

The Columbian.

VOL. 38.

BLOOMSBURG, PA., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1903.

NO. 49

THE COURT DECIDES.

That Crossing Over Pennsylvania Railroad at Mifflinville Bridge is to be at Grade,

Must Also Provide Watchman.

By the opinion of Judge Little, filed on Monday, the crossing over the Penna. Railroad tracks at the southern approach of the new bridge over the Susquehanna River at Mifflinville, is ordered to be at grade. It is also ordered that the Railroad Company provide a watchman, as a precaution against accidents. The cost of the injunction proceedings is to be paid by the county. The opinion of the Court in the matter is as follows:

"Some of the exceptions call attention to a number of the findings of fact. A further examination of the facts found, and of the evidence convinces us that there is no material error in any of them.

The photographs of Mr. Beagle were taken about the time the injunction was served, and these show what advancement had been made in the construction of the bridge.

The injunction bill was filed July 21, 1903. August 24, 1903, the motion of the counsel was granted, for the hearing of an application for a preliminary injunction on Monday, August 31, 1903, and at the time appointed the application was granted and the injunction served on the same day.

The latter part of the fourth conclusion of fact in these words: "and the same (the bridge) was about completed when proceedings for injunction were commenced" is not exactly accurate. The contractor was quite busy in doing the work under the contract during the summer, until served with the process asked for by the bill. With the explanation and reference to the photographs there is nothing objectionable in this conclusion of fact.

It is urged that it should have been stated in connection with the fifth conclusion of fact: That the wingwalls at the southern abutments extend thirty-five feet upon respondents, right of way. Even if requested this could not be said to be a fact. The evidence as to the location of the railroad company's right of way was where they laid down this main track and operated their road. This was about one hundred feet from the river bank. The office maps offered were not supplemented by any evidence to show grants of land made to the respondents, or anything else tending to show that they were either in the possession of more or entitled to more land than the law permitted them to appropriate for railroad purposes. The distance between the end of the wingwalls and the south abutment and the respondents right of way is upwards of thirty or forty feet.

NONE OF THE EXCEPTIONS SUSTAINED.

And now, November 30, 1903, the following is directed to be the final decree of the Court in these proceedings:

It is ordered that permission be granted to the petitioners to construct a highway from First street, in the village of Mifflinville, to the south end of the approach of the Mifflinville bridge, now being constructed, so as to cross the tracks of the respondents' railroad at the same grade thereof, and as prayed for.

Further, that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company maintain a watchman at the crossing of the railroad, who shall be on duty from seven o'clock a. m. to 9 o'clock p. m. of each day and in any event fifteen minutes before the arrival of the first passenger train in the morning, and to continue until fifteen minutes after the departure of the last passenger train in the day. Also two red lights at the crossing as danger signals during the dark hours of the day, in addition to the safe guards and signals prescribed by the statute and now observed by the respondents.

The costs of this proceeding shall be paid by the parties, one-half thereof by the petitioner and one-half by the respondent.

BY THE COURT.

Miss Mary Albert has been elected to teach in the intermediate grade of the new school building in West Berwick.

A HORRIBLE DEATH.

Samuel B. Kisner Burned to Death in His Shanty at Berwick Tuesday Morning.

SUSPICIONS OF FOUL PLAY.

A fate, horrible almost beyond description, and certainly without a parallel for sadness, befell Samuel B. Kisner, a well known resident of Berwick, early Tuesday morning. The following graphic account of the tragedy is taken from the Berwick Enterprise of Tuesday: "This morning about 6 o'clock Samuel B. Kisner, a well known resident of this place, was burned to death in a little shanty opposite the steel plant. His tragic death was unknown until the finding of his charred remains revealed the sad story to a passing workman. Burned almost to a crisp, with arms, legs and head gone, his body was found amid the smoking ruins. No one knows how he died—whether he slept unconscious of his fate, or battled with the grim monster that closed its fiery arms about him. Old and alone, his spirit passed from the peaceful slumber of earth to find its waking in eternity, and the weary soul that rested from its earthly toil has found sweet repose in an eternal rest.

Early this morning, about 5:30 o'clock, Andrew Paul, who roomed with Kisner, left the shanty. Everything was all right then, and Andrew had no apprehensions of the awful fate that awaited his comrade.

About 6 o'clock fire broke out and completely destroyed the building. It is not known how the fire caught. There was a stove in the place—a stove that burned soft coal—and it is conjectured that possibly it caught from it. However, it is only conjecture and the true origin is not known. Last Fourth of July this same shanty was broken into and a revolver stolen, the thief never having been caught.

