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A BEAUTIFUL PRODUCTION.

The first appearance of Miss Mildred Holland and her excellent company in Bloomsburg Tuesday evening, attracted one of the most refined and representative audiences that has attended any theatrical performances here in recent years.

We should have prefaced the above with a few words in regard to the play itself. The drama is in four acts. The theme is laid during the disturbed times of the sixteenth century when there were plots and counter plots against the Pope of Rome, and when the Italian government was swaying amid the powerful influences exerted upon it by the political powers upon one hand and the church upon the other.

The period of the play was one of lavish dress, and the costumes were beautiful. The piece is embellished with magnificent scenery, but owing to the cramped area of the stage it could not be put properly. But notwithstanding this fact the setting in the first act, a Florentine garden, was perhaps the most gorgeous ever seen here.

Miss Holland's supporting company is a most capable one, and we believe we voice the sentiments of all who saw the performance, when we say that it was the finest dramatic treat Bloomsburg has ever had.

A Business Change.

C. R. Stecker, one of Bloomsburg's capable young business men, and who during the past several years has been conducting a grocery store on West Main Street, has purchased Prothonotary and Clerk of the Courts elect, C. M. Terwilliger's interest in the firm of Mifflin & Terwilliger and the firm name is now Mifflin & Stecker.

Get Coal by Prescription.

Coal is so scarce at Watertown, N. Y. that where there are sick persons in the family the head of the household goes to the attending physician for a certificate stating that coal is a necessity. The certificate is then taken to the coal dealer, who furnishes all he can, if no more than a sackful is sent.

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Boy Disobeyed His Mother, and is Drowned.

In spite of the warning of his mother, Stanley, the sixteen year old son of Mrs. C. B. Bower, of Foundryville, persisted in going skating, and was drowned. The said affair occurred on Sunday. His mother had repeatedly cautioned him in the morning, and after dinner his father forbade him to go on the ice, because of its unsafeness. But he went, and as a result, lost his life.

Several companions went with him to the pond, but did not venture out. Stanley, however, with the characteristic daring of the boy of his years, put on his skates, and started. He took but a single stroke, when the ice sank beneath his weight and he went down in seven feet of water. He never came to the surface. His body was recovered about an hour later and borne to the home of his grief-stricken parents.

Two physicians, Doctors Reagan and Davis of Berwick, were summoned but the young man was beyond resuscitation. The funeral took place Tuesday.

The druggists simply slaughtered the lawyers in a pool tournament at the Wheelmen's club house Monday night, the score being 150 to 71. W. S. Rishton, Will Webb and Hud Mann represented the druggists and John G. Harman, C. R. Weiss and Gerald Gross the lawyers. By reason of this victory and numerous other clever exhibitions on the green baize, the druggists have been named the "invincible trio." They stand ready to contest with any three representing one line of business in town.

THE NEW YEAR.

1903 was ushered in this morning when the clock struck twelve, more quietly than usual. Several factory whistles were blown for about five minutes, and an occasional crack of a pistol was heard. The Normal school bell was the only one that was rung. No watch-meetings were held except at the A. M. E. Church.

THE COURT APPROVES.

Argument Between County Commissioners and Trolley Company.

The Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company will have no further opposition in the construction of its line across the Susquehanna river bridge at Catawissa. The last obstacle was cleared away on Monday when the Court rendered an opinion approving the recently modified agreement between the County Commissioners and the Electric Railway Company. This agreement was published in full in our last issue. The opinion of the Court is as follows:

"Now, December 29, 1902, on motion of James Scarlet and Grant Herring, attorneys for the plaintiffs and after agreement between the parties to the above entitled action, B. F. Zarr, attorney for the defendant appearing and assenting thereto, the decree of the Court in the above entitled case made August 16, 1902, is hereby modified so as to conform to the agreement between the said parties, as shown by resolution adopted by the said board of County Commissioners on the 20th day of December, 1902, as follows:

"The said Columbia & Montour Electric 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 throughout 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 the 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 thereto, if ever used by said Electric Railway Company, and all work done in connection with said grading as well as 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 per day by the 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 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 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 railway 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 bridge 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 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 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."

