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## Frighful Catastrophe.

Little Ruth Swayze Runs In Front of Trolley Car, and is Killed.

### HEAD ALMOST SEVERED.

A sad accident occurred at Berwick about half past two Friday afternoon. The following account of the catastrophe is taken from Friday's Berwick Daily Enterprise: "Ground to death beneath the wheels of a trolley car. This in brief is the story of a sad tragedy which ended the life of little five-year-old Ruth Swayze, the daughter of Merchant Robert Swayze. The accident occurred at 2:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon and caused deep sorrow to everyone who knew the bright little tot and the love that she held in the hearts of her parents, who are almost prostrated from the shock.

Car No. 2 was just coming in to the Berwick terminus of the Columbia & Montour Company's electric line, and was going along at the usual rate of speed. It was in charge of Conductor Wm. H. Nagle and Motorman Ray H. Hoffman.

Directly opposite the Swayze residence the little victim was playing with some children of about her own age. They were behind a pile of shingles and the motorman says he saw some little boys running about. To warn them he rang his bell and just then little Ruth ran out in the path of the trolley and the next instant she was struck and ground to death beneath its wheels.

The car passed over her, and nearly severed her head from her body. It cruelly crushed the tender flesh on her tiny limbs and left her remains horribly mutilated.

Quick as human endeavor could aid him, Hoffman, when he saw the danger, applied the brakes and stopped the car almost in its own length.

All earthly power was useless, however, for the child's life was flashed out like a spark that is wafted heavenward by a kindly breeze up to the brighter land where the pure and innocent alone find sweet peace.

After the accident Motorman Hoffman was prostrated with grief. He pressed both hands to his heart and wept like a woman, so deep was his remorse. "My God! My God!" he exclaimed repeatedly, and it was evident that he was deeply pained by the sad occurrence. He is reckoned one of the most experienced and careful men on the road and yesterday's tragedy has made him almost a physical wreck. With his conductor, Wm. Nagle, he was taken before Burgess Clemens by Chief Clayberger and Officer Beishline and both were placed under \$1,500 bail to answer the charge of murder in the third degree.

More overwhelming than all the sorrow that was manifested over the death of little Ruth Swayze was the frantic grief of her mother when she heard of her little one's fate. She thought her babe was romping merrily outside her home, when some carpenters and painters, working on a house near by, who had carried the corpse from the roadway, sent the news of her child's death. The father Robert Swayze is also deeply affected by the terrible accident.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Swayze have the sympathy of the entire community for the tragedy that has so cruelly pierced their hearts and taken from them a priceless treasure.

Mrs. Swayze is a daughter of David Hunt, of East Third street, this town.

Mrs. J. W. Lewis and son Eugene of Altoona and Ben H. Vannatta of Glen Shaw, Pa., spent Sunday with relatives in town. Mr. Vannatta is engaged in the poultry business and is meeting with success. He has fourteen hundred young chickens this year and next year he hopes to raise five thousand. He gathers thirty-seven dozen eggs a day for which he finds a ready sale at thirty cents a dozen.

Rev. J. Edward Byers of Penbrooke has accepted the call recently extended to him by St. Matthew's Lutheran Congregation of town. He is expected to be here and take charge about the first of June.

## MAY COURT.

Regular Quarter Sessions Now in Progress—Many Criminal Cases on the List.

### Free Lunch Petition Refused.

All the judges were present when the regular May term of court opened at ten o'clock Monday morning. Notwithstanding the fact that the criminal list was the largest by far for several years, the attendance has been very small.

The petition for the abolition of free lunches in Bloomsburg presented to the Court at a session last week by the hotel and restaurant proprietors of the town was refused. The opinion of the Court in the matter is as follows:

"Sumptuary legislation in every form has always been regarded as obnoxious, because such laws and regulations tend to encroach upon the liberty of the citizen to do with his own what he pleases to do, or upon his right to act as he would like; even when made by the law-making department of the Government. It becomes the more objectionable when improperly attempted by another branch of the Government.

"We know of no statute which empowers the Court to make an order suggested by this petition, therefore the request of the petitioners is refused."

May 4, 1903. BY THE COURT. Exceptions to the report of viewers in favor of a new road in Millin township near S. C. Brown's dismissed and report confirmed nisi. The probable damages that will be sustained by said S. C. Brown assessed at \$20.

Returns of Constables read and filed.

Constable Vocum reported that the index boards in his township, Cleveland, are not more than half up. He was directed by the Court to confer with the supervisors of his township with a view to placing them up promptly.

N. O. Parker, constable of Greenwood township, reported that certain roads in his township were in bad condition. Court directed him to confer with the District Attorney in regard to the matter.

Corstable J. C. Mensinger, of Main township, reported the roads and highways in his township in good condition save for the loose stones upon same. Court directed him as well as the constables of various townships to report such conditions to the supervisors, and that the latter should comply with the State law in relation thereto, which provides that the loose stones on public highways shall be removed.

Constable F. J. Hawk, of Beaver township, reported that the index boards in the township were only partially up; that the same had been erected by the supervisors, but that a number of them had been knocked down by unknown parties. Court directed him to call the attention of the supervisors to the matter and have them replaced, and also make an effort to bring the miscreants to justice.

