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## ADDING NEW ACCOUNTS. AT THE Farmers National Bank.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$140,000.

We are constantly adding new accounts and our business is increasing at a very satisfactory rate. If you have not already opened an account with us, we invite you to do so now.

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### HIS FOOT CRUSHED.

Robert May of Danville, was brought to Bloomsburg on Sunday morning on the D. & B. trolley, and taken to the Joseph Ratti hospital, where his right leg was amputated below the knee.

The accident occurred about 7 o'clock Sunday morning on the P. & R. Railway as a southbound freight train was approaching the Danville station. A short distance east of Bloom street crossing the pusher following the train came upon May lying along side the track. He had been run over, his right foot being crushed to a pulp at the ankle. Bleeding profusely the man was picked up, placed upon the pusher and taken to the P. & R. station where physicians were summoned who dressed the injury, and then arranged to have him brought here to the hospital.

The injured man at no time was in a condition to tell how the accident occurred and whether he attempted to board the passing train and fell or got under the cars in some other way is not known at present.

May is about forty-five years old and has a wife and several children. A few years ago he was prominent as a member of the Salvation Army. For many years past he has been employed in running the buggy in the Reading Iron Works.

### PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The first fall meeting of the Columbia County Educational Association was held in the Court House last Saturday, at which a number of teachers were present. The library movement among the public schools was fully discussed. Prof. L. P. Sterner read an able paper on "What constitutes a good school library?"

"Raising funds for library purposes" was discussed by William DeLong of Light Street in an interesting paper, and Harlan Snyder principal of West Berwick schools read a paper on "Keeping track of and protecting public books," and J. W. Roberts of Catawissa discussed "Stimulating a habit of reading." A number of those present participated in the discussions.

Supt. W. W. Evans has been working hard for the library system, and a number of them are already in operation. It will not be many years before every school in the county will have the use of a traveling library.

### MR. MAGEE LECTURES TONIGHT.

Owing to the inclement weather last Thursday night the lecture of James Magee 2nd on his European trip was postponed until tonight, when it will be given in the chapel of the M. E. church for the benefit of the Male Bible class. The proceeds will go towards paying their subscription to the church debt. A silver offering will be taken at the door.

Mr. Magee is a keen observer and a good talker, and he will have many things to tell not usually found in the guide books. It will be entertaining and instructive, and every seat should be occupied.

### Bowling Match.

Bloomsburg and Berwick locked horns at the Bloomsburg Bowling Alley on Monday night. Three games were played, the first one going to Berwick with a score of 655 to 639; the second to Bloom, 698 to 681; and the third to Bloom, 857 to 700. The Bloom players were Gross, Coffman, Rhodomoyer Gray and Rishton, while Boyer, Ross, Olier, Adams and Hicks represented Berwick.

## SHEW PAPER MILL BURNED.

Entire Plant Destroyed, Caused Loss of \$50,000 to \$60,000.

### Lamp Explosion the Cause

The Bloomsburg Paper Mill, located this side of Light Street along the Bloomsburg & Sullivan R. R. was entirely destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning. The mill was working day and night to fill their many orders, and the explosion of a lamp caused the conflagration. A can of oil caught from the lamp, and though fire extinguishers were used, the inflammable material burned so rapidly that in a very few moments the whole plant was a mass of flames. It was impossible to work their fire system because the workmen were cut off from the flames.

The plant consisted of boiler house, engine room, machine room three stock rooms. Two barns were also burned, in one of which was stored a large quantity of stock. In the other barn was stored hay and straw. Eighty five rolls of cartridge paper were all burned up. Two dwelling houses and an oil house alone escaped. The loss it is said will reach \$50,000 to \$60,000, with a comparatively small amount of insurance.

The paper mill was established by Thomas Trench and operated by him for some years, and later by Thomas Trench & Son. James M. Shew bought it about thirty years ago, and since his death a few years since his heirs have conducted it. Its output was cartridge paper and a large business had been established.

### HOSPITAL TRUSTEES MEET.

The Board of Directors of the Joseph Ratti Hospital held a meeting on Monday afternoon. Among other business transacted it was decided to purchase an X ray machine, and to equip the basement of the hospital for a laboratory. Dr. J. W. Bruner, chairman of the committee on supplies, was authorized to look after the equipment.

It was decided that in emergency cases the matter of compensation should not be considered before admission. The reports of several committees were heard and approved.

The offer of the Bloomsburg Water Co. to supply all the water needed for the hospital free, was accepted with thanks. The membership of the board of lady visitors was increased from 15 to 17, the two additional members to be named at the next meeting.

The report of the treasurer, Joseph Ratti, showed all bills paid.

### Christian Endeavor Officers.

The following officers of the Bi-County Christian Endeavor were elected at the convention in Catawissa last Saturday: President, W. W. Evans, of Bloomsburg; Vice President for Montour County, John Hinckley, of Danville; Vice President for Columbia County, R. E. Bomboy, of Berwick; Secretary, Miss Ida Herring, Bloomsburg; Treasurer, Miss Martha Powell, Bloomsburg; Superintendent of Good Citizenship, Prof. A. U. Leshar, Berwick; Superintendent Missionary Work, Rev. A. M. Shaffner, Catawissa; Superintendent Evangelistic Work, Rev. J. D. Thomas, Bloomsburg; Superintendent Junior Work, Mrs. R. E. Bomboy, Berwick; Correspondence, Miss Sarah Hinckley, Danville.

### STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

## The Bloomsburg National Bank

At close of Business Friday, August 25th, 1905.

COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY'S CALL.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans - - - \$238,127.09	Capital Stock, - \$100,000.00
United States Bonds 100,000.00	Surplus and Profits, 26,773.28
Other Bonds, - 178,904.92	Circulation, - 100,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures, 8,000.00	Bank Deposits, 14,667.07
Cash and Reserve, 80,493.60	Individual Deposits, 364,085.26
\$605,525.61	\$605,525.61

A. Z. SCHOCH, President.

WM. H. HIDLAY, Cashier.

### ENTERPRISE BANK FAILURE.

Evidence that the Enterprise National Bank, of Allegheny, at the time of its failure and the suicide of its cashier, J. Lee Clark, last Thursday, had the enormous State deposit of \$1,030,000, of which \$632,000 belonged to the general fund and \$398,000 to the sinking fund, was brought out in an interview with State Treasurer Mathues Monday.

Mr. Mathues said that since he took office in May, 1904, he had withdrawn \$110,000 from the Enterprise and that at no time had he increased the State's deposit in that bank. Soon after he became State Treasurer he withdrew \$50,000 in different amounts from this bank and on July 31 last he took out an additional \$50,000.

According to Mr. Mathues' statement the public fund in the Enterprise before he went into office was more than \$1,250,000, which is probably a larger State deposit than was carried in any bank in Pennsylvania, including the five active State depositories.

Mr. Mathues admitted having withdrawn \$50,000 from the Enterprise Bank at the time of the issue of the last monthly statement of the treasury, September 29, and putting the money into the bank the very next day. He would not admit, however, that this money had been withdrawn from the bank for the purpose of reducing the Enterprise figures in the public statement.

It was further shown that the suspended bank at the time its doors were closed by the national bank examiner had on deposit the largest portion of the State sinking fund held by any bank. This concern was permitted to hold \$398,000 of the \$4,192,028.31, which constitutes the sinking fund, while the next largest amount of sinking fund held by any bank was only \$235,000, in the Pittsburg Trust company.

Never before since the present Republican organization gained control of the treasury has the sinking fund statement been brought into the light.

The state treasurer claims that the state is fully protected by bonds which he holds.

### Recent Deaths.

Charles M. Shultz died in Greenwood township on Tuesday, aged 53 years. He resided on the B. F. Battin farm.

Mrs. Lucas Fahringer, formerly of Slabtown, died at the home of her daughter in Wilkes-Barre last Saturday, aged 87 years. The burial took place at Numidia.

Miss Margaret Van Buskirk died in Philadelphia on Sunday. She was a daughter of the late George Van Buskirk and resided on East street, this town, some years ago. She was a sister of Milton Van Buskirk, and an aunt of Mrs. J. W. Lee.

### Will Run to Lily Lake.

A survey has been made by the Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton Railroad Co. for a line to Lily Lake, the branch to connect with the main line near Nuangola station. It is the purpose to begin work on the new road in the spring, and to transform Lily Lake into a beautiful resort, similar to Rocky Glen. For this purpose option has been secured on several acres of land in the vicinity of the lake.

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### INSURANCE CASE.

Interesting Point in Law is Being Contested in The Luzerne County Court.

An affidavit of defense has been filed by the Fidelity & Casualty Co. in the action commenced against the company by the widow of the late Attorney Philip Weaver of Hazleton, who had a policy in the company for \$10,000. Mrs. Weaver commenced the suit several weeks ago, claiming that her husband's death was due to injuries sustained in an accident on the Wilkes-Barre & Hazleton Railway.

In the affidavit of defense filed by Henry Crossley, assistant secretary of the casualty company, he claims that the company is not called upon to deny or affirm the fact of the accident, which the deceased met with while riding on a car of the Wilkes-Barre & Hazleton Railway Co., until after the plaintiff shall have filed a more specific declaration setting out the exact time and place where the accident occurred and the nature of the injury that was inflicted; that even though it is shown that Mr. Weaver was injured by the lurching of a car as alleged, the plaintiff will be unable to show that there was any relation of cause and effect between the accident and the death of Mr. Weaver.

He further sets forth that the policy was issued to Mr. Weaver on the assumption that he was in sound physical health when he was not; that the deceased was ill five weeks and the company is willing to confess an indebtedness to the extent of \$125 on condition that the plaintiff will amend her declaration covering only this liability.

Mr. Weaver was a prominent lawyer of Hazleton, and filled the office of Recorder of Luzerne Co. one term. He was a graduate of the Bloomsburg Normal School, and had many acquaintances here.

### Fifty minute Schedule for D. & B.

Beginning with November 1st, or as soon as possible, the Danville and Bloomsburg Electric Railway will enter upon a fifty minute schedule instead of a forty minute schedule, on which the cars have been running until the present time.

As implied by the schedule a car will leave Danville and Bloomsburg every fifty minutes during the day. The forty minute schedule makes the time of arriving and departure of the cars very easy to remember, but the period of forty minutes after a year's experience is found impracticable under all but the most extreme circumstances.



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