

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BLOOMSBURG, PA. THE OLDEST AND STRONGEST.

Capital \$100,000 Surplus \$150,000. With the Largest Capital and Surplus in the County, a Strong Directorate, Competent Officers and Every Modern Facility, we solicit Accounts, Large or Small, and Collections on the Most Liberal Terms Consistent with Sound Banking, and Invite YOU to inspect our NEW QUARTERS.

3 Per Cent. Interest Paid on Time Deposits

OFFICERS:
E. W. M. Low, President, Myron I. Low, Vice President.
James M. Staver, Vice President, Frank Ikeler, Cashier.
DIRECTORS:
E. W. M. Low, James M. Staver, Myron I. Low,
F. G. Yorks, Fred Ikeler, H. V. Hower,
Louis Gross, S. C. Creasy, Frank Ikeler,
M. E. Stockhouse, Clinton Herring.

THE COLUMBIAN.
ESTABLISHED 1866.
THE COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT.
ESTABLISHED 1837. CONSOLIDATED 1869.
PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY MORNING.
At Bloomsburg, the County Seat of Columbia County, Pennsylvania.
GEO. E. ELWELL, EDITOR.
GEO. C. ROAN, FOREMAN.
TERMS:—Inside the county \$1.00 a year in advance; \$1.50 if not paid in advance. Outside the county, \$1.25 a year, strictly in advance.
All communications should be addressed THE COLUMBIAN, Bloomsburg, Pa.
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1909

Governor Stuart Signs New Laws.

The Legislative Record Abolished—\$5000 Fine and Imprisonment for False Statements About Financial Institutions—Many Other Important Measures.

Governor Edwin S. Stuart has signed forty senate and house bills, including the bill abolishing the "Legislative Record" and the bill making it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$5,000 and imprisonment of not more than five years to utter any false statement derogatory to the financial condition of any financial institution in the Commonwealth.

The Keister bill regulating the office of aldermen, justices of the peace and other magistrates, which was one of the Dauphin county measures, was also approved.

Other important bills approved were: To quiet the title of real estate and to enable citizens of the United States and corporations chartered under the laws of this Commonwealth and authorized to hold real estate therein, to hold and convey the title to real estate which has been formerly held by corporations not authorized by law to hold real estate in Pennsylvania.

Making it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from \$10 to \$25 or imprisonment for from five to sixty days, to destroy, remove or deface any sign erected on or near a highway for the guidance of the public.

Extending the provisions of the dog and sheep act, of May 25, 1893, to counties having from 150,000 to 250,000 inhabitants.

Providing that banking corporations of this State which have not commenced business within two years from date of their letters-patent or which have failed to exercise their corporate privileges for two years after liquidation shall be proceeded against by the attorney general at the instance of the banking commissioner to have their charter rights declared null and void.

Making it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from \$50 to \$200 to use the word "bone" in connection with the name of any commercial fertilizer unless the phosphoric acid contained in such fertilizer shall be the product of pure animal bone.

Enabling city, county, poor, ward, school, borough and township tax collectors to collect taxes for the payment of which they shall during 1909 become personally liable without having collected the same by the expiration of the authority of their respective warrants or terms of office and to extend the item for the collection of the same two years from the passage of this act.

Validating notarial acts heretofore performed by notaries within three months after the expiration of their commissions.

Requiring supervisors to maintain foot bridges across streams where public roads cross such streams.

Allowing mileage to assessors and assistant assessors whose duties pertain to assessments for State and county taxes when traveling to or from county seats.

Amending the defeasance act of June 8, 1881, by prescribing the

method of signing and delivering such defeasance.

Providing that opinions on religious matters shall not affect the credibility of witnesses.

Prescribing stricter methods of disbursing and accounting for departmental appropriations in the State government.

Providing for the use of borough and township lockups and city prisons for the detention of persons arrested by sheriffs, constables, State police or other officers.

Providing that the offices of justice of the peace and notary public shall not be incompatible.