The scene at the fire this morning was indeed a pathetic one. Strong men shuddered as they gazed on the charred body of the old man. No one seemed to know who he was. No one knew how or when the fire started. A pall of gloom and sadness had settled down on the little group that gazed with tear dimmed eyes on the terrible sight. Men moved with soft steps and spoke in low tones as though the dead might hear and be disturbed by them. One gaze at the pitiful sight and the strongest hearts grew sick, the bravest forms trembled. All morning people visited the scene of the tragedy, and the remains were finally identified as those of Mr. Kisner.

Mr. Kisner came to this place about three years ago and was employed as a sand screener by Mr. Culp. He boarded for a time with Mr. Freeman Souders, of North Berwick, but had lately been rooming with Andrew Paul near the steel plant. He was 75 years old, and is survived by seven children—Mrs. Theodore Scott, of West Berwick; Minnie and Charles, of town, and Mrs. C. M. Bates, Mrs. Harry Seager, William and Harry, all of Edwardsdale. Two of his sons were killed while working in the mines. He had many friends in this place, who will regret to learn of his tragic death.

With the story of Kisner's death comes a suspicion of foul play. A night watchman at the malleable works says that at about the time the fire started he heard three distinct pistol shots from the vicinity of the shanty. Whether Mr. Kisner had a sum of money about him is not known, but indications in the case point to something different from an accident. Fire can easily blot out bullet marks and leave no evidence of crime that might have happened."

Chas. M. Evans has a very pretty shoe store, with the shelves well stocked with full lines of footwear for everybody. His show windows are always attractively dressed. By strict attention to business, and pleasing manners he has built up a large trade. Mr. Evans will have to move in the spring to make way for the enlargement of the store of H. J. Clark & Son, and has secured a desirable location, though where it is has not yet been announced. It is reported that he will take one of the store rooms in Evans' block.

Character of Our Investments.

WE LIMIT Our Investments to Securities of the most Substantial Kind; such Securities as are of Acknowledged Value, and easily Converted into Cash.

The Bloomsburg National Bank

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

THE INSTITUTE.

Interesting and Highly Instructive Sessions Mark the Annual Gathering.

AN EXCELLENT COURSE.

The annual institute of the Columbia County teachers opened its sessions in the Normal Auditorium at 1.30 Monday afternoon.

Prof. Evans called the meeting to order and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. D. N. Kirkby, who made brief remarks especially calling attention to the greater unity existing in the rural districts as compared to city communities, and urging the necessity of teaching respect and honor for nation and home.

Mayor J. R. Townsend delivered a very cordial and hearty address of welcome to which S. J. Johnston responded.

The actual work of the institute was then begun by Prof. Earl Barnes of Philadelphia. His subject was The Future of the Teaching Profession. He said we need the spirit of co-operation in our work. The best part of an institute is the personal relations formed and strengthened between the teachers themselves and between teachers and instructors.

Prof. McGuiness, Supt. of the Steelton public schools, discussed the Central Thought in the Teaching of Literature. He said in the course of his talk: "Literature appeals to the divisions of the ordinary human mind. Every great production enters the mind of the author as an ideal conception which is then embodied, then clothed in words."

Miss Longshore next occupied the platform, and spoke of the need of physical exercises in the public schools. Lack of this is often responsible for restless, disorderly schools.

On Monday evening Mrs. Marion Harter Miller rendered most effectively a violin solo, after which Rev. Russel Conwell, of Phila., delivered his matchless lecture "The Angel's Lily."

On Tuesday morning the teachers met to consider the work of the various grades. At 10.30 teachers met in the Auditorium and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. D. Thomas. Miss Longshore then occupied the time giving instruction in physical culture. She was followed by Supt. McGuiness, whose subject was "How to Keep Children in Lower Grades Profitably Employed."

Tuesday afternoon session was opened by some instruction in music by Prof. Cogswell, after which Prof. McGuiness talked on "Some Points From a Superintendent's Note Book." Miss Longshore then spoke briefly on the personal appearance of the Teacher. Prof. Davis then gave an interesting talk on the physical development of children, which he followed by a talk on how the child's conception of the content of words grows.

The evening was occupied by the Chicago Glee Club. Wednesday morning the teachers again met in sections and assembled for general work at 10.30.

Rev. Eveland conducted the devotional exercises, and Prof. McGuiness spoke of the Concrete in Moral Training.

