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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 Surplus and Net Profit	\$ 60,000.00
U. S. Bonds	60,000.00	Circulation	101,046.57
Cash and Reserve	135,602.36	Deposits	60,000.00
			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.

## 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.

### ARGUMENT COURT.

The following business was transacted in court on Monday, it being the regular monthly session:

Upon the application of Clinton Herring, Esq., a charter was granted to the Christian church at Derr.

In the divorce proceedings of Mellick vs. Mellick, an alias subpoena was issued.

James L. Evans, Esq., presented a petition from the Berwick Trust Co., guardian of William Neal, a weak minded person, asking that the Court allow a private sale of real estate belonging to the ward and situate on East Third street, Bloomsburg, for the sum of \$750; sale to be made to Louise McPherson. The Court took the papers.

W. H. Rhawn, solicitor for the County Commissioners, presented to the Court for its approval the contracts they had entered into for the erection of the county bridges in Roaring Creek and Madison townships and Stillwater borough, and also for the painting of the bridge over the Susquehanna river at Bloomsburg.

Thos. W. Hagenbuch and Samuel B. Hagenbuch, executors of Peter Hagenbuch, deceased, vs. A. C. Hagenbuch. On motion of Fred Ikeler, Esq., the order of the Court was modified.

In the estate of Kate J. Pope, deceased, petition for the Court to place a construction on the will of the decedent and make other orders. On motion of Fred Ikeler, Esq., Monday, August 3, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m., is fixed for the hearing. Notice to be published in one newspaper in Columbia county and one newspaper in the city of Adrian, Lenape county, Michigan.

In the estate of Mary K. Kries, deceased, petition for a citation to convey title. Citation awarded returnable on the first Monday of September, 1908.

In the matter of the appeal of the Packer Coal Co., upon agreement of all the parties in interest, the Court reduced the valuation from \$21,300 to \$3485.

In the estate of James McCole, deceased, the widow elects to retain certain real estate and Thomas E. Mohan and Martin Monaghan are appointed appraisers.

Catawissa Borough Poor District vs. Columbia county. On motion of L. C. Mensch, Esq., the Court made an order that John Gaidtes, an inmate of Wernersville hospital, is a subject of Russia, and has no legal settlement in Catawissa borough.

In the case of Lavina Rabuck vs. Pennsylvania Railroad Co., rule to take off non suit. The Court after reading an opinion, made the following order: "And now, July 6, 1908, reasons filed to take off non suit are overruled, and the rule to take off the same is discharged."

Com. vs. John Stevanko, rule to show cause why that portion of the verdict which directed that the prosecutor pay the costs should not be set aside. The rule was made absolute, and the county directed to pay the costs in an opinion handed down by the Court.

In the matter of the appointment of a guardian for Abraham Hess, of Jackson township, a weak minded person. After hearing the testimony of Mrs. Thomas J. Hess, Dr. I. L. Edwards, Z. A. Butt and A. B. Mendenhall, the Court appointed Thomas J. Hess, guardian. Bond in the sum of \$200 approved.

The bonds of the following tax collectors were presented to the Court and approved: John R. Sutton, Berwick; D. N. Williams, Madison township; W. P. Zahner, Main township; and J. H. White, Mt. Pleasant township.

### STATE TO HELP MEN GET WORK.

Unemployed May Write to the Bureau of Industrial Statistics at Harrisburg.

Hereafter the State of Pennsylvania will receive applications from the unemployed and endeavor to put them to work. The scheme has been evolved by John L. Rockey, chief of the State bureau of industrial statistics. Pennsylvania has never had a bureau of employment and although numerous inquiries about obtaining men have been received in recent years and many requests for information which might lead to employment have lately been reaching the bureau it has been unable to care for them through lack of an application.

Chief Rockey has decided after study of the statutes that there is nothing to prevent his bureau from engaging in such work and has opened communication with organizations of the Young Men's Christian Association and other bodies throughout the State, so that lists of those desiring men or employment may be kept.

"At present there is a demand for men to aid in the harvest," said Chief Rockey. "I know of counties where men can receive good wages and substantial board and where unless hands are obtained the gathering of the crops will be seriously interfered with. The plan I have adopted to assist the unemployed in the cities and towns and bring them into communication with the farmers is to receive applications at my office for work and for men. According to the district from which these applications come I will distribute the letters. I have established a system by which the State Young Men's Christian Association with 70 organizations, will assist, and I am hoping to still further extend it. I think in this way the bureau can assist many worthy men and relieve the farming communities. I wish we could do more, but we are restricted."

### AGED MAN DEAD.

Clark Merrill, died at his home at Light Street about 8 o'clock Saturday night of ailments incidental to old age. Had he lived until September he would have been eighty-four years of age.

The deceased was a native of Columbia county and spent the greater part of his life in the vicinity of Rohrsburg. He was a farmer by occupation.