The Police Interfered.

A little game of chance was broken up while in its incipency a few weeks ago by the invasion of the police. Of course it took but a word to put a stop to the game, and the place was cleaned out. The sudden termination of what promised to be a lengthy session, as might be expected displeased the participants, and many were sad. They said many unkind things about the officer for "smearing in" as they called it, and vowed to get even with him some day.

The officer has little occasion to feel any uneasiness from the threats made to "get even" with him. He did his duty and the better class of our citizens will commend him for it. The game which he broke up was gambling pure and simple. Gambling is a great bane, not only to men of mature years but to the boys as well. It is deplorable and wicked. It is productive of immense mischief and should be stopped if possible. Not only should it be stopped in the underground cellar, in the restaurant back of a curtain, but in the parlors and amid gorgeous surroundings, yes, and in the church too. The church has not seemed willing to allow the world to have all the advantages of these games of chance. They go about it in this way. A church bazaar opens and toward its close it is discovered that many valuable articles are unsold. In the great desire to make the affair as much of a financial success as possible, some fascinating persons are dispatched through the room, pencil in hand, to sell chances or perhaps each draws for his own advantage and scores of people go home with their trophies thinking that there is nothing wrong in it because it was for the church and christian ladies did the embroidery and christian men did the raffling and the proceeds went toward a new communion set. But as far as morality is concerned you might just as well have won by the crack of the billiard ball or the turn of the dice box. As a certain noted divine styles it, it is simply ecclesiastical gambling.

Gambling has been the ruin of many men and it is not unreasonable to suppose that more than one man thus destroyed can say that his initial step on the wrong road was taken when he won something at a church fair.

A tub containing fifty-one pound rolls of butter, the product of the Millville Creamery, tumbled from the United States Express wagon, yesterday morning. Ray Doak, the driver was hurrying to catch the P. & R. train and the spill occurred just as he was rounding the corner at Fifth and Market Street. The wheels of the wagon passed over it and the whole consignment was ruined. Misfortune seems to come to the expressmen in turns. It was only a few days ago that Joe Pursel, of the Adams Co., lost a tub of oysters in the same manner.

Senator Quay has introduced a bill in Congress appropriating \$2,625,000 to establish a permanent camp ground for instruction of troops. The site is in Somerset County, this state, and contains fifteen thousand acres.

Neal Dougherty, who moved from Bloomsburg to Philadelphia about two years ago, died at his home in that city on Monday, aged sixty-one years.

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GRAND JURORS.

FOR FEBRUARY TERM. Bloom—J. S. Grimes. Beaver—Miles Smith. Benton Boro.—J. B. McHenry. Catawissa Boro.—Frank Gable. Catawissa Twp.—Frank Miller, W. H. Roberts. Center—W. H. Stahl. Centralia—William Gerrity, John A. Moran. Cleveland—Henry B. Knorr. Conyngham—Charles Beaver, George George, Edward Rooney, John Wilson. Fishingcreek—A. B. Evoland, Adam Hummel, W. B. Hess, C. I. Hess. Jackson—Z. A. Butt. Maine—Harvey Lovv. Mifflin—Freeman Harter, Henry Nuss. Scott—M. L. Keller, A. F. Terwilliger.

