

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	
Loans,	\$312,132.94	Capital	\$100,000.00
U. S. Bonds,	39,000.00	Surplus and Profits (net)	145,392.08
Other Bonds,	156,125.00	Circulation	49,300.00
Building,	27,000.00	Deposits	464,012.98
Due from Banks and U. S. Treas.	24,459.71		
Cash 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, APRIL 20, 1905.

Political Announcements.

SUBJECT TO THE RULES OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

PRIMARY ELECTION, SATURDAY
JUNE 10. CONVENTION TUESDAY,
JUNE 13th.FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
GEORGE E. CLEMENS
of Berwick.FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
FRANK W. MILLER
of Centralia.FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
THORNTON T. FREEZE
of Bloomsburg, Pa.FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
A. N. YOST
of Bloomsburg.FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
J. C. RUTTER JR.,
of Bloomsburg.FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
ISAAC REICHAERT
of Scott Township.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 TREASURER,
M. H. RHODES
of Bloomsburg, Pa.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 COMMISSIONER,
ELISHA RINGROSE
of Center Township.

Subject to the rules of the Republi-

can Party.
Primary Election Saturday, April
15th. Convention, Monday, April
17th.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

On the second day of May next, the school directors of Columbia county will meet in convention to elect a county superintendent for the ensuing three years. William W. Evans will have then nearly completed his first term, and he will be elected for a second term.

We elect a President Judge for ten years, and then if he has proven a satisfactory official, we re-elect him for ten years more, and no cry is ever raised against a long term. This district has elected a good judge the third term.

In its way the office of county superintendent is quite as important as that of judge. The progress and success of the schools depend upon long, hard, systematic work by the superintendent. We have been in the habit of electing a young man for that position, and after he has been at work for two or three terms, and learned the necessities of the schools, we turn him out and put in a green hand who must in turn learn the business. Since there is no permanency about it in this county, the office has been used merely as a stepping stone to either law or politics, because young men know that after a second or third term they must hunt another job, for no capable officer can afford to remain in the office longer at the salary paid, no matter how efficient he may be.

In many counties of the state good men are kept in this office as long as they will accept it. It requires ability, experience and peculiar fitness to fill the position to the best advantage. An office that any business man can fill without special preparation ought not to be given to one man for an indefinite period, but if we would get an adequate return for our money, no matter what amount of salary is paid, we ought not to change superintendents so often.

William W. Evans has proven himself one of the best superintendents this county ever had. He has done more effective work, perhaps, than any one of his predecessors ever did. He has organized high schools, graded schools and central examinations, and has raised the standard of teachers all over the county. In doing these things and many more, one of his principal aids has been the "Columbia County School Journal." It has kept him in touch with the directors, teachers, and pupils, but has been a most expensive adjunct.

In the past three years Mr. Evans has paid out for printing, over \$1,500.00, or very nearly one year's salary. The schools have derived the sole benefit from this expenditure. It has been no personal advantage to him only in so far as it afforded him pleasure to see the results of his work. Such a man is worthy of his hire, and his salary ought to be commensurate with his labors. In comparison with the size of the county, and the number of schools, and the quality of his services, our superintendent is one of the poorest paid in the state, and we doubt if there is another one in the state who spends one-third of his salary, or even one-tenth of it, in carrying on his work.

Gentlemen of the school boards, you know you have a most excel-

lent superintendent. You know that he is not paid in proportion to the size of the county and the time he devotes to his duties, nearly so well as capable men in the other professions. You know that the "School Journal" has accomplished a great work, and you know that Mr. Evans has had to bear the burden of it out of his own pocket. When you come to fix the salary, take these matters into consideration, and make it such a figure as will show that you understand and appreciate the great work he has done. Twenty five hundred dollars would be no more than a just and reasonable compensation for a man of the ability and experience of your present county superintendent.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., April 15, 1905.

Despite the unfortunate differences between the two parties in Congress over the initiation of the Panama canal, that great enterprise may now be said to have passed from the realm of politics and to be regarded as a national undertaking regarded by all patriotic Americans with interest and hope. This fact was clearly illustrated during the President's recent visit to Texas where he was assured that, despite the fact that the Senators from Texas had felt it to be their duty to oppose the ratification of the Panama treaty, the people of Texas were heartily in favor of its construction and wished him all success in the conduct of the great enterprise. The reorganization of the Canal Commission has been achieved and the new organization is getting to work with commendable promptness. It has already announced its intention of making all of its transactions public, so that nothing it does may be regarded as underhanded and this alone is calculated to inspire confidence. A system of individual responsibility, which is in thorough accord with the general sentiments of the American people and which has always produced the most satisfactory results in private enterprises, has been adopted and hereafter when anything goes wrong as some things are certain to do, the public will know, as will the President, just where rests the responsibility, on whom rests the blame if any there is.

