

The Columbian.

VOL 38

BLOOMSBURG, PA. THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1903

NO. 12

Bridge Matter in Court.

Commissioners Hold out for Grade Crossings, Provided with Gates and Watchman.

EXPERT EVIDENCE HEARD.

The matter of crossing the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks at the eastern approach of the river bridge now in course of construction at Millinville was before the court on Monday. The session convened at ten o'clock, with Hon. Robt. R. Little and Associates Fox and Krickbaum on the bench, and from that time on till nearly five o'clock in the afternoon, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, by its representatives L. E. Waller, and H. M. Hinkley of Danville, endeavored to show the superiority of an overhead crossing. One of the greatest advantages, they claim, is the safety, while the public will have an uninterrupted access at all times.

The overhead crossing will cost, according to an estimate furnished by the King Bridge Company, \$12,000 more than a grade crossing. This extra expense, however will be borne by the Railroad Company.

The Commissioners were represented by their Counsel J. B. Robinson, who presented their reasons for opposing the overhead crossing. They are as follows:

1 Because the bridge and its approaches were established by the proceedings and views that were mostly heard before the enactment of the Act of 1901 and all the proceedings except the final order were prior to the time when said act and statute went into effect.

2 Because the proceedings had in establishing said bridge and highway under the report of the viewers and the order of the Court of Quarter Sessions the said Commissioners have no authority to construct such bridge except as laid out by said viewers to wit, at grade crossing.

3 Because by reason of the contract made under the authority of the Court of Quarter Sessions and of the work done under said contract a change in the construction of said bridge and its approaches so as to avoid a grade crossing would involve excessive expense in view of the small amount of traffic on the said highway.

4 Because the great height to which it would require said bridge to be built to make an overgrade crossing would greatly increase and excessively increase the cost of said bridge and greatly add to the perils of travel over the same.

5 Because it would be impracticable and impossible to cross under the same railroad.

6 Because a material increase in the cost of construction of said bridge would involve the county in indebtedness beyond or inconveniently near the legal limit now permitted to same county.

7 Because a grade crossing would, by reason of the small amount of traffic on said highway and on said railway at present or for a long period likely to prevail, reasonably accommodate the public.

8 Because the dangers and inconvenience of an over grade crossing of said railroad enhanced by the rise of smoke and noxious fumes from passing locomotives terrifying to horses and other animals and annoying to travelers would be much more obnoxious and objectionable than a grade crossing provided with gates, watchmen and other reasonable safeguards.

9 Because to add the necessary height to the south end of said bridge without adding to the north end would make too heavy a grade for the safety of the bridge and the travel thereon, and to increase the height at both ends sufficient for an over head crossing would require a large additional span at both ends of the bridge, and largely and exorbitantly increase the construction.

County Commissioner William Fisher was the first witness to take the stand. He stated that the contract for the bridge to be constructed with a grade crossing had been awarded last year. He was followed by Dr. H. V. Hower and R. W. Smith, two of Millinville's foremost residents. The opinions of these gentlemen is considered to be a correct index of the sentiment of

New Company Enjoined

Am. El. Light Co. Procures a Preliminary Injunction to Restrain the Irondale Electric Light & Power Co. From Stringing Wires too Near the Former.

HEARING NEXT MONDAY.

On Wednesday morning Sheriff Knorr served an injunction on the Irondale Electric Light & Power Co. It was served at the instance of the American Electric Light Co. and the preliminary order of the court is that the defendants be enjoined and restrained from erecting, constructing or placing, and from continuing to keep erected, placed or maintained, any of its poles, lines or wires so as to cross or run between, through, over or among the lines or wires of the Plaintiff, in dangerous proximity thereto, or through the space occupied by them, or through any adjacent space necessary for the future growth and operation of their business.

Next Monday, 23rd inst. at ten o'clock is fixed for a hearing before the court, at which time evidence will be heard and motions made for the continuance or dismissal of the injunction.

