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The Bloomsburg National Bank

Having ample resources, conservative management and a strong Board of Directors, and being equipped with good facilities for the transaction of legitimate banking, this bank tenders its offices to those who appreciate careful and prompt service, intelligent attention to details and liberality of treatment; believing by this course it can be of real service to the business public.

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WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

The County Statement Two Trains Meet Head on Near Lofty.

Auditors Still Delayed by the Failure of the Ex-Treasurer to Submit his Account.

The *Sentinel* of last week charges us with having called Jeremiah Snyder, ex-county treasurer, an embezzler. We have only to refer to our article to show that this is incorrect. In the issue of January 22 we said: "For withholding this money, and there is a large amount of it, Snyder is liable to be indicted for embezzlement, if he refuses to pay after demand is made."

His term of office had expired, and he had neither submitted a statement to the commissioners, nor paid over the bulk of the county funds which he had in his hands, to his successor. It is not necessary that an official shall have spent the money in his hands. If he refuses to pay it over at the proper time he may be indicted. That is the law.

But Mr. Snyder has obviated this by making payment. He turned over to Treasurer Croop, on January 28th, over \$89000 of the county funds.

He has not yet complied with the law relating to stating his accounts. The act of 15 April 1834, concerning the duty of county Treasurer says:

"And he shall once in each year, state his accounts, and produce his vouchers, which after examination by the commissioners shall be by them laid before the county auditors for settlement according to law."

It will be seen from this that it was his duty to have his statement ready for the commissioners to be submitted by them to the auditors. That statement has not yet been made, and the auditors are being delayed in their work. It is not their duty to go through the books as expert accountants and make up a statement for the treasurer, but merely to verify the statement as made up by him, from the books. We are informed that it is their intention to wait until such a statement is submitted.

We do not know what the *Sentinel* means by our being "drawn into a trap." If the demand of a newspaper that a public officer shall do that which the law requires him to do is a trap, then we admit that we fell into it. As to what some imaginary "gang" proposes to do with the county funds, we have no knowledge. The Treasurer has given bond for the safe-keeping of the money, and he is responsible for it.

Whirled by a Fly Wheel.

Curtis Mench of Roaring Creek Valley narrowly escaped death at the mill of the Brush Valley Lumber Company on Tuesday of last week. Caught in a torn belt he was hurled under the fly wheel with terrific force and was severely bruised about the head. Nothing less than a miracle prevented his being killed. Catching three of the braces in the shed roof they were torn out. Dr. Wintersteen dressed the young man's injuries.

Rev. M. E. McLinn, of the Lutheran church, on Friday evening married John W. Larned and Miss Hattie Beagle. The ceremony took place at the Lutheran parsonage. The bride is a popular young lady of Millville. The groom, a few years ago, came here from Huntington Mills, Luz. County. He is now traveling salesman for Young, Smyth, Field & Co. of Philadelphia.

Two Dead As a Result of the Collision—Seven Passengers Among the Injured.

The Philadelphia flyer on the Pennsylvania Railroad, running between Wilkes-Barre and Philadelphia, collided with a light freight train near Lofty, Schuylkill county, at 6:20 Friday evening. The engineer and fireman of the freight train were killed, the engineer and fireman of the passenger train seriously hurt and seven passengers injured, two of them very seriously.

The names of the killed are: Robert Moyer, engineer; Fred Gearhart, fireman.

Both men resided at Wetherly, Carbon county. The engineer of the flyer was Israel Carey, of Pottsville, and the fireman John Smith, of the same town. Smith was taken out of the wreck unconscious and is now in the Hazleton hospital. Engineer Carey proceeded to his home in Pottsville under a physician's care.

Between Hazleton and Lofty there is a single track which is used by both the Lehigh Valley and Pennsylvania Railroads. Through a misunderstanding of orders both trains got on this single stretch of track. The freight engine, one car and caboose was coming north and running about fifteen miles an hour. The flyer was speeding over the rails at about 35 miles an hour. Both trains were very close to each other before the engineers saw the danger. Then the engineer of the passenger train applied the emergency brakes but not in time to avert a collision. Both locomotives came together with a terrible crash. The freight engine leaped over the top of the express car and plunged into the chair car. The passengers in this car were hurled in every direction. The porter, Harry Hayward, colored, was thrown against the ceiling and probably fatally injured. The hot coals from the fire box set fire to the chair car and it was destroyed in a short time.

A wreck train was sent out from Hazleton with a number of doctors on board. The injured were taken to the Hazleton hospital. It is said the engineer of the freight train had an order to take a side track and allow the flyer to pass, but failed to reach the siding before the passenger train arrived. The railroad officials stated Friday night that none of the passengers were seriously injured, and all were able to resume their journeys next morning.

Good Advice From the Bench.

At the opening of criminal court in Sunbury Monday morning Judge Savidge addressed the grand jury and severely scored those persons who bring petty cases to court. He stated that the September term had cost the county \$25,000 and December term almost as much. He advised the jury to ignore the petty cases as the county was already in debt.

The Columbia county representatives in the State Legislature have been recognized on several of the important committees of the House which were announced last week, the following being a list of the committees on which each will serve: Creasy—Agriculture, Legislature, Public Roads, Ways and Means; Ikeler—Judiciary, Library, Pensions and Gratuities, Public Health and Sanitation, Ways and Means.

[READ MY AD ON 5TH PAGE.]

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Death of Thomas J. Sullivan.

The death of Thomas J. Sullivan, occurred at his home at Rupert Friday morning. The cause of his death was that disease which in spite of the research, study and experiments of eminent physicians, through many generations, there has never been found a cure, consumption. Early last summer he was taken with the disease, and since that time he had been gradually sinking.

For eighteen years he had lived in Rupert. He went there in 1885, and entered the employ of L. H. Boody. Then he was only fourteen years of age. He continued with Mr. Boody, up until quite recently when he bought him out, and has since conducted the business. Mr. Sullivan was 32 years of age and leaves a wife and three children. He is also survived by two sisters and two brothers, Hannah, Julia, Dennis and Rev. D.

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