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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. CREVELING, PRES. M. MILLEISEN, CASHIER.

### JOHN K. GROTZ. Oldest Resident Passes Away.

John K. Grotz, the oldest resident of Bloomsburg, and probably of the county, died at his home on Main street at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. He would have been 98 years old on the 22nd of next October.

On Monday night a week he attended a meeting of the directors of Rosemont Cemetery Co., of which he had been a director for many years, at the office of Col. Freeze on Centre street. He seemed to be in his usual health, but at the close of the meeting he was unable to arise from his chair. Assisting him to his feet, C. A. Klein proposed to walk home with him, but Mr. Grotz declined the offer, saying he was all right, and needed no assistance. Several of the other members remained to do some work, and Mr. Grotz went out. On reaching Townsend's corner his legs gave way and he fell to the pavement, and was carried home, and never left his bed afterward. No injuries appeared from the fall, and it was the final breaking down of the vital forces that caused his death.

He is survived by the following children, his wife having preceded him to the grave a number of years ago: Mrs. Norman J. Hendershott, Harry C. Grotz and H. H. Grotz, all of town.

Mr. Grotz was born October 22, 1810, near Catawissa, and later moved to the southwest corner of Iron and Second streets, built by his father, Abraham Grotz, in 1810. He began to learn the harness maker's trade in September, 1826, and in 1833 opened a shop at the head of Market street. In 1835 he bought the lot upon which the present Grotz homestead now stands. He erected a dwelling living there until 1856, although in 1849 he built the brick structure still standing. From 1850 he carried on a tanning business in Hemlock township, retiring in 1870.

He was one of the directors and stockholders of the National Bank of Danville. He resigned and became an organizer and director of the First National Bank of Bloomsburg. He was also one of the organizers of the Bloomsburg Banking Company. He was a director of the Bloomsburg & Sullivan R. R. until the time of his death.

He was a man of wonderful vitality, and had been ill but few times in his life. He walked out every day up to the time of his fall, and possessed all of his mental faculties to a remarkable degree.

The funeral was held this Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. J. W. Diggles officiating. The interment in Rosemont Cemetery was private.

### CURB MARKET OPENED.

By order of President Coleman the curb stone market opened on Tuesday morning. There were about eight wagons in attendance, and there were not many customers. There was a good showing of onions, radishes, lettuce, peas, some cherries, and lots of strawberries. The lowest price quoted on the latter was 15 cents a box, while one dealer asked 35 cents for two boxes of his best ones. As the strawberry crop will be a big one, the price is likely to come down soon.

Superintendent W. W. Evans has purchased a two-seated International Auto buggy, and will use it in visiting the schools of the county. It is a very nice vehicle, and different in appearance from any that have been seen here.

### A CURIOUS INCIDENT.

A week or two ago Col. Freeze with his sister, Mrs. Quick, and Dr. VanHorn and wife, drove to the Exchange in Montour county, where the Col. and his sister had resided with their parents, many years ago, being desirous to see once again the place of their young life. The Col. reports great changes according to his recollection, which he needs not to specify.

The purpose of this note is to answer an inquiry of a late citizen, as to when he lived at "The Exchange." It was a question he could not at the time, answer. Subsequently, however, going over some circumstances of his early life, especially his life there, he recalled an independent fact. While living there as a boy, he remembered being in a field along the roadside above the mill and dwelling house, with the farm hands planting corn in the good old way, three or four boys dropping corn, followed by three or four men covering, and a man and horse and plow furrowing out.

While thus engaged, a gentleman came along on horseback, and he was stopped by the farm hands and inquired of him for the news. Among the things he told us was, that the news had been received that Santa Ana, the Mexican commander, had taken the Texan Fort, the Alamo, and had killed in cold blood, all the Texans who had survived the fight.

The story had such an effect upon my young imagination, that for months I was expecting Santa Ana and his Mexicans on the banks of the Chillisquaque. That incident I laid hold of to fix the date as to when we lived at the place we were visiting. On our return home, I took up Harper's Book of Facts, and turning to the word Alamo, found that the Fort was taken March 6, 1836. Thus a date was fixed beyond peradventure.

### BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of this town conducted a beautiful memorial service on Tuesday evening, when they marched to Rosemont Cemetery, headed by the citizens Band, and placed flowers on the graves of their deceased brothers. They formed a circle around the fountain and Rev. J. D. Thomas offered prayer after which a few remarks were made in regard to the decoration of the graves by R. A. Hicks. Mr. Thomas then read appropriate verses from the Bible in honor of the dead, in each of the three divisions of the cemetery, a committee of six persons having been appointed to decorate the graves in each division. As the verses were read the committees started out and placed the flowers which had been brought by members, on the graves of the fifty deceased members of this or any lodge of Odd Fellows. While the graves were being decorated the Citizens' band rendered a delightful sacred concert.

