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ADDING NEW ACCOUNTS

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Farmers National Bank.
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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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FIRST BRIDGE VICTIM FOUND.

Body of A. W. Fahs Taken From River on Monday Morning.

Pinned under the heavy traveler in about three feet of water the body of A. W. Fahs, one of the men who was at work on the ill-fated Millville bridge when it collapsed a week ago, was discovered Monday morning, the only body of the seven missing to be found thus far.

The river has fallen about six feet at Millville since the bridge accident and an increased force of workmen was employed removing the wreckage. It was not long after the men had started to work that the body of Fahs was seen pinned under the debris. This was at 8:30 o'clock. At once all efforts were concentrated upon this one spot and piece by piece the twisted iron and steel was removed until the body was released about two hours later. The remains were easily recognizable as those of Fahs. There were but two marks on the body, both slight bruises on the head, which seemed to indicate that he was stunned and drowned before he regained consciousness, or that he was pinned under the wreckage and drowned before he could extricate himself.

The discovery of the body of Fahs had a marked effect. The seriousness of the calamity was forced before the minds of the workmen and the sightseers as it has not been since the day of the accident. Thus far the vague term, "missing," has been applied to the men who lost their lives in the catastrophe—now in the case of one of the men, "missing" gives place to dead.

Work of removing the wreckage from the river was pushed forward steadily all day but no more bodies were found. Decided apprehension is now being felt that the bodies of the missing men will not be found under the debris, most of the workmen being of the opinion that all or nearly all have been borne down the river on the flood and will never be recovered.

A. W. Fahs was 34 years of age and was the foreman in charge of the erection of the steel work. When he took employment at Millville he removed his family from York to that village. He is survived by a wife and child; also by his mother, five brothers and one sister. When the bridge collapsed he was standing at the base of the traveler.

BURGLARS CAUGHT.

The burglars who broke in Evans' barber shop in Danville proved to be men of that town. They were arrested in Pottsville a few days later on a charge of drunkenness, and in their possession were found razors, pipes and other articles answering the description of the goods stolen from Evans. A Pottsville man who had heard of the Danville robbery suspected that these might be the men, and informed the police, and word was sent to the Chief of Police at Danville. He and Mr. Evans went to Pottsville on Wednesday, and were surprised to find that the two men were James Sheppard and Peter Rhoden of Danville. A small portion of the goods were recovered. The men were brought to Danville on Thursday, and pleaded guilty. They are now in jail awaiting sentence.

Bishop Darlington of the Episcopal church will be one of the speakers at a Sunday School Meeting to be held here in the Methodist church on April 6th.

COLLEGE PROF. LEAPS TO DEATH

Prof. Geo. Butz Committed Suicide at State College.

George Butz, head of the department of horticulture at State college, committed suicide at 7:15 o'clock Saturday morning by leaping from a window on the sixth floor of the main college building. He struck on the stone steps leading into the main entrance of the college. His neck was broken and almost every other bone in his body.

Professor Butz had been in failing health for several months and his terrible act is directly traceable to melancholia and aberration due to his poor health. He had returned only a few days ago from a sanitarium in New York City, where he had been under treatment, though his health showed but little improvement. Saturday morning at 7 o'clock Professor Butz left his home near the college and crossing the campus he met and hailed a number of students and several of the professors. A severe snow storm prevailed at the time. So far as the students or professors observed Professor Butz showed nothing extraordinary in his actions.

Professor Butz, at that moment, doubtless had the plan for his self destruction formed. He went into the main college building and directly to the sixth floor, where, from a window overlooking the college and the campus, he leaped into space. Nobody, so far as is known, saw him drop, but his mangled, broken body was found on the great stone steps of the college a very few minutes after he was met by the students on the campus.

He had been a member of the faculty of State college for over twenty years and was considered one of the best authorities on horticulture in Pennsylvania.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

The Danville Morning News makes a good suggestion about Christmas shopping. It says: The are two ways of doing your Christmas shopping—one way is good and wise and the other isn't. The way that isn't good and wise is to start out blindly, in a haphazard way to do the shops with the hope that something suitable will turn up in the course of your wanderings. The other way to decide at home upon some definite idea and then start out for the store of the most progressive shopkeeper who handles the line you have in view—and you are pretty sure to be better satisfied and you won't get nearly so tired and worn out.

MUST CLEAN PAVEMENTS.

On Monday Street Commissioner Josiah Giger, acting under orders from the President of Town Council had the snow removed from the pavements of nineteen property owners who had failed to comply with the ordinance. Twenty per cent. will be added to the cost as a penalty.

CHICKENS FOR JAPAN.

