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The Farmers National Bank OF BLOOMSBURG.

Condensed report to the Comptroller at the close of business May 14, 1908

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Investments	\$519,828.45	Capital	\$60,000.00
U. S. Bonds	60,000.00	Surplus and Net Profit	101,046.57
Cash and Reserve	135,602.36	Circulation	60,000.00
		Deposits	494,384.24
	\$715,430.81		\$715,430.81

3 Per Cent. Interest Paid on Time Deposits.
Capital, \$60,000 Surplus and Profit \$101,046.57

C. M. GREVELING, PRES. M. MILLEISEN, CASHIER.

KRICKBAUM REINSTATED.

Supreme Court Declares Him the Duty Elected Associate Judge.

On Monday morning the Supreme Court filed its decision in the contested election case of William Krickbaum. Justice Potter wrote the opinion, and the court was unanimous in its finding.

The news was received here with much satisfaction by men of all parties, not so much because of Mr. Krickbaum's victory, as because of the triumph of a principle. The ousting of Judge Krickbaum never had any legal foundation to rest on, the only possibility of its being sustained lying in the hope that the higher court would refuse to consider the facts or to go into the merits of the case. Their opinion now filed will prevent any such hope in future similar cases.

In its issue of January 23rd last, THE COLUMBIAN said editorially, in discussing Judge Evans' action, as follows:

"We confidently assert, after careful consultation, that for this decision there is absolutely no warrant of law."

The opinion of the Supreme Court, says:

"How he (the court below) could have reached his conclusion we do not understand. It is directly in the teeth of, and is entirely unwarranted by his findings of fact."

For the able preparation and presentation of this case Fred Ikeler, Esq., is entitled to all the credit. He prepared the brief and argued the case, though Judge Gordon was called in as a consulting attorney after Mr. Ikeler had prepared it.

The opinion of the Supreme Court is given in full elsewhere.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The 39th annual convention of the Columbia County Sabbath School Association will be held in the Benton M. E. church on Thursday and Friday, May 28th and 29th.

The following are the officers of the Association:

President, Myron I. Low, Lime Ridge; Vice Presidents, H. R. Bowler, Berwick; Prof. O. H. Bakeless, Bloomsburg; C. E. Yorks, Central; Rev. J. W. Thompson, Berwick; Fred T. Ikeler, Bloomsburg; N. Beishline, Stillwater; Boyd Trescott, Millville; J. C. Creveling, Espy. Field Secretary, Miss Martha Robinson, Espy. Recording Secretary, Miss Martha Powell, Bloomsburg. Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Spear, Light Street R. F. D. Treasurer, Mrs. Anna McHenry, Stillwater. Home Department Secretary, J. B. Nuss, Bloomsburg. Supt. of Normal Work, Prof. A. U. Leshner, Berwick. Primary and Junior Superintendents, Miss Zue B. Guie, Catawissa; Miss Eunice Spear, Light Street. Supt. Adult Organized Bible Classes, George Styer, Berwick.

Mr. Low has been president continuously since 1893. An interesting program has been prepared.

BLOOM'S BODY FOUND.

The body of Francis M. Bloom, of Sunbury, was found in Shamokin Creek near that place on Monday evening. He was the book-keeper in the Sunbury Trust and Safe Deposit Company, and a few weeks ago it was discovered that he was a defaulter in the sum of \$15,000, and he immediately disappeared, and no trace of him had been found until the finding of his body, which was in a badly decomposed condition.

Now would be a good time for "Me Too" Yeager to get in out of the wet.

DEEDS RECORDED.

The following deeds have recently been entered of record by Recorder of Deeds Frank W. Miller:

Heirs of Robert McGuire, to A. T. Chapin for 54 acres and 72 perches of land in Fishingcreek township. Jacob Gurrard et al. to J. W. Kline for 18 acres and 63½ perches of land situated in Greenwood township.

A. W. Stackhouse, Executor, for Cyrus Stackhouse, to William J. Vercoe for 150 acres of land situate partly in Columbia and partly in Luzerne counties.

Edwin Stackhouse et al. to William J. Vercoe for the undivided one-half interest in a lot of ground situate in Briarcreek township.

Carl H. Fleckenstine to William McK. Musgrove for a house and lot of ground situate in the borough of Orangeville.

Martha C. Hartzel to James M. Kelchner for a lot of ground situate in the village of Millinville.

Heirs of William Yorks, deceased, to R. T. and T. C. Smith for a tract of land situate in the township of Jackson and Sugarloaf.

Charles Reichart to W. H. Hauck for 709 acres and 111 perches of land in Main and Beaver townships. John Kelchner and wife to Albert F. Kelchner for 114 acres and 112 perches of land situate in Centre township.

William McK. Musgrove to W. H. Parker for four acres of land situate in Greenwood township.

J. L. Williams and wife to H. B. Williams for the undivided one-half interest in 180 acres of land situated in Briarcreek township.

Mary C. Ruckle and George Ruckle to Benjamin C. Duke for a lot of ground situated on the southeast corner of Britain and Eaton streets in the borough of West Berwick.

