

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

STATEMENT.

At the Close of Business November 10th, 1904.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES
Cash, \$312,137.94	Capital \$100,000.00
U. S. Bonds, 30,000.00	Surplus and Profits (net) 145,392.98
City Bonds, 26,125.00	Circulation 49,309.00
Building, 27,000.00	Deposits 464,912.98
From Banks and U. S. Treas. 24,159.71	
Other and Reserve, 120,288.31	
\$698,705.96	\$698,705.96

E. W. M. LOW, President,

E. F. CARPENTER, Cashier.

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Political Announcements.

SUBJECT TO THE RULES OF THE DEMO-
 CRATIC PARTY.PRIMARY ELECTION, SATURDAY
 JUNE 10. CONVENTION TUESDAY,
 JUNE 13th.FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
 (north side)JERRY A. HESS
 of Bloomsburg.FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
 (north side)ISAAC REICHART
 of Scott Township.FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
 (north side)GEO. W. STERNER
 of Bloomsburg.FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
 (north side)WM. BOGERT,
 of Scott Township.FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
 of Centralia.

FRANK W. MILLER

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
 of Bloomsburg, Pa.FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
 of Bloomsburg.

A. N. YOST

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
 of Bloomsburg.

J. C. RUTTER JR.,

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
 of Berwick.

GEORGE E. CLEMENS

FOR COUNTY TREASURER,
 of Montour.

JOHN S. MENSCH

FOR PROTHONOTARY AND CLERK
 OF THE COURTS,

C. M. TERWILLIGER

of Bloomsburg.

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR,
 of Benton Boro.

C. L. HIRLEMAN

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
 of Bloomsburg.

CHRISTIAN A. SMALL

FOR COUNTY TREASURER,
 of Bloomsburg, Pa.

M. H. RHODES

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
 of Center Township.

ELISHA RINGROSE

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

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 30, 1905.

The President has reached a decision with regard to the Dominican negotiations which promises to tide over the delicate situation resultant from the Senate's adjournment without action on the Dominican protocol and obviate all possibility of conflict with foreign powers over the question of Dominican indebtedness. This consists of the acceptance of the Dominican government's proposition that the United States assent to the appointment of American citizens who will, when appointed by Santo Domingo, administer the affairs of the Dominican customs houses and deposit in some New York bank 55 per cent of the customs receipts, the remaining 45 per cent to be paid over to the government of Santo Domingo. The 55 per cent deposited in New York will remain intact pending action by the United States Senate on the Dominican protocol. If such action is favorable the money will be paid pro rata on the adjudicated claims against Santo Domingo. If the Senate rejects the treaty the whole amount will be returned to Santo Domingo.

Contrary to his usual methods of procedure the President summoned to his assistance Senators Gorman, Spooner, Lodge, Foraker and Knox, and it was only on their advice that the course adopted was the only one that properly could be pursued that the President gave his final consent to the arrangement. The President has already, on request of Santo Domingo, named two men to act as receivers of Dominican customs when they shall have been appointed by President Morales.

The present indications are that the Dominican protocol will be ratified by the Senate next fall. The Democrats in the upper chamber administered a severe rebuke to the President for what they believed to be his intention of acting in this matter without consulting the Senate. Having done that and demonstrated to him the necessity of conducting the foreign affairs of the nation in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, they are now prepared to act on wholly patriotic grounds and will consider the Dominican treaty solely on its merits. The circumstances surrounding the Republic of Santo Domingo, its close proximity to the United States and its appeal to this country to assist it in meeting its obligations at a time when no other power can render such assistance without coming into conflict with the Monroe Doctrine, are all likely to appeal to Democratic as well as Republican Senators and the prediction that the treaty will eventually be ratified seems to be well founded.

The President has called for and received the resignations of all the members of the Panama Canal Commission and will shortly announce the personnel of the reorganized Commission. This step was taken in accordance with the President's intention, announced some time ago, to reorganize the Commission on different lines and place in the important positions men of energy and exceptional executive ability. Thus far, the President has selected Judge Charles F. Magoon of Nebraska, now law officer of the bureau of insular affairs, for the Governor of the Canal Zone. Judge Magoon, who will thus become a member of the new Commission, will also act as United States Minister to Panama. Chief Engineer Wallace, who has all along had charge of the engineering work of the canal, will also become a member of the Commission and present indications are that Theodore P. Shonts, president of

the Clover Leaf Railroad, will be appointed chairman of the Commission. The President is exercising the utmost care in the selection of the new Commission. He is far from satisfied with the work of that which has just resigned, although he appreciates that it has labored under some grave disadvantages, and he hopes now greatly to expedite the work of constructing the canal by the selection of men preeminently fit to conduct the work.

