

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
Bonds, 50,000.00	Surplus and Profits (net) 145,392.98
Notes, 156,125.00	Circulation 49,300.00
Deposits, 27,000.00	Deposits 404,012.98
From Banks and U. S. Treas., 24,159.71	
and Reserve, 120,288.31	
\$698,705.96	\$698,705.96

E. W. M. LOW, President,

E. F. CARPENTER, Cashier.

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THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1905.

**Political Announcements.**

**SUBJECT TO THE RULES OF THE DEMO-  
 CRATIC PARTY.**

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

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

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

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

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER,  
 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 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.

A New Reading Order.

The Reading Railway Company  
 has issued a new order to the effect  
 that no men will be employed on  
 the road who are unable to read  
 and write. Applicants for work  
 are supposed to affix their names to  
 their applications for employment,  
 and many apply who are unable to  
 do so, although their verbal answers  
 are generally satisfactory.

## BOODLE AND BOOZE.

THE COLUMBIAN has called attention to the manner in which politics is conducted in this county, on several previous occasions. For years the free use of money, and supplying liquor for voters, has been going on in every campaign, commonly known and talked of as openly as though it were perfectly legitimate, until it has come to be expected of every candidate for every office; and the man who does not come up to those requirements stands but little show for success. The seeker for public office who is not willing to risk the penalty of a thousand dollars fine, and a year in jail, is not in it, so to speak. Such a condition of things is most deplorable, and is an alarming menace to our American system of government by the people.

There is a gang of "bums" in Bloomsburg who for the past month have made a business of standing on the street corners and around the saloons every day from six o'clock in the morning until all hopes of meeting a candidate have faded, or until they have succeeded so well that they can no longer stand. They "go a-fishin' for suckers," and frequently catch them. These men are poor, their families are needy, perhaps hungry, but they will not work when it is offered them at good wages. One of them recently told the writer that he "couldn't afford to work now, as he might miss a candidate." Strange as it may seem, this class of men, to be found in every town, succeed in getting both boodle and booze from many men, some of whom would never stoop to such a thing except for the fact that he is a candidate, and is afraid to refuse for fear he will lose some votes. The political influence of these bums is nothing, and a purchase of their votes never holds over night.

We are credibly informed of one man in Bloomsburg who boasts that he has received ten dollars from each of two candidates for the same office, and intends to work a third one for the same amount, but will vote and use his influence on the day of primary election for the fourth.

The boodle system of canvassing is ruinous to candidates financially, and utterly demoralizing to the voters and to the party. Some years ago there were men interested in politics from patriotic motives. There were statesmen who were actuated in all their endeavors by a love of country and a desire to benefit their fellow men. Now such a man is a rare bird. There are some such, but they are few and far between. Now you can't get a man to act as a primary election officer without paying him, nor to do any other political service until he knows how much there is in it for him. For this condition of things the boodle system is directly responsible. And what we mean by the boodle system is just this: It is the giving of money ostensibly for services to be rendered in getting voters to the polls, while in fact the money is given only as the price of a vote. A candidate goes through a township, handing out money in sums ranging from one to ten dollars, and sometimes more, according to the supposed influence of the recipient. This is unlawful, and may be punished with a heavy penalty. The Act of Assembly on the subject is as follows:

## AN ACT,

To define the necessary and proper expenses incident to the nomination and election of senators, representatives, state judicial, municipal and county officers, and to authorize the payment thereof.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted, &c., That no person who shall hereafter be a candidate for the nomination or for election to the Senate or House of Representatives, or to any office of the judiciary, or to any state, municipal or county office in this commonwealth, shall pay or contribute, either directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing,

or knowingly allow it to be done by others for him, either for the nomination, election or appointment, except necessary expenses, as follows, to-wit:

FIRST. For printing and traveling expenses.

SECOND. For dissemination of information to the public.

THIRD. For political meetings, demonstrations and conventions.

