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Farmers National Bank.

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FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

Nominations Made by Both Parties.

The candidates for the various town offices to be voted for on February 18th, as nominated by the party caucuses, are the following:

DEMOCRATIC.

President of Council, J. H. Coleman.

Members of Council, H. C. Rulon, A. B. Naylor, Harvey W. Giger.

School Director, James H. Mercer.

Constable, Miles Betz.

Auditors, P. H. Freeze, A. H. Stroh.

Election Officers: First District: Judge, C. L. Pensyl; Inspector, C. C. Furman; Registry Assessor, W. W. Barratt, Jr.

Second District: Judge, Geo. Belg; Inspector, B. H. Johnson; Registry Assessor, J. C. Sweppenheiser.

Third District: Judge, G. B. Martin; Inspector, E. J. Stetler; Registry Assessor, D. F. Weiss.

Fourth District: Judge, John Fry; Inspector, Henry Knorr; Registry Assessor, Roy Girton.

REPUBLICAN.

President of Council, Ralph G. Phillips.

Members of Council, Jacob Stiner, John Deily, Joseph Zeigler.

School Director, J. C. Brown.

Constable, C. E. Whitenight.

Auditors, H. S. Barton, Joseph Garrison.

Election Officers. First District: Judge, T. E. Sands; Inspector, Frank Rupert; Registry Assessor, Edward Myers.

Second District: Judge, William Deitterich; Inspector, Joseph Garrison; Registry Assessor, Robert Morris.

Third District: Judge, William Webb; Inspector, William Shaffer; Registry Assessor, Moyer Lewis.

Fourth District: Judge, Elwood Heacock; Inspector, J. W. Sands; Registry Assessor, Clark Kashner.

KRICKBAUM APPEALS.

An appeal has been taken by Judge Krickbaum from the judgment of Judge Evans in ousting him as Associate Judge of this county. The certiorari was returned from the Supreme Court on Tuesday, and the case will be heard in April.

The commission of Geo. M. Hughes as Associate Judge has been made out by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

While the appeal may act as a supersedeas the situation is an embarrassing one for both Judge Krickbaum and Mr. Hughes. Should the former resume his seat on the bench he would have to vacate again, should the Supreme Court decide adversely. And so if Mr. Hughes goes on the bench, a reversal of the case would turn him off after a few weeks of judicial honor. What they will do remains to be seen.

Danville Post Office Open Sundays.

Postmaster W. L. Gouger, of Danville, acting under instructions from First Assistant Post Master General F. H. Hitchcock, has made some important changes in the conduct of his office, principal among them being the opening of the office for an hour on Sunday.

Commencing with last Sunday, January 26, 1908, the corridor of the office will be open between the hours of 9:30 and 10:30 and patrons having boxes can get the mail therefrom.

Why can't Bloomsburg have as good accommodation as Danville?

THE ROSE MAIDEN.

A Beautiful Musical Work Admirably Presented.

The Normal Auditorium was well filled on Monday night when "The Rose Maiden" was sung by the Bloomsburg Choral Society under the leadership of Charles O. Skeer. There was a chorus of sixty voices, with the following soloists: Miss Sadie E. Kaiser, soprano, and Miss Grace Duncan, contralto, both of Wilkes-Barre; Mr. William T. Gould, tenor, of Williamsport, and Mr. Harold Kilgore Smith, baritone, of New York.

Chas. P. Elwell's orchestra, augmented to twenty pieces, and including several leading musicians of Wilkes-Barre, led the singing in a most harmonious and effective manner. The instrumentation was excellent, and well balanced, and the strings were especially strong. Miss Kaiser, who is well known here, was at her best. She has a most delightful voice, and reaches high C without an effort. Her voice is strong, clear, true, and sweet, and all of these merits were recognized by the audience, who showed their appreciation by hearty and soulful applause at all her numbers.

Miss Duncan, who appeared here for the first time, jumped into favor at her first note, and many expressed regret at the close that there had not been more work for the solo contralto. Her one number "Yet chime they so sadly," so captured the audience that they could scarcely restrain their enthusiasm until she had taken her seat, when they burst into rapturous applause.

Messrs. Gould and Smith did their work well, and were very kindly received and much enjoyed.

But the chorus was simply superb. With them Mr. Skeer has been drilling several months, and their splendid work was the culmination of his labor and of their patient and painstaking preparation. It was the best thing of the kind ever heard in Bloomsburg, the gems of the composition being the choruses "Mid the waving rose trees," and "Tis thy wedding morning." The latter almost lifted the audience to its feet, and at its conclusion a repetition was demanded until Mr. Skeer had to call the singers up again and repeat it.

The finale "But yet O God, we praise thee," was a fitting climax to the evening's work. With the combined strength of chorus and orchestra, it moved along in majestic measure and magnificent harmonies until it filled and thrilled with rapture every music loving soul present. And when it ended the universal verdict was "a grand success."

