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Oak Grove the Subject.

The Much Mooted \$3,000 Rent Claim Will be Submitted to Arbitration.

Matter One of Long Standing.

The long standing suit, brought by the Bloomsburg Land Improvement Company, against the Town of Bloomsburg, for the recovery of \$3,000, being the amount of two years rent for Oak Grove was easily the most important matter with which the Council had to wrestle with at its Thursday night meeting. It appears that years ago a committee of the Town Council, leased the Grove from the Land Improvement Company, with the stipulation that after the Town had paid the rent for a certain period at \$1,500 a year, it was to become the property of town. The lease was in force for some years, when it was dropped. Later, the Council was desirous of renewing it, but certain citizens protested, and took the matter into Court asking that Council be restrained for the reason that the town was then too deep in debt. The matter of renewing the lease was then lost and the Grove reverted back to the Land Improvement Co., its now owner.

The amount of the rent being far in excess of what the Grove was worth to the Town, Solicitor Fred Ikeler, requested the Land Improvement Company to submit the matter to a competent lawyer, as referee, to which they had agreed. He brought the matter before Council Thursday night, and explained that this plan of arbitration would save the unnecessary cost of a Court trial, whereupon Council decided that his proposition be accepted and that he be allowed to proceed as he deems best.

The payment of \$57.32 on the J. K. Bittenbender tax duplicate made by William Chrisman on Oct. 8, 1903, was reported by Solicitor Ikeler.

President Townsend reported the filing of a bond by William Ferguson, contractor for the new Irondale road, work on which has been commenced.

C. H. Reinard of the Fire and Water Committee, reported that the Winona Fire Company is not the possessor of 500 feet of new hose, as had been previously reported. A considerable portion of their hose is old which he stated they would repair. The Committee was then instructed to ascertain the exact number of feet of hose owned by each Company.

W. L. White of the Paragon Plaster & Supply Company, appeared before Council and stated that the plant had been assessed for 1901 and 1902. The plant, he said, according to agreement, was entitled to exemption from taxation for a period of ten years, and as it has been in operation but seven years, he desired the assessment removed.

Kief Warner, of the Winona Fire Company, asked for a part payment of the Company's appropriation, and that a light be placed in the hose house. It was decided to grant the Company one-half the appropriation at the time amounting to \$37.50 and also their request for a light.

The condition of Chestnut alley was referred to the Committee on Highways with power to act. The alley lies just above East street and receives the water coming down the extension of Third street, making the alley surface out of condition.

Reported that the Irondale Electric Light, Heat & Power Company are causing the gutters to become blocked at different points by limbs cut from trees. It was resolved that the Company be notified to take up limbs put in gutters by Company and in future no more brush to be allowed to fall therein.

Mr. Pursel reported the dumping of ashes in Murray alley between Market and Jefferson streets, which is in violation of the Town ordinance. The Street Commissioner was instructed to investigate and see that the nuisance is stopped.

Reported that before the Catholic Rectory, on East Third street, there is a water shut-off projecting above the pavement and dangerous to

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No Republican Ticket.

County Chairman, A. W. Duy, Falls to File Certificates of Nomination.

Too late for Nomination Papers

The Republicans of Columbia County will have no representation on the ballot at the November election, because of failure to file the required certificates of nomination. Tuesday was the last day for filing certificates of nomination, and the time in which nomination papers could be taken out expired on Tuesday, so that there is now no way in which they can have the names of their candidates appear on the ticket. Not only did they fail to file the certificates of nomination but also failed to file with the prothonotary a record of the convention. Mr. Duy, the County Chairman, has been so much occupied with the business pertaining to the office of District Attorney including murders, highway robberies and the numerous other cases, which he had to try at the recent session of Court that he lost sight entirely of the election. The only way the Republicans can vote now is to write the names or attach a poster.

The certificates of nomination that should have been filed were for Sheriff, Jury Commissioner and Coroner.

THE BIG FAIR IS ON.

All That is Required is Favorable Weather to Make it a Record Breaker.

Seldom has the great Columbia County fair had a more auspicious opening than this year. The exhibits are larger and more varied than ever, the entries for the races include some of the fastest horses in the state, and the weather is ideal. All that now remains to make the exhibition a record breaker is a continuation of favorable weather, and this is promised. We will give a full account of the big show in our next issue.

ACCEPTS NEW POSITION.

William J. Hehl, who for some years past has been one of the efficient bookkeepers at the First National Bank, has resigned his position and has accepted the assistant cashiership of the First National Bank of Berwick. He entered upon the duties of his new position on Monday. During his connection with the local bank Mr. Hehl has received valuable training which will aid him wonderfully in his new position. He is one of Bloomsburg's most competent and sincere young business men. His prospects are particularly promising and well deserved.

BRILLIANTLY LIGHTED.

The Farmers National Bank presents a very brilliant appearance at night. Recently there have been put in sixteen additional lamps of the Irondale Electric Light Co. and the effect is fine. Every corner of the bank is even lighter than day. Should burglars happen to drop around that way, they need not go to the trouble to provide themselves with a dark lantern, as they can find their way around every where except into the vault, which is fire-proof, and burglar proof and all the other necessary kinds of proof for an up-to-date bank.

THE BANDS.

The Catawissa Band furnished music for the fair on Wednesday. They played on the Court House pavement in the morning for an hour and exhibited their excellence as a musical organization. The Catawissa Band always was a good one.