Helen H. Jackson and Richard M. Jackson to John Conary for three tracts of land situated in Benton township containing in all about 64 acres of land.

Rosetta Redline to C. S. Redline for a lot of ground in the village of Millinville.

George B. Appleman to Margaret M. Parker for a lot of ground in the village of Rohrsburg.

Rhinard T. Williams and wife to Michael Ohl for two tracts of land situated in Madison township containing about 58 acres of land.

Michael Ohl and wife to Edwin Dyer for 32 acres and 116 perches of land in Madison township.

Edward Dyer and wife to D. B. Mericle for 32 acres and 116 perches of land situated in Madison township.

J. W. Mather and wife to Mary E. Albertson for 71 acres and 157 perches of land in Greenwood township.

JUNE 15th FLAG DAY.

The American Flag Association agreeably to its custom for the past eleven years, calls attention to the fact that Sunday, June 14, will be the 131st anniversary of the adoption of the stars and stripes as the flag of our country. Flag Day will be celebrated this year on Monday, June 15th.

All American citizens are again invited to join in the public recognition of the birthday of the emblem of our nationality. In many of the states, pursuant to law, the public schools, and also voluntary in private schools, exercises will be conducted in celebration of Flag Day. Teach the story of the flag, what it represents and have the young people pledge the fealty and loyalty to it.

COMPTROLLER'S CALL. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Bloomsburg National Bank

At the Close of Business May 14, 1908.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Investments	\$611,830.43	Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	8,000.00	Surplus and Profits	51,620.16
Cash and Reserve	95,474.66	Circulation	100,000.00
	\$715,305.09	Deposits	463,684.93
			\$715,305.09

WM. H. HIDLAY, Cashier.

A. Z. SCHOCH, President.

NEW TRIAL FOR FISHER.

The Supreme Court on Monday ordered a new trial for Henry Fisher, the convicted murderer of Mrs. Sarah Klinger, of Shamokin, in Northumberland county.

It was claimed by Fisher's attorneys that his letters, being confidential communications, between husband and wife, were not admissible as evidence. The Commonwealth claimed, and the court sustained the contention, that the fact that a prisoner wrote the letters for Fisher destroyed their confidential nature. The supreme court ruled that as Fisher was unable to write, the prisoner to whom he dictated the letter became his attorney in fact, and the confidential character of the letters remained unaltered. This is the first time that this point has ever come up in a Pennsylvania court.

It is hardly likely that, although Fisher has been given a temporary respite, he will eventually escape the gallows. The fiendish nature of his crime, and the great strength of the evidence against him, make his ultimate conviction certain, even though his letters may not be used against him.

BLOOMSBURG DRIVING CLUB.

Summer Meet Will be Held July 3rd and 4th

The summer meet of the Bloomsburg Driving Club will be held at the fair grounds on July 3rd and 4th. The officers of the Club are A. V. Kressler, President; A. N. Yost, Secretary, and C. W. Runyon, Treasurer.

Following is the list of races and purses:

FRIDAY, JULY 3rd.
2:50 Class Trot or Pace for Horses owned in Columbia county 30 days, purse \$150.00.
2:17 Class Pace and 2:14 Trot, mixed, purse \$200.00.
2:30 Class Pace and 2:27 Trot, mixed, purse \$150.00.
SATURDAY, JULY 4th.
Free for all Trot or Pace, purse \$200.00.
2:25 Class Trotting, purse \$150.00
2:25 Class Pace and 2:22 Trot, mixed, purse \$150.00.

NOT A DAY OF MOURNING.

In an address delivered last Sunday afternoon at Chambersburg Adjutant General Thomas Stewart said:

"Memorial Day is not one of mourning. Had I my way there would not be a muffled drum or a draped flag.

"The drums should beat out and the flag float, for we pay to the old soldier the greatest tribute when we rejoice over the fact that he did not die in vain, but that through his sacrifices the country still lives, a united, happy and prosperous people."

BENEFIT OF HOSPITAL.

Two games of base ball will be played on Recreation Field on Memorial Day, the net proceeds to go to the Joseph Ratti Hospital. The games will be played by the Recreation Athletic Association and the Sunbury club, of the Susquehanna League, at 10:30 a. m., and 3:30 p. m.

Signs "for sale or rent," are posted on the Waller homestead property. It is a fine estate, and it is hoped that it will be inhabited by some one who will keep it what it was for many years, one of the beauty spots of the town.

Defects in New Law.

State Officers Suggest Changes to Get Rid of Cumbersome Features of Election Act.

While the uniform primary law is admittedly a success as to its general features its practical operation during four primaries since its adoption has disclosed a number of defects that are regarded as serious enough to warrant the attention of the next legislature.

State Department officers have taken particular note of the workings of the law, and Secretary of Commonwealth McAfee will probably have something to say about it in his next message owing to the important part his office has to play in the operations of this statute. It is considered likely, also that Governor Stuart will speak of it in his message to the legislature.