The foregoing expenses may be incurred, either in person or through other individuals or committees of organizations duly constituted for the purpose, but nothing contained in this act shall be construed as to authorize the payment of money or other valuable thing, for the vote or influence of any elector, either directly or indirectly, at primary, township, general or special elections, nominating conventions, or for any corrupt purpose whatever incident to an election; and all judicial, state, county and municipal officers hereafter elected shall, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, take and subscribe the oath prescribed by section first, of article seven, of the constitution of this commonwealth.

SECTION 2. Every person violating either of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be subject to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, and to imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both, or either, at the discretion of the court.

Approved—The 18th day of April A. D. 1874. J. F. HARTRANFT

A violation of this law leads to the further crime of perjury, for every officer must take an oath that he "has not paid money or other valuable thing for the vote or influence of any elector, either directly or indirectly, or for any corrupt purpose whatever, incident to an election."

There are other things beside the giving of money that are demoralizing. A rumor is current here that a clam-bake was given in one of the upriver townships last Sunday afternoon, in the interest of certain candidates, and that there were nine barrels of beer on the ground. We cannot vouch for this, but are endeavoring to verify it. If true, the candidates concerned in it ought to be beaten to a finish. We don't know who they are, and don't care who they are. It is high time for such things to cease.

The Democratic party in Columbia county has reached its present condition through the boodle system, and through the perfidy of some of its trusted leaders, and we repeat the warning that this paper has sounded on several previous occasions, that unless there is a halt called in our political practices, it will not be many years before our one time large and sure Democratic majority will have dwindled into nothingness. There is a large section of the better element in the party, that is growing almost sufficiently disgusted with the management of the last few years, that may make them cut loose entirely unless there is a change. Away with boodle and booze, and let us get back to honest politics and to pure Democracy.

## \$300,000 Blast at Wilkes Barre.

Fire in the Wells building, Wilkes Barre, on Sunday, did \$300,000 damage. The firms that lost heaviest were Isaac Long \$175,000, Edward Wells \$75,000, Christian Walter \$30,000, Herman Engle \$10,000. Isaac Long has \$120,000 insurance, Edward Wells \$45,000, Christian Walter \$30,000, Herman Engle \$5,000.

Among the other losers were Alderman E. H. Chase \$500 covered by insurance, Prudential Insurance Co. \$5,000, J. L. Poettiger and A. C. Shaw \$100 and Home Friendly Insurance Co. \$2,000, none of which are insured. The cause is thought to have been due to defective electric light wiring.

**Ayer's**

When the nerves are weak everything goes wrong. You are tired all the time, easily discouraged, nervous, and irritable. Your cheeks are

**Sarsaparilla**

pale and your blood is thin. Your doctor says you are threatened with a nervous breakdown. He orders this grand old family medicine.

For more than 30 years I have used Ayer's Sarsaparilla in my family. It is a grand tonic at all times, and a wonderful medicine for impure blood. — D. C. HOLT, West Haven, Conn.

Small bottle. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

All druggists. **for Weak Nerves**

Keep the bowels regular with Ayer's Pills. Just one pill each night.

## PHILADELPHIA'S SHAME.

The councils of Philadelphia have rushed through an ordinance extending the lease of the United Gas Improvement Company for the city gas works for a period of seventy five years. This action was taken in spite of the protests of most of the leading Republican papers, and in the face of mass meetings to denounce the proposed deal, and notwithstanding the fact that a better offer had been made by the Smith syndicate. So strongly are the councilmen dominated by the machine bosses that only fourteen of them dared to vote against the measure.

Philadelphia is the stronghold of Republicanism. For years past it has counted up majorities of many thousands. That very many of these votes were fraudulent, cast by imported repeaters on names registered at brothels and speak-easies, has been a matter of common knowledge for many years. Israel Durham is the republican boss of the city, and also of the state. He dictates who shall be Governors and Judges, and United States Senators. He makes his Governor sign ripper bills that are wanted by nobody but the gang and that are intended only to increase the power of that gang. He makes his councilmen pass ordinances that rob the city of millions of dollars. He has grown wealthy at the business. He is one of the leading figures in the gas steal.