Requiring all petitions laying out or vacating public roads to fix definitely the points of beginning and ending and requiring certification of the report of a jury of view to the State highway department.

Fixing fees of constables.

Providing that soldiers, sailors or marines of the war with Spain or any preceding war who die without sufficient means to defray their burial expenses shall be buried at the expense of the county, such expense not to exceed \$50.

Providing that borough councils may fix by ordinance the salary of the burgess, such salary not to exceed \$100 per 1,000 for the first 5,000 population and \$50 for each additional 1,000 or majority fraction thereof.

Relating to acknowledgements of deeds.

Permitting independent school districts to share in the distribution of appropriations to borough high schools.

Making it a felony to receive stolen goods and providing for the imposition upon a person so convicted of felony of the same penalties now by law imposed upon the person who shall have stolen the goods.

Providing that all classes of patients, except those suffering from contagious disease, may be admitted to the Fountain Spring State hospital for injured persons.

Providing that when a receiver of a corporation is appointed in any court on motion of the attorney general at the instance of either the banking commissioner or the insurance commissioner such receiver shall supersede any receiver previously appointed by decree of any court and also supercede any assignee or trustee previously appointed by such corporation.

Empowering second class township supervisors upon petition of a majority of the real estate owners to levy and collect an electric light or other lighting tax.

Making it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from \$500 to \$5,000 and imprisonment for from six months to five years, for any person connected with any financial institution to misapply the funds of such institution.

Rural Mailbox Order.

Rural mail carriers, thrusting their arms through spoke wheels, climbing steep hills and crossing dangerous ravines in order to collect the mails from the boxes along their routes, often jeopardizing their lives, is discontinued in an order issued by the Postoffice Department.

It has been decreed that rural letter boxes perched high upon the hillsides, others almost on the ground, and still others in similar inaccessible places, must be removed and relocated in more convenient places.

This will be done to expedite the collection and delivery of rural mail, and at the same time, enable carriers to cover their routes with greater celerity. Postmasters have been directed to take a census of all inaccessible rural mail boxes with a view to instituting the proposed change.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware of cheap imitations.
J.C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

State Free of Cattle Plague.

End of Successful Fight by State and National Authorities.

Announcement that the quarantine restrictions had been lifted by both the United States and Pennsylvania authorities from all parts of this State for foot and mouth disease brings to an end what cattle men and state officials consider to have been the best campaigns ever waged against the cattle plague.

It has cost the State and National government possibly \$300,000 to eradicate the disease, but the history of the plague shows that never before in so short time has its spread been stopped. The disease was traced to Buffalo and eight shipments from that city caused it to spread into twenty counties, including most of those in the southeastern part of the State, and a number on the Susquehanna valley. Because of it the cattle yards of Philadelphia and Lancaster were placed under restrictions and shipments virtually ceased for a time.

The first case was noted on November 6 in Montour county, and within two weeks the whole State was in federal quarantine. So vigorous was this action of State Veterinarian Pearson and his staff, acting in conjunction with the national authorities, however, that 2000 head of cattle of various kinds were found to be suffering from the disease and slaughtered before the middle of December.

Then, when the disease had been checked and no new cases found for some time, two were discovered to have been suppressed in Lancaster county, and it was only by the hardest work on the part of State authorities that the Federal officials would modify the quarantine.

The State is now free of restrictions because of the disease, and only the farms where diseased cattle were killed and new ones brought are under observation. This will last but a few weeks longer.

CATTLE EMBARGO LIFTED.

Satisfied that the foot and mouth disease in cattle, sheep and swine has been completely eradicated from the United States, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson issued an order, effective April 24, releasing the entire country from the Federal quarantine.

Four States were quarantined because of the epidemic, New York, Michigan, Maryland and Pennsylvania. The latter State was the last to have the embargo lifted.

Crops to the Front.

The High Prices Will Encourage Farmers to Plant More.

The high prices of all cereals will encourage farmers to plant or seed more wheat, oats, corn and barley than ever before, and while the season is backward, the ground has been in such condition due to an open winter, that it could be ploughed and made ready for seeding, and now favorable weather has arrived the entire agricultural area is more or less occupied with efforts to plant.