Charles E. Kesty will ship this week two coops of White Plymouth Rock chickens to R. Gross, Tokio, Japan. There will be ten chickens, and the express charges will be \$48. It will be five weeks before they reach their destination.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

The county commissioners have twelve different designs for monuments, submitted by six different parties. No choice has yet been made.

COMPTROLLER'S CALL.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Bloomsburg National Bank

At the Close of Business December 31, 1907.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Investments	\$536,406.50	Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	8,000.00	Surplus and Profits	47,377.49
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.

WM. H. HIDEAY, Cashier.

A. Z. SCHOCH, President.

FIRE CHIEF ELECTED.

The election for Chief Engineer of the Fire Department was held in the Town Hall on Monday night. Mayor Coleman acted as judge of election. There are 229 firemen in the different companies in good standing, but only 99 votes were cast.

The contest was between Lewis Coira and F. R. Drake, both of the Rescues, for Chief. The vote was as follows: Coira, 54; Drake, 45. For 1st Assistant C. C. Furman of the Winonas defeated William Eastman; Otto Kemper of the Libertys defeated Charles Hyssong for 2nd Assistant, and John W. Lewis of the Friendship was elected 3rd Assistant without opposition. It was a very quiet election.

THE BRIDGE DISASTER.

Up to this time no more bodies of victims of the Millville bridge disaster have been recovered. Search is being made along the river by two men employed by the York Bridge Co. and it is said it will be continued down as far as Sunbury.

A thorough investigation of the cause of the disaster is promised, and Deputy Coroner John R. Sutton of Berwick has empaneled the following jury: R. W. Smith, and Thomas Auten, Millin; Clarence Stevens and Frank Aul, Bloomsburg; I. W. Mather and O. E. Leteer, Berwick. The time for a hearing has not been fixed.

TRAMPS.

During the past two weeks an unusually large number of "tourists" have been in town. Some of them bear the earmarks of the genuine hobo, but others look as though they might be what they say they are, men looking for work. Some of them quite well dressed have gone from house to house asking for food.

Bloomsburg has not been troubled much with tramps for some time, but they are now on the increase. Some of them are the real thing, and when refused they become insolent.

THE CRAFTSMAN DANCE.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the ball to be given by the Craftsman Club in the Club rooms and banquet hall of Caldwell Consistory Temple on the evening of Friday, December 27th. The music will be furnished by C. P. Elwell's orchestra of twelve pieces. A large number of invitations have been issued to members and their friends for whom they will vouch, and at least two hundred couples are expected. It will probably be the grandest event of the kind ever held in Bloomsburg.

MEAT MARKET CHANGES HANDS.

J. M. Heddens has sold his meat market on Centre street to Councilman J. E. Zeigler, and possession was delivered last Saturday. This is the oldest stand in town, and has always borne a high reputation as a market. Mr. Zeigler is a hustler and he will no doubt keep it up to its high standard.

Mr. Heddens will remove to Buffalo and engage in the meat business, having already secured a stand there. Silas Creveling, the obliging assistant, will remain with Mr. Zeigler.

Miss Edna Briggs is recovering from an attack of diphtheria.

DR. GILMORE COMMITS SUICIDE.

Well-Known Williamsport Physician Ends His Life with a Scalpel.

The Williamsport Gazette & Bulletin of last Saturday gives the following account of the death of Dr. William J. Gilmore. The deceased was a son-in-law of Ernest H. Sloan of Orangeville. The article follows:

The news of the suicide Friday afternoon of Dr. Thomas J. Gilmore, ex coroner of Lycoming county, has shocked the entire city. Mental aberration, following a long illness from which the prominent young physician had recovered only a few months ago, is advanced as the cause of his self-destruction. With a keen scalpel he cut his throat while standing in the cellar of his office. He was found lifeless shortly after the noon hours lying face downward in a pool of blood.

Dr. Gilmore and his wife occupied a flat above his office. During Thursday night he suffered severely from illness and at an early hour in the morning Dr. Hardt was called in. He was asleep when the doctor arrived and his pulse was normal. At about 9 o'clock he was able to go to his office, where he looked after his patients and seemed to feel all right again. A little after 12 o'clock the continued ringing of the telephone caused Mrs. Gilmore to go to the office. She was joined there by a caller, Mrs. William Scott, of Williams street, who accompanied her to the cellar when her suspicions led her there to investigate. In the office were the doctor's coat and hat and surgical case, from which the scalpel was missing. Mrs. Gilmore and her friend, Mrs. Scott, made the distressing discovery of the doctor's lifeless form on lighting their way back into a dark part of the cellar with a candle. Beside him was the small knife that had penetrated his neck and made the fatal incision.