The bill sets forth that the Irondale Co. is now in the course of erecting and constructing a line of poles and wires over and along the same streets, and alleys of Bloomsburg as are now and heretofore have been in use by the American Electric Light Co. and that the latter have in use on their lines an electric current of from 104 to 1040 volts, while the defendants propose to use wires conducting a current of 2000 volts, and that under these circumstances it is necessary to use great care to prevent loss of life and injury to property, so that the lines of the two companies may not come in close proximity to each other. Plaintiffs claim that by reason of the priority and occupation they have a superiority of right over the highways of the town, without interference or obstruction from the poles and wires of the defendants, but that the defendants are putting up their poles and wires, so as to cross, or run between, through, over and among the plaintiff's wires, or in dangerous proximity thereto, and through the adjacent space necessary for the future growth and operation of the plaintiff's business. They seek by this proceeding to have the rights of all parties fixed by the court, and the manner determined in which the wires of the new company may be erected.

The bill is filed by A. W. Duy and Ikeler & Ikeler, solicitors for the plaintiff.

GONE TO NEW MEXICO.

On Thursday last a party consisting of J. C. Brown, H. A. McKillip, W. D. Beckley and C. B. Robbins left here for a visit to New Mexico to investigate the property of the La Grand Gold Mining Company. The claims of this company lie along the Rio Grande river, and the gold will be obtained by dredging the sand from the river. Tests of the sand have shown a very large percentage of the precious metal. The party took with them an expert and all the necessary apparatus for pursuing their investigations. It is feared however that they may encounter some deep snow that may interfere with them somewhat.

A SAD DEATH.

Mrs. Harry G. Bower, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Strausser on Catharine Street, this town, Wednesday morning. She was a victim of hasty consumption, and was taken with the disease about three months ago. Her decline was rapid. Only three months previous to the beginning of her sickness, she was united in marriage to the young man whose name she bore. The union was a happy one, and her death, so early in life, is particularly sad. She was not yet nineteen years of age. The funeral occurred on Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. Interment was made in Rosemont Cemetery.

Dr. H. W. McReynolds was able to be out on the street Saturday. He has been confined to the house nearly all winter by sickness.

The Bloomsburg National Bank

Is Conducted On Conservative Lines.

And on that basis continues to solicit the business of responsible people, promising all of the courtesies that are usually extended by an obliging and carefully conducted banking house.

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT. WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.
PAUL E. WIRT, VICE PRESIDENT.

[READ MY AD ON 5TH PAGE.]

J. LEE MARTIN,
JEWELER.

We carry a complete assortment of

Roger's Plated
Silverware.

Our patterns are new and up-to-date with PRICES REASONABLE.

J. Lee Martin,
Jeweler and Optician.

Telephone 1842.

Carpenter's
==Tools==

Don't Fail to Get Prices on

Disston Saws,

Stanley Planes,

Germantown Hatchets,

Hammers,

Miller's Falls Braces,

Yankee Screwdrivers, Etc.

FOR SALE BY

J. G. Wells,

General Hardware,

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

DELIGHTFUL MUSICAL.

A delightful musical was given in the Library rooms last Thursday evening by the Five E's, composed of Ethel Creasy, Elsie Yorks, Eleanor Welsh, Ethel Bierman and Emaline Bshleman, for the benefit of the Public Library. The audience, was an appreciative one and each number of the program was warmly received. The Five E's were attired in white and made a very pretty appearance. The first chorus was "Little Fairies," by the Five E's, and they gave as their encore, "Tick, Tock, Tick."

Each solo was much appreciated, and showed the performers to have given much time and attention to make them proficient. Katharine Bierman sang "Pussy Knows" in a manner that captivated the audience and gave as her encore "See the Christ Child."

Little Ruth Creasy recited "The Sparrows," illustrating with motions, to the amusement of the audience, supplementing it with "The Ant Hill."

The Piano duet of Elsie Yorks and Ethel Creasy elicited much deserved applause.

"The Children's Hour" by Eleanor Welsh showed her proficiency as a rising elocutionist. The encore was a selection of her own composition. The Mandolin Solo by Ethel Bierman was especially well rendered, showing decided talent and skill in one so young.

The entertainment closed with the Butterfly Drill by the five young ladies.

The net proceeds of the evening were \$40.00, the money to be applied to the Children's department of the Library.

The management desire to thank all those who were instrumental in making it a success, and particularly Mr. Gomer Thomas for the free use of the piano, and Mrs. J. L. Dillon and Mrs. Stanley Bryfogle for the beautiful floral decorations.

