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THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1903.

**Assessments For 1903.**

The total valuation of all taxable  
 property in Columbia county is as  
 follows:

Real Estate.....	\$10,889,153.00
Occupation.....	981,635.00
Horses.....	267,410.00
Cows.....	89,429.00

Total valuation, \$12,225,627.00  
 On this the county tax of 4 mills  
 amounts \$48,902.52.

Money at interest..	1,587,066.00
Hacks.....	3,630.00
On these two items the state tax at 4 mills is.....	6,382.86
The dog tax is.....	1,504.50
The total of county, state, and dog tax for 1903 is.....	56,789.88

The valuation and assessments  
 for Bloomsburg are as follows:

Real estate.....	\$ 2,128,501.00
Occupation.....	214,190.00
Horses.....	17,085.00
Cows.....	1,640.00
Aggregate.....	2,361,316.00
County tax.....	9,445.26
Money at interest..	356,483.00
State tax.....	1,431.43
Dog tax.....	139.50

There are some increases over  
 1902. Real estate is assessed \$3,-  
 512.08 more than last year, and the  
 aggregate is increased \$473,710.

Some very careful and accurate  
 work has been done by clerk J. W.  
 Hilday in making up the assess-  
 ment table, there being a difference  
 of only 12 mills between the aggre-  
 gate amount of county tax, and the  
 aggregate of the individual taxes in  
 each township. Mr. Hilday is a  
 reliable man and well fitted for the  
 position he is filling so acceptably.  
 His choice by the commissioners  
 was a wise one.

**CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.**

Since the death of J. L. Girton  
 there has been no one in the town  
 who is specially authorized to pro-  
 tect dumb animals from cruelty.  
 Mr. Girton was an officer of the so-  
 ciety for the Prevention of Cruelty  
 to Animals, but no successor has  
 been appointed. There are occa-  
 sional exhibitions of abuse. Not  
 long since a man drove a horse from  
 Danville to Bloomsburg in 38 min-  
 utes, on a wager. When the Ex-  
 change Hotel was reached the horse  
 was ready to drop, and it was a  
 clear case of cruelty, but no one  
 wanted to appear as prosecutor,  
 though many bystanders were loud  
 in their denunciation of the driver.  
 Some one interested in horses ought  
 to be willing to accept the appoint-  
 ment as agent for the Society. We  
 believe there are some fees attached  
 to the position.

Huckleberries were very plentiful  
 in market this morning and sold  
 readily at ten cents a quart. There  
 was also a large and very nice  
 variety of vegetables. One man  
 had a lot of frogs for sale, but the  
 demand was so great that he dis-  
 posed of all of them in less than  
 fifteen minutes. They brought  
 \$1.50 a dozen.

Millville's new school room  
 will be furnished by the local  
 branch of the American School  
 Furnishing Co. The order for  
 forty desks was secured by Hon.  
 M. J. Phillips, the company's  
 agent.

**SUPERINTENDENT EVANS.**

County Superintendent W. W.  
 Evans has finished the first year of  
 his administration with much credit  
 to himself, and with great benefit  
 to the schools. He has high ideals,  
 and he has labored constantly to re-  
 alize them. One of the most im-  
 portant and beneficial of his innova-  
 tions has been the publishing of the  
 Columbia County *School Journal*, a  
 monthly magazine issued from Sep-  
 tember to May. This has offered a  
 medium by which he has brought  
 the directors, teachers and pupils  
 closer together, and has enabled him  
 to get himself in closer touch with  
 all the schools. At first, there was  
 some little resentment manifested at  
 what was considered a too strict  
 surveillance on the part of the su-  
 perintendent. Some directors were  
 not pleased with the prospect of  
 having made public the fact that  
 they had not made a single visit  
 during the year, to the schools of  
 their district, and were slow to ac-  
 cept any advice or suggestions from  
 a young man so new to the office.  
 But Mr. Evans' evident determina-  
 tion to perform all his duties fear-  
 lessly now commands respect, and  
 he is receiving hearty cooperation  
 in quarters where he at first found  
 most opposition to his plans, and it  
 is now generally acknowledged that  
 the affairs of the public schools have  
 never been better administered than  
 they are now.

