

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, '03.

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
Total	\$664,629.18

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The Merit System.

A bill to "Regulate and Improve the Civil Service of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and of the Cities and Counties thereof" is about to be introduced into the Legislature. The enactment of this bill will secure the "Merit" or "Competitive" system of making appointments to the public service of this State and its sub divisions. The bill was prepared in the office of the State Civil Service Reform Association, a non partisan body.

What does the Merit System of Appointments mean? Briefly, it comprises three essential features in which it differs from the present Spoils System. *First*—The Merit System provides a plan under which appointments to public offices (except those filled by the election of the people) are based upon the fitness, ascertained by open competitive examination or tests, of the applicant to perform the duties of the position. Under the Spoils System the recommendation of the "Division Boss" as to a man's ability to "get out the vote" is often the sole test of worth. *Second*—The Merit System provides that the higher places in the public service are to be filled by promotions founded upon efficiency and ability. Under the Spoils System promotions are based upon "pull" secured by political services for some faction of a party or some petty boss. *Third*—Under the Spoils System removals are made upon the secret decree of some petty magnate, caused often by personal jealousy or animosity. Under the Merit System an officer of the Civil Service is secure in his office without regard to his political actions, just as long as he proves efficient and capable. Removals are allowed only for just cause, which does not include political or religious reasons.

Which system is more democratic and more efficient? Which system would a prudent man adopt in conducting his own business? No one would have any hesitation in answering "The Merit System."

Under the Spoils System the taxpayers furnish the funds to provide salaries for non-competent officeholders who are being "taken care of" by the "organization" because of past political work. For their own protection these taxpayers should demand an honest and efficient administration of public office. This can only be secured by the passage of an effective Civil Service Reform Law.

Nowhere has the doctrine "To the victors belong the spoils," been carried to the extent to which it has in this State and its cities. Nowhere has there been such flagrant use of public office as a reward for political services. Nowhere has the efficiency of the public service sunk to such a point as in the cities of Pennsylvania.

Every citizen, irrespective of party, should urge his Senator and Representatives to advocate and vote for the "Act to Regulate and Improve the Civil Service." The passage of this bill will be a striking victory for the cause of honest, non partisan administration of public offices.

The Protection of Cattle

Against Tuberculosis—From the Pennsylvania State Live Stock Sanitary Board.

Some experiments on the vaccination of cattle against tuberculosis have recently been published by Dr. Leonard Pearson, State Veterinarian of Pennsylvania, and Dr. S. H. Gilliland. These experiments were conducted at the veterinary school of the University of Pennsylvania, with the support of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board. The work has been in progress more than two years, thus antedating all other work along this line, for the German investigations of Von Behring did not begin until July 1901. No other investigations of this sort have been reported in any other country than in the United States and Germany. The process used was to inject into the vein of the animal to be protected a small quantity of a suspension of tubercle bacilli non virulent for cattle. This procedure, called vaccination, may be repeated several times with gradually ascending quantities. The immediate effect is to produce a passing fever following each injection, which does not annoy the animal enough to cause it to lose a single meal. The general health is not disturbed by the process of vaccination. When the series of vaccinations is completed the animal had an astonishingly high degree of immunity to tuberculosis. In the last experiments completed four young cattle were used. Two of these were vaccinated last March. All four were inoculated in July by injecting into the wind-pipe a quantity of culture of virulent tubercle bacilli. A large quantity was introduced and each of the four animals received exactly the same treatment. These animals were killed in October. It was found that the cattle that had not been vaccinated were extensively tubercular, showing alterations of this disease in the wind-pipe, lungs, throat and intestinal glands; while the two vaccinated animals, inoculated the same time, from the same material, and in the same way, were free from tubercular infection and were sound.

Dr. Pearson considers that this principle of immunization as applied to vaccination against tuberculosis of cattle is proven and it now remains only to work out the details of the method. This important work is being continued on a larger scale for the purpose of ascertaining the simplest and shortest practicable method of vaccination.

It is not yet known how long the immunity will last nor what the ultimate effect upon the animal will be. So far, however, as the few experiments here and in Germany show, no fear need be anticipated of unfavorable results in these particulars. What is needed now is the painstaking use of the method on a few tubercular herds kept under careful and continuous observation. A scrupulously careful trial on a limited scale under proper conditions will do more to furnish the information needed to answer the

Mother

"My mother was troubled with consumption for many years. At last she was given up to die. Then she tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and was speedily cured."
D. P. Jolly, Avoca, N. Y.

No matter how hard your cough or how long you have had it, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the best thing you can take. It's too risky to wait until you have consumption. If you are coughing today, get a bottle of Cherry Pectoral at once.