Prof. Barnes, after some preliminary remarks on the Attention and interest manifested by the teachers, took up the subject of Children's Ideals.

Wednesday afternoon Prof. Cogswell opened the institute by some instruction in music, then Mr.

Sharp Points

A cut in the price of Scissors will not improve their cutting.

Clauss Shears

and scissors are not "cheap." They are made in such a way that they cannot be turned out at low figures, and cannot be had for a "song." You will never find

CLAUSS

goods in any but the stores where dealers consider that a pleased customer brings the best profit, in time.

FOR SALE BY

J. G. Wells,

General Hardware,

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Evans made some announcements after which Dr. Noss, of the California State Normal School, spoke of the Child Study for Every Teacher. Miss Longshore gave a profitable illustration of some simple exercises for the public schools. Ex-County Supt. Johnston then delivered a very masterly address on "Live what You Learn." Prof. Barnes then continued his study on the Growth of the Child's Ideals, after which the institute adjourned.

The teachers are all present except those from Centralia and Conyngham, who are detained by the prevalence of small pox in that locality. The officers and standing committees of the institute are as follows: President, Wm. W. Evans; Vice President, L. P. Sterner; Secretaries, A. M., A. U. Leshner, P. M., Martha E. Robison; Treasurer, Gordon Baker; Enrolling Clerks, Harlan Snyder, Samuel Kressler, Fred Seely; Ushers, Arthur Cole, Carl Dreiblebis, Derl Hess, Ray Appleman, Edward Sharpless, Myron Sands; Auditors, Haines Yost, Geo. W. Henrie, Ida Walter, Gordon Shook, Mary Blue, Mary Petty; Resolution Committee, Frank Laubach, J. M. Roberts, R. M. Creasy, Carole Cole, Annie Snyder, T. A. Burke, F. A. Burkenstock, Myron Mordan, Lillian Hidlay, Mary Hoffman; Permanent Certificate Committee, L. P. Sterner, Sadie Hagenbuch, Samuel Pursel.

At a meeting of the Normal School Athletic Association, held Monday afternoon, Prof. James T. Goodwin, was elected manager of next season's foot-ball team. Prof. Goodwin is a comparatively new man at the school, having only recently been placed at the head of the commercial department, but since his arrival he has manifested a deep interest in Athletics, and is very popular with the student body.

His election carries with it the assurance that this department of the association will be carefully and efficiently managed. A vote of thanks was extended to steward W. H. Housel, to the cook, J. Dieterick and all others who assisted in making the past season a success.

Christmas Hints To Our Lady Friends!

This is the season of the year that we always have the pleasure of waiting on hundreds of Lady Patrons.

We enjoy it, too. Wish there were more Holiday seasons—for the Ladies can't come too often.

We are aware that GOOD OLD SAINT NICK finds it very hard work filling Men's Sox with suitable gifts.

A Man Likes Something He Can Wear.

But, have a care! He doesn't want "bargain counter" stuff—he won't wear antiquated Neckwear.

Get his presents where he always buys his wearables. Get them here, and then you can't go wrong.

This whole store is a veritable Christmas Tree of gifts. Beautiful Ties, Faultless Shirts, "just right" Underwear, Substantial Half Hose, Fine Handkerchiefs, Good Collars and Cuffs, Handsome Umbrellas, Cuff Buttons, Silk Suspenders, Smoking Jackets, Silk Mufflers.

LET US BE YOUR OFFICIAL "STOCKING FILLER." AND "HE" WILL BE HIGHLY PLEASED.

BEN GIDDING

Bloomsburg, Penn'a.,

Corner Main and Center Sts.

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

Given
Away
Free

Xmas Presents Free

Given
Away
Free

AT THE

Leader Dep't Store.

The keg in our window has some tacks hammered into its hide. Give us a guess as to the number of the hammered tacks. For every dollar's worth of goods you buy, you can make a guess.

You can make a hundred guesses if you want.

For the five nearest guesses to the correct number of tacks hammered into the keg we will give away the following presents:

1. Velvet Rug, 12x9 35.00.
2. Ingrain Rug, 12x9 9.00.
3. Writing Desk, 5.00
4. Parlor Lamp, 4.50
5. Parlor Table, 3.75

The Contest will Close 8 p. m. Dec. 24, 1903. The Prize will be Delivered the Same Night. Here is your chance to do your Christmas Shopping at Close Cash Prices and get one of these Valuable Gifts.

THE LEADER DEPT. STORE,

4th and Market Streets,

BLOOMSBURG, PENN'A.