Grand Jury called and sworn, and Haines Yost appointed as foreman.

Stephen C. Pobe appointed tip staff to wait upon Grand Jury.

Estate of Elon Kline. Report of sale confirmed nisi.

Estate of Benjamin Wagner. Report of sale confirmed nisi.

Estate of Clark M. Kile. Order and report of sale confirmed nisi.

Estate of Margaret Seaborne. Report of auditor confirmed nisi.

Estate of Firman S. Smith. Auditor's report confirmed nisi.

Edward Halderman vs Mertie Halderman. Petition for subpoena in divorce. Subpoena awarded.

Estate of Samuel Miller. Report of private sale of real estate by the guardians of the minor heirs of above estate. Confirmed nisi.

Estate of Harriet Fink. Report of sale confirmed nisi.

Estate of Andrew Gingles. Report of Auditor confirmed nisi.

Estate of Benjamin Ford. Order and return of sale confirmed nisi.

Estate of William Miller. Report of sale confirmed nisi.

Estate of Solomon Leiby. Report of sale confirmed nisi.

Estate of Susan Black. Report of sale confirmed nisi.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

## The Bloomsburg National Bank

At the Close of Business April 9th, 1903.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Investments,	\$404,591.20	Capital Stock,	\$60,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures,	8,000.00	Surplus and Profits, (Net)	45,538.74
Cash and Reserve,	90,889.45	Circulation,	60,000.00
		Individual Deposits,	326,184.39
		Bank Deposits,	11,752.52
	\$503,480.65		\$503,480.65

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

## CALENDARS FOR 1904.

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### MEETING OF CIVIC CLUB.

Retiring President Mrs. John G. Harman Makes Interesting Report.—Officers Elected.

That the Civic Club is a potent factor in Bloomsburg's progress, has been demonstrated so often that it is unnecessary for us to dwell upon it at this time. The ladies, as everyone will admit, have done a good work, and as a result of their tireless energy the community has been greatly benefited. From its beginning two years ago the organization has raised itself to a high station, and the success of the work should be the source of much satisfaction to every one of its members.

The meeting on Monday was an enthusiastic one and was largely attended. A very interesting feature was the report of the retiring president, Mrs. John G. Harman. It was as follows:

"The report of the departments show that the Civic Club is an important factor in the life of the town. We cannot help but feel satisfaction in our part of the Centennial celebration. Only those who took an active part in making the Historical Building a success, know the effort it required.

"While the project was undertaken without thought of any remuneration, had the Civic Club refused the responsibility it is reasonably certain that the Public Library would not have received the profits of the Centennial Fund.

"The work of the Town Improvement Department is appreciated by the people and it certainly gives us a feeling of satisfaction to read that the streets of the town were never cleaner in the spring, and that the improvement is undoubtedly due to the waste paper receptacles.

"The work of the Library Department speaks for itself and we must all have knowledge that it is far beyond our most sanguine expectations.

"The Humane and Charity Departments have received their well deserved share of attention.

"Now we come to what should be one of the most important departments of the club, one which is in every sense civic work, and that is the Educational Department. During the three years of its existence

the department has received less attention than any other. As this has not been entirely due to lack of interest in school work let us hope that another year may find the Educational among the strong working departments of the club."

The report of the Library Department showed \$1,680.19 received, and \$1,329.90 expended, whilst that of the Charity Department was full of interest and showed the good that had been accomplished.

The officers elected were: President, Mrs. J. L. Dillon; Vice President, Mrs. H. Bierman; Secretary, Miss Whitmoyer; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Chrisman; Treasurer, Miss Lydia Drinker; Heads of Departments, Town Improvement, Mrs. J. K. Miller; Library, Miss Waller; Educational, Mrs. Araminta Wilson; Humane, Mrs. F. W. Redeker; Charity, Mrs. W. L. Demaree; Directors, Mrs. S. C. Creasy, Mrs. Robert Hawley, Mrs. E. B. Tustin, Mrs. J. J. Brown and Miss John.

### THE DATES CONFLICTED.

For the reason that the dates on which the annual Sunday School Convention was to have been held conflict with the dedicatory services of the new Methodist Church of Berwick, the Convention has been postponed from the week of May 26 to some later date, probably the second week in June. This however is yet to be decided. The delegates to the convention are all to be furnished accommodations. A committee made up of members of the various churches of Berwick are now canvassing the town with that end in view.

### Keep Date In Mind.

15c. Lunch to be served at St. Paul's Parish House, by St. Margaret's Guild, Saturday May 16th, beginning at 5 o'clock. Ice cream and cake extra. All are welcome. 2t.

Stuart Robson, one of the oldest and most famous actors in America died suddenly from heart disease Wednesday evening last at the Savoy Hotel New York. He had not been well for several months. Mr. Robson was 67 years old and had been on the stage 51 years.



A Black Suit is a mighty useful member of a man's wardrobe. It's proper for business wear and is inconspicuous when worn in place of a frock or cut away for the afternoon dress. The coat, may, at any time, be worn with a contrasting pair of striped trousers. We have excellent black suits, made from Cheviots, Worsteds or Thibet cloths. Don't gauge our clothing by the common standard. Our standard is higher, for we have one of our own.

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