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ADDING NEW ACCOUNTS

AT THE
Farmers National Bank.
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$150,000.

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.

3 Per Cent. Interest Paid on Time Deposits.
In Point of Business Success and Financial Strength this Bank Occupies Front Rank.

C. M. CREVELING, PRES. M. MILLEISEN, CASHIER.

Millinville Bridge Collapses

False Work Washed out by Flood and Span Drops in River.

Seven Drowned, Many Injured.

At five o'clock Tuesday afternoon, just as the workmen were about to complete the work of fastening the second span of the Millinville bridge to the pier, the false work underneath gave way, and the whole span went down into the river, carrying with it forty workmen.

No warning whatever was given, and they all went down without a moment's notice. Seven men are missing, and they are either pinned down under the span, or their bodies have been carried down stream by the high water. The flood has thus far made it impossible to search for the bodies.

Of the injured men Jacob Johnson lives in Bloomsburg; the others are strangers. The injured, some of whom were pinned down by the debris, were rescued by their fellow workmen who were on the first span. Physicians were summoned, who attended the injured men.

The following are the missing; A. W. Fahs, Selinsgrove; Chas. Creiter, Selinsgrove; Adam Nuss, Selinsgrove; Adam Tritt, Beaver Valley; Irvin Updegraff, Georgetown; Millard Bowman, Millinville; George B. Faux, residence unknown.

Millard Bowman, the Millinville man who went down in the accident, is 28 years of age and was married about 2 years ago. His wife and young daughter survive him. He was not employed on the bridge, but had been engaged as a teamster. A few minutes before he had completed his work for the day and went out on the bridge, walking as it developed, to his death.

Mr. Bowman served as jurymen last week. He was Republican Committeeman from his district and was the man who signed the affidavit from Millinville township seeking to exclude the Millinville township vote at the last election, thereby putting Wm. Krickbaum out of the office of Associate Judge.

The sight of the wreck after the rescuers had completed their work was a doleful one. With a heavy fog obscuring all but a few upright beams, there could be heard the rushing of the water through the ruins that held the bodies of the men.

The work of removing the twisted steel will be a difficult one and will be made especially so by the rising waters. It will doubtless be a number of days before the bodies can be recovered.

The loss to the contractors, the York Bridge Co. will be about \$10,000. It is strange what delays and disasters have attended the efforts to bridge the river at Millinville.

A BOLD THIEF.

A strange man snatched a ten dollar bill from Frank Welliver on Saturday evening and ran away with it. Welliver lives near the Shaffer bridge, and had taken the bill from his vest pocket and was about to put it in his purse when two men passed. One snatched the bill and handed it to the other, then both ran in different directions. Chief Baum was notified but the men had disappeared.

MARGARET WALKER FREEZE.

Another long life of rare beauty and usefulness is ended. A woman beloved and admired for her many good qualities has been called home. Margaret Walker, wife of Col. John G. Freeze, departed this life on Tuesday afternoon, December 10th at a quarter of five o'clock. Though for several years past she had not been in good health, her final illness lasted but a few days. She was not feeling well on Wednesday and on Saturday morning was unable to leave her bed, and from that time gradually declined until the end came.

Mrs. Freeze was a daughter of Robert and Sarah Walker, and was born at Washingtonville on July 4th, 1826. She and Col. John G. Freeze were married in Lancaster, Pa., in 1854. Their entire married life was spent in Bloomsburg. The earlier days of their union were clouded in sorrow. Three children were taken from them in rapid succession, Kate, Helen, and Hope. Later on when Boyd came to gladden their lives, with Maud their second born still living, there was a silver lining to the cloud, and their love and hope were centered in these two. Boyd was a boy of unusual brightness, the pride of his father and the joy of his mother, but in a few short years he was snatched from them, dying at the age of nine years.

Of their five children Maude only was left. She was a lovely girl of rare accomplishments, brilliant intellect, a fine musician, both vocal and instrumental. She was spared to them until she had reached the age of twenty-three when she fell a victim to consumption, and they were left alone.

With all these afflictions that wrung the mother's heart, Mrs. Freeze always showed her christian fortitude, and bowed humbly with calm resignation to the burdens of sorrow that were placed upon their home. She was a most earnest member of St. Paul's church, and for many years was one of the most active workers in St. Paul's Guild, an organization of women that raised many hundreds of dollars for church purposes. She was loved and respected by all who knew her, and while the community mourns for the loss of a good and noble woman they also extend to the bereaved husband, now past four score years, their heartfelt sympathy in this great affliction.

The funeral will be held on Friday morning at half past nine o'clock, at which hour there will be brief private services at the house, only relatives being present. From there they will proceed to St. Paul's church where the services will be public. The interment will be in the family lot in Rosemont cemetery, and this will be private. Rev. J. W. Diggins, rector of St. Paul's church, will conduct all the services.