The continuance of the *School  
 Journal*, we understand, has not  
 yet been decided upon. The Super-  
 intendent gave much valuable  
 time and labor to the preparation of  
 the *Journal* each month, and at the  
 end of the year he found himself  
 several hundred dollars out of pocket.  
 That it accomplished much  
 good is admitted, but it is not fair  
 to ask him to continue its publica-  
 tion at his own expense. The sub-  
 scription price is only fifty cents a  
 year, and there ought to be enough  
 friends of the public schools who  
 are willing to pay this small sum,  
 to put it on a basis where it will  
 at least pay for itself. Its publication  
 was a great stride forward, and its  
 discontinuance would be a back-  
 sliding. Some scheme ought to be  
 devised to maintain it, so that the  
 good work that it has already done  
 may continue and increase.

**Hay Fever Season Here.**

The hay fever season, so distress-  
 ing to victims, is here in all its  
 terrors and the unfortunates afflicted  
 with the malady will have a dis-  
 tressing reign of it. Its duration is  
 from five to six weeks and some-  
 times longer. Many of the victims  
 hie themselves off to some cold  
 climate, where they remain until  
 the departure of the season for the  
 disease. A cold climate is the most  
 effective balm for the disease.

There are some people who  
 always see a trace of the devil in  
 the most innocent of pigrams.

**Long Hair**

"About a year ago my hair was  
 coming out very fast, so I bought  
 a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor. It  
 stopped the falling and made my  
 hair grow very rapidly, until now it  
 is 45 inches in length."—Mrs. A.  
 Boydston, Atchison, Kans.

There's another hunger  
 than that of the stomach.  
 Hair hunger, for instance.  
 Hungry hair needs food,  
 needs hair vigor—Ayer's.  
 This is why we say that  
 Ayer's Hair Vigor always  
 restores color, and makes  
 the hair grow long and  
 heavy. \$1.00 a bottle. All druggists.

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.

**Spring Medicine**

There is no other season when good  
 medicine is so much needed as in the  
 Spring.

The blood is impure, weak and  
 impoverished—a condition indicated  
 by pimples and other eruptions on the  
 face and body, by deficient vitality,  
 loss of appetite, lack of strength, and  
 want of animation.

**Hood's Sarsaparilla  
 and Pills**

Make the blood pure, vigorous and  
 rich, create appetite, give vitality,  
 strength and animation, and cure  
 all eruptions. Have the whole family  
 begin to take them today.

"Hood's Sarsaparilla has been used in  
 our family for some time, and always with  
 good results. Last spring I was all run  
 down and got a bottle of it, and as usual  
 received great benefit." Miss BEULAH  
 BOYCE, Stowe, Vt.

Hood's Sarsaparilla promises to  
 cure and keeps the promise.

**PROFLIGACY IN WASHINGTON.**

The scandals in the post office  
 department, in the war department  
 in the fiscal service of the municipal  
 government and in the police de-  
 partment in Washington are the  
 prolific sources of gossip in the na-  
 tional capital. Every department  
 appears to be honeycombed with  
 crime of one character or another  
 and the heads are apparently power-  
 less to either regulate or check the  
 trouble. The government is demor-  
 alized, as a matter of fact, and  
 no man can predict the outcome of  
 the investigations already in pro-  
 gress and those yet to be instituted.

Still Republican state conven-  
 tions in various sections are "pointing  
 with pride" to the record of the  
 party. The Pennsylvania conven-  
 tion which met a week or so before  
 the postal revelations began declar-  
 ing with Pharisaical satisfaction that  
 in half a century the public had  
 lost nothing in defalcation or delin-  
 quency of the party. The facts  
 show that ever since Senator Hanna  
 and his friends have broken into  
 the places of authority there has  
 been a saturnalia of corruption and  
 a carnival of crime in Washington.  
 It has found lodgment in every  
 place.

The maladministration, misap-  
 propriation and profligacy of the  
 government by the Republican party  
 have cost the people more since  
 the civil war than the successful  
 prosecution of that most expensive  
 of all wars, ancient or modern, cost,  
 from beginning to end. If the re-  
 dundant revenues and the taxes in-  
 cident to the protective system  
 which never reached the treasury  
 are considered, the people have  
 paid as much as the present valua-  
 tion of all kinds of property over  
 and above the legitimate expenses  
 of the government.