Dr. Gilmore's surgical skill enabled him to reach a fatal spot at one thrust of the scalpel. He severed the carotid and sub-clavian arteries on the right side of his neck and the flow of blood from these was so swift and so copious that death came in a very short time. Mrs. Gilmore had heard her husband moving about the office not more than ten minutes before she found his body. As soon as the body was discovered the neighborhood was alarmed. Dr. Hatch was the first physician to arrive and pronounced Dr. Gilmore dead.

Undoubtedly the first cause of his suicide was the long illness that Dr. Gilmore suffered last summer. On April 16 last he married Miss Mary Lial Sloan, of Orangeville. Three weeks later he became ill with typhoid fever. Admitted to the Williamsport hospital virtually on the eve of his departure for Europe on a wedding trip and for advanced study in his profession, he improved for a time and then suffered a relapse that threatened to cause his death any day. At the end of ten weeks he was able to leave the hospital and went to Orangeville, to recuperate. With his wife he remained there several weeks before resuming his practice. Recently he appeared to be in fairly good health, but it is now believed that the long illness had left a deep impress.

The doctor's wife, his father and mother all were prostrated by the shock of his death. His father, Thomas J. Gilmore, Sr., was down town when he learned of his son's death. He had to be assisted home in a cab. Drs. Harley and Ella N. Ritter were called to attend Mrs. Gilmore, the mother of Dr. Gil-

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 CIDDING

Clothier, Hatter and Haberdasher.
Exchange Hotel, Bloomsburg.

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

more when she was overcome by the startling news of the suicide.

Dr. Thomas Joseph Gilmore was born in Williamsport September 15, 1875, son of Thomas Joseph Gilmore, Sr., and Elizabeth O'Conner Gilmore. In 1900 he graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and became a resident physician at St. Joseph's hospital, Lancaster. He remained there a year before beginning his practice in Williamsport, where he speedily rose in his profession.

Dr. Gilmore was affiliated with the county, state and American Medical societies, the Knights of Columbus, Ancient Order of Hibernians and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

As Lycoming County Coroner, his term of office ending at the first of the present year, he won the esteem of people throughout the county. He very ably fulfilled the duties of the important office of coroner, being always careful and thorough in conducting investigations and at all times kindly and considerate. He undoubtedly could have been re-elected to the office had not his rapidly growing practice demanded all of his time.

Aside from his professional ability, Dr. Gilmore was a man of such excellent qualities as to gain him general regard. The tragic death of a young man of such promise will be sincerely regretted.

THE HOLIDAY TRADE.

The spirit of Christmastide is abroad, and shopping is going on briskly. The stores are now at their best, and the windows and shelves are loaded with a great variety of beautiful things for gifts. The merchants of Bloomsburg, as is well known, are always in the forefront, and their stocks of goods are of such a variety of the latest things that it is unnecessary for even the most exacting person to send to the larger cities for their Christmas gifts. A visit to many of our stores will convince every buyer of this fact. Consult the columns of the COLUMBIAN you'll find all the up-to-date merchants bidding for your trade, and telling what they can do for you.

McHENRY'S BILL.

A Blow at the Paper Trust.

A Washington special says that a bill to remove the tariff duties on timber, lumber, bark or wood pulp, in consonance with the recommendation of the president's message, has been introduced in the House by Representative John G. McHenry, the new Democratic member from the Sixteenth Pennsylvania district, who has begun his congressional career with the distinction of being appointed a member of the important banking and currency committee. Mr. McHenry is earnestly in favor of early revision of the more iniquitous schedules of the tariff and will urge with all his power to bring this about, his pulp bill being the first step. The bill was referred to the ways and means committee, which is absolutely dominated by the "stand-patters." It will there be buried for the session unless the tariff revisions Republicans will join with the Democrats in a movement to force the hands of the "stand-patters" and compel them to do something for the relief of the great newspaper industry of the country from the tyranny of the paper trust.

SHOW WINDOW BROKEN.

Four men were standing in front of J. R. Schuyler's Hardware Store last Saturday night, two of them got in an altercation. Suddenly one struck the other, knocking him into the plate glass window, and shattering the glass. Then they all ran, three going one way and one another. Several persons heard the noise but were not near enough to recognize any of the men.

Since the above was written it is said that the accident came from a friendly scuffle. The young men are reported to be making arrangements to replace the glass.

WILL AUDIT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Robert S. Howell, Esq., has been appointed by the Court an auditor to audit and adjust the accounts of the several county officers for the year ending January 1st, 1908.