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Farmers National Bank

Has Upon Public Confidence
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT FOR LAST FIVE YEARS:

	SURPLUS.	DEPOSITS.	TOTAL RESOURCES.
Sept. 5, 1900	\$44,154.54	\$260,389.50	\$421,347.56
Sept. 6, 1902	\$8,713.62	285,105.31	479,279.22
Sept. 6, 1904	75,169.42	381,157.46	576,326.88

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WE INVITE YOU TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT.



A Man's feet are better judges of shoes than he is!

When you tuck your's into a pair of "Keith's Konqueror" Shoes they'll tell you they're comfortable at last.

\$3.50 and \$4.00

Chas. M. Evans, AGENT FOR BLOOMSBURG.

THE COLUMBIAN.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1905
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Club Offers.

Our Club Offers for 1905 are as follows:

- The COLUMBIAN and New York Thrice-a-Week World, 1.65
 - The COLUMBIAN and Tribune Farmer, 1.25
 - The COLUMBIAN and American Farmer, 1.00
- all strictly in advance.

We have but 100 copies of the American Farmer to give away. They will go to the first advance paying subscribers who call. Don't wait too long. *tf.*

Prayer to the Plumber.

I pray you, plumber, easy be—
These days of snow and ice;
The holidays have ruined me—
So do not raise the price!

Now waves the cold flag high and free,
My leaden pipes release,
And smoke, if thou shalt please, with me
The unbroken pipe of peace!

LOCAL NEWS.

Legal advertisements on page 7.

Clark Hagenbuch won the Wheelmen euchre prize, a beautiful umbrella, Tuesday evening.

Joseph Ratti purchased the Rebecca Hower property on Fifth Street last Saturday at public sale, for \$1650.

The total vote this year showed a decrease of 360,078 from the vote of 1900. How we have grown in one way and another

Charles P. Elwell will receive pupils in pianoforte and harp. Terms reasonable. Call or address 233 West Third street.

C. W. Conrad of Forksville, Sullivan County, has purchased the Kate Howell confectionery store adjoining the Wheelmen's Club house.

Judge and Mrs. Herring, Donald and Miss Laura attended the Biddle reception at Ashland last Wednesday. Judge Herring is one of the Trustees of the Miners' Hospital.

Ralph Smoyer has sold his grocery store on Iron Street, near Third, to G. W. Keifer and will devote his entire time to his other grocery store at the corner of Iron and Sixth Streets.

The friends of Dr. Dowie say he has proved himself to be a christian by paying \$4,000,000 in debts. But what we want to know is how could any man get hold of \$4,000,000 and still be a Christian.

Among the Bloomsburgers who were in Philadelphia buying horses this week were T. Poust, E. Woolsey, Warner Mifflin, Michael Hawke and Thomas Webb. Several very fine animals were purchased.

PURELY PERSONAL

Miss Edna Wilson is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.
Miss Zoe Trench is studying music at the Ithaca Conservatory.
Elliot Lemons of Ashbury was in town for a few hours on Tuesday.
Ralph Schwartz returned on Monday to the Michigan Military Academy at Orchard Lake, Mich., where he is a student.
J. C. Ross, representing the Ross Valve Co., of Troy, N. Y., was in town yesterday and overhauled the motors in the Episcopal and Methodist churches. The motors furnish the power to pump the pipe organs.

The Columbia County Agricultural Society will hold its annual election in the Court House on Saturday, January 21st. The only contest that has developed thus far is for Librarian. There are three candidates, W. B. Allen, who has held the office for several years past; C. B. Ent and H. S. Barton.

The loss of two spans of the trestling of the bridge on the Pennsylvania Railroad over Black Creek on the Nescopeck division, which were washed away by the water on Saturday last, blocked all traffic between Wilkes-Barre and Philadelphia and necessitated the running of all trains over the Catawissa division.

After a three month's illness with a complication of diseases, dropsy and heart failure predominating, Charles C. Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Walters, died at the home of his parents, near the corner of Catharine and Third streets Tuesday morning. He was aged twenty-eight years, and previous to his illness was employed at Derr Bros. restaurant. Beside his parents, he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Hervey G. of town, and Miss Kate Walters and Mrs. Frank W. Mears of Brook'yn.