St. Patrick's day passed off very quietly in Bloomsburg. There were no demonstrations of any kind. Mass was celebrated in St. Columbia's Catholic Church with the rector Rev. J. R. Murphy as celebrant.

DECISION WITHHELD.

The killing of George M. Hughes' setter dog "Lady" by policeman Geo. B. Martin, has caused a wave of indignation among the dog fanciers of town who claim that he exceeded the bounds of justifiable authority. There is a town ordinance which forbids the running at large of bitches, but it is a question whether or not any officer other than a constable has a legal right to enforce the ordinance. But be this as it may, Mr. Martin is being executed for this act, and many consider it spite work. Mr. Hughes values the dog at \$100, and immediately brought suit for damages for that amount. The hearing was held before Justice of the Peace R. H. Ringler, Monday afternoon. The interest was great and the office was far inadequate for the crowd that sought admission. Mr. Hughes had for his attorney William Chrisman, B. Frank Zarr represented the defense. The witnesses for the prosecution were William A. Rabb, J. W. Gibbs, Miles Betz, A. F. Hartman, William Kush, Dr. J. G. Cable and Daniel O'Neil. The defense offered no evidence. The justice took the case, but announced that he would reserve his decision. The only question in the case is whether a policeman has a right to shoot a bitch running at large. The ordinance says "constable."

YOU CAN HELP THE LIBRARY.

There is scarcely a family in town but what has a quantity of old rubber shoes, garden hose, gum boots, and the like, worthless to the owners, but the Library Department of the Civic Club can convert into money, for the purchase of books, if afforded an opportunity. A pair of old, worn out gum boots may be the means of adding a wanted volume to the library and the possibilities in a worthless garden hose are only limited by its length. To day and to-morrow have been designated as "Rubber Day" by the Civic Club, and an effort will be made to gather up all the old rubbers about the town. Receipts have been placed at the Exchange Hotel and at the Sipplee-Mather Co. Store, where articles may be deposited or if word is sent to the library, a wagon will call at the place requested. Here is afforded an opportunity to show your public spiritedness.

When the little buds appear,
And the birds begin to sing
It's time to get from winter clothes
Into the garb of Spring.

YES SIR, it's time now for you to blossom out in your Spring togs. Your Suit and Overcoat are here waiting for you. Think you'd better call early and try them on for we want to be sure that everything is just right. If you haven't yet made your selections, you'll find it an easy task here now—we have so many new things to show you that we are bound to please you somewhere along the line. Suits in new Cheviots, Cassimeres, Serges and Worsteds.

Overcoats and Top Coats in Coverts, Meltons and Worsteds—long, short or medium lengths. Men's new Spring Bonnets, too, to top off the good clothes effect.

Ben Gidding

Bloomsburg, Penn'a.,

Corner Main and Center Sts.

Come in and see us,
we'll treat you right.

Furniture Carpets.

(OUR WATCHWORD.)

Better quality—Newest styles

Keep Your Buying Eyes on This Store,
When Considering Your Wants in

Furniture, Carpets, Dry Goods & Groceries

Have you ever visited our Carpet Department? If not, come in and ask to be shown through it. It is located on the Second floor in order that we may have a well lighted and commodious room in which to show our elegant stock. The varied assortment will appeal to your taste, and we feel confident the goods will sell themselves. We carry

Axminsters, All wool Ingrains,
Body Brussels, Half wool Ingrain,
Tapestry Brussels, All cotton Ingrain,
Mattings.

FINE FURNITURE—We have gradually been raising our standard of quality until the best things in Furniture may be found here. We believe buying trashy Furniture is the most expensive investment one can make. So we buy to sell Honest Furniture that will wear and hold together. Suppose you look through our stock the next time you intend to buy a Bedroom suit, Sideboard, Dining-room Furniture, Couches, and Rockers. You will find right goods and at right prices.

WASH GOODS DEPARTMENT is full of handsome formation in Oxfords, Madras, Cloth, Cheviots, Soisettes, all with mercerized finish. You will have to see these goods to know their beauty.

Special attention given to White goods, Dress trimmings and Ornaments.

The Leader Store Co., Ltd.,

4th and Market Streets.
Bloomsburg, Pa.

Dry Goods. Groceries.