The following suggestions as to defects that require amendment are made by an officer, who has given close attention to the working of the uniform primary act:

"All petitions for nominations should be filed with the county commissioners, instead of the State Department, except in districts composed of more than one county. Under this amendment no petitions for Representative would be filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and none for any office from Philadelphia, Allegheny, Lackawanna, Luzerne, or Schuylkill counties.

"Only in congressional, senatorial and judicial districts, where more than one county comprises the district, would filing petitions with the secretary be required.

"In the recent primaries more than 2,000 petitions were filed at the State Department on the last day, with the result that the certification of the names to the county commissioners was very much delayed, and the various candidates had to wait several days before they could find out who were running against them.

"At least three of the signers of each petition should make oath that the petitioners are qualified voters and members of the party for which they petition.

"Voters should be restrained from signing more than one candidate's petition for the same office. In many districts some persons signed petitions for candidates for different party nominations, apparently without any intention of violating the law.

"Another contention is that it should be the law that as many votes be required to make a nomination as to place a name on the ticket. Two hundred signatures are necessary to place the name of a candidate for Congress on the ticket, and, to save the expense of procuring these names, some candidates in the smaller parties simply had their names written on at the primaries."

Numerous instances are cited where candidates were nominated by only one vote. In the nineteenth Congressional District the Republican and Democratic candidates each received four votes on the Prohibition ticket. In the Harrisburg legislative district, W. C. Farnsworth was nominated as a candidate for the House of Representatives on the Prohibition ticket by a single vote, though he was not a candidate for the House nomination, being the Democratic and Prohibition nominee for the Senate.

The Citizens Band are having a benefit at the Bijou all this week. Fine moving pictures are being shown and the attendance is large nightly. Go in and help them.

TOWNSEND'S

FOR STYLE,

FOR PRICE,

FOR Just What You Are

looking for in anything for Men, Young Men and Children.

The Largest Assortment.

THE = SMALLEST = PRICE

TOWNSEND'S
CORNER.

STARTLING FACTS ABOUT WASTE Coal Will Last 50 Years—Timber 33 Years —Reclamation and Protection.

Through the government bulletins and newspaper discussion and presentation we have scattered statistics of the manner in which the resources of this great republic are being used, mainly wasted, and what want and destitution will come for future generations if we continue in the manner in which we are going, without some conservation and preparation for the future.

The conference of the governors with President Roosevelt, which was held in Washington recently, has, more than any one thing, brought forcibly and startlingly before our people what we have done already in denuding the country of its natural resources, what we are allowing to go to waste and how we may reclaim, enrich and make the future more glowing than the past.

Among the matters brought out at the conference we may note briefly that we utilize but 5 per cent. of the coal we mine, some 455,000,000 tons a year, and under present methods our soft coal will last a century and our anthracite coal will last but fifty years.

As to timber that now standing is estimated at two thousand billion feet. The present annual consumption is one hundred billion feet while the annual growth is from thirty to forty billion feet. At the present rate of consumption our supplies of timber will not last more than thirty-three years. At present in the west there are 194,936,555 acres of national forest lands, a beginning in the reclamation and protection of forests.

As to water waste—the annual flood damage in the United States exceeds \$100,000,000. Through cutting down the forests and exposing the soil to the rain a billion tons of earth 90 per cent. soil, is wasted annually into our streams.

In our water supplies, 1,600,000 of horse power runs idly each year over government dams, only a small fraction of the actual waste the country over. Capitalized at 3 per cent., this known government waste represents an investment of more than \$1,000,000.

The swamp lands that need reclaiming amount to more than 50,

000,000 acres, the reclamation of which would increase the land value more than \$5,000,000, the annual crop value \$1,500,000, and if sub-divided into forty acre farms would supply 2,500,000 families with homes and put 12,000,000 people on lands now practically worthless.

The arid regions of the United States cover 600,000,000 acres, of which 60,000,000 acres are subject to irrigation. By completing twenty-five engineering works now under way, the reclamation service will reclaim 3,198,000 acres, which area will increase the value of farm crops by \$60,000,000, will add \$232,000,000 to the taxable property of the people and will furnish homes for 80,000 families.

MERCHANTS SHOULD BEWARE.

If one formed conclusions from all he reads in the newspapers he might think that the farmers are the only class of people who ever get swindled, but there are others.

Down in Center county the other day two well-dressed gentlemen visited the merchants of Bellefonte. One, who was the business end of the combination told the local merchants a very plausible story. He claimed that he was vice-president of the "Business Men's Association of Pennsylvania" whose object it was to have the mercantile tax law repealed which had become a burden to the merchants throughout the state. He stated that one million and a quarter dollars were collected each year, and after the commissioners and advertising were paid, only \$20,000 was turned into the state treasury. He said they proposed stopping this graft, and after finishing his little song and dance a petition was presented to the merchant to sign. The next thing the merchant had a subscription book pushed under his nose and asked to subscribe two to five dollars which would be used in defraying the expenses in getting the repeal act through the legislature. As easy as ducks going to water the merchants pulled out their good elegant cash and forked it over to entire strangers. It is said they secured between \$200 and \$300. This was the result of only about three hours work in the morning, and in the afternoon they skidded to new fields of labor.