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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.

### Must Pay in Advance.

Postoffice Department Makes a Stringent New Ruling.

#### Affects All Newspapers.

A recent ruling of the Postoffice department at Washington, which becomes effective on Jan. 1, 1908, makes it virtually impossible for a newspaper publisher to send out his paper without payment in advance from the subscriber. This result is accomplished by declaring that a daily more than three months in arrears, or a weekly paper a year in arrears, shall not be classified as a legitimate subscription entitled to be mailed as second-class matter at a cent a pound, but that all papers in arrears shall pay postage at the rate of four cents per pound and that stamps must be affixed.

It will readily be seen that this imposes a burden upon the publisher that cannot be borne. The one way out would seem to be to require payment in advance, all subscriptions to stop at the expiration of the time paid for.

When once in operation the pay in advance plan will work no hardship to either publisher or subscriber, but on the contrary will be of positive benefit to both.

The publisher of this paper therefore calls upon all its subscribers in arrears to make early settlement. This matter has been taken out of the publisher's hands, and he has no option but to obey the ruling of the Postoffice department. The new postal ruling is as follows:

"A reasonable time will be allowed publishers to secure renewals of subscriptions, but unless subscriptions are expressly renewed after the term for which they are paid, within the periods:

"Dailies within three months.

"Weeklies within one year.

"They shall not be counted in the legitimate list of subscribers, and copies mailed on account thereof shall not be accepted for mailing at the second-class postage rate of one cent a pound, but they may be mailed at the transient second-class postage rate of one cent for each four ounces, or fraction thereof."

Under the old ruling the great majority of newspapers circulated virtually free of postage. The new rate on subscriptions in arrears of four cents a pound is prohibitive. The moral is plain—pay your subscription arrearages and in advance, or the publisher will be forced to discontinue the subscription.

### GIDDING SELLS OUT.

Ben A. Gidding has sold his clothing store in the Exchange Hotel building to Housenick & Co. and the transfer was made on Wednesday. The new firm is composed of W. E. Weller, John S. Housenick, Ezra Housenick and Charles C. Housenick. Mr. Weller will have charge of the Bloomsburg store. They have been conducting a clothing store at Berwick for some years. They are an up-to-date firm and will maintain the high reputation the store has acquired under Mr. Gidding's management.

In a few weeks Mr. Gidding will go to Cincinnati where he will be associated with his brother, J. M. Gidding, formerly of this town, but now largely engaged in the mercantile business in that city.

B. A. Gidding has conducted a first class store, and has many warm friends who will regret to have him and his family leave town.

## A PROSPEROUS YEAR BIG CROPS. BIG BANK ACCOUNTS

The past year has been a prosperous one for the country generally, and this community particularly. Plenty work at good wages and big crops at good prices. When you sell your farm products bring your surplus money to this Bank. We will safely keep your funds until you need it and

### Allow 3 Per Cent. Interest on Time Deposits

## The Bloomsburg National Bank

WM. H. HIDLAY, Cashier.

A. Z. SCHOCH, President.

#### OFFICERS CHOSEN.

Annual Elections of Various Corporations.

Last Tuesday was election day for many of the corporations, and the following officers were selected for the ensuing year:

BLOOMSBURG & SULLIVAN R. R. CO.

President, Samuel Wigfall; Directors, H. T. Dechert, William P. Gest, C. H. James, C. G. Appleton, F. W. Birch, L. E. Waller, John K. Grotz, H. J. Conner.

WHITE MILLING CO.

From the treasurer's report it was found that the profits on the year's business warranted the declaring of a dividend of 6 per cent. in the preferred stock payable February 15th, and a dividend of 10 per cent. on the common stock payable April 1st. The sum of \$1000 was placed in the sinking fund and a balance left to start the new year.

The election which followed the reception of the report resulted in the re-election of the old Board of Directors consisting of Ellis Eves, John Eves, A. C. Creasy, O. W. Cherington, J. C. Brown and H. V. White. The Board of Directors organized by the re-election of the old officers: H. V. White, president and general manager; A. B. White, treasurer, and M. Powell, secretary.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Bloomsburg, held in the bank on Tuesday afternoon, all of the old officers and members of the board of directors were elected, and M. E. Stackhouse was named as a new member of the board of directors. Robert F. Vanderslice was named to succeed the late John Lewis.