**Upset by the Gale.**

Henry Bredbenner was among  
 those who experienced some of the  
 force of the storm last Saturday.  
 He had been to Bloomsburg attend-  
 ing market with a load of truck,  
 and having disposed of his goods  
 was on his way to his home in Main  
 township. His fourteen years old  
 son John was with him. When they  
 reached a point near Burt  
 Bankes' in that township, on the  
 river road, the wind caught the  
 covered truck wagon and turned it  
 over into the gutter which was full  
 of water. The horse was thrown  
 down, but regained its feet and  
 went down off the other side of the  
 road with the wagon. Coming to  
 a stream which it could not cross it  
 came back up to the road and went  
 home. The top of the wagon was  
 broken, but no other damage done.  
 When thrown in the gutter the boy  
 was under the crates, and Mr.  
 Bredbenner had to let the horse go,  
 as he was busy rescuing his son  
 from under the boxes, otherwise  
 the boy might have drowned. They  
 started home through the storm,  
 but before they reached there, they  
 were met by Mrs. Bredbenner and  
 a neighbor, Mr. Goodman. The  
 wife was naturally very much alar-  
 med when the horse came home  
 alone with the wagon broken, and  
 had started out to meet them. Mr.  
 Bredbenner's head was cut and his  
 leg bruised, but not seriously. He  
 was in town on Tuesday standing  
 in market as usual.

**Clerks Will Picnic.**

Gerald Gross, Elmer McBride,  
 Edward Leighow and Charles Ster-  
 ling the committee, named by the  
 Clerks Association to select a place  
 for holding the annual picnic, has  
 decided on Fairchild's Grove. The  
 picnic will be held the first week in  
 August. The clerks never spare  
 any pains to make their picnic an  
 enjoyable one, as those who attend-  
 ed last year's outing can attest.  
 More particulars will be given later.

**TOWNSEND'S  
 Mid Summer Sale of Clothing**

**25 PER CENT.  
 REDUCTION  
 ON ALL**

**SPRING  
 CLOTHING  
 FOR 2 WEEKS AT  
 TOWNSEND'S.**

**THE LIBRARY.**

The Directors well Pleased with the First  
 Month's Work.

There was a unanimous expression  
 of satisfaction on the part of the di-  
 rectors of the Bloomsburg Public Li-  
 brary at the amount of work done by  
 the library during the month just en-  
 ded at the meeting held Tuesday eve-  
 ning. The meeting was attended by  
 all the directors but two and a lively  
 interest was manifested. In regard  
 to the matter of maintenance it was  
 decided to allow those who have filled  
 out support slips to exercise their own  
 prerogative as to the manner or time  
 of payment, that is they can pay it all  
 at once or at any time within three or  
 six months. There has been a very  
 liberal and altogether gratifying re-  
 sponse from the slips but still more is  
 needed to place the library upon the  
 desired self sustaining basis.

The report of the first month's work  
 prepared by the librarian Miss Ren-  
 ninger and assistant Mrs. Worthing-  
 ton and submitted to the directors,  
 was a most pleasing one, and showed  
 that the people are appreciating the  
 library.

A program and course of study are  
 now under consideration which will  
 have for their aim systematic and pur-  
 pose reading.

To all those who spoke at the  
 opening held in the Court House a  
 vote of thanks was extended, and it  
 was ordered that a letter of thanks be  
 sent to each one of them.

The library is here to stay, and  
 with the proper support and co-opera-  
 tion on the part of the citizens, there  
 is no height in usefulness and good to  
 which it cannot attain. The library  
 is one of which the town can well feel  
 proud.

**Teachers Elected.**

The schools of Center township  
 will be presided over the coming  
 fall and winter by the following  
 teachers who were elected Saturday  
 afternoon: Willow Springs school,  
 Laura M. Redeker, of Bloomsburg;  
 Lime Ridge Primary, Elizabeth  
 Smith, of Lime Ridge; Campbell,  
 H. B. Aikman, of Lime Ridge;  
 Miller school, Dorothy L. Kiefer,  
 of Lime Ridge; Whitmire Primary,  
 G. W. Henrie, of Orangeville;  
 Whitmire Grammar, Rolandus  
 Kocher, of Fowlersville; Fester  
 school, Irene Hortman, of Fowlers-  
 ville; Grange school, Geo. Ruckle,  
 of Centre; Hilday school, Frank  
 Harris, of Centre; Lime Ridge  
 Grammar school not elected, male  
 teacher wanted.

