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Dr. Harris, President of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, preached in the Baptist church both morning and evening on Sunday last. He also addressed a large men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. in the afternoon.



On Tuesday evening, Dec. 30th, Mildred Holland will present at the Grand Opera House, Bloomsburg, her latest success "The Lily and the Prince", which is the most pretentious production she has ever appeared in. Her part in this new effort is well fitted to her undoubted talents. A brief outline of the story may be of interest. The story "The Lily and the Prince" is a romantic play at the beginning of the Sixteenth Century, based on an attempted over-throw of the Papal States. Its plot is new and very interesting; the lines are for the most part splendid, the action is well sustained, and the situations are strong and logical. The first act contains an exceedingly pretty love scene, novel in its conception and admirably worked out, which is immediately followed by the introduction of the principal motive. The second act carries the plot well on toward the climax. The third act contains a superb climax and ends with a scene of remarkable strength, a scene in the famous Inquisition Chamber, a magnificent conception from the dramatic standpoint, with lines of great force and considerable beauty. The fourth and last act is of little less dramatic strength than the third, the author having hit upon an unusually happy denouement.

We are leaders in Holiday Goods, Ben Gidding.

You'll Want to See This Game.

The reorganized Bloomsburg Wheelmen basket ball team will play Danville in the Normal Gymnasium Friday night. National league rules will govern. There will be no boundaries and the ball will be in play all the time. This means a good lively game, and one that you will enjoy. The Wheelmen team is composed of good material this season. We are unable to give the line up as it has not been definitely decided upon. The nucleus of the team will be Holmes, Lewis and Moore.

New Year's day they play two games with Pittston, afternoon and evening.

Lamps! Large and small, a very large line at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

THE OLD RELIABLE



THE BARRIER LIFTED.

The County Commissioners Grant Right of Way Across the River Bridge at Catawissa to Trolley Company.

After many months of patient waiting on the part of the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company, they have at last succeeded in obtaining the right of way across the Susquehanna River bridge at Catawissa. This action was taken by the Board of County Commissioners on Saturday, and will meet with universal endorsement, as it will serve to bring Catawissa in closer touch, not only with Bloomsburg but with the other towns lying above here, and through which the trolley road passes.

To the residents of Catawissa, the convenience can hardly be estimated. Heretofore, a great many people, owing to the long walk across the bridge, and the very often long wait for a car, have been coming to Bloomsburg, over the Reading Railway and by private conveyance. When the trolley line is completed across the bridge, they will be able to catch a car every forty minutes, if the present schedule is continued, and almost at their very doors.

The work of extending the lines across the bridge will, it is understood be commenced, as soon as the materials can be secured.

The resolutions passed by the Commissioners, and the stipulations and provisions, are herewith appended in full:

Whereas, the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company are desirous of crossing the county bridge over the Susquehanna river at Catawissa with their track and for the purpose of operating the electric railway thereon.

And whereas, negotiations between the said company and its contractors, M. F. D. Scanlan & Company, and the County Commissioners of Columbia county have been pending for some months past, without arriving at any satisfactory results to either party.

And whereas, the said Railway Company and its contractors, about August, 1902, filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, sitting in equity, a petition, submitting the matters in controversy to the said Court for its adjudication.

And whereas, the said Court on the sixteenth day of August, 1902, filed an opinion in the premises and directed a decree to be drawn in accordance therewith, imposing certain conditions and terms of crossing said bridge.

And whereas, the said Railway Company has notified the commissioners that they are not able to comply with all the terms and conditions imposed by the said Court, and for that reason have not constructed the said railway upon and across the said bridge.

And whereas, the public have been seriously inconvenienced by reason of said railway not being extended into the Borough of Catawissa, and frequent complaints have been brought to the ears of the Commissioners of Columbia county, especially from people living on the south side of the river, because of the inability to reach the county seat in as comfortable and speedy way as they otherwise could, if said railway were completed into Catawissa.

And whereas, the situation has been aggravated very much within the last three months, by reason of the fact that all local trains on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad between Catawissa and Bloomsburg have been discontinued, and the only means that the people of Catawissa or those living on the south side of the river have for reaching Bloomsburg, is by means of the electric railway aforesaid, which requires them to walk across the bridge at all times of the day or night, exposed to darkness and storms.

And whereas, the said Electric Railway Company are willing to substantially comply with the said order of the Court, and have made concessions not heretofore made by said company.