Diplomatic circles in Washington are extremely interested in the reports of peace overtures having been made to Japan by Russia and it is generally believed that President Roosevelt has played an important part in the progress thus far made although it is probable that his good offices have been exercised in an unofficial manner and without formal request from Russia. The impression prevails generally that the Russian Ambassador told President Roosevelt that his country would consent to no forfeiture of territory and to the payment of no indemnity and that the President communicated this fact to Kogoro Takihira, the Japanese Minister. Be that as it may, this information has reached Tokyo and the decision of Japan as to whether or not peace negotiations can be entered into on these terms is anxiously awaited.

The President will leave Washington on his southern and western trip next Monday and will go directly to San Antonio where the reunion of the Rough Riders is to occur, on April 7. He will then come north and his private car will be switched onto a side track somewhere in Colorado, the President will shoulder his gun and set out for a game region which has been recommended to him as containing quarry well worthy of his prowess in the hunting line. It is noteworthy that the President constantly and invariably refuses invitations to shoot birds, although that is practically the only game to be found in the vicinity of Washington. He holds that it is unmanly to shoot birds, as compared with big game, and his consistent adherence to this policy costs him many pleasant outings. In this connection, it may be interesting to learn that there are numerous squirrels, an old rain crow, a jack-rabbit and numerous wood-chucks make the White House grounds their permanent home and which are so tame that one can approach them quite closely. When the snow is on the ground the Roosevelt children scatter food daily for these little animals and for their feathered friends of which there is a great variety. Two cats are kept at the White House but they are so sleek and well fed that it is doubtful if they ever have sufficient ardor to molest the birds and it is an every-day sight at this season to see robins about the window sills of the President's office.

Found Hidden Wealth.

Sent out to divert a creek channel near Mid Valley No. 1 a few days ago, one of a number of workmen came upon a small fortune stowed away in a tin box under a rock.

Peter Lavelle, Patrick Quigley and Peter Roberts, employes at Mid Valley No. 1, were sent north of the colliery to divert a creek channel and to prevent the water from running in a mine breach. The men came to the tumble down hut of the late Peter Menne, a half-demented man who lived the life of a hermit, and who died some time ago.

Lavelle tugged at a rock in the middle of the old shanty. Under it he came upon a tin cocoa can, which contained \$442.25 in bank notes, gold and silver. Lavelle gave each of his companions a few dollars, quit work and went to Mt. Carmel where he celebrated his good fortune.

Death of Mrs. Emanuel Hill.

Mrs. Emanuel Hill died at her home on Pine Street, Hazleton, at 6 o'clock last Thursday morning. Deceased had been ill only since Monday and succumbed to pneumonia, aged 69. She was born in Millin township, Columbia county, where she was married 42 years ago. She was a daughter of the late Jacob Hetler. She has resided in Hazleton 33 years. Mrs. Hill was an active member of the Trinity Lutheran church, to which she devoted much of her time and money. Besides her husband she is survived by the following children: Mrs. William Hetler of Conyngham, G. Bruce Hill of Chicago, Edward W. Hill of Danville, Ill., and sisters Mrs. E. M. Knorr of Bloomsburg, Mrs. Ella Freas of Wilkes-Barre, Mrs. Mary Price of Conway Springs, Kansas, and one brother H. H. Hetler of Lime Ridge.—Hazleton Sentinel.

"WILL FIGHT RURAL FREE DELIVERY."

The COLUMBIAN inserted last week a clipping under the above title, which article also appeared in the Benton Argus and to which we replied as follows:

We noticed an item in the Argus last week to the effect, that the "Country Merchants and Business men will make a concerted movement to Protect their Business," by setting up a fight against Rural Delivery." Let the "Country Merchants" beware, that the rural people generally are farmers. And let them also beware, that rural delivery is one of the greatest boons that the government ever bestowed upon the rural people.