Chief Engineer Wallace, who attracted the favorable notice of the Congressional delegation which visited the isthmus and who enjoys the utmost confidence of the President and of his colleagues, will have direct charge of the construction of the canal and will avail himself of the abilities of the other engineers on the Commission as he may see fit. The great problem of constructing a lock canal or a sea level canal remains to be settled and is not likely to be solved at once, but this means no delay in the work. Mr. Wallace has informed the members of the Commission that there is no occasion to attempt to settle this problem at present. There is a great excavation to be made in any event, that is the first thing to be done and he suggests that the Commission continue to "dig" with all possible energy. As the work progresses the question of solid foundations on which to place the proposed locks will solve itself, as the surfaces on which the lock canal plans call for lock foundations are exposed. Moreover, the Commission believes that it lacks the authority to make so radical a change in the design of the canal without the approval of Congress. If, as the work progresses, it seems best to dispense with locks altogether and construct a sea level canal, recommendations in accordance with the

facts will be made to Congress and full authority will doubtless be given the Commission to adopt the most feasible plan.

The first work undertaken will be the excavation of what is known as the Culebra cut. This cannot proceed very rapidly for the reason that the work will necessarily be cramped, the more so as the work progresses. The disposal of the great amount of material which must be taken out will of itself present a serious problem and when a certain number of men and certain number of excavating machines have been placed in operation further increase will be rendered impracticable. The present plans call for a ninety foot canal and the Commission does not expect to deviate from this specification.

With regard to the cost, Engineer Wallace reports that it will doubtless be less than was at first estimated, whatever form of canal is constructed. The lock canal will cost considerably less than the sea level canal can be constructed for a comparatively small increase over that amount, although the time required would be considerably longer.

Republican leaders are unmistakably worried over the Treasury deficit but they have not yet reached a point where they can formulate plans to remedy the gradual falling behind of the federal finances and they are unwilling to commit themselves. There has been some effort on the part of interested parties to create a sentiment in favor of taxing tea and coffee but it fell very flat. It soon became evident that the idea was put forth by the brewers and distillers who fear an increased tax on their products and who would like to divert public opinion to other sources of revenue. It was long the boast of the Republicans that the American breakfast table was free of tax, either direct or indirect. That boast is, of course, no longer possible but it is appreciated that any duty which made it harder for the average American citizen to provide his breakfast table with good coffee would prove disastrous to the party which fostered it.

The effort of Germany to draw this country into the Mediterranean situation by a specious appeal in behalf of the open door in Morocco has met with failure. The United States has, fortunately, no interests in that section.

Creasy Re-Elected.

At a meeting of the Democratic State Committee held at Harrisburg yesterday, J. P. Hall was unanimously re-elected State Chairman, and the following division chairmen, who constitute the State executive committee were elected: First division, Dr. John Walter, Lebanon; second, E. S. Doty, Redford; third, W. J. Brennan, Pittsburg; fourth, W. H. Kneib, Erie; fifth, D. J. Driscoll, St. Marys; sixth, R. C. Russel, Williamsport; seventh, W. T. Creasy, Catawissa; eighth, John P. Donnelly, Philadelphia.

Appointed to Annapolis.

Congressman Samuel, of Mt. Carmel has made the following appointments to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, from his district: Principal, James Boyd Rutter, Bloomsburg; 1st alternate, Franklin Kemble, Mt Carmel; 2nd alternate, George Heister Bucher, Sunbury; 3rd alternate, John Joseph Wrede, Laporte. In the event that the principal does not pass the examination for admission, then the alternates are given a chance in the order named.

"General" Coxey Bankrupt.

"Gen." Jacob S. Coxey, of Commonwealth fame, was declared a bankrupt by the United States court at Columbus, O., Friday. Liabilities are \$258,000. Judge Thompson ordered Coxey's discharge.

The assets of the former leader of the Commonwealth army are tied up in the Coxey Sand company at Massillon, Ohio.

Y. W. O. A.

An outing club has been organized by the girls. They took their first tramp on Saturday when they went across the river for arbutus, and secured a nice lot. They will make a trip every two weeks.

An association garden will be started as soon as the weather permits.

In a Pinch, use ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE. Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures Corns, Bunions, Painful, Smarting, Hot, Swollen feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c.

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