The officers are as follows: Dr. E. W. M. Low, president; E. B. Tustin, J. M. Staver and Myron I. Low, vice presidents; Frank Ikeler, secretary. The board of directors is as follows: E. W. M. Low, Myron I. Low, Edward B. Tustin, J. M. Staver, Fred T. Ikeler, Frank Ikeler, Louis Gross, F. G. Yorks, S. C. Creasy, Dr. H. V. Hower, George S. Robbins, M. E. Stackhouse.

FARMERS NATIONAL BANK.

At the annual meeting of the Farmers National Bank stockholders on Tuesday afternoon the following board of directors were elected: C. M. Creveling, Dr. J. J. Brown, John L. Moyer, Charles W. Runyon, C. A. Kleim, W. L. White, N. U. Funk and M. Millesen.

BRIAR CREEK FARMERS INS. CO.

The Briar Creek Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company elected the following directors: Joseph G. Swank, A. W. Spear, H. C. Barton, J. H. Aikman, H. J. Seely, B. F. Batin, L. W. Cole, S. E. Morse, C. H. Dildine, Adam Stock, R. Turrell, H. H. Brown. President, J. G. Swank; Vice President, H. C. Barton; Secretary, H. H. Brown; Treasurer, C. H. Dildine; Executive Committee, J. H. Aikman and C. H. Dildine; Auditor, J. L. Williams.

Thos. P. Hanly, formerly of Bloomsburg, now a newspaper correspondent in New York, was a witness on Tuesday in the trial of Harry K. Thaw for the killing of Stanford White, in New York. Mr. Hanly saw Thaw on the roof garden the night of the shooting, and thought he looked irrational.

Barton Bisel, who has been ill for some weeks with typhoid fever, made his first appearance on the street on Tuesday morning.

#### LIQUOR LICENSES.

There are 130 applications for liquor license in this county. The court will sit as a license court next Monday. Only two remonstrances have been filed, in the cases of William Derr who has applied for a hotel license at Forks, and Annie Howell who wants a hotel license at Almedia.

There are two new applicants in Bloomsburg, Geo. Wright having applied for a license for the Fowler restaurant, and the other one being the Hickey hotel.

No remonstrances were filed to them, and in a letter in the *Morning Press* yesterday the Rev. E. H. Heckman states that the failure to remonstrate was owing to the fact that the committee of clergymen in charge of the matter were informed at the Prothonotary's office that license court would be held on the third Monday of February. He says that a campaign had been planned, and speakers had been engaged, and dates fixed in accordance with this information, and it was not until too late for filing remonstrances that the mistake was discovered.

On the other hand, it is claimed in the Prothonotary's office that no such information was given, and that the person who asked the question misunderstood what was told him.

#### JOHN B. REESE.

Though he had been ill for several years with diabetes, and his recovery was not looked for, the death of John B. Reese at Centralia on Monday was unexpected and sudden. His home was in Mahanoy City, but he was visiting in Centralia.

The deceased was a brother of Mrs. R. E. Hartman, and he was aged 35 years. He was a prominent Mason, and had many friends in Bloomsburg and wherever he was known.

The funeral took place today at noon, in Mahanoy City, and the remains were taken to Pottsville for interment in the family plot.

#### STATE RAILROAD COMMISSION.

Governor Stuart has appointed Judge Nathaniel Ewing, of Uniontown; Charles N. Mann, Philadelphia, and John Y. Boyd of Harrisburg as members of the new State Railroad Commission. Judge Ewing is at present Judge of the United States Court in Pittsburg; Mr. Mann is deputy prothonotary in Philadelphia, and Mr. Boyd is a retired business man.

There were several hundred applicants for the position, and the Governor did not disclose whom he would select until the last moment. The appointments are looked upon as a severe jolt to the Penrose machine.