Rural people can better dispense, through their organizations, the Grange, with country merchants, than they can dispense with rural delivery. Let them also beware, that in such an effort, that they will have one of the bitterest experiences of their lives. The rural people have interests to protect as well as the country merchants have, and rural delivery is one of them. Let the country merchants beware, that the rural people will more than likely not patronize those who strike a blow at one of the dearest privileges that they enjoy in rural delivery, whereby they get the news from every quarter of the globe every day. The rural people will dispense with the country merchants rather. If the rural people are better served by reason of free rural delivery to the extent, that the business of the Country merchants is no longer profitable, they must do like other people whose business has been interfered with by measures for the improvement of the condition of the masses; let them engage in other business.

Let the country merchants beware that they are only parasites, hanging on that particular branch of agricultural industry, and wholly dependent upon the rural people for a living through their trade patronage. Let them also beware that the agricultural industry, engaged in only by the rural people, is paramount, primarily, upon which all other industries must depend. Stop the plow, and all other industries must stop, by reason of starvation. The narrow, and selfish presumption of the country merchants, is thus apparent in their threatened effort to wrest from the rural people about the only real privilege that they are permitted to enjoy under a free government. Shame on such presumptuous efforts! They deserve not to succeed. Neither can they succeed. Stop the plow, and the country merchants will have no business to protect. Should they be obliged to retire from business by reason of "Free Rural Delivery," we guarantee that the farmers, or rural people, will get all the necessary merchandise and mercantile commodities that they require, or stand in need of, independent of, and in spite of—the "Country Merchants, and Business Men," to the contrary, notwithstanding. J. C. WENNER.

Lackawanna Summer Resorts Described.

"Mountain and Lake Resorts" is the title of an attractive publication just issued by the Passenger Department of the Lackawanna Railroad. The book is intended to give readable and reliable information about vacation places along that road and its 128 pages are filled with suggestions for those seeking summer homes.

The various hotels and boarding places, their location, rates and facilities are accurately described. More than 100 half-tones add to the interest of the book and a brightly written love story entitled "A Paper Proposal" completes its contents.

The book may be had by sending the necessary postage of ten cents to T. W. Lee, General Passenger Agent, Lackawanna Railroad, New York City.

Ayer's

Your doctor will tell you that thin, pale, weak, nervous children become strong and well by taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Small doses, for a few days.

Sarsaparilla

The change is very prompt and very marked. Ask your doctor why it is. He has our formula and will explain.

"When 12 years old, for many months no one thought I could live because of this blood. But, in a few weeks, Ayer's Sarsaparilla completely restored me to health."
 Mrs. E. BUCKMINSTER, Vineland, N. J.

Small doses, for a few days.

The Children

Biliousness, constipation prevent recovery. Cure these with Ayer's Pills.

Townsend's

We Offer You a Chance of a
15.00 SUIT FREE.

With every 50 cents worth you buy we give you a guess on the number of beans in the glass jar in our window.

The ladies can guess as well as the men. Should the lucky contestant be a lady, we will give her a

\$15.00 Ladies' Tailor Made Suit.

This Contest will be Decided May 1st.

TOWNSEND'S

First Showing of White
 Shirt Waists for Women
\$1.00 to \$4.25.

They are the prettiest waists you ever saw. Waists of Madras Cloth, Waists of Linen, Waists of Linen finished stuffs, and Waists of pretty dotted Swiss, all white of course, as this is to be a White Waist Season. Some of the Waists are the prettiest adaptation of the French blouse we've seen. Intricate insertions of Valenciennes Lace, dozens of tucks and pleats. No stint anywhere, where it would held make a pretty effect.

It would pay to buy all you will need NOW. Stocks are at their best.

Japanese Silk Waists
\$2.25 to \$5.00.

And you will not challenge these values, either. The waists are unusual at this price. Shirrings, tucks and lace help make them the prettiest waists we ever sold at the price. White and Black.

Women's New Neckwear.

A large and very fine assortment of little turnovers, fancy and plain stocks, the just out chemisettes, the ever popular ruchings, newest to be seen anywhere. It is a wonderfully good assortment—you will be surprised to see how good, pretty and inexpensive they are.

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Build up your Health
 and Strength
 with Jayne's Tonic Vermifuge
 The great invigorator for WOMEN, CHILDREN and MEN.