SLOT MACHINES MUST GO.

On Monday morning Judge Evans complimented District Attorney Small on his good work in ridding West Berwick of some of the slot machines run by foreigners. He also said that some of these machines were operated in different parts of the county by Americans, and these ought to share the same fate. Mr. Small says that he will have a warrant issued for any person operating such machines upon sufficient information, and the machines will be confiscated. The machines captured in West Berwick have been burned by the Sheriff on an order of the court.

COMPTROLLER'S CALL.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Bloomsburg National Bank

At the Close of Business December 3d, 1907.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Investments	\$536,406.50	Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	8,000.00	Surplus and Profits	47,377.40
Cash and Reserve	118,006.72	Circulation	100,000.00
		Due Banks	6,280.33
		Individual Deposits	408,755.49
	\$662,413.22		\$662,413.22

3 Per Cent. Interest Allowed on Savings Deposits

WE RESPECTFULLY SOLICIT YOUR BUSINESS.

W. M. HIDLAY, Cashier.

A. Z. SCHOCH, President.

MONEY FOR THE LIBRARY.

At the meeting of the Town Council on Monday night \$200 were appropriated to the Public Library by a unanimous vote.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted on motion of Rulon and Deily:

Whereas Council has received a petition signed by some one hundred and seventy-five citizens and tax payers of the Town of Bloomsburg, praying for assistance in the support of the Public Library, the amount of said request being one-half of one mill of tax for the year 1907, which would amount to a probable sum of upwards of twelve hundred dollars;

And Whereas Council have thoroughly investigated the merits of the request prayed for in said petition,

And Whereas after such thorough investigation and earnest consideration on behalf of the request prayed for, Council are of the opinion that the request must be refused for the following reasons:

First. Council refuse to set a precedent in the way of a certain specified rate of tax which in all probability might be used as a guide for future Councils in making any appropriation which might increase the rate of taxation.

Second. If such precedent should be set it would not be fair to future Councils because conditions may change to such a degree with the Town of Bloomsburg—having in mind the fact that this municipality might be called upon to centralize their sewer system at great cost, within a short time, as well as other conditions which might arise, and also the fact that the Library might so change in its management and benefits to the Town that it is our opinion the Town should use its own judgment in making any appropriation annually.

Third. The amount asked for is in our opinion, quite excessive.

Fourth. The year of 1907 is more than half passed away and but four months of the present Councilmanic year remains, and that at the beginning of this year and when estimates were being made to guide Council in its rate of taxation no request was made for such assistance, the act of June 10th, 1907, authorizing same, not having been passed. Council, however, after deliberation have come to the conclusion that the request as made should have some consideration.

And Therefore so far as the present year is concerned and considering the good financial condition of the Town, are willing to render a reasonable sum for the balance of the present Councilmanic year.

It is the opinion of Council that had this petition been presented at the beginning of the year, the sum of fifty dollars, \$50.00 per month, might have been favorably acted upon.

Therefore it is resolved that this Council appropriate the sum of \$200.00 dollars toward the maintenance of said Library for the remainder of the present Councilmanic year to be paid to said Library monthly, starting from Dec. 1st, provided Council is represented in the Board of said Library by the President and at least two Councilmen.

Go to the Citizens' Band Concert tonight at the Midway. A fine program will be rendered. The band has been liberal in playing in public, and ought to be patronized. Admission only 15 cents.

COUNCIL MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council was held on Monday evening, all the members present except C. W. Runyon.

Jacob Stiner, Fire Chief, made his report for the past year, among other things reporting the present fire alarm system as worthless. There are 332 men in the department, and 3650 feet of hose, and other equipments.

December 18th was fixed for a meeting to consider the fire alarm question. A number of bills were passed and ordered paid.

The following was the report of Town Treasurer D. W. Campbell: To balance on hand November 11, 1907, \$9,983.71; to amount received from W. V. Robbins, duplicate 1905, \$5.00; to amount received from W. V. Robbins, duplicate 1906, \$212; to amount received from W. V. Robbins, duplicate 1907, \$10.75; to amount received state tax, \$1; total, \$10,212.44.

By amount paid on coupons, \$52.25; by amount paid on orders, \$5,821.86; to balance on hand, \$4,328.35; total, \$10,212.44.

Amount due from Miles Betz 1901-2, \$1,974.14; amount due from W. V. Robbins, 1905, \$268.86; amount due from W. V. Robbins, 1906, \$2,030.82; amount due from W. V. Robbins, 1907, \$8,159.59.

