

Capital \$100,000 Surplus \$125,000
STRONGEST BANK IN THE COUNTY
First National Bank,
OF BLOOMSBURG, PA.

STATEMENT.
 At the Close of Business November 10th, 1904.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES
Cash, \$312,132.94	Capital \$100,000.00
U. S. Bonds, 504,000.00	Surplus and Profits (net) 145,392.98
City Bonds, 156,125.00	Circulation 49,300.00
Loans, 27,400.00	Deposits 464,012.98
Due from Banks and U. S. Treas., 24,150.71	
Overdrafts and Reserve, 129,288.31	
\$698,705.96	\$698,705.96

E. W. M. LOW, President, E. F. CARPENTER, Cashier.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1905.

Political Announcements.
 SUBJECT TO THE RULES OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

PRIMARY ELECTION, SATURDAY
 JUNE 10. CONVENTION TUESDAY,
 JUNE 13th.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
 (north side)
GEO. W. STERNER
 of Bloomsburg.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
 (north side)
WM. BOGERT,
 of Scott Township.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
 (north side)
JERRY A. HESS
 of Bloomsburg.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
ISAAC REICHAFT
 of Scott Township.

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
A. N. YOST
 of Bloomsburg.

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
J. C. RUTTER JR.,
 of Bloomsburg.

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
GEORGE E. CLEMENS
 of Berwick.

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
FRANK W. MILLER
 of Centralia.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER,
JOHN S. MENSCH
 of Montour.

FOR PROTHONOTARY AND CLERK
 OF THE COURTS,
C. M. TERWILLIGER
 of Bloomsburg.

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR,
C. L. HIRLEMAN
 of Benton Boro.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
CHRISTIAN A. SMALL
 of Bloomsburg.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER,
M. H. RHODES
 of Bloomsburg, Pa.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
ELISHA RINGROSE
 of Center Township.

Subject to the rules of the Republi-
 can Party.
 Primary Election Saturday, April
 15th. Convention, Monday, April
 17th.

Gov. Pennypacker has approved
 the bill making it a misdemeanor,
 punishable by a fine of from \$100
 to \$300 for any one to give or sell a
 cigarette or cigarette paper to any
 person under 21. The new law
 amends the act passed by the last
 legislature, which merely prohib-
 ited the sale of cigarettes to
 minors.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The legislature began its weekly
 session on Monday night, and there
 were some turbulent scenes. Efforts
 were made in the House to have
 committees discharged from the
 consideration of bills before them,
 the Democratic members leading
 the assault on the committee, charg-
 ing studied neglect of such bills as
 the one providing for personal regis-
 tration, and that other bill of vast
 importance to the public, permitting
 trolley companies to carry freight.

New bills were introduced, which
 if passed will net the state several
 million dollars additional revenue
 from a tax placed on coal, crude oil,
 and the product of whiskey distil-
 leries. While the state will get the
 money the burden of this tax will
 fall on the consumer, who will have
 to pay it in the end. The produc-
 er will simply add the tax to his
 selling price.

By a compromise, legislation will
 be permitted that will enable Pitts-
 burg and Allegheny to merge and
 form a "Greater Pittsburgh." A
 number of appropriation bills were
 reported from committees.

Governor Pennypacker transmit-
 ted to the legislature a report of the
 Commissioner to the St. Louis Ex-
 position. He also vetoed a number
 of bills, among them one permitting
 Normal Schools to condemn certain
 alleys and streets donated for school
 purposes.

The bill providing for personal
 registration was defeated in both
 Senate and House. The passage of
 this bill would have been a step
 towards honest elections in this
 state, and that the Republican party
 do not propose to permit. Personal
 registration would cut down their
 majority in the state more than one
 half, by preventing the thousands
 of fraudulent votes in Philadelphia.

McClain of Lancaster, leader of
 the Republicans in the House, de-
 clared that his party would assume
 all responsibility for their action.
 He was led into this declaration by
 a challenge from our member, Hon.
 John G. Harman, to the effect that
 the defeat of the proposed legisla-
 tion would rest upon the Republi-
 can party.

Representative W. T. Creasy had
 offered the resolution in the House
 asking for the discharge of the com-
 mittee on elections from all further
 consideration of the bill. McClain
 asked that the resolution be defeat-
 ed. Mr. Creasy sent to the desk
 and had read an editorial from the
Press, stating that personal regis-
 tration is not a partisan measure,
 but a public need. However, it
 was slated for defeat and defeated
 it was.

PEACE PROBABLE.

