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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	27,560.43
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 8, 1903.

Ikeler Defeats Mayne.

In its report of the proceedings of the State Legislature on Tuesday the *North American* says:

Representative Fred T. Ikeler, of Columbia, won the Democratic endorsement for Speaker in the caucus of House Democrats Tuesday night in the judiciary general committee room, defeating Representative J. W. Mayne, of Lehigh, by a vote of 26 to 16. Ikeler had the support of the members who objected to Mayne's ultra-anti-fusion views and of those subject to the influence of State Chairman Creasy, who is personally at odds with Mayne.

Colonel J. M. Guffey, who was here to-day, announced that he was taking no part in the Speakership controversy, but the Mayne people accuse him of having assisted Creasy in lining up members for Ikeler. Guffey positively refused to be interviewed on any political subject.

State to Build New Bridge Over Susquehanna.

The State Board of Property has decided to build a new bridge over the Susquehanna at Lewisburg, authorized by the Legislature of 1901, without delay, and the plans will be drawn at once. The bridge will be about 1,200 feet long and will be constructed of steel with stone abutments.

The construction of this bridge has been advocated for years and the bill for its construction, which was passed in 1861, is the only one which puts construction of a state bridge into the hands of the Board of Property. The other bridges have been built under the direction of the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds.

Recently the County Commissioners of Union and Northumberland counties appeared before the Board and urged the building of the bridge over the Susquehanna.

The Board of Public Buildings and Grounds will let several bridge contracts during the coming year. The plans for some of them are being drawn.

Puts Life into His Wooden Arms.

Writing better with a wooden hand than most men can with their natural hands, George Hunlock, of Danville, has seemingly injected life into his artificial arms.

When Hunlock lost both arms 18 years ago, while employed as a brake man on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, he resolved that this misfortune would not spoil his life work. Then he accepted a position as watchman on the Railroad street crossing, at Danville and a few years later procured two artificial arms models of modern mechanism. By the mere motion of his shoulder where the arms were attached, he soon learned to control the limbs first in simple motions and then in eating, lighting his pipe and swinging a lantern.

Recently Hunlock attempted writing. It was slow and tedious work, but several days' practice soon gave his penmanship character and finish.

Mr. Hunlock is still employed as watchman at the Railroad street crossing. He is a genial, whole-souled fellow and has many friends.

DISASTROUS MINE CAVE-IN.

Five Buildings Engulfed—Thrilling Escape of 150 Men.

One of the most disastrous cave-ins that have occurred in the history of Lackawanna Valley, took place at the Eddy Creek Colliery, Olyphant, Friday afternoon.

About 3 o'clock a portentous rumbling was heard, which gave the people warning. Families in the vicinity hurriedly vacated their houses, but none too soon, for a few minutes later a large surface, nearly a block in area, went down into the working. Five buildings including the O'Brien Hotel were engulfed, sinking to a depth of fifty feet, where they took fire. The City fire department finally extinguished the flames.

The settling started in the street just in front of the hotel property, corner of Lackawanna and River streets. It was first noticed by parties standing on the hotel porch. The brick street pave was seen to be working and the telegraph poles and trees along the curb were noticed to be wobbling.

The cause was at once apparent and the alarm given to all the neighborhood. Two sick guests were removed from the hotel and taken two blocks away to a private house. Some attempt was made at saving the contents of the buildings, but the rapidly increasing size of the opening in the street put a stop to this and every one fled from the neighborhood.

Twenty minutes after the disturbance was first noticed the opening had widened until it reached all the way across the street and half way beneath the O'Brien hotel. Then with a terrific crash the big hotel pitched forward, turned completely about and landed on its roof in the bottom of the abyss.

An immense amount of earth from all about the edge of the hotel went down with it and a moment later the adjoining double dwelling of Mrs. Evans fell over the edge and demolished itself on the ruins of the hotel. The Ackerly double store building and the Evans barber shop properties slid into the chasm about the same time, and piled themselves, broken and twisted, on the other debris.

District Superintendent Bennett, of the Delaware & Hudson Company, went into the mine and with a party

of other officials made an examination about 5 o'clock. They reported that the settling had ceased. The workings which caved were in the uppermost of the worked out veins. The timbers, it is explained by the company officials, supported a thin roof of rock, which in turn supported strata of quicksand and gravel extending to the surface. The timbers roiled, the roof gave way and the quicksand sifted through, carrying the gravel with it.