### "NATURE'S MESSAGE."

The beautiful service entitled "Nature's Message," by I. H. Meredith consisting of choruses, duets, solos and recitations, will be rendered in the Auditorium of the M. E. Church on Sunday morning June 14, at 10:30. The Sunday school will be assisted by the church choir and the Sunday school orchestra of 20 pieces.

The public is cordially invited to be present and enjoy this musical treat.

## 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
	Deposits 463,684.93
\$715,305.09	\$715,305.09

WM. H. HIDLAY, Cashier. A. Z. SCHOCH, President.

### U. S. TROOPERS IN TOWN.

Pitch Their Camp on the Fair Grounds.

Three troops of United States Cavalry arrived in Bloomsburg on Monday morning at 8 o'clock, and established their camp on the fair grounds. They were companies F, G, and H, of the Thirteenth Cavalry of the regular army.

The troops are from Fort Meyer, Va., and are on their way to Pine Plains, New York, to take part in the regular cavalry maneuvers to be held there in connection with the quick mobilization of the army of the department of the East.

The three troops comprised over two hundred mounted men. The main body was preceded by an advance guard of two scouts.

Officers and enlisted men, alike wore slouch hats and olive drab uniforms. The officers wore leather leggings, while the privates wore leggings of canvas and this appeared to be the only difference in the uniforms.

It was not long after their arrival that the camp was placed in shape for living. Eight large covered wagons that accompanied the troops arrived about an hour after the three companies had reached town. These contained the camp equipment and the tents were soon unloaded and placed in position.

An ambulance accompanied the troops, but this was empty, there being no soldier seriously ill, although one or two were indisposed.

The troops are commanded by Colonel Dickman who bears a marked resemblance to President Roosevelt. He, as well as the five officers under him, saw service in the Spanish-American war.

On Monday evening and during Tuesday the soldiers had the privileges of the town, and they expressed their admiration for our burg. They made many acquaintances, and were pleased with the attentions shown. The fair grounds were thronged with visitors all the time.

On Tuesday evening at 6:45 the troops began their march to Beach Haven, where they remained over night.

The first troop was mounted on sorrel horses exclusively, the second troop on black horses and the third on bay horses. The horses without exception had the appearance of being fine, well-kept animals, while the men were accomplished riders.

It is said that every horse in the three troops has been especially trained by his rider.

The line of march was up Main street, and the avenue was thronged from end to end to see the unusual sight. From Beach Haven they went to Kingston, and from there will go today to Pine Plains, N. Y., by cars.

### IMPROVEMENTS AT NORMAL.

At the regular monthly meeting of the trustees of the Normal School held Monday evening, it was decided to enlarge and improve the kitchen, bringing it up-to-date in every particular.

It was also decided to repair the vestibule at the main entrance of the school and also to refurnish and repair the private office of Dr. Waller, making it an office that will be a credit to the school. It is an improvement that has been greatly needed. Work on the improvements will be started as soon as school closes.

The lawn at the Joseph Ratti Hospital has been beautified by the making of flower beds and setting out many flowering plants, through the kindness of Mrs. J. L. Dillon.

### SATURDAY COURT.

A short session of court was held on Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. When court opened, Associate Judge Krickbaum resumed his seat on the bench, where the Supreme Court replaced him. Some of his admiring friends had provided two large bouquets at his seat. There was nothing sensational in the event. Judge Evans and Judge Krickbaum had met in front of the court house shortly before, where they cordially shook hands.

The following business was transacted:

In the divorce proceedings of Mellick vs. Mellick the Court refused to grant a divorce on the ground that the service of the subpoena had been irregular. The respondent lives out of the state and the Court said that an alias subpoena should issue.

In the matter of the application of the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Berwick, for a charter for a club, the Court filed an opinion refusing to grant the charter for the reason that the object of the club contained in the petition was too vague and indefinite.

In the case of George Newhall Company, limited, vs. The Penna. Paper Mills, C. W. Miller, Esq., withdrew the reason filed for a new trial and judgment was allowed to be entered for \$3,000 in accordance with verdict.

In the matter of the assessment of benefits in the opening of East Fourth street, in the Town of Bloomsburg, a rule was granted to show cause why an appeal should not be allowed.

Anthony Smilkies, who at the last term of court was prosecutor in a surety of the peace case, which the Grand Jury ignored and directed him to pay the costs, was brought before the Court by the Sheriff. At the time of the suit he lived at Centralia, and subsequently moved to Mt. Carmel, and it was a long time before Constable Langdon could locate him. He finally found him, however, and brought him to be dealt with by the Court. The costs amounted to about \$46, which he was told he must pay or go to jail. He chose the latter, although Constable Langdon stated that he had a bank book showing a considerable deposit in a Mt. Carmel bank.