There are again prospects of an
 early peace between Russia and
 Japan. Many influences in favor
 of a settlement have been brought
 to bear upon the Czar, from Ger-
 many and France. Emperor
 William has been eager to repeat
 the concerted movement made after
 the fall of Port Arthur, when Ber-
 lin and Washington joined in friend-
 ly counsel to the Czar, and Japan
 co-operated to the extent of submit-
 ting informally terms of settlement.
 That effort failed through the
 stubbornness of the Czar and his ad-
 visers. The Kaiser, aided by the
 French government, is now making
 another effort to bring about peace.
 His success depends upon the moods
 of the Czar, who is as changeable
 as the moon, full of superstition,
 flying from one set of advisers to
 another, and who has now taken to
 praying two hours daily to numer-
 ous gods. Japan is willing to nego-
 tiate without the imposition of harsh
 terms, and Russia now almost with-
 out a friend among civilized na-
 tions, must soon be compelled to
 yield. It has been a horrible car-
 nage, and peace will be welcomed
 everywhere.

Harvesting by electricity has
 been introduced in Australia.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.
 Washington, D. C., Mar. 16, 1905.
 Santo Domingo protocol is dead
 and Senator Gorman, as Democrat-
 ic leader of the Senate, has scored
 a triumph. For a time it looked as
 if enough Democratic Senators
 would break away from Mr. Gor-
 man's leadership to ratify the trea-
 ty, but the Maryland statesman
 worked quietly and effectively and
 ultimately lined up the entire mi-
 nority in opposition to a foreign pol-
 icy which he regards as unwarrant-
 ed and injudicious. There is no
 doubt, however, that prominent Re-
 publicans have covertly assisted the
 Democratic leader in defeating this
 cherished scheme of President
 Roosevelt, and it is probable, too,
 that Assistant Secretary of State
 Loomis contributed his full share to
 the defeat of the protocol, although
 his part was played unwittingly.

The chief factor in defeating the
 treaty was the conviction that Sec-
 retary Loomis drafted it and caused
 it to be negotiated with a view to
 putting it into force without seeking
 the advice and consent of the Sen-
 ate. This conviction is as largely
 entertained by Republicans as by
 Democrats and as, in the estimation
 of all Senators, it indicates a dan-
 gerous tendency on the part of the
 administration, the Democrats felt
 it to be their duty to administer a
 rebuke in the form of rejecting the
 treaty. No vote has yet been had
 on the protocol and probably none
 will be, the present intention being
 to defer action until the special ses-
 sion to be called for next October.
 Meanwhile, the President will cause
 a more extensive investigation of
 Dominican affairs to be made, to be
 followed by a comprehensive report
 on the situation to be submitted to
 the Senate when it again convenes.

Republican Senators are some-
 what at a loss as to the best means
 of disposing of the Dominican trea-
 ty, although they most favor refer-
 ring it back to the committee on
 Foreign Relations. One of the pec-
 uliarities of the debate has been
 the development of sentiment in
 favor of annexing Santo Domingo
 to the United States. This propo-
 sition has been vigorously espoused
 by Senators Heyburn (Republican)
 and N. W. (Democratic), but
 finds little encouragement among
 other members of the Senate, most
 of whom seem to think that with
 the race question in the South, Por-
 to Rico and the Philippines, on its
 hands the United States has quite
 enough trouble without borrowing
 more. Some Democrats insist that
 annexation would provide a place
 to which surplus negroes could be
 exported, but fail to furnish particu-
 lars as to the method they would
 adopt to effect such exportation.

Despite the evident fact that Sec-
 retary Loomis blundered seriously in
 his handling of the Dominican ne-
 gotiations, the President takes every
 occasion to reiterate his high regard
 for the Assistant Secretary of State
 and insists that he has no thought
 of displacing him or of assigning
 him to a foreign mission, at present,
 although he intimates that the Sec-
 retary will be rewarded for his emi-
 nent services within the next four
 years by a diplomatic post of high
 rank. There may be some obstacles
 to the President's programme in
 this regard, however, as the Senate
 does not place a high valuation on
 Mr. Loomis' diplomatic attainments
 and may intimate to the President
 that his confirmation for a post of
 importance would be attended with
 serious difficulty.

The decision of Congress to re-
 turn to the several States all the
 Confederate battle flags captured in
 the Civil War and the prompt ap-
 proval by the President of the bill
 authorizing such return seems to
 have created much enthusiasm in

the South and complimentary letters
 are daily reaching the White House
 thanking the President for his part
 in the legislation. There is little
 doubt in the minds of Southern
 members of Congress that this grace-
 ful act on the part of Congress and
 the President will contribute materi-
 ally to the enthusiasm of the
 President's reception on the
 Southern trip he is so soon to make.
 There are 544 old battle flags all
 told, about 100 belonging to North-
 ern States and the remainder to
 States which formed part of the Con-
 federacy. They are all stored in
 the "flag-room" of the War Depart-
 ment where they have been careful-
 ly protected from the ravages of
 time and as they were of good ma-
 terial originally they are said to be
 an excellent state of preservation.
 Some of the flags bear no mark by
 which they can be identified and
 some difficulty will be experienced
 with regard to these, but all which
 have some mark by which they can
 be traced to a particular State will
 be forwarded to the Governor of that
 State at an early day.