The water mains broke and a torrent of water poured through the aperture and down a forty-five-foot plane which has its heading just at the point where the roof broke through. Not until all that was above the area of the old workings which caved in had been sucked into the opening and down the slope did the settling cease. Fortunately for the company, the surface ceased cracking ninety-feet from the river bank. Had it reached the river the mine would have been drowned.

The Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Co. has received a new snow sweeper of the Brill make.

Ex-Judge Isaac Kinney Krickbaum Dead.

This highly respected neighbor and citizen passed away peacefully last Monday afternoon at half past 3 o'clock, aged 77 years, 10 months and 12 days. He was widely known through business transactions and by reputation. But we knew him in a higher sense. For forty-one years we were his nearest neighbor, and adjoined properties. His mother, whose maiden name was Anna Kinney, was married to Philip K. Krickbaum March 24, 1824 and died in October 1875; and the latter died, Nov. 10, 1856. Six children blessed this union—Isaac K. Susan C., Mary A., Samuel P., Margaret and Elmira; all of whom are deceased except Susan C. widow of the late Peter Laubach, who was born Sept. 30, 1826. The father of the subject of this sketch was born in Montgomery County Nov. 10, 1793 and was of German descent and came from Catawissa township to Benton in the year 1819, and 1820 built a cabin, and cleared up the farm which the deceased inherited at the death of his father. His educational opportunities were limited, but well improved, attending school at Cambria, Catawissa and later the district school, called "Cranberry Marsh," at Hamiline. He taught a district school a term or two, served as Justice of the Peace 17 consecutive years, was elected Associate Judge of Columbia County in 1877 in which capacity he served five years. He was married to Miss Susannah Drum, Feb. 22, 1866, and who died in the Spring of 1898. The Judge was a man of marked and decided characteristics, and of irreproachable character. He had his prejudices and favoritisms, and never minced words in the expression of them. He was a very positive man, and hence, it was but natural, that he should encounter negatives. He was generous, charitable, benevolent and hospitable, and withal a kind and obliging neighbor. He was one of Benton's best and staunchest citizens. He had high ideals of life, and enjoyed himself in all of its walks in which duty and circumstances placed him.

He possessed the happy faculty of presence of mind in times of danger and excitement. He told the writer, at the time it occurred, during Molly McGuireism, as he was returning from the coal region market, to which he had taken a load of produce, he was met and halted, in a lonely and secluded spot on the mountain, by a gang of thugs, who demanded his money. The Judge said to them: "You are such a fine looking set of boys, and so well dressed, you certainly don't want my money." This melted the thugs, and the leader said: "I guess we'll let him go." Thus he thwarted the purpose of the highwaymen.

He was always willing to lend a helping hand to the poor and needy. Upon entering the sick room of the dying man the last Sunday of his life, he said to us, "I am still with you." To which we replied, "I hope you will remain with us a great while yet;" when he said, "I will accept it, if it is the Lord's will." A more cheerful person at death's door, it has never been our privilege to witness. He gazed over into eternity with the same complacency as he would over the ordinary affairs of daily life. He was conscious to the last moment and expected momentarily the end. His earthly career, though ended, was exemplary and praiseworthy. His virtues were of sterling quality and worthy of imitation. While we all hoped that he would speedily recover from the effects of his experience with his team, a turn for the worse terminated his life.

His industrious habits should be an inspiration to all forms of employees, as he helped his hired man

Aching Joints

In the fingers, toes, arms, and other parts of the body, are joints that are inflamed and swollen by rheumatism—that acid condition of the blood which affects the muscles also.

Sufferers dread to move, especially after sitting or lying long, and their condition is commonly worse in wet weather.

"It has been a long time since we have been without Hood's Sarsaparilla. My father thinks he could not do without it. He has been troubled with rheumatism since he was a boy, and Hood's Sarsaparilla is the only medicine he can take that will enable him to take his place in the field." MISS ADA DOTY, Sidney, Iowa.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Remove the cause of rheumatism—no outward application can. Take them.

cut up about fourteen acres of corn last fall.