NEGLEGENOE WAS EXPENSIVE.
For Failure to Comply with Law in Regard to Fire Escapes, Four Hotel Men Had to Settle.

For failure to comply with an act of the legislature, respecting the erection of suitable exterior fire escapes, four hotel proprietors were arrested by Deputy Factory Inspector, James Patterson, of Bristol, Bucks Co., on Tuesday, and fined.

The men who were compelled to settle were J. B. McHenry, proprietor of the McHenry, and A. A. Oberholzer, proprietor of the Exchange Hotel, Benton; J. M. Kline, proprietor of the Central Hotel, Bloomsburg; and Edward Schenke, proprietor of a hotel in Berwick. Constable Miles Betz served the warrants, and they were arraigned before Squire Jacoby.

The first mentioned three were fined \$40 and costs, the whole for each amounting to \$45.25.

In the case of Mr. Schenke, who stated that he had not put up a fire escape for the reason that he desired first to enlarge his house, which work he had decided to do in the spring, the fine was made \$10 and costs.

The law in regard to fire escapes is very rigid. It requires that the escape be outside, open, iron stairways, the steps of which are not to be less than 6 inches in width and 24 inches in length, and that it must have a slant, of not more than 45 degrees. The factory inspector is the corporate authority, and all escapes must be approved by him.

WILL CHANGE RULES.

The Democrats of Cumberland County are preparing to capture every office in the Court House next year. The County Committee of which County Treasurer W. H. Pepper is the chairman, will meet, likely on Saturday, January 14, to ascertain the sentiment of its members on the proposed change of nominating county tickets in the future, from the Crawford County system to the old delegate system, and the proposed change may be submitted to the Democratic voters at the February election.

It seems that wherever the Crawford system has been used it is unsatisfactory. A change is needed in Columbia county, and the appointment of a committee to revise the rules has been asked for by the press, but up to this time no action has been taken.

VESTRY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Paul's Church last evening the following persons were elected to attend the convention which meets in Harrisburg January 31st to elect a Bishop: Deputies, Paul E. Wirt, A. Z. Schoch, A. W. Duy; Alternates, Geo. E. Elwell, Samuel Wigfall, J. Lee Harman. Col. Freeze will attend as Chancellor of the Diocese.

A. W. Duy tendered his resignation as treasurer of the parish, his numerous business interests making it impossible for him to give the office the necessary time. J. G. Wells was elected treasurer.

CORPORATIONS ELECT OFFICERS.

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taking the place on the board of the late Dr. Reber.
The annual six per cent. dividend was declared and \$2,000 was placed in the sinking fund. The business of 1904 showed an increase of 25 per cent. over that of 1903.

MILLVILLE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

At the annual stockholders' meeting of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Millville, the following named directors were elected: William Masters, Jos. W. Eves, Richard F. Whitwire, Charles F. Robbins, John Moser, Ellis Eves, A. B. Herring, Chandler Eves, Henry Wintersteen, W. W. Eves, Cyrus Demott, Samuel J. Eckman. At the meeting of the Board next Tuesday morning at ten o'clock organization will be perfected.

PENNSYLVANIA COPPER CO.

At the annual election of the Pennsylvania Copper Company held on Monday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Samuel Light, Lebanon; C. N. Wilbur, Buevar, W. Va.; J. M. Nuss, Nescopeck; L. E. Whary, Bloomsburg; J. P. and B. F. Fritz, Central; F. J. Richard, Bloomsburg.

DANVILLE & BLOOMSBURG STREET RAILWAY CO.

At a meeting of stockholders of the Danville & Bloomsburg Street Railway Company held in Danville on Monday the following directors were elected:

Judge R. H. Koch, of Pottsville; Thomas B. Illig, W. C. Billman and Frank P. Louer, of Reading; W. F. Pascoe, of Coopersburg, and F. C. Angle, of Danville. The directors elected Judge Koch, president.