There are again rumors of peace
 between Russia and Japan current
 in diplomatic circles in Washington
 although nothing definite seems to
 be known. President Roosevelt
 has expressed to both Ambassador
 Cassini and Minister Takahira his
 entire willingness to exert his good
 offices to promote so desirable an
 end but neither of these diplomats
 has done more than to thank the
 President and assure him that he
 will be glad to avail himself of the
 offer when he receives instructions
 from his government warranting
 such action.

The Career of Crime in Columbia County.

It has for long years been con-
 tended that education is a prevent-
 ative for crime, or, at least, a safe-
 guard against crime, that reduced,
 or mitigated its frequency to a
 minimum. So urgent was this
 claim set forth, that a compulsory
 educational clause for attendance
 upon our public schools was enact-
 ed as a supplement to our school
 laws.

Perhaps no county in our com-
 monwealth has better educational
 facilities than Columbia county, nor
 a higher standard for professional
 aims and objects for the develop-
 ment of the intellectual advance-
 ment of the young and rising gen-
 eration.

Perhaps no local community
 prides itself more for the manifest
 progress made in the line of educa-
 tion, than Columbia county, under
 the proficient, persistent and tire-
 less administration of our worthy
 County Superintendent, W. W.
 Evans, in his efforts to raise our
 public schools to the highest plane
 attainable. And, notwithstanding
 all these laudable and necessary im-
 provements, how frequently are
 the people shocked with the most
 horrible crimes; above any that ap-
 pear upon our Court records, crimes
 that are so abhorrent, so diabolical,
 and so disgusting that the temper of
 the people is on the verge of dealing
 summary punishment by resorting
 to lynch law. Even at this present
 hour, four of these despicable,
 (though really pitiable,) characters
 are lodged in jail, awaiting trial
 in the May Court, while, at least one,
 escaped fugitive, is roaming and
 hiding at large.

All the above referred to culprits,
 committed crimes that deserve more
 than the ordinary penalty provided
 by law, for crimes of like descrip-
 tions and definitions.

The question is: Is it possible
 that crime is making the same prog-
 ress in frequency and heinousness
 as education is progressing with
 rapid strides in the path of fame,
 renown and refinement? Is it pos-
 sible that the increasing and greater
 light of civilization and christianity,
 only increases the darkness of the
 night of remaining ignorance and
 superstition, in which lurk the hide-
 ous demons, who strike their
 horrible and diabolical blows in the
 benighted shades of seclusion, and
 almost beyond the power of detec-
 tion, that shock and stagger with
 amazement, the community with
 such frequency and enormity, as
 has been the case in Columbia
 county, in less time than a year?

Can these things be charged to
 the higher facilities for humanity's
 improvement in the different lines
 of educational attainments, and all
 other institutions for moral and re-
 ligious advancement? There must
 be a cause for this marked progress
 of horrible crime, which, so di-
 abolically demonstrates its vicious
 power, all over the country.

J. C. WENNER.

For Sale.

One bond of \$500, first mortgage
 Columbia and Montour Telephone
 Co. 5 per cent, payable annually.
 Worth full face value, but will be
 sold for \$490 and interest to make
 quick sale. Apply to Geo. E.
 Elwell, atty., Bloomsburg.

Townsend's

Our Spring Lines In
HATS,
CLOTHING,
TOP COATS,
HOSIERY,
SHIRTS,
NECKWEAR,
UNDERWEAR
 are all in awaiting your
 inspection.

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**Our Spring Sale of
 Lace Curtains, Some
 as Little as Half Price**

and where there are but two or three pairs of a
 kind they run this way:

35 cent curtains at 29 cents. 1.00 curtains at
 75 cents and 79 cents. 1.50 curtains at 1.15.
 2.00 curtains at 1.35. 90 cent curtains at 75
 cents. 1.25 curtains at 1.00. 1.75 curtains at
 1.39. 2.50 curtains at 1.75. 2.75 curtains at
 1.98. 3.00 curtains at 2.00.

Irish Point Curtains

Are selling during the sale at \$2.70 to \$8.00.

Brussels Net Curtains

Are selling during the sale at \$4.50 to \$7.65.

Ruffled Net Curtains

Are selling during the sale at \$1.26 to \$2.70.

Plain Net Curtains

Are selling during the sale at \$2.70 to \$4.50.

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 and Strength
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 The great invigorator for **WOMEN, CHILDREN and MEN.**

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If your blood is thin and im-
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 health to the home, the only
 medicine tested and tried for
 60 years. A doctor's medicine.

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 Sarsaparilla. It is the most wonderful medi-
 cine in the world for nervousness. My cure is
 permanent, and I cannot thank you enough."
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Poor Health
 Laxative doses of Ayer's Pills each
 night greatly aid the Sarsaparilla.