J. C. W.

Judge Krickbaum served on the bench as an associate judge, during Judge Elwell's term. He commanded the respect of the bar and of the whole county. He was a man of sterling worth and integrity, and his loss is one that will be generally felt. Unfortunately the men of Judge Krickbaum's kind are not so numerous as they used to be.

The funeral took place in Benton this Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock, and was conducted by Rev. Mr. Diggles, of St. Gabriel's church of which deceased was a member.

Retiring early Saturday evening after a hard day's work at his trade, that of a stonemason, in apparently good health, Elias Sterner of Center township, was stricken suddenly during the night with peritonitis and before morning dawned he was dead. He was employed at Berwick.

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The Domestic and Housekeeping Goods.

To make this sale the buying benefit it is intended for, we have cut loose from profit in these important items. Look about here and save money.

YARD WIDE COTTON.

10 yds. of good bleached muslin for 50c., worth 6½c.
10 yds. of fine bleached muslin for 66c., worth 8c.
10 yds. of bleached muslin, as good as Hill, for 75c.
10 yds. of unbleached muslin for 39c.
10 yds. of fine good unbleached muslin for 50c.
10 yds. of heavy thread unbleached muslin for 69c.

Sheeting Muslins.

9-4 unbleached sheetings at 15c.
10-4 unbleached sheetings at 18c.

Bleached Sheeting.

9-4 Utica sheetings at 25c.
10-4 " " " 30c.

Sheets and Pillow Slips

Ready to Use.

9-4 bleached Pepperal sheets at 52c.
9-4 bleached sheets, best quality, at 65c.
10-4 bleached sheets, best quality, at 75c.
9-4 hemstitched bleached Utica sheets at 79c.
10-4 bleached hemstitched Utica sheets at 89c.

A Sale of Bed Spreads.

Bed spreads are always a safe purchase at a low price. Prices are lower during this sale than you'll again see them for a long time to come.

\$1.25 bed spread at	95c.
\$1.98 " " "	\$1.69
\$2.25 " " "	\$1.98
\$3.25 " " "	\$2.89
\$2.69 " " "	\$2.49

The Outing Flannels, Flannelettes and Bates' Seersuckers.

Heavily stocked here, hence the price pinch will be all the sharper read. Big assortment of outing flannels, best makes, worth 10c. and 12c., at 8c., 40 pieces of flannelettes, worth 10c., at 6½c.
15 and 17c. flannelettes reduced to 12½c.
Bates' seersuckers in short lengths at 10c., worth 12½c.

The Bed Comforts must also go

And these prices will make them go in a hurry. If you can't use them this season buy them for next season. There's good economy in it.
98c. comforts reduced to 75c.
\$1.40 " " " \$1.25
\$1.98 " " " \$1.69
\$2.50 " " " \$2.19

A Big Bargain in Cambric Embroidery and Insertings.

This is a chance you can't afford to miss. This big lot of cambric embroideries and insertings are at least one-third below their real value.

This Store Begins It's big January Sale TUESDAY MORNING, JAN. 6, 1903.

What this Sale Means to You.

In the first place it means money saving. Such money saving as is impossible at any other time of the year. There's a plain business reason for it. We want this big stock reduced before spring goods come in. It is also necessary that this stock reduction should be made in a short time. Now, as there is nothing in this world that will reduce stock quicker than reduced prices, we have made these reductions. Every department has been carefully gone through, and such liberal price concessions made that you cannot fail to be impressed with the importance of this event. The history of previous sales of this sort has been, the store has been thronged with pleased purchasers each of the twelve days of its continuance.

As this store is progressive, it's aim this time is to put in the shade all previous records. With your co-operation we shall accomplish our object.

This Sale will close the night of January 19.

F. P. PURSEL.

Coughing

"I was given up to die with quick consumption. I then began to use Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. I improved at once, and am now in perfect health."—Chas. E. Hartman, Gibbstown, N. Y.

It's too risky, playing with your cough.

The first thing you know it will be down deep in your lungs and the play will be over. Begin early with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and stop the cough.

Three sizes: 25c., 50c., \$1. All druggists.

Consult your doctor. If he says take it, then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. He knows. Leave it with him. We are willing.
J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.