SERRANO GOLD & COPPER MINING CO.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Serrano Gold and Copper Mining Company held in Danville Monday afternoon, the following directors were elected: E. H. Heaton of Milton, R. T. Smith and B. G. Keller of Benton, Myron I. Low of Lime Ridge, C. E. Yorks of Central, J. C. Higbee of Watson-town, J. H. Gooser and F. C. Angle and I. X. Grier of Danville, and T. H. Collins of Serrano, Mexico.

The directors then met and elected the following officers: President, I. X. Grier; Secretary, C. E. Yorks; and Treasurer, M. I. Low.

BRIARCREEK FARMER'S MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.

The Briarcreek Farmer's Mutual Insurance Company met on Tuesday and elected the following directors for the ensuing year: Geo. Conner, J. G. Swank, H. C. Barton, Philip Harris, H. J. Seely, S. E. Morse, G. A. Benson, B. F. Battin, A. W. Spear, W. L. Cole, C. H. Dildine and H. H. Brown. The organization was perfected as follows: J. G. Swank, president; H. C. Barton, vice-president; H. H. Brown, secretary; Geo. Conner, treasurer. C. L. Gorton was elected auditor for one year and J. H. Aikman for three years.

COLUMBIA & MONTOUR ELECTRIC RAILROAD.

The annual meeting of the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company was held in its offices in the First National Bank building, at which time officers and directors were elected and extensive improvements and extensions were considered. The election of officers was the first business taken up and resulted as follows: President, Hon. B. F. Myers, of Harrisburg; Directors, Hon. B. F. Myers, William Smallwood, W. M. Oglesby and E. R. Sponsler, of Harrisburg; E. B. Tustin, Charles W. Miller and Joseph Ratti, of Bloomsburg. The Board organized by the election of E. R. Sponsler, vice president; W. M. Oglesby, treasurer; D. G. Hackett, secretary, general manager and superintendent.

C. W. Miller, Esq., submitted a proposition asking the Company to enter into an agreement with the Bloomsburg and Millville Electric Railway Co. to furnish motive power for the latter Company and also to permit the use of the Columbia & Montour tracks on Main Street from Iron Street to Market Square. The matter was given over to a committee composed of Messrs. Hackett, Sponsler and Oglesby.

It was decided to increase the power by the installation of a 100 Kilowatt rotary converter at the sub station at Willow Grove.

The matter of extending the line in Berwick was considered but no definite action was taken. The company has in mind the extension of the road so as to reach the new athletic grounds in North Berwick. The work however will not be started until the weather is favorable.

Mrs. Mary E. Walls Bucher, wife of former Judge Joseph C. Bucher, died at Lewisburg suddenly Sunday night from heart disease.

Clearing The Deck.

January is the time we Clear Out The Stocks and make ready for the Coming Season's Trade —yet you have three good months of usefulness out of these goods we offer at Reduced Prices, and some of them a longer time than that. The money saving opportunities for you are quite numerous. An investigation will repay you.

COATS.—

20.00 Ladies' Coats 15.00
14.00 Ladies' Coats 10.00
10.00 Ladies' Coats 7.00

SEPARATE SKIRTS.—

All separate Dress Skirts at reduced prices—See them.

Blankets and Comfortables.—

Just when you need them they go at reduced prices.

COMFORTS

5.00, 3.25, 3.00, 2.50 1.56
are reduced to
4.00, 2.75, 2.50 2.00 1.25

BLANKETS

5.50, 5.00, 3.75, 3.40, 3.00 are reduced to
4.50, 4.00, 3.00, 2.90, 2.50

TABLE LINENS.—

We call special attention to three numbers of bleached all linen table linens 2 yds. wide at 58c, 88c and 1.00 per yard.

10—4 New York Mills

Sheeting — 28c.
90x90 Sheets Bleached 70c.
90x90 H. S. Sheets 80c.
81x90 plain hem Sheets 62c

OUTING NIGHT ROBES.

1.00 Night Robes 78c
75c. Night Robes 58c
50c. Night Robes 39c
1.50 Night Robes 1.15

FURS REDUCED.—

It will well repay you to see the choice furs at the reduced prices.