#### FIRE IN AN OPERA HOUSE.

While the members of St. John's Lutheran Sunday School of Boyertown, Pa., were attending an entertainment in the opera house at that place on Monday night the explosion of a gasoline tank started a panic, and when the actors on the stage tried to quiet the audience the coal oil lamps used as foot lights were kicked over, setting the place on fire. The loss of life reported from the panic and stampede which followed is 160. The local fire apparatus became disabled, and the building was entirely destroyed. Boyertown is about midway between Pottstown and Reading.

## EXTRA TROUSERS

AS a rule Trousers beat the Coat and Vest to a finish by several months.

Perhaps a pair of our handsome Trousers would bridge over the gap that lies between now and Spring Suit time.

Our Trousers are made by experts in Trouser making. It takes experts to make Trousers well.

Trousers of correct Fall cut from neat patterns of Worsteds, Cheviots and Cassimeres. Trousers at \$2, at \$3, at \$4, at \$5 up to \$6.

We've Trousers of all sizes and proportions. The extra Large Man—the Short Stout Man—the Tall, Slim Man—all can be fitted perfectly.

## BEN GIDDING

Clothier, Hatter and Haberdasher.

Exchange Hotel, Bloomsburg.

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

#### AMONG THE CANDIDATES.

Freeze Quick is a candidate for Prothonotary. He has had many years of experience in that office, and is well qualified for the position. Up to this time no other name has been mentioned, and it would be a well deserved compliment to concede the office to Mr. Quick without opposition.

For Register and Recorder Frank W. Miller is a candidate for a second term.

He has been among the best who have filled that office, and it is not likely that he will have opposition, as in accordance with the custom, he is entitled to a second term, and it ought to be given him in recognition of an able and worthy official.

J. A. Hess and C. L. Pohe are candidates for county commissioner for a second term. Under the custom of the Democratic party in this county they are entitled to it. They have performed the duties honestly, intelligently, and conscientiously, and have met every situation with good judgment. Thus far no other candidates for this office are announced.

C. A. Small is a candidate for a second term for District Attorney, and the excellent record he has made, as well as the custom of the party, will give him a renomination beyond doubt.

Hon. John G. McHenry will be endorsed for Congress, and will be renominated in the district. During the short time he has been in congress he has already made a record that many old members might envy. The Democrats will certainly return him for a second term.

The office of Representative in the legislature is still uncertain. John G. Harman is reported as saying he will not be a candidate, and W. T. Creasy has not yet decided. The name of W. C. Johnston has also been mentioned as a possible candidate.

Alex. Knouse of Benton has been appointed Mercantile Appraiser, by the commissioners, and was in town on Tuesday to get the necessary blanks and papers for his office.

#### JOSEPH RATTI HOSPITAL.

The annual meeting of the Joseph Ratti Hospital corporation was held at the hospital on Monday.

The following officers were elected: A. Z. Schoch, president; L. N. Moyer, vice president; John G. Harman, secretary; F. G. Yorks, treasurer.

The following were elected to the board of managers to serve for five years: Dr. S. B. Arment, Dr. Altmiller, L. E. Waller, G. S. Robbins and C. C. Peacock.

Dr. Altmiller takes the place of Dr. J. H. Bowman of Berwick on the board and Dr. R. E. Miller was elected to the board for a four years term to take the place of Dr. Redeker who resigns.

The following committee was named on revision of By Laws: J. C. Brown, Dr. J. R. Montgomery and J. G. Harman, Esq.

The meeting of the board of managers will be held on Monday next.

#### BERWICK IS ADVERTISING.

Already over 1,000 letters have been sent out by the Berwick board of trade to manufacturers all over the country, giving the prospectus of the town and its possibilities and as a result of these letters many replies have been received showing considerable interest on the part of the manufacturers. A considerable number of these have been deemed worthy of further examination and representatives of some of them have promised to come to Berwick and look over the situation.

Two large sign boards have just been erected and will be lettered in a few days. These sign boards are placed in conspicuous places along the railroads leading to Berwick and will attract attention of the traveling public.

The address of Fred Ikeler, Esq. in the Methodist church on Sunday evening attracted a congregation of 1800 people. It is unnecessary to say that it was an eloquent and convincing address. Mr. Ikeler never makes any other kind.