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Lewisburg Centre & Spruce Creek Railroad Matters.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Lewisburg Centre & Spruce Creek railroad for the purpose of electing officers, was held at the office of the company in Philadelphia, on the 13th inst. Hon, Geo. F. Mil. LER, was re-elected President, and Eb WARD F. GAY. HERMAN J. LOMBART. EDWARD SMITH, WM J. HOWARD, JAS. P. COBURN, ROBY, H. DUNCAN and WILLIAM PHILIPS, directors for the ensuing year. Col. Arres, we un derstand, declined a re election, and Mr. PHILIPS was chosen to fill his place. A resolution requiring the first installment of Five Dollars per share to the capital stock of the company. subscribed in the townships of Harris, Potter, Gregg, Penn and Haines, to be paid on the first day of July, and five dollars per share on the first day of each succeeding month, was passed.

This to our mind would look like business, had it not been for the pas sage of the following :

Whereas upon a full investigation of the merits of the Narrow tange for railroads, as to economy of construction and operation, if is believed that it would be advisable to adopt such grage for the line of the LC & SC Baltona from Tyrone to Lewisburg Therefore Resolved, that the stock holders recommend to the beard of directors to recommend to the board of directors to establish the guage of the L. C. & S. C. Bailrow from Tyrone to Lewisburg, at three (3) feet

What the company intended by this last resolve, we of course, do not know, -What it effected by it is very easily to determine-disputes, dissention, dis satisfaction, doubts, delays and the probable defeat of the enterprise. This slone, we fear, will be the result of such

We look upon this movement in this light not only because we are opposed to it, but because we honestly believe such work by the board of di rectors will result in the defeat of the enterprise. We are not certain it was not so intended -- Intended to get up divisions, disputes and dissatisfaction among the subscribers to the stock throughout this county, and when that is accomplished, say, 'Now gentlemen, settle your difficulties among your selves, and then we will go of with

The President of the company, and the two directors from this county at least, know, that nine-tenths of the subscribers to the stock along Penns valley are opposed to making a Narrow Guage road on the proposed route They know that the charter is intend. ed for a road of the ordinary guage that the surveys were made on that basis, that subscription and the right of way was secured with the under standing that the road was to be an ordinary guage road, and they know also that the beginning of the collection of subscriptions to the stock, with the above resolution staring those interested in the face, will be but the beginning of almost limitless litigation, turmoil and trouble, and the conse quent result, the abandonment of the

enterprise. There is no use of them saying that there is not anticient funds to build an ordinary guage road. The entire length of the route, counting in the branch to Bellgfonte, is 109 miles The highest estimates for grading, building and equipping completely, have never exceeded two million eight hundred dollars. Of this the people of Blair. Centre and Union countres have subscribed about five hundred thousand dollars. The Penusylvania Railroad Company to fulfil its part of contract would be responsible for five hundred thousand, making in all one million dollars. This was to be the basis for the two million mortgage authorized by act of assembly during the last ression, which would make the entire amount of available funds. three millions of dollars, or two hundred thousand dollars more than the pany and new men to control it. estimated cost of the road. Where then is the excuse for any one to say that we must take a 'Narrow Guage or nothing?'--'That there is not sufficient funds secured to go on with the enterprise, sa it was at first contemplated?'

are controling this matter answer? all that has been required of them. about forty years. Secured a charter with supplement after supplement to it, and transferred all to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, on conditions that that company would help construct the road .- Accepted the propositions of that company and raised the money that was required of them, secured the right of way, and done all, everything that was asked, and now, after all their waiting and working and hopeing, are to be compelled, if it is possible to compel them, to accept a road that can connect with no place, or "no interests whatever, simply because the Pennsylvania Railroad Company are desirous of shirking their of directors of the Lewisburg Centre, & Spruce Creek Railroad Company, seem willing that they should do so.

Against such action we protest most earnestly--protest because we believe it is calculated to delay, even if it does not defeat the building of the road. We want to see Pennsvalley get a railroad, and we want to see the pros perity that must follow its completion, but we don't believe that this kind of tooling and fussing round is calculated to help the enterprise along.

Let the work go on as the President and directors of the road said it would. Let it go on as our people subscribed to have it go on. Let it go on as the advertisement for proposals now in this paner, intended it should go on. and if the present board of directors don't want it to go on in that way, letthem resign, and let other men who will push the enterprise along take charge of it.