**Good Will Festival.**

Good Will Fire Co. No. 4. will  
 hold their annual festival at their  
 hose house corner of Main and  
 West streets on July 31 and August  
 1. A. B. Naylor is chairman of the  
 committee of arrangements. The  
 Good Will has nearly fifty members  
 all active men and good citizens, and  
 they deserve a liberal patronage.  
 They have purchased their own  
 apparatus and are always ready to  
 lend a helping hand in time of need.  
 Money spent with them is well in-  
 vested.

Berwick will hold a special elec-  
 tion on Tuesday, 21st instant, on  
 the question of increasing the  
 borough's indebtedness. They  
 want to spend \$60,000, for sewers  
 and other needed improvements.

**CASTORIA  
 For Infants and Children.**

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Dr. H. H. H. H.*

**EXTRAORDINARY  
 SALE OF MUSLINS  
 FOR ONE WEEK.**

In the face of the heavy advance in the price of cotton  
 we are offering you in this sale muslins that we could not  
 duplicate at the prices we are selling them to you.

Don't confuse these muslins with the usual ones offer-  
 ed at such sales. We did not buy CHEAP MUSLINS  
 to sell at this time. They are all STANDARD makes  
 and the kind we sell the year round, and this store is  
 noted for the good quality of the muslin it sells. We  
 stake our reputation on our Annual Muslin Sale. You  
 cannot afford to miss it.

- A good bleached muslin  
 worth 7c. the yard,  
 10 yards 50c.
- Unbleached muslin, fine  
 and soft, worth 6c. the yard,  
 10 yards 45c.
- A good weighty bleached  
 muslin with no starch,  
 worth 8c. the yard,  
 10 yards 65c.
- Good, fine unbleached  
 muslin, the threads are fine  
 and round, worth 7c.,  
 10 yards 50c.
- A good, fine bleached  
 muslin, same grade as  
 Hill's, the kind you use  
 for making underwear,  
 10 yards 75c.
- Unbleached muslin, fine  
 and heavy, about the same  
 quality as Appleton A.,  
 worth 8c. the yard,  
 10 yards 60c.
- It always comes handy  
 in the house—we mean  
 calico. Best indigo blue  
 during this sale,  
 10 yards 49c.
- Best quality of un-  
 bleached muslin, worth 9c.  
 the yard,  
 10 yards 68c.

Extra good quality counterpanes, full  
 size, hemmed, ready to use. Real value,  
 \$1.50. Sale price, \$1.19.

**F. P. PURSEL.**

Friday's atmospheric experience  
 has convinced us that of all summer  
 discomforts excessive humidity is  
 the worst. From different sections  
 of the country comes reports of in-  
 tense heat and numerous deaths and  
 prostrations. At Harman & Has-  
 sert's in the afternoon the ther-  
 mometer registered 115 and at many  
 other places it was equally as warm.  
 It is difficult to enjoy even driving  
 in such weather as that of Friday.  
 Even at the watering places, the  
 papers say, people stewed and  
 steamed and simmered in the at-  
 mosphere of a Turkish bath. The  
 writer feels like apologizing for  
 these remarks upon the hackneyed  
 subject of the weather. However,  
 the weather has been the foremost  
 topic of conversation, hence this dis-  
 quisition upon it.

We overheard a lady say she  
 wouldn't go to a certain church pic-  
 nic because the people were too un-  
 sociable. There is some merit in  
 that claim too. At a church picnic  
 everybody should enter into the  
 spirit of the occasion and make an  
 effort to have everybody enjoy  
 themselves. Unfortunately there  
 are always some people who hug  
 their exclusiveness too close to their  
 hearts. Preachers should tell their  
 people from the pulpit to extend a  
 welcome to outsiders and thereby  
 encourage the spirit of sociability,  
 and Sunday school teachers should  
 warn their scholars of the hallow-  
 ness of a life based on selfishness.  
 Be sociable at your church picnics  
 and you will have bigger crowds  
 and a better time.

A new Presbyterian church will  
 be erected in Benton soon, a lot  
 next to the *Argus* office which was  
 willed by Mrs. Rohr McHenry for  
 that purpose. The building will be  
 a frame, 56 by 72 feet. Dr. Hem-  
 ington has been holding occasional  
 services in Benton for some time  
 past.

A handsome display of busts in  
 the windows of Alexander Bros. &  
 Co., attracts much attention. The  
 collection includes heads of Indians,  
 Egyptians and Orientals of various  
 kinds. They are of plaster, and  
 are brightly and artistically colored.  
 They make very handsome orna-  
 ments at reasonable prices.