PETIT JURORS—FIRST WEEK. Bloom—A. G. Briggs, William Hassert, B. W. Hagenbuch, Harry Klein, John Kneiss, Otto A. Wolf, Thomas Webb. Beaver—Simon Hons. Benton Boro.—Ira Hess, D. H. Steadman. Benton Twp.—W. C. Coleman, T. E. Edwards, Emanuel Snyder. Berwick—Lewis Beishline, J. G. Clewell, Thomas Croft. Briarcreek—Wilmot Furman, W. A. Hughes, Samuel Houck. Catawissa Boro.—J. D. Bodine, John Martz. Cleveland—Ranslow George. Conyngham—George Michael, William Price. Greenwood—Johnson H. Reece, Clyde VanHorn. Jackson—William Klunger, John H. Derr. Locust—Benjamin Beaver, Josiah Berninger, William H. Bellig, Jeremiah Boyer, Albert G. Cleese, Jeremiah Rhodes. Madison—Wilson Kitchin. Maine—Theodore Fox, Charles Reichart. Mifflin—G. M. Durling, Samuel J. Keller, G. E. Zimmerman. Millville—Harvey Henry, Uriah McHenry. Montour—Jonathan Rishel. Orange—Harry Seesholtz. Pine—H. H. Getty, Isaac V. Lyons. Scott—William Robbins, E. A. Schneidman.

SECOND WEEK. Bloom—B. B. Freas, J. H. Mercer, Arthur Smith, Robert Watkins. Benton Boro.—James Conner, E. O. Little. Benton Twp.—John Ruckle. Berwick—W. H. Caterall, George Owen, Otto J. Smith, J. C. Sponenberg. Briarcreek—L. J. Adams, Abraham Lockard. Catawissa Boro.—John Kline, Josiah Yeager. Center—Elias Wertman. Centralia—James Levan, E. J. Troutman. Cleveland—John Mowrer. Conyngham—John Grant, James Grant, Martin Malaney, Jr. Fishingcreek—David A. Legar, C. S. Runyon. Franklin—Geo. W. Getty. Greenwood—G. B. Appleman. Locust—William Adams, Charles Hughes, Aaron Yoder. Madison—Warren Mausteller, Harvey Shultz, Roy Workhiser. Mifflin—A. B. Crensy, A. W. Snyder, Horace Sweppenheiser. Montour—Harry Deiley.

Excursion Rates. Taking effect January 1st, 1903 the Lackawanna Railroad Co. will sell excursion tickets to nearly all stations on their line. This will be another improvement that will be appreciated by the traveling public, the tickets will be good for thirty days including date of sale, stopover will be allowed. 1-14t

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New Officers for Fire Company.

The Rescue Fire Company elected new officers Tuesday evening. The men chosen to fill the various positions during the ensuing year are as follows: President, William Kashner; Vice President, S. G. Kashner; Recording Secretary, J. E. Kashner; Assistant Secretary, Harry Dawson; Financial Secretary, E. J. Kelley; Treasurer, Charles Hartman; Foreman, Boyd Fry; First Assistant, James Barnett; Second Assistant, Boyd Prentis; Third Assistant, Roy Girton; Trustee for three years, M. T. Tracy; Axmen, Thomas Metherell, William Walters, Charles Rupert; Pipemen, Albert Kelly, Harry May; Plugmen, Gus Hagemeyer, Charles Hartman, Fred Viets, Albert Kelley; Auditors, Charles Rupert, Boyd Prentis, J. E. Kashner.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of A. T. Harrison, a Lunatic. The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Court of Common Pleas, of Columbia County, to make distribution of the balance in the hands of J. M. Bucklew, Committee, will sit at the office of E. E. Wadler, Esq., in Bloomsburg, Pa., on Friday, January 23rd, 1903, to perform the duties of his appointment, when and where all persons having claims upon said fund must appear and prove the same or be debarred from any share thereof. GEO. E. ELWELL, Auditor. 1-14t.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Final Account of E. C. Wagner, guardian, No. 3, December Term, 1902. The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the orphans' court of Columbia County, to pass upon the final account of E. C. Wagner, guardian of Agnes Florence Billman, minor child of George W. Billman, deceased, and report to said court, will sit to perform the duties of his appointment at his office in Centralia, Pa., on Friday, January 23rd, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all parties interested shall appear or be forever debarred. E. J. FLYNN, Auditor. 1-14t.

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