Now, therefore be it resolved; that the said Columbia & Montour Railway company and the said M. F. D. Scanlan & Company, its contractors, be and the same are hereby permitted to cross the said county bridge over the Susquehanna river at Catawissa, and to build, construct and operate a line of track on the west side of said bridge, and operate an electric railway thereon, upon compliance with the following terms and conditions:

First. The Columbia and Montour Electric Railway Company shall strengthen said bridge in the manner recommended by Boyd F. Trescott, engineer appointed by the County Commissioners, for the purpose of recommending what should be done in relation to the said crossing. The floor structure of said bridge shall be raised and re-laid where necessary and from time to time renewed so as to be on a level with the top of the rails, thus making a continuous and uninterrupted surface upon which vehicles may travel. All the expenses of thus strengthening the bridge,

raising the floor as aforesaid, shall be paid by the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company.

Second. A competent person selected and appointed by the said Commissioners of Columbia county, shall oversee and superintend such work and the compensation for his services shall also be paid by the said Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company at the rate of two dollars per day.

Third. Said bridge shall be lighted and kept lighted at night, during all the time that cars may be running thereon, at the proper cost and charges of said Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company, and the cost of wiring and putting in place the other necessary appliances in this connection shall be furnished without cost to said Columbia county by said Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company.

Fourth. The said Electric Railway Company shall also pay all costs and charges incident to the grading of the north approach of said bridge, as well as to south approach thereto, if ever used by said Electric Railway Company, and all work done in connection with said grading as well as all other work contemplated to be carried out by these conditions and terms shall be under the supervision and direction of a competent overseer or superintendent appointed by said County Commissioners, who shall be paid for his services at the rate of two dollars a day by said railway company.

Fifth. The rate of speed to be attained in the operation of its cars over the said bridge by the said railway company shall not exceed six miles per hour.

Sixth. The rail known as the "T" rail shall be used in the construction of said railway across said bridge, and in its construction shall be equal to or better than the sample construction now on exhibition in the County Commissioners' office in Bloomsburg. The "T" rail shall also be used on the north approach to said bridge and the track and wheel surface of said approach shall be maintained at the level of the top of said rail, so that undue obstruction shall not be offered to vehicles traveling either on said track or crossing the same.

Seventh. The said Electric Railway Company shall maintain the whole floor structure of said bridge in good and sufficient, reasonable, current, ordinary repair, which repair shall include not only such as may be incident to the passing of wagons and other vehicles, but likewise such as might arise by reason of the passing of cars of the said company over said bridge.

Eighth. The said company shall file its bonds with sufficient security to be approved by the Court in the sum of six thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful and prompt carrying out of the terms and conditions imposed by this resolution.

Ninth. This resolution shall not go into effect until accepted in writing by said railway company under its corporate seal and properly signed by the president of said company and attested by its secretary.

Tenth. Permission to cross the said bridge on the west or lower side thereof and lay track and attach wires and operate an electric railroad thereon as above set forth, is granted by the said County Commissioners, subject however, to a similar grant to the Bloomsburg & Danville Electric Street Railway Company to lay track, attach wires and operate an electric street railway on the east or upper side of the said bridge, provided, however, that after tracks are laid and wires attached on both sides of said bridge as aforesaid, that both of the said companies shall use the western or lower side of said bridge for traffic going from Bloomsburg or Danville to Catawissa, and both of said companies shall use the track on the eastern or upper side of said bridge for traffic coming from Catawissa to Bloomsburg or Danville; and provided further that all expense of lighting, keeping in repair the approaches and floor structure and all other repairs above provided shall be borne equally by said companies while both are operating a railway on said bridge, but until both begin to operate, and if one should cease to operate, all expenses as above provided shall be borne and paid by the one or the other operating said electric railway over and upon the said bridge.

BLOOMSBURG AND DANVILLE. Whereas, the Bloomsburg & Danville Electric Street Railway Company are desirous of crossing the county bridge over the Susquehanna river at Catawissa with their track and for the purpose of operating thereon an electric street railway, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the said Bloomsburg & Danville Electric Street Railway Company, its agents, contractors and assigns be, and are hereby permitted to cross the said county bridge over the Susquehanna river at Catawissa, and to build, construct and operate a line of track and attach wires on the east or upper side of said bridge and to operate an electric railway thereon up-

on compliance with the following terms and conditions, viz:

First. The said Bloomsburg & Danville Electric Street Railway Company shall strengthen said bridge in the manner recommended by Boyd F. Trescott, engineer, appointed by the County Commissioners for the purpose of recommending what should be done in relation to the said crossing. The floor structure of said bridge throughout shall be raised or relayed when necessary and from time to time renewed so as to be on a level with the top of the rails, thus making a continuous, and uninterrupted surface upon which vehicles may travel. All expenses of thus strengthening the bridge and raising the floor as aforesaid shall be paid by the said Bloomsburg & Danville Electric Street Railway Company.