The deceased was a widower and is survived by four sons and two daughters: J. A. Merrill of Valley township, Montour county; Benjamin and Orron Merrill of Greenwood, Nebraska; Byron Merrill of Billings, Montana; Elizabeth, (Mrs. George Grimes) of Light Street and Miss Clara who resides at home.

### THE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

At a meeting of the Sons of Veterans Monday evening E. E. Bitenbender, Commander of Ent Post, and John Shaffer, of the Brockway Camp, were appointed a publishing committee to arrange for the dedication of the Soldiers' Monument in September. On that day the Veterans Association of Columbia county will meet. The old soldiers and the ladies circle, also Sons of Veterans are working hard to make it one of the greatest gatherings of any day Columbia county ever witnessed.

DeForrest Hummer met with an accident on Tuesday at the car shops, his left thumb being mashed by a horizontal punch.

### BASE BALL PLAYER DEAD.

Harry Cole, who was struck on the head by a pitched ball in a game at Benton last Saturday afternoon, died at the Wilkes-Barre Hospital on Monday.

When the ball hit Cole on the head, near the ear, he exclaimed: "Gee! that was a dandy." He ran to first and was given a runner. Going to the bench he told the players he was going to "stretch out." He did so, and complaining of feeling worse, he picked up his glove and bat, and started to walk home, a mile and a half in the country. Scarcely able to walk when he reached home he fell over on the porch. When found he was unable to tell how the accident occurred. By that time his right arm was entirely limp. The skin was not broken where the ball had hit him but his head was black and blue. A blood vessel had been punctured beneath the skull and as the blood clot increased the paralysis became the greater.

The deceased was 18 years old. He was employed in the car shops at Berwick, and lived with his widowed mother in that place. The funeral took place at his home this morning.

### DROWNED AT ORANGEVILLE.

Clem Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Montgomery of Orangeville, was drowned in the creek at that place, near the cemetery, on Saturday afternoon. In company with Dana Sharpless of Orangeville, and Charles Miller of Plymouth, both young boys, he went in bathing, the two boys remaining on the bank. The water was muddy, and not being able to see where he was going he waded into a hole 13 feet deep, and being unable to swim, was drowned before help could reach him.

The other boys ran to town and gave the alarm, and William Sharpless and several others went to the creek and recovered the body after a half hour's search.

Efforts to resuscitate him were unavailing. He was a bright boy, and would have graduated from the Hazleton High School next year. He had been living at Hazleton for some time past with Dalles Swank, and was spending his vacation with his parents. His age was 18 years.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning.

### A. C. & F. OFFICERS.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the American Car and Foundry Company at Jersey City the entire Board of Directors and officers were re-elected: President, Frederick H. Eaton; first vice president and general manager, E. F. Carey; assistant to president, W. H. Woodin; vice president, W. C. Dickerman; vice president, J. M. Buick; vice president, C. Price; treasurer, S. S. DeLano; auditor, N. A. Doyle; secretary, W. M. Hager. Mr. Eaton's election is for the eighth successive term. His administration has witnessed rapid strides forward in the progress of the company. The annual report of the president showed the following output of the plants for the fiscal year ending April 30th: Total of 84,340 cars; 51,532 being of steel, 32,063 of wood, 171 being steel passenger cars and 574 wood passenger cars. Gross sales for the year, \$104,310,559.97; amount of freight paid to railroads on material received and shipped, \$6,625,000; average number of men employed, 23,521; wages paid during the year, \$15,915,823.41.

### OPINIONS OF COURT.

#### CORONER'S FEES.

At the opening of argument court Monday morning Judge Evans handed down an opinion that a coroner is entitled only to mileage for the holding of inquests from the court house to the place where the inquest was held. He also stated that according to law an inquest cannot be paid for by the county unless there was a clear case of doubt as to violence or crime connected with the death of a person over whose body an inquest is to be held.

#### TWO-CENT FARE LAW INVALID.

Judge Evans also handed down an opinion declaring the two cent fare law unconstitutional and restricting Columbia county from bringing any suits against the Susquehanna, Bloomsburg and Berwick R. R. Co. for violating the act. The S. B. & B. will return to their former rate and it is unlikely the county will proceed further in the matter, the Supreme court having recently decided the act illegal.

The Court entered the following decree: "And now, July 6, 1908, this cause came on to be heard on bill and answer and upon the hearing of the same and consideration thereof by the Court, and the Court being satisfied of the sufficiency of said bill, and the facts therein alleged being admitted by the defendant, on the motion of Seth T. McCormick, solicitor for the plaintiff, the Court hereby orders and decrees:

"1st. That the said Act of April 5, 1907, is unconstitutional and void as to the plaintiff company.