Testimony was heard by the Court upon the application for a guardian for Mary C. Robbins, a weak-minded person now in the Danville hospital. Her son, Ward Robbins, was appointed guardian. Bond to be approved by the Court.

### MELODY QUARTETTE CONCERT.

The concert at the Normal on Tuesday evening by the Melody Female Quartette of Philadelphia, was a very excellent one. The program was a popular one, and each of the ladies was warmly received. Mrs. Osbourn was required to respond to a second encore, and each of the others were recalled. Mrs. Gilbert was given a hearty welcome by her many friends. Her voice was never better than now.

Misses Barclay and MacNamara, though strangers here, at once leaped into popularity. They have charming soprano voices, which are highly cultured. Miss Barclay is also a pianist of unusual skill, and delighted the audience with a solo.

The quartette is fully the equal of most of the bureau organizations that give similar entertainments, and by far superior to most of them. If they could be secured for the Institute Course, or for the Students' Lecture Course, they would fill the bill admirably.

## STRAW HATS

Those Nice Dressy

## MILANS and SOFT STRAWS

that everybody is wearing are going fast. Don't know whether we can replace them or not, it is doubtful. Come in and fit yourself up before they are all gone.

## TOWNSEND'S CORNER.

### FOUND DEAD.

Civil War Veteran Who Died While He Slept.

Frank Lentz, who resided a half mile this side of Roaring Creek, on the Pennsy., was found dead in his cabin, where he lived alone, early Monday morning by his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Drum, who missing him investigated his whereabouts. He was found lying across the bed, dead. Heart failure had evidently been the cause. He was aged 68 years, and had lived alone for a number of years.

The deceased was in good spirits when he retired on Sunday night and nothing was thought to be the matter with him.

Deputy Coroner Sutton, of Berwick, was notified, but after an investigation he did not think an inquest was necessary.

J. N. Oberdorf, a neighbor, was present when the dead body of Lentz was discovered. The deceased, he said, was a veteran of the civil war. On Sunday he boasted that he expected to live to be one hundred years of age.

### WILL ASK FOR A PARDON.

At the sitting of the Board of Pardons at Harrisburg on Wednesday the 17th of this month, an application for the full pardon of Antonio and Fortunato Calabro, who are now serving time in the Eastern penitentiary, having been convicted of extortion and other charges at the time of the Black Hand raid, will be made by John G. Harman and Clyde C. Yetter, attorneys engaged by relatives and friends of the two Calabros.

The claim for pardon will be based largely on the fact that John Zongrone, one of the strong witnesses against the Calabros, has been proven just as bad as the Calabros and that he is now serving a term in the "Pen," having been convicted in the Columbia county courts of attempted intimidation.

The Calabros have many influential friends in this country and their father is a well-to-do resident and Mayor of his home town in Italy.

At the trustee's sale of the stock of the Smith-Supplee Co., in bankruptcy, H. G. Supplee was the purchaser, but failing to comply with his bid, it will have to be resold.

### DEEDS RECORDED.

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

D. A. Michael and wife to John R. Martin for lot No. 136 on Susquehanna avenue, Berwick.

Locust Mountain Coal and Iron Co. to Hannah Michael for No. 2 in Block 116, Centralia.

Locust Mountain Coal and Iron Co. to Patrick Mohan for surface of southern half of lot No. 78, at Upper Shanties.

Patrick Mohan to Thomas E. Mohan for the surface of southern half of lot No. 78, Upper Shanties.

Lucinda S. Spade and Isaac Spade, to Norman E. Moyer for 8 acres and 129 perches of land in Millin township.

George W. Bills, Jr., and wife to M. L. Grover for a lot of ground situate along the Light Street road in the town of Bloomsburg.

Elizabeth Johnson and William Johnson to Harriet J. Confer for 47 acres and 98 perches of land in Pine township.

Cathrine Slough to Charles Whitenight for lot of ground situate on Main street, Orangeville.

Nelson W. Boudman, attorney-in-fact for heirs of George Evans to John A. Phillips for three tracts of land situate partly in Pine township, Columbia county, and partly in Jordan township, Lycoming county.

Mildred F. Cook and wife to Minnie S. Boyer for 30 acres of land situate in Montour township.

### DOES THIS HIT YOU?

We avoid dunning notices in the paper just as much as possible, but are sometimes forced to do it. About two weeks ago personal letters were sent to a number of subscribers whose arrearages aggregate several hundred dollars, asking for a settlement of their accounts, as the postal rules require that postage must be paid on all papers more than a year in arrears.

To these letters just a single reply has been received. People who do not appreciate our patience and leniency, must not expect our favors to continue much longer. Those above referred to will get no more notices, but we are going to get busy pretty soon, and then there will be some costs to pay. Don't wait too long. That's all