The matter of straightening Light Street road at the Town Hall was again before Council, in the shape of the report of a committee appointed some weeks ago, reporting in favor of the proposition. William Hutton was present and claimed that land would be damaged \$6500 by straightening the road. The Council cleared the room and went in private session to consider the matter, and it was ordered, the solicitor be authorized to prepare an ordinance for the purpose.

JOHN W. LEWIS,

The many friends of John W. Lewis were shocked Monday morning by the news that he had died on Sunday night at ten o'clock at the Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia.

He had been suffering for some time with stomach trouble, and about three weeks ago he went to Philadelphia to undergo an operation, and it was apparently a success, as he was reported to be able to sit up. His wife was with him at the time of his death. The remains were brought home on Tuesday.

Mr. Lewis was 34 years of age and was born in Catawissa where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archer Lewis reside. He was educated in the Catawissa public schools and later was employed on the Reading as telegraph operator. Transferred to Bloomsburg, he became operator and assistant station agent of the Reading here. He was employed in that position for several years and in December, 1903, he accepted a position as bookkeeper in the First National Bank, a position he filled until he left for Philadelphia.

He was an active worker in the Baptist church, and in secret organizations, being a Knight of the Golden Eagle, and a Mason. He was town treasurer for several years.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Smith, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. The Masonic burial ceremony was used at the grave by Washington Lodge.

The gilt lettering on the windows of the First National Bank is a nice job. It was done by P. K. Vannatta.

Gifts Worth Giving

NOTHING else does quite so well for a Man's or a Boy's Christmas as something he can wear. What he wears he'll appreciate.

Man or Boy—what makes so satisfactory a Christmas Gift as a Suit, Overcoat or Rain Coat? If you do not care to invest so much, then a Hat, a Cap or any of the many things in our Toggery Department. We've a host of things that are JUST RIGHT.

Our store is in Holiday attire. New styles and new ideas will greet you at every turn. Come in and see what we can do for Him.

We can settle your Christmas worry in short order.

20 Per Cent. Reduction

ON ALMOST EVERYTHING.

Don't Fail to Take Advantage of It.

BEN GIDDING

Clothier, Hatter and Haberdasher.
Exchange Hotel, Bloomsburg.

Come in and see us,
we'll treat you right.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

What gloom has fallen on the town?
On streets that once did glare with light,
The homes are almost dark as night,
And when a friend comes in to call,
It is so dark within the hall,
We scarcely see to greet her.
The reason is not hard to learn;
Our coal oil lamps we now must burn,
To circumstances we must yield,
The flat rate now is ous gespielt;
We get our light by meter.

BURGLARS.

Six houses were entered on Tuesday night by burglars. At Mrs. R. R. Little's they took a gold watch and six dollars.

The other houses entered were W. J. Correll, on Market street, and Frank Ikeler, W. H. Beglinger, W. L. Demaree and H. R. Williams, Fifth street and an attempt was made to enter the residence of Mrs. Reber on Fifth street by cutting out the slats in the shutter.

Money was taken at several places, amounting altogether to about \$25. The entrance was made mostly through rear windows, and it was no doubt the same parties at each place. Though silverware and clothing were in plain sight none of these were taken.

Two were seen by Mrs. Correll and when she coughed they ran out. Her son George came up town and saw night watchman Hower, and after a good deal of red tape two suspects were arrested who gave their names as Martin Mellan of Scranton, and James Ryan of New York. They were given a hearing before Justice Weiss. Mrs. W. J. Correll testified that she saw the face of one quite clearly from the flash of a dark lantern, and was quite positive that she recognized one of the men. Wilson Broadt said the men were at the C. & M. power house until about 12 o'clock. They claimed in their defense that they came from Berwick to look for work, and were on their way to Milton. They were held for court.

S. W. DICKSON RESIGNED.

Sterling W. Dickson Esq. of Berwick, who has held the position of paymaster of the American Car & Foundry Co. for some years, has resigned to take effect on February 1st. He first entered the service of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company thirty-seven years ago, when he was but twelve years of age, and has served continuously ever since, until he reached the responsible position of paymaster, which he has held for twenty-eight years. He is an active worker in the church and the Y. M. C. A. and it is said that he will devote much of his time to christian work.

Last year he visited Egypt and the Holy Land, and since his return has delivered many very interesting addresses on what he saw and heard.

HIGH WATER.

The rain of Monday started the river and creek rising in the afternoon, and they continued to rise during the night. The trolley track was covered at one place so that the Catawissa car could not run, and wagon travel was stopped at the double bridge, as the water was over the road at the Hemlock bridge.

Up the creek considerable damage was done. A large quantity of lumber was carried away, and a number of bridges of the Pennsylvania Lumber Company were destroyed. It is said the creek was higher than it has been in years.