, Flannelets, Ladies' Muslin Underwear, Embroidery and many other kind of goods next week.

Our Linen Sale will Begin January 31, 1903.

F. P. Pursel.

Bad for the Health.

"This is treacherous weather," said a physician this morning, "and unusual care should be used to prevent taking cold. Bright days such as have been tempts people to drop some of their wraps and while walking they are all right, but they meet somebody on the street and are tempted to stop and talk when they cool off too suddenly, and a cold results. People cannot be too careful in this changeable weather."

TALLOK-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.