To Mr. Skeer belongs all the credit for the inception, the preparation and the consummation of this great musical treat. The Choral Society may well be proud of their achievements under his leadership, and the orchestra which did such splendid work and contributed so largely to the general results, is entitled to its full share of commendation.

Mr. Skeer, let us have some more of it.

House Plant Showers.

Shower your plants two or three times a week to wash the dust off their leaves and prevent the ravages of the red spider. This pest flourishes in a hot, dry atmosphere. Keep it moist and he will not do much damage. A showering, bear in mind, doesn't mean a slight sprinkling. It means a real shower, and the result of it is that your plants are wet all over.

There is only one thing better than a thorough showering for house plants and that is a dip bath. Fill a large tub with water and submerge your plants under, leaving them submerged for two or three minutes, and you have the satisfaction of knowing that water has got to every part of them. No insect can possibly escape such a bath as that.

If the red spider has begun to injure your plants before you were aware of his presence, heat the water in your tub to 120 degrees and immerse the infested plants in it, allowing them to remain under about half a minute. This will kill the spider without injuring very delicate plants.—Eben E. Rexford in *Outing Magazine*.

CAPITOL GRAFT CASES.

Huston Expected to Turn State's Evidence.

Formal presentation of the first charge against the four defendants now on trial in connection with the alleged capitol "grafting" was made to the jury Tuesday by James Scarlet, chief attorney in the prosecution. The present hearing is in the famous "clothes press" case. Sanderson, Snyder, Mathues and Shumaker are charged with perpetrating frauds aggregating \$19,308.40 on contract involving the payment of \$49,417.80 for sofas, tables and clothes trees. Sanderson, the contractor, furnished the goods. Snyder, former auditor general, is accused of not auditing the bills and Mathues, former treasurer, with paying the bills unaudited. Shumaker, former superintendent of grounds and buildings, is likewise accused of failure to audit Sanderson's bills and to have accepted the certificate of Architect Huston without investigation.

Huston, who was on Monday granted a separate trial on the same charges, is reported to have turned State's evidence and secrecy is maintained as to whether he has been subpoenaed by either side. If the four others are convicted he will not be in the list, and will have another chance for acquittal. If they are acquitted the precedent will have been established, and there would be difficulty in having any other action taken in the case. So far as the charges against him are concerned therefore, of the five men charged with looting the State treasury he has the best chance, and should he appear as the star witness against the four others, sympathy will naturally be aroused for him when the case against him is called.

When court convened Tuesday the jury was sworn. The four defendants then formally entered pleas of "not guilty" through their attorneys. Scarlet began the proceedings outlining the charges and the points the State expects to prove.

The jury is of a mixed political complexion and while several of the men are typical backwoodsmen, it is believed that they are twelve "good men and true," who seem favorably disposed to the State, but who will give a fair and honest trial. Not one of them is a man of great learning; but each of them is possessed of common-sense, which must play the most important part in obtaining the judgment on a case which so materially affects the interests of the entire State.

Mr. Scarlet declared that Huston, knowing the bills for goods to be false fraudulently certified them. He concluded:

"We have brought together certain facts that will establish criminality. We shall expect you to render a verdict in accordance with the proofs of guilt."

George D. Thorn, chief clerk of the State department, was called as the first witness. His testimony was directed principally to the identification of former State officials involved in the suits and was unimportant.

Roaring Creek Water Power.

A party of capitalists from Danville have secured an option on the water power at the mouth of Roaring creek. It is their intention to erect a large dam below the present mill dam sufficient to give them from 60 to 70 feet fall. The power thus created will be utilized in generating electricity for light, power and heat, with which to supply the towns in that neighborhood.

Bishop Going to England.

Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Central Pennsylvania, will leave about May 31st for England. The bishop will attend the Lambeth conference in Lambeth Palace in London, of all the bishops of the Episcopalian faith in the world, which is held every ten years.

NO STOP AT MAIN STREET.

The Bloomsburg & Sullivan R. Co. has given notice that on and after February 1st none of its trains will stop at Main street.

The Calliepan Society is making arrangements for their annual reunion to be held on February 22d.

To the Business Community

Our Aim is to make this in every respect the PEOPLES' BANK, where all may feel at home, and be assured that by our CONSTANT CARE and CONSERVATIVE MANAGEMENT their interests will be well and SAFELY GUARDED.

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The Bloomsburg National Bank

WM. H. HIDLAY, Cashier.

A. Z. SCHOCH, President.

A MUSICAL FEAST.

On Friday evening for the first time an entertainment will be given in the auditorium of Caldwell Cathedral to which the general public will have access, or at least so many of them as have been fortunate enough to secure seats. The advance sale opened on Friday, and before night about six hundred tickets were sold. Such a sale is unprecedented, and shows that the public knows that a rich treat is in store for them.