"2nd. That the defendant, Columbia county, is perpetually enjoined from demanding of the plaintiff, The Susquehanna, Bloomsburg & Berwick Railroad Company, payment of, or from bringing any suit or suits against it for the recovery of any penalty imposed by said Act in the event of the failure of The Susquehanna, Bloomsburg & Berwick Railroad Company, plaintiff, to comply with the requirements of the said Act or in case the said plaintiff shall establish and maintain rates of fare, which in the judgment of the plaintiff company's president and directors are reasonable rates for the services rendered, and in excess of the rates established by the said Act of April 5, 1907, and shall charge and collect the same from passengers using the said road."

### NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES.

Normal Hill is a busy place this summer as always. Steward Frisbie has a large force of men excavating for the new kitchen extension, and Prof. Dennis is directing the work of the "poison squad" engaged in giving the buildings their usual thorough fumigation and disinfection. The work this year is being done with hydrocyanic acid gas, one of the most deadly agents known and requiring special care in its use, but effective and useful in proportion.

Dr. Waller's office is being remodelled and modernized in equipment under the direction of Mrs. Hawley of town.

Mr. W. H. Eyer is rapidly making a park of the Normal grove.

Things are certainly moving on the hill.

### GONE TO DENVER.

Hon. John G. Harman, delegate-at-large, C. B. Ent, district delegate, and county chairman J. H. Mercer are attending the Democratic National Convention at Denver.

## SPECIAL

# THURSDAY

AND

# FRIDAY

# 1/4 OFF

## Summer Clothing.

# TOWNSEND'S CORNER.

### LAWS ARE ENFORCED.

Pure Food Agents Have Investigated Twenty Counties.

A remarkable statement concerning efficiency of the pure food campaign in this state, was given out Saturday by Dairy and Food Commissioner James Foust at Harrisburg, who said, "Some time ago we determined to thoroughly investigate the quality of various brands of canned goods, soups, potted meats, etc., sold in the state. We concluded to make a comprehensive job of it. Special agents of the division were sent into the following counties: Mercer, Crawford, Erie, Warren, Venango, Armstrong, Westmoreland, Indiana, Blair, Huntingdon, Clearfield, Centre, Lycoming, Northumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster and Lebanon. The special agents of the division gathered in all sorts of canned goods. They collected corn, peas, beans, tomatoes, asparagus, oysters, perhaps some other sorts. They accumulated a large variety of the standard soups. They purchased a collection of potted meats, consisting of chicken, ham, tongue and veal lot. Nor did they neglect weinerwurst and pork sausage. These commodities were put up in various states of the union. They bore all sorts of trade-marks and were variously branded. Having collected our samples we sent them to competent chemists for analysis. Not a single one of all the 350 samples contained a chemical preservative and none was artificially colored. Were we disappointed? Why, sure! but it was a pleasant disappointment. For we would far rather commend a manufacturer for making a dealer for selling honest goods than detect him in a fraud. One thing about these goods, however, I think you ought to tell the people. The brands costing the most money were invariably the best, the cans containing less water or juice. The corn was of the best grade and well packed in the can, the tomatoes were in many instances whole, and were fine and plump. The others were not injurious to health but they were not the equal of the better grades, and I am satisfied that the cheap ones were the most costly, since they contained far less substance than the others.

### MUST SHOW PENSION PAPERS

Serious difficulty is confronting the notaries, justices and pensioners in a number of the country towns and all because the government recently increased the rate of widows' pensions.

Under the law it is necessary for a pensioner to present the original certificate to the officer executing a voucher each quarter. In the smaller towns where all the pensioners are known, the formality has been ignored. But last month when the new law went into effect the department called in all original pension certificates and now find that in scores of instances the certificate has been lost, in some cases for many years. Several justices are confronted with the facts that their clients have not seen the certificates since they were issued by the government.

All concerned witnesses, pensioners and officers are placed in an ugly light for each has placed himself on record as having seen certificates every time the vouchers were made out. The commissioner of pensions will probably make an investigation.

### WILL SHOOT THE DOGS.

The town council recently passed an ordinance requiring all dogs to be muzzled, and providing that any unmuzzled dogs running at large shall be shot on sight, and imposing a fine of two dollars and costs on the owners of unmuzzled dogs.

On Monday night they authorized Chief of Police Baum to secure some one to shoot the dogs, and he has engaged Amos Welliver for the purpose. The council is in earnest in the matter, and public sentiment is with them so far as muzzles are concerned, but shooting the dogs on sight seems rather harsh. Wouldn't it be better to impound the dogs and fine the owners. If not redeemed in a reasonable time the dogs could be killed.

### BOYS IN CAMP.

With Prof. B. F. Bryant and family a number of town boys are camping for two weeks at Benscotter's Pond, near Hunlock's Creek. They are Drehr Phillips, Harry Funk, Gardner Kelchner, John Townsend, Stanley Magee and Ashton Smith.