The Wall Street Journal says advices from most of the spring wheat territory in the northwest show that there are good prospects of completing a large part of the seeding by May. The grain crops of Canada alone will this year fall little short of 20,000,000 acres. Another feature of the crop outlook at this stage is the gradual improvement of conditions in the southwest. The dry area in Texas is steadily being narrowed and the degree of drought reduced. Seeding and planting have not generally awaited rains, but were done in anticipation of the requisite moisture.

Another feature of the farm operations at this date is the enlarged provision made for oats, already sown over a large portion of the winter wheat territory. Last year the country had an area of 32,344,000 acres. Corn acreage is likewise certain to be greatly enlarged. The combined area of oats and corn last year was 134,132,000 acres in the United States. The gradual increase in the area devoted to these two crops is indicated in the United States.

Governor Wants No Mistakes.

He Will Know All About Each Appropriation That He Approves.

'According to the almanac I am given thirty days after the legislature adjourns to consider the bills it passes and leaves with me within ten days prior to adjournment, but as a matter of fact after the work of tabulating these bills and classifying them, and going over them carefully is done, I really have but fifteen days.' So spoke Governor Stuart sitting in his workshop at the capitol, knowing that he had 714 bills to consider, which when placed on a heap made a volume over four feet in thickness. And that is what the governor will have to tackle in a very short time. Being a man of business, he relies solely upon himself to see that there are no mistakes made and before he approves an appropriation he will know all about it.

Chairman James F. Woodward, of the house appropriations committee, returned to Harrisburg from Washington to finish up the work of tabulating the appropriation bills for the governor. Outside of this tabulation Executive Clerk Lynch will also arrange a table of appropriation bills, and these will be compared with the original bills by the governor, so that a mistake is safeguarded against at three points. Chairman Woodward is not at all pleased with the way the senate raised the appropriation bills after they were passed by the house, and after his committee had given them the most careful considerations. Before leaving with Secretary Lukens Mr. Woodward filed the expense account of the appropriations committee, which was given \$10,000 with which to work.

A Flood of Bills.

The Legislature sent to the Governor 798 bills and 51 resolutions as the product of its labors on about forty working days. Of course the session covered more than forty days, but the working time, except as relates to committees, did not. Nearly every measure sent to the Governor was passed in violation of the Constitution, a fact which nobody can disprove. But that is a matter of no importance, for in Pennsylvania the Constitution has been a dead letter for the last thirty years. Bills were passed at "high pressure" in order that they might be jammed through without giving members an opportunity to study them and protest against their enactment, or to ascertain whether or not any snakes were hidden in them.

With the exception of the charitable and penal appropriations, some of which could have been dispensed with, many of these new laws were unnecessary. Among legislators there is a passion for making laws, and it has been well developed in Pennsylvania. It is better to pass wisely a few necessary laws than to pass unwisely many that are not necessary. That does not appeal to the average legislative body, however, and the more bills it passes the more it is praised for a "working body" and a "business session." It will always be so. The average human being loves to pass laws for the government of somebody else.

Harrisburg Star-Independent.

INSTRUCTION IN MUSIC.

Chas. P. Elwell announces that he will be pleased to receive all former pupils on violin and piano, etc., as well as new ones. Latest and best methods.

Terms strictly cash by the lesson or month. Address Hotel Hilday, Bloomsburg, or call up on Bell 'phone any afternoon between 1 and 2.

Royal Arcanum.

The quarterly meeting of the Associated Councils of the Susquehanna Valley Royal Arcanum was held at Jersey Shore last Friday, and a large number of representatives of the organization were in attendance. Prof. G. E. Wilbur represented the local council. The following councils are in this district: Sunbury, Danville, Bloomsburg, Berwick, Milton, Lewisburg, Muncy, Montgomery, Williamsport, Lock Haven, Rejovo, Bellefonte and Jersey Shore.