Second. A competent person selected and appointed by the said Commissioners of Columbia county shall oversee and superintend such work and the compensation for his services shall be paid by the said Bloomsburg & Danville Electric Street Railway Company at the rate of \$2 per day.

Third. Said bridge shall be lighted and kept lighted at night during all the time that cars may be running thereon at the proper cost and charges of the said Bloomsburg & Danville Electric Street Railway Company, and the cost of wiring and putting in place the other necessary appliances in this connection shall be furnished without cost to the said Columbia county by said Bloomsburg & Danville Electric Street Railway Company.

Fourth. The said Electric Street Railway Company shall also pay all costs and charges incident to the grading of the north approach of said bridge, as well as the south approach thereto, if ever used by said Electric Street Railway Company, and all work done in connection with said grading, as well as all other work contemplated to be carried out by these conditions and terms, shall be under the supervision and direction of a competent overseer-superintendent appointed by said County Commissioners, who shall be paid for his services at the rate of \$2 per day by said Railway Company.

Fifth. The rate of speed to be attained in the operation of its cars over the said bridge by the said Railway Company shall not exceed six miles an hour.

Sixth. The rail known as the "T" rail shall be used in the construction of the said railway across said bridge, and its construction shall be the equal or better than the sample construction now on exhibition in the Commissioners' office in Bloomsburg. The "T" rail shall also be used on the north approach to said bridge and the track and wheel surface to said approach shall be maintained at the level of the top of said rail, so that undue obstruction shall not be offered to vehicles traveling either on said track or crossing the same.

Seventh. The said Electric Street Railway Company shall maintain the whole floor structure of said bridge in good and sufficient, reasonable, current, ordinary repair, which repair shall include not only such as may be incident to the passing of wagons and other vehicles, but likewise such as might arise by reason of the passing of cars of the said company over the said bridge.

Eighth. The said company shall file its bond with sufficient security to be approved by the Court, in the sum of six thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful and prompt carrying out of the terms and conditions imposed by this resolution.

Ninth. This resolution shall not go into effect until accepted in writing by the said Railroad Company under its corporate seal, and properly signed by the president of the said company and attested by its secretary.

Tenth. Permission to cross the bridge on the east or upper side thereof and lay track and attach wires and operate an electric railway thereon as above set forth, is granted by the said County Commissioners, subject, however, to a similar grant to the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company to lay track, attach wires, and operate an electric railway on the west or lower side of the said bridge, provided, however, that after tracks are laid and wires attached on both sides of said bridge as aforesaid, that both the said companies shall use the western or lower side of said bridge for traffic going from Bloomsburg or Danville to Catawissa, and both of said companies shall use the track on the eastern or upper side of said bridge for traffic coming from Catawissa to Bloomsburg or Danville; and provided further that all expenses of lighting, keeping in repair the approaches and floor structure, and all other repairs above provided shall be borne equally between said companies

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THE BUSIEST CHRISTMAS SEASON AT THE D. LOWENBERG CLOTHING STORE.

No wonder! The store is filled to overflowing with everything for men and boys' wear and everything at reasonable prices.

Shirts, suit cases, canes, handkerchiefs, hats, trunks, alligator bags, ties, mufflers, sweaters, umbrellas, slippers, gloves, mackintoshes, night robes, shoes, smoking jackets, suits, house coats, bath robes. The cut price sale of overcoats has caught the town. How the good overcoats have gone. Good reason for it—people want good clothes and want them reasonable. Many high priced coats have been added to the list. The popular sellers are at 4.98, 7.48, 9.98 and 14.98.

Dress cases, valises and trunks at Ben Gidding's.

L. E. Whary has Haviland and Limoges china in tea and dinner sets, also in open stock and odd pieces. Here are some of the odd pieces: Mayonaise, fruit and cake dishes, salad bowls, chocolate sets, sugar and cream sets, oat meal sets, bouillons and ramacons, bon-bons, nut dishes, tea strainers, etc. No nicer Christmas gifts can be found. 4-31

Hand knit gloves, all wool 50c. at Ben Gidding's.

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