We have grown tired of these interminable resolutions, this endless talk, and no work. If the road is to be built, as our people subscribed to have it built let it be done, if not, let us know it,

If We Must Have a Narrow Guage, Let us Have a New Deal.

Notwithstanding the fact that prooosals for the grading and bridging of are now advertised, we have but the a road for themselves? slightest hope now that anything look | ing to the construction of the enter

this contemplated enterprise has been nothing but a series of hopes, doubts and delays, delays, hopes and doubtsresolutions, speeches, talk and nothing dred thousand dollars subscribed or more. We mean nothing more on proposed to be subscribed by the Penn the part of those controling the matter. Our people have done all that they could do, two three or Not Much on the 'Recommend' four times, just when they thought they were certain of the speedy completion of the road, something would turn up just as the narrow guage movement has turned up, to delay and

Now, the men who have controled this matter for years and are still bon troling it, may be railroad men of in the enterprise, and although the one the first water, but for the life of us was not intended for publication, we 'we can't see it.' They have started and give it in order that those who are stopped, talked and resolved so much | getting up this touble by sequiescing without doing anything else, that we in the Narrow Guage movement, may have almost come to the conclusion that that is all they can do. They working. If they want to defeat the have had supplement after supplement (enterprise entirely they have only to to their charter, passed resolution at be persistent in their efforts to force ter resolution, made survey after sur upon our people, a road different in vey, estimate after estima, aramed anh scription after subscriptio i, and time and time and again have they had our people believe that the road was to be constructed at once, and every time, just as it now is, something would turn up that would stop the work, delay the letting, and allow the enterprise to die. Is this good management? We think not.

It is not the fault of our people that such is the case, because they have done all that the company required of them. The estimated amount that each township should furnish in order to secure the building of an ordinary guage road was levied, and we believe raised. At least, their subscription books and guarantees were accepted by the Directors, and the road advertised to be let. Now if they had not enough to go to work on, as is asserted as an excuse why we should make a narrow guage road, why did they advertise for proposals? If enough, why back out and stop the work? There is something wrong somewhere, and our hon est conviction is, that if we are to have a new kind of railroad, new kind of cars, a new enterprise and a new movement-as this narrow guage idea indicates, we had better have a new com-

We have money enough in our own county to build it, and we have enter prising and intelligent men enough to manage and control it, without going to the Pennsylvania or any other corporation for directors and officers. If Will some of the dead-weights who outside parties, who have heretofore agreed to aid us in building an ordina-The people of our county have done ry guage road will back out of that agreement, as they are now doing, what They have worked and waited for assurance have we that they will not to grade the road. While we admit that the Volunteer.

back out of the narrow guage enterprise as soon as it is properly started? For thirty-five years the people of Pennsylvania have looked to the Lewisburg, Centre & Spruce Creek company to secure them a railroad. To day that company has got them into the midst of a fuss and fight about whether it shall be an ordinary guage, a narrow guage or no guage at all. Is it not time something was done? Something real tangible. It we are to have a new kind of a road, and a trial of a new experiment, we are for new men to control it-for men who know what they are doing and will do something more than talk and promise and pass resolu part of the agreement, and the board | tions. We are for a railroad, and we want to see something besides fuss and talk and fooling. If we are to commence new let us begin new aright and go ahead.

"H."

It the stock holders of the Lowis burg Centre & Spruce Creek railroud Company comply with the request of the board of directors, and 'recommend' a Narrow Guage road from Lewisburg ty Tyrone, what is to becore of the grand through line, we heard so much about in President Militar's speeches, when soliciting subscriptions from our people to build the aforesaid 'grand through line?

11, as our friend Kirrz of the Centre Hall Reporter says, that Hon. THOS A SCOTT has asserted that all railroads hereager will be built on the Narrow Guage idea,' is correct, will some one explain why some of the money Mr. Scott's companies are now investing is not used to build Narrow Gunge roads, in place of being expend ed to construct routes of the ordinary Guage?