Republicanism in Pennsylvania made Is. Durham its leader, and placed in his hands the power to do just what he is doing. Made bold by the success of many daring schemes in the past his machine is now seeking to rob the city that gave it its power. The republican party in the city and state has long profited by the corruption of this machine, and so when the creature that it has set up on their high pedestals of political power, turns upon the city and robs it of its valuable franchises, Philadelphia has very little reason to expect any sympathy from outside sources. It is the worst governed city in America, and it is so because the people of Philadelphia have permitted it to become so, and have allowed its rotten political methods to prevail because they helped the republican party to roll up its hundreds of thousands majority in the state. Perhaps in time they will awaken from their lethargy and turn the rascals out, but until they do so they will continue to be under the thumb of the political plunderers. Their methods once stole the Presidency of the nation, and the Governorship of this state. What is the steal of the city gas works in comparison with these? To an unbiased outsider Philadelphia appears to be reaping the crop she has sown, and her present tribulation seems to be merely a case of deserved retribution.

## PRIMARY ELECTION ROLL.

Notice is hereby given to the Democratic voters of Columbia County that the Primary Election for the purpose of voting to place in nomination, the following candidates to-wit:

One person for Prothonotary and Clerk of the Courts.  
 One person for Register and Recorder.

One person for Mine Inspector.  
 One person for County Treasurer.  
 Two persons for County Commissioners.

One person for District Attorney.  
 Two persons for County Auditors  
 Will be held at the regular polling places (or if such places cannot be obtained then at a place in said district convenient to the regular polling place, which shall be determined by the members of the standing committee and the election board of such district where the regular polling place cannot be obtained) on Saturday, June 10, 1905, between the hours of 3 and 7 o'clock p. m. The County Convention will be held in the Opera House in Bloomsburg, Tuesday, June 13th, at 11 o'clock a. m.

This call is issued in accordance with Art. 2, section 10, of the Democratic Rules of Columbia County.

C. H. DILDINE, Chairman.

Just think of Mr. Rockefeller's rapid accumulation of the long green. Every morning he rises richer by \$40,000 than when he retired.

**Big Boys' Suits.**

We're offering some specially fine values in big boys' suits this week. Prominent in the assortment are the

**BLUE SERGE LONG PANTS**

suits with double breasted coats; warranted not to fade. These suits ought to bring us \$15.00, but the stock on hand is limited and we are going to close them out quickly at \$13.50.

Other remarkably good values in light weight two piece suits, mixed goods, stylish and durable, \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$10.00.

**TOWNSEND'S**

**OUR SPECIAL THIS WEEK!**

**ALL 50C. OVERALLS 45C.**

**White Dress Goods  
For Graduation Days.**

Our stock is in splendid readiness just now. We show the best assortment that the market affords—those made in America and abroad.

**India Linens.**

At 8c., 10c., 12½c., 14c., 15c., 16c., 18c., 20c., 25c., 28c., 30c., 35c. and 40c. a yard.

**Persian Lawns.**

At 25c., 35c., 45c. and 50 cents a yard.

**Silk Finished Persian Lawns.**

At 45 cents a yard.

**French Nainsooks.**

At 40c., 50c., 56c., 60c., 64c. and 75c. a yard.

**Chiffonettes.**

At 50 cents, 65 cents and 75 cents a yard.

**French Lawns.**

At 50 cents, 65 cents and 75 cents a yard.

**Silk Gauze.**

Dotted and plain, at 15c., 25c., 45c. and 50c. a yard

**Dotted Swisses.**

In four sizes of dots, at 15c., 18c., 22c., 25c., 30c., 35c., 40c., 50c. and 56 cents a yard.

**Lace Stripped Swisses.**

At 22c., 25c., 30c. and 35 cents a yard.

**Fans, Special News.**

Gauze Covered and Spangled Fans with white enameled and ivory sticks, at 25c., 29c., 35c., 50c., 98 cents, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 1.98, up to 3.50.

**F. P. PURSEL.**

BLOOMSBURG,

PENNA.

**Jayne's Expectorant Cures Coughs and Colds**

For 75 years the favorite family medicine for throat and lungs.