Alexander's Band of Wilkes-Barre is here today and tomorrow, one of the best in the state.

The Berwick Band was to be here tomorrow, but there was some hitch about the price, and it may not come.

The Bloom Band will be present today.

This office will be open every day during fair for business, except Thursday and Friday afternoons from 1 to 5 o'clock. We shall be glad to meet our patrons and write them a receipt for another year's subscription.

REDEMPTION OF U. S. GOVERNMENT 5 PER CENT. BONDS.

The Secretary of the Treasury, has given notice that he will redeem at any time, the FIVE PER CENT. Bonds due February 1st, 1904, with interest to maturity.

As these Bonds will then cease to draw interest, all holders of them should take their money NOW.

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The Bloomsburg National Bank

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

STORM'S DAMAGE.

Enormous Destruction of Property by Rushing Torrents in Many Sections.

LOSS GREATEST IN YEARS.

The losses caused by the heavy storm of last week will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. The cities that suffered the most are New York and Paterson, N. J. In many respects the storm was one of the most disastrous ever known.

Bloomsburg was more fortunate than other sections. Both Fishing-creek and the river, particularly the latter, swelled under the influence of the torrential downpour, and for a time it was feared that it would overflow its banks. Trains on all the railroads entering Bloomsburg managed to maintain their schedule, except on Saturday, when a heavy landslide on the D. L. & W. up about Lackawanna delayed trains for several hours. The storm abated just in time to save the Electric Railway. As it was the track for several yards at a low place between Rupert and Catawissa was inundated, but the water was not deep enough to affect the motors, and the cars were able to run through it.

Reports of extensive floods and serious damage to property and interruptions of traffic came from almost all sections of New Jersey and Long Island. In Newark, Passaic and other large manufacturing centers many factories were closed down owing to the flooding of engine rooms. In many places electric light and power plants were shut down for the same reason. A dam on the Ramapo River at Pompton broke, flooding the valley for ten miles, but causing no loss of life.

Paterson was one of the worst sufferers and for a time there was grave danger of a repetition of the terrible disaster of last February. A great part of the city was laid under water and scores of great plants, including those of the Rogers' Locomotive Works and the Passaic Steel Company, were flooded and shut down, involving a loss estimated at fully \$1,000,000.

At Paterson the destruction is enormous and the suffering intense. All day Sunday boatmen were at work rescuing people from the flooded districts, as it was almost impossible to reach the residents there. Several hundred persons were removed from houses completely surrounded by the flood and ready to collapse at any moment. A dozen more of these houses later did collapse and floated down the stream.

The damage to mill property is chiefly from the submerged portions of the plants and great quantities of products.

Thousands of men, women and children will be out of employment for a long time, and it seems altogether probable that this flood will cause to the city of Paterson a greater loss of money and property than the fire of nearly two years ago. The gross loss then was \$5,000,000, with an insurance of more than \$4,000,000. The loss today is estimated at considerably more than \$2,000,000, with no insurance.

Five hundred families are homeless. Of these about a hundred and fifty families are being sheltered in the Apollo Hall, while the others will be taken care of in the Armory. Governor Murphy having issued orders that the Armory be thrown open for that purpose.

At Suffern, N. Y. the storm was

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The regular \$1.25 hunting coat in this sale at 98 cents.

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COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

FOR SALE BY

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one of the most disastrous ever known. Western trains are unable to proceed beyond this place.

The town of Hillburn, one mile from Suffern, is cut off, as all the bridges have been washed away. The town of Ramapo is almost in ruins. Many persons are homeless. The iron works at Hillburn are flooded, and it is feared that no work will be done for a long time. Five hundred employees will be affected. Work has been stopped at all the shops and 1,000 men are idle. Supplies are short, as very few trains from New York are bringing goods ordered.

Burlington, N. J. suffered from the worst flood in its history. The entire town was flooded by the overflow of the Delaware river. Ninety per cent of the houses were inundated. The town for several days was cut off from communication by telephone and telegraph. Wagon roads and the Mt. Holly bridge were washed away.

A Bloomsburg man who was caught in New York during the storm said he never saw such a sight before. Portions of the city were under water to the depth of five feet and people were moving about in boats.

BURGLARS MAKE TWO RAIDS.

One on St. Elmo Hotel and the Other on Gem Laundry.

Don't go away from your homes this week without securely locking up your houses, or you may be minus some articles when you return. There is a bad element that follows up county fairs, and they never lose an opportunity to ply their vocation. Sunday evening presumably between eight and ten o'clock, the St. Elmo Hotel was burglarized and the cash register robbed of \$21. Later, the same night, J. E. Fidler's Gem Steam Laundry was visited, but the robbers secured but little for their trouble. Entrance to both places was obtained by removing a window pane.

The Wheelmen have added several new and handsome rockers to their club house furniture.



BLACK SUITS



No man should be without a Black Suit. It's a wardrobe necessity to any and every man. We have Black Suits in Unfinished Worsteds—Cheviots—Thibets and Claws. Sack, Cutaway or Prince Albert. No better tailoring and no better fabrics can be put into Suits than the makers have put into our lines of Black Suits. \$8, \$10, \$15 up to \$25. See the Suits; that's the only way to judge of their worth. However, we want to suggest that you **Have a Care in Buying Your Black Suit** for there's lots of opportunity to go wrong. You'll make no mistake if you come here.

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