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.

few remaining questions upon this discovery than any amount of general use under less careful supervision. In the estimation of the investigators it would be premature to apply this vaccination to herds until such further experiments are completed. An effort will be made to secure State aid for experiments on a scale large enough to solve this most important problem.

Creasy Against Sprout Bill.

William T. Creasy, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, says this morning's Harrisburg Patriot, was at the Capitol. In conversation with Dr. J. T. Rothrock, State Forestry Commissioner, he expressed unqualified disapproval of a bill said to be contemplated by Senator Sprout, of Delaware, appropriating \$5,000,000 for the betterment of rural highways. He favors the general good roads idea but fears the Sprout bill will impose additional taxation upon the farmers, who, though producers, are growing poorer while those in the other avenues of industry are amassing greater wealth.

Taken to Protective.

Ralph, son of W. H. Crossley, was on Thursday taken to the Protective for boys, in Montgomery county. The boy was altogether incorrigible and his parents could no longer control him. The arrest was made by truant officer Frank Deitterick, who in the hearing before Squire Jacoby, said that the boy, during eighty days of school, had played truant thirty. In the opinion of the Justice the above institution was the best place for him and the father consented to the commitment.

REDUCED RATES TO HARRISBURG.

Via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account Inauguration of Governor-elect Pennypacker.

For the accommodation of those desiring to attend the inauguration of Governor-elect Pennypacker, at Harrisburg, January 20, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets to Harrisburg, from all stations on its lines in the State of Pennsylvania, on January 19 and 20, good to return until January 21, inclusive, at rate of single fare for the round trip (minimum rate, 25 cents).

Evangelical Services.

Sunday school, 9:15; Bible Reading on "The Human Heart," 10:30; Junior K. L. C. E., 2:00; Senior K. L. C. E., 6:00; Preaching and Evangelistic services, 7:00; Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening, 7:30. A cordial invitation to all these services. J. W. B.

George M. Snyder, a former school teacher of Columbia County, has been connected, and has resided in the western mining regions for about twenty years. He and Mr. Pardee of Philadelphia are largely interested in the mineral lands of the State of Idaho.

Mr. Snyder is now the General Manager of "The Alta-Idaho Gold and Copper Mining Co." The mines are located at Pardee, Idaho, and recent developments show very rich gold and copper ore. The eastern office of the company is located at Bloomsburg.

Hon. John Benfield died at his home in Valley township, Montour county, last Tuesday evening, from neuralgia of the heart, after a brief illness. He served a term as associate Judge of Montour county, and was President of the new bank at Danville. A wife, two sons and two daughters, survive him. He was in his seventy-first year. Judge Benfield was popular with all who knew him.

Miss Catharine Quick died at her home in Rupert Tuesday afternoon, aged nearly seventy-two years. She had been afflicted with diabetic gangrene, which, together with old age, caused her death. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. H. J. Barton and Mrs. Mahala Barkley, both of Bloomsburg. The funeral will occur from the residence of William Mensch this afternoon. Rev. D. N. Kirkby will officiate.

Items of Interest.

The screw propeller figures largely in maritime circles.

"That's tough on me," remarked the plate as the cook laid the steak on it.

A man has to have a license to keep gunpowder, and it is interesting to note that he also requires a license to keep a wife.

LOST:—On public road between Bloomsburg and Zaners, a small leather grip, on Jan. 2nd. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at residence of J. L. Richardson, 364 East Main street, Bloomsburg.

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. 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.

Farmer Yocum's Heavy Loss.

The barn of Ambrose Yocum, Roaring Creek, was burned to the ground a few days ago together with all the summer crops. The fire was caused by one of the cattle upsetting a lighted lantern in the fodder room. The loss will be about \$3,000.

Governor's Inauguration.

Special Rates to Harrisburg via P. & R. RY.

Tuesday, January 20th, 1903, Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker will be inaugurated Governor of this State with appropriate ceremonies.

The event will cause a large gathering of the prominent men of affairs, and there will be a number of clubs in full force with music, etc. To accommodate its patrons who desire to visit Harrisburg on this occasion, the Philadelphia & Reading Railway will sell special excursion tickets from all ticket stations in Pennsylvania to Harrisburg at special rate of single fare for the round trip, but no ticket sold for less than 25 cents.

Tickets will be sold and good going January 19th and 20th and good to return until 21st inclusive. For rates from respective stations, time of trains, etc., consult any Philadelphia & Reading Ticket Agent.

An Opportunity not to be Slighted.

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.

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.

HAPPY
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BIG REDUCTIONS
IN ALL WINTER

SUITS AND OVERCOATS

AT

Townsend's

FASHIONABLE
CLOTHING HOUSE.

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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, Flannellettes 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 flannellettes, worth 10c., at 6½c. 15 and 17c. flannellettes 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.