DRESS GOODS.—

Many lots of Dress Goods have been reduced:
39c. for 50 cent Zibelines.
42c. for 50 cent Noveltyes.
84c. for 1.00 Mixturees.

Ladies' Tailored Suits
At Big Reductions.
The Clark Store.

TALK NO. 65.

Your Christmas Opportunity; Don't Miss It.

Our fine display of Holiday Goods is opened and ready. The most appropriate presents for one and all at fairest prices. We claim for our Holiday stock excellence in quality, great variety and very low prices, making this store, beyond a question of doubt, the RIGHT PLACE TO GET THE RIGHT GIFTS AT THE RIGHT PRICE. We invite you to inspect our stock before making your purchases.

Geo. W. Hess, OPTICIAN AND JEWELER, BLOOMSBURG, PENNA.

Real Estate Transfers.
The following deeds have been recorded by Register and Recorder J. C. Rutter, Jr., since those last published:
Wm. A. Naugle and wife to J. Warren Hess, for eighty-three acres and fifty-one perches of land in Fishingcreek township. Consideration \$2,000.
J. W. Hess and wife to Martha A. Focht for land in Berwick. Consideration \$2,000.
Wm. J. Hilday and wife to Sylvester Hutton, for property in Orangeville. Consideration \$600.00.
A. B. Herring and wife to O. D. Seward, for lot No. 22 in Jamison City. Consideration \$150.00.
Daniel G. Dougherty and wife to Margaret Dobles, for house and lot in Centralia. Consideration \$150.
C. W. Faus and wife to Henry R. R. and Ella D. Getty, for a half acre of land in Pine township. Consideration \$50.
D. W. Kelchner, executor of the estate of Susan Reynolds, deceased, to Walter R. Groh, for property in Espy. Consideration \$1000.
Torrence A. Meixell and wife to Clarence J. Hess, for lot No. 27 in Jamison City. Consideration \$600.00.

Important to Stockmen.
The sixth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Live Stock Breeders' Association at Harrisburg January 25-26 will bring before the stockmen of the state an array of talent such as is seldom found in one meeting. Horse topics will be discussed by Dr. George M. Rommel, Specialist of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, and Prof. Thomas F. Hunt, of Cornell, both high authorities. Dr. Rommel deals with light horses and Prof. Hunt with draft horses. Illinois furnishes the Swine expert in the person of Hon. A. J. Lovejoy, the veteran breeder and showman. A famous judge and breeder of sheep, who has officiated at the World's Fair and other great shows, will talk sheep—Mr. J. C. Duncan of New York. New Jersey sends the crop expert in the person of Prof. E. B. Voorhees, who tells how feeders may save feed bills by growing their own protein. Excursion rates on all railroads. For card orders entitling you to reduced rates write to Hon. N. B. Critchfield, Secretary of Agriculture, Harrisburg, or to the Secretary as below. Meetings held in Board of Trade Rooms, Harrisburg. For programs or other information as to the meeting write to E. S. Bayard, Sec'y. East End, Pittsburg, Pa.

Women Break Up Service in Church.
A factional fight in the Greek Catholic Church at Mt. Carmel reached the crisis Sunday morning when fifty women, opposed to the Rev. Stephen Makar, managed to break up the services.

For several weeks dissatisfied members of the congregation have been trying to oust Father Makar from the pastorate of the local church. Last week an injunction was served on him restraining him from holding services, but Judge Auten dissolved the injunction in favor of the priest.

Sunday morning fifty women, the wives of men opposed to the priest, assembled at the church, and when Father Makar began reading mass they congregated in front of the altar and by their cries prevented the priest from proceeding. Officers were summoned and quieted the disturbance. Later those opposed to the priest placed a padlock on the church door and retained the key. Later the lock was removed by trustees, and is now in the hands of Rev. Mr. Makar's attorney.

Centralia Woman Dead.
Mrs. Henry Goddington, a well known and highly respected resident of Centralia, died from cancer of the breast. The deceased was 45 years of age, and is survived by a husband and three children. The funeral took place yesterday from St. Ignatius' church.