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## NOW IN COURT.

How the Trolley line shall cross the Catawissa Bridge will be settled by a judicial decree.

## BILL IN EQUITY FILED.

On Wednesday a bill in equity was filed in the court of Common pleas of this county, by the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Co. and M. F. D. Scanlan and E. L. Mumma, trading as Scanlan & Co. against Columbia county, and William Krickbaum, W. H. Fisher and Nehemiah Kitchen, commissioners, to determine the manner in which the trolley line shall cross the bridge at Catawissa.

The bill sets forth the organization of the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Co., and its corporate rights; that they desire to cross the bridge at Catawissa; that the bridge is a county bridge under the supervision of the commissioners; that the latter have the right to say upon what terms the trolley may use the bridge, but may not exclude them from it; that by agreement an engineer was selected to examine and report upon condition on which the trolley may cross, and Boyd Trescott was so selected and has made his report; that several meetings have been held, and the commissioners refuse to fix reasonable terms for the use of the bridge, and the plaintiffs therefore are compelled to appeal to the court; that plaintiffs are willing to make the changes recommended by the engineer, at their own expense, and over that for the convenience of the public only one track should be laid, and that they ought not to be obliged to keep in repair only the half of the bridge occupied by the track; that the expense of keeping the entire structure in repair would be too great for the Company to bear.

They ask (1) that they may be permitted to occupy the bridge, (2) that the court shall say what changes shall be made in the bridge to strengthen it; (3) that the court shall say how the track shall be placed, and what extent of maintenance and repair shall be required of the company; (4) what rental if any shall be paid by the company; (5) that on compliance with the decrees of the court, the commissioners be restrained from interfering with the company in crossing said bridge.

James Scarlet Esq. is counsel for the plaintiffs.

Upon the determination of this suit the trolley line to Catawissa will be completed.

## JAMISON CITY'S LOSS.

For the Second Time the Union Tannery Co's. Mammoth Saw Mill is Destroyed by Fire.

As the result of a fire at Jamison City, early Sunday morning, which totally destroyed the extensive saw mill plant of the Union Tanning Company, at least fifty men, who for years have relied solely on the money earned at the mill, to support their families are thrown out of employment. The fire broke out at an early hour, and fanned by the high wind which prevailed at the time, had gained such headway before it was discovered, that to battle with it was simply a waste of energy. The men therefore, devoted their efforts toward saving the adjacent property, consisting of several buildings in which were stored a vast amount of sawed lumber. In this they were successful, but the big mill, with its complete equipment, was reduced to a heap of debris. The loss of this enterprise is a serious, if not insurmountable blow to the little village, as the prospects for its reconstruction, we are informed, are not very bright.

The fact that there had been no fire about the place, for four days preceding, and also that the mill had been idle since that time, owing to a scarcity of logs, adds mystery to the origin of the conflagration and strengthens the belief, entertained by the residents, that it was the work of an incendiary.

We are not able to state accurately, the loss sustained, but the plant was valued at \$30,000 and was only partially insured. A number of the stockholders of the Company are residents of Williamsport. They were at Jamison City on Monday, viewing the ruins, but were unable to say whether the mill will be rebuilt or not.

## A BREAK IN THE CHAIN.

VanKirk & Robbins of Wilkes-Barre, Closed Up. Until an Investigation is Made.

The postal authorities are after Van Kirk & Robbins, of Wilkes-Barre. The business place was closed and the great rush of correspondence matter checked on Thursday, when the following notice was posted on the door "Closed temporarily, pending an investigation, by the Postal authorities." The growth of this firm's business, is almost incomprehensible. Starting only two months ago, with four clerks, it increased to such an extent, that at the time it was closed fifty clerks were employed.

The system by which the firm operated is as follows: A remittance of \$2.50 brings a fountain pen, and with it a lot of circulars and agreements, and addresses of people. You must write ten letters each day, sending them to the addresses of people you know or to those furnished by the firm. For this work you are promised \$5.00 per week, with an additional allowance of \$1.50 per week, for postage.

The scheme proved to be a winner. In Bloomsburg alone, nearly one hundred and fifty people have engaged with the firm. A majority of the number are students of the Normal School. A few have received one or two week's salary, but they are those who took up the work in the very beginning. Others are complaining because obligations have been unmet by the firm, and will write no more letters, until they get what is coming to them.

Messrs. Van Kirk & Robbins, it is said, have paid out about \$50,000 in salaries since they began the business and it is known that between April 2d and April 15 they had paid out between \$15,000 and \$16,000 for salaries only, this representing twelve days work. Girls in their employ, who directed letters received \$5 per week, while typewriters were paid \$30 per month.

They were summoned to Washington on Friday. An investigation into the legitimacy of the scheme will be made, and if the Post Office Department allows the scheme to go on, business will be resumed on Monday.

## BLOOMSBURG WILL CELEBRATE.

Last Week in August Fixed For the Centennial.

A meeting of the general committee appointed by the citizens' meeting, was held in the court house on Tuesday evening. There was a fair attendance. John R. Townsend was elected permanent chairman of the committee, and Geo. E. Elwell, secretary. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved that we have a Centennial Celebration during the last week of August next, provided sufficient funds can be raised."

This was preceded by a general discussion as to the methods of raising funds.

Other officers were elected as follows: Vice-Presidents, Dr. J. P. Welsh, A. Z. Schoch, Treasurer, L. N. Moyer. A finance committee was appointed composed of L. N. Moyer, W. O. Holmes, H. V. White, Louis Cohen, W. S. Rishton, C. C. Peacock and W. H. Slate. A committee of five persons to arrange a program has been appointed, and when they have prepared something definite the finance committee will be ready to go to the people and ask for the necessary funds to carry the celebration to a successful conclusion. The machinery is started and will no doubt keep moving until its purpose is accomplished.

## PAPER MILLS DAMAGED.

Catawissa Had Quite a Blaze Monday Afternoon.

Catawissa had a fire Monday afternoon. The blaze started mysteriously in the liquor house of the Pennsylvania Paper Mills. The flames leaped through the roof of this building and in less time than it takes to tell it had spread to the pulp-making department. When the fire company arrived on the scene both buildings were in an advanced stage of destruction. The firemen worked nobly and it is due to their tireless energy that the fire did not do more damage. Both the buildings were totally destroyed. No loss however will be felt by the company as the insurance is sufficient to fully reimburse them. Neither will there be any inconvenience to speak of, because the portion of the mill destroyed had been abandoned or was about to be, the company having concluded that to purchase the pulp was cheaper than to manufacture it.

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A new Presbyterian church was organized at Benton Monday night. The meeting was attended by Rev. G. H. Hemingway, Dr. J. P. Welsh and J. E. Sterling of this town. The late Mrs. Rohr McHenry, in her will, left a lot, and it is the purpose of the new congregation to build as soon as possible. Rev. Dr. Hunter of Berwick, also attended the meeting.

Miss Hettie Cope, of the Normal School, rendered in a beautiful manner Mascagni's Ave Maria, from Cavalleri Rusticani, at the morning service in St. Paul's Episcopal Church Sunday.

William H. Fisher is now making his canvass as a candidate for county commissioner for a second term. Under the usage of the party for many years, he is entitled to this, and as he comes from the south side and has no opposition there, there does not seem to be any reason why he will not get the nomination. Every voter should vote for Fisher on the south side, and for one of the candidates on the north side, and thus give the south side its fair representation.

The Danville Rolling Mill, with a force of one hundred men, started up Sunday night.

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