The occasion is a concert to be given by Caldwell Consistory Quartet consisting of R. F. Colley, E. H. Ent, A. N. Yost, and O. H. Yetter, assisted by Ruthven MacDonald, baritone; Mrs. MacDonald, pianist, and Miss Landes, reader.

We are told that "when MacDonald sings every word is heard. He knows how to articulate as well as vocalize. And his list of songs—it is a long one. He can sing "The Messiah," "The Creation," "Elijah," or other oratorios, or he can sing a sweet love ballad or a strong descriptive song or a tender heart poem—all with true art and vocal appreciation, and all are made understandable."

Mrs. MacDonald is an accomplished pianist, and Miss Landes has a high reputation as a reader. Their services were secured through Prof. O. H. Yetter's acquaintance with them, and he was exceedingly fortunate in securing the assistance of such talent.

The concert will be one of the leading musical events of the season.

The Central Pennsylvania Methodist Conference.

The fortieth session of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist church will convene in York, March 18th, and will continue one week. The sessions will be held in the First Methodist Episcopal church at the corner of Beaver and Philadelphia streets, of which the Rev. J. Ellis is pastor. Bishop Luther B. Wilson, of Chattanooga, Tenn., will preside. The conferences are composed of the following districts: Altoona, Danville, Harrisburg, Juniata and Williamsport and comprises the following counties: Blair, Cambria, Clearfield, Cameron, Center, Lycoming, Huntingdon, Franklin, Northumberland, Carbon, Clinton, Schuylkill, Columbia, Snyder, Wyoming, Bedford, Sullivan, Luzerne, Somerset, Perry, Juniata, Fulton, York, Potter, Montour, Adams, Elk, Union, Dauphin and Cumberland. The Central Pennsylvania Conference is one of the strong conferences of the denomination, and numbers over 300 ministers. Besides the ministers, there will be in attendance the lay delegates and their alternates, who will swell the attendance to the 1,000 mark. The membership of the Methodist church within the bounds of the conference is about 74,000. The number of churches in the conference is 620, and the value of the church property is \$3,679,235. The number of parsonages is 223, with a value of \$607,920. The missionary offerings amount to \$66,454 and the church extension offerings to \$3,960. The conference also makes the following contributions: Freedmen's Aid, \$3,613; education, \$4,645; Tract and Bible Societies, \$1,700; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$5,193; Woman's Home Missionary Society, \$6,850.

Grass Eggs.

When a hen is made sick eating too freely of grass she lays what are known as "grass eggs." Grass eggs are poor stuff. They have an unpleasant flavor, and the yolk wobbles around in a weak and watery white and is green and dull in color. The term is one applied by handlers, who discover while testing that there is a pale greenish hue to the eggs and that they are not at all of the bright, fresh color that we find in healthy eggs.—*Baltimore American*.

Today was the coldest of the season thus far. The thermometer stood at zero at 7 o'clock.

PHONES ON READING.

In Obeying Federal Eight Hour Law Will Do Away with Telegraph Offices.

Following closely upon the going into effect of the new Federal eight-hour law in regard to railroad telegraphers, the Philadelphia and Reading Railway company has commenced installing telephones in many of its minor offices, thus doing away with the necessity of employing two telegraphers where one was employed before. For the first place where this experiment will be tried, the Catawissa branch, that tortuous snake-like road, which runs between West Milton and East Mahanoy junction, a point five miles this side of Tamaqua, where it rejoins the Shamokin division of the Reading system.

Telephones, to be operated by a private branch exchange, are now being installed at Quakake. These will obviate the necessity of employing three operators there and three at Tamaqua. It is understood that telephones will also be installed at Lofty.

At all points along the line, with the exception of Danville, Catawissa, Bloomsburg and West Milton, it is the intention of the company to do away with the telegraph offices, and instead, place telephones in the offices. These may be used by the trainmen, and it will thus obviate the necessity of a telegraph operator.

NO RACE SUICIDE.

There Were 167,265 New Babies Came During the Year 1907.

The figures for 1907, just compiled by the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Department of Health, show that there were 167,265 births in Pennsylvania, the birth rate among the foreign population being double the per thousand rate among the native born. The figures show a birth rate in the whole state of 24.1 per 1,000, the rate among foreigners being 45.3 per 1,000 to just 20 per 1,000 for the natives. Incidentally there were over 7,000 more boys born in that year than girls, the figures being 87,251 to 80,014. There were 1,832 sets of twins and 15 sets of triplets. Of the twin births 1,259 occurred among the native and 569 among the foreign-born population, in four cases the nativity being unstated. Of the triple births 11 occurred in the native and in the foreign-born 4. The greatest number of births in the entire state occurred during the month of August, when there were 15,038; the least number during April, 12,999. The statistics for all the months of the year are as follows: January, 13,572; February, 13,411; March, 14,422; April, 12,999; May, 13,905; June, 13,690; July, 14,308; August, 15,038; September, 14,286; October, 14,168; November, 13,436, and December, 14,030.