Impossible to be Well

It is impossible to be well, simply impossible, if the bowels are constipated. You must pay attention to the laws of nature, or suffer the consequences. Undigested material, waste products, poisonous substances, must be removed from the body at least once each day, or there will be trouble. A sluggish liver is responsible for an immense amount of suffering and serious disease. Ask your doctor about Ayer's Pills. He knows why they act directly on the liver. Trust him. J.C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

New Spring Suits!

Spring Suits have arrived! There's magic in that simple announcement — for where's the woman who is not all eyes to see the new garment fashions?

The New Spring Suits Are Low Priced.

A most remarkable feature about these handsome new models is their extremely low prices. Your spring outfit will give you a better service—a much finer appearance and yet cost you a small price. Catering to every taste we've gathered an assortment of choicest correct styles. Prices \$10 to \$35.

Spring Suits Regularly \$20.00 **\$17.50**

Suits of hard twisted serge and striped worsted in black, blue, green, tan and gray. 36 inch hipless coats; slashed back, patch pockets; self button trimming, full satin lined; satin collar and cuffs; Skirt is Demi-Princess with self covered buttons down the front. All sizes up to 42.

SUIT at \$12.75—Of shadow stripe chiffon panama in navy blue, elect blue, green, tan, ashes of roses and gray. Coat 40 inches long, semi-fitting hipless cutaway front forming points on the sides, new small sleeves, lined throughout with satin; gored flare skirt with trimming of straps and self covered buttons.

SUIT at \$26.50—A 4 button cutaway coat 40 inches long of striped worsted, slashed back and sides, inlaid bengaline silk collar; large flap pockets, trimmed with buttons, lined with taffeta silk; plain 11 gore demi-Princess skirt.

At \$6.00 to \$14.00 Junior Suits for the little Misses in sizes 11, 13, 15 and 17 years. Made of shadow stripe panama and fine serge in navy blue, gray and green, semi-fitting hipless coats, gored and pleated skirt.

SUIT at \$27.00—A strictly tailored suit of French Serge; 4 button cutaway; single breasted (just a slight cutaway effect); lined with taffeta silk; new small sleeves; Demi Princess Skirt with inverted plait at sides.

SUITS at \$20.00—Of chiffon panama in blue, green and black; graceful semi-fitting hipless coat 36 inches long, single breasted, new small sleeves and trimmed with satin piping; gored flounce skirt.

F. P. PURSEL.

BLOOMSBURG, PENN'A.

JUST A REMINDER!

Here is a list of some of the printed goods and blank stock that can be obtained at the

Columbian Printing House

Perhaps it may remind you of something you need.

ENVELOPES All sizes, Commercial, Professional, Insurance, Baronial, Pay, Coin.

HEADINGS Letter Heads, Note Heads, Bill Heads, Statements, in many grades and sizes.

CARDS Business, Visiting, Announcement, Admission, Ball Tickets, Etc.

CARD SIGNS No Admittance, For Rent, For Sale, Post No Bills, Trespass Notices, &c.

IN BOOKS Administrator's, Executor's, Treasurer's Receipt Books, Plain Receipts, with or without stub, Note Books, Scales Books, Order Books, Etc.

HAND BILLS Printed in any size from a small street dodger, up to a full Sheet Poster.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS WILL BE PLEASED TO SHOW SAMPLES OF THESE AND ALL OF OUR WORK.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Our Stock Includes:

Cut Cards, all sizes,	Shipping Tags
Round Corner Cards,	Manila Tag Board,
Card Board in Sheets,	Bond Papers,
white and colors,	Ledger Papers,
Name Cards for all	Cover Papers,
Secret Societies,	Book Papers.
Window Cards.	

Folders for Programs, Menus, Dances, Societies and all special events.
Lithographed Bonds and Stock Certificates Supplied.
Wedding Invitations and Announcements, Printed or Engraved.

Visitors are Always Welcome. No Obligation to Purchase.

We Do All Kinds of Printing

Columbian Printing House,

BLOOMSBURG, PA.