Ira Narrow Guage road is as eco nomical in construction, and as cheap ly operated, as suggested by the board of directors of the L. C. & S. C. rail road, would it not sound more like the thing, for them to advise the stock holders to cut loose from all outside the L. C. & S. C. railroad to Oak Hall, influences and control, and build such

Ir we are to have a Narrow Guage road through Pennsvalley at a cost of prise will be done the present season six thousand dollars per mile, and if We say this because the history of the people along the route are to be compelled to pay the five hundred thousand dollars subscribed by them, what is to be done with the five hun sylvania railroad company?

How the Narrow Guage Movement Talks.

The following letters on the effort to change the Guage on the the Lewis burg, Centre & Spruce Creek railroad eventually deleat anything being done. | are explicit enough to be understood without any trouble. They are from men who have taken a very active part know how successfully their scheme is very respect from the one to which they subscribed their money to con

Hon P Gary Mark -Dear Seas Since rational is all the talk just now bermit a bard fisted Penns Valley farmer to occupy a shor space in your columns, in reference to the projected Narrow Guage through Centre Conn ty, for Narrow Guage some would have believe it must be, or no railroad at all 11 cems strange that so little was ever know or said about Narrow Guage - roads until a fev weeks ago, and now the idea is thrust upor the public with such vehemence that it seems to be determined to carry everything before Through long years of patient waiting and watching the Pennsylvania Railroad Company have talked and blowed about the build ing of this railroad. Many persons have al ways fooked upon their motives with m trust, believing that while they had no par ticular interest in it, they were more soil itous about preventing the making of a road through this country by other parties, than desirous of building one themselves. Does this not appear to be their design now mor than ever?

They talk about the advantages of narrow over broad guages I know nothing of engineering and must just accept their figure as given in their statements, but grant that all they claim for narrow guages is true, would any one be foolish enough to suppose the all our broad thoroughfares must yield to the inevitable, invincible Narrow Guage and be at once discarded and cut down? And yes the people of Centre County subscribed not fol a liftle local velocipede road, but for a grand connecting link between the East and West They have been told repeatedly that ther was to be no deception. part of the company and yet is this carrying

out the original part of the contract?

The company have advertised the letting of the rossi and have called in ten per cent, o each share of the subscription stock. Don't be too much in a hurry gentlemen. The poople have waited long-they can wait a little If a Narrow Guage mest be built they can build it themselves. If you refuse to give us what you promised, you have no right to expect us to fulfil our obligations and the sponer we look to some other source for aid the better will it be for our interests But they say, you have not money enough

unount subscribed may fall short, we arguthat after the subscription books were closed the company had a bill passed in the Legis lature allowing them to issue bonds to the mount of two million dollars-an amount adequate to make the road not only through Centre County, but eastward to Danville, as provided in the bill. To this there was no opusition. The people seemed satisfied to con ader their subscriptions a bonus to the com pany, only so as to procure the long-talked-o ng-delayed road. Now then, who is at fault if this much cherished project, which was a length considered an established certainty dould once more be buried in the uncertain future, perlups never to be resurrected

LINDEN HALL, June 13, 1871.

GRAY MERK. Esq. DEAR SIR-Your editorial of last week. "No right cord I dut it out and inclosed it in a etter to Hon Geo, F. Miller, and asked him to read it carefully, and told him that it re lected the views and feelings of the subscribern to the L. C. & S. C. R. R. Since I saw you in Bellefonte last webk I have spoken to a large number of persons who have taken stock and many who have given the right of nay, and every one is outspoken against the sarrow gunge, and all are of one mind, that they will not pay their stock if the narrow guage is forced upon them, unless compelled

I am sure that if I were to start out to day outd not get \$5 000 subscribed in Harris town ship for a narrow guage road. We subscribed our money and gave our releases for right of way that the road should be built on the ordlnary guage; and if any party desires to make an experiment we wish them to do it at their We want a road that we cal connect at both ends and run passengers and freight through, and unless we get such t oad there will be trouble in the samp and a big hight in the field. Hastily yours,

The State Editorial Convention at Williamsport---The Excu Excursion

After the adjournment of the Demo eratic State Editorial Convention here on Wednesday morning last, most of the editors present proceeded to Wil hamsport to attend the meeting of the State Editorial Convention, without distinction of party, to be held there, and to participate in the excursion arranged to start from that city for Watkins Glen and Minnequa Springs. The party arrived at the Herdic House at 12.40, and were at once shown to rooms, suitable to the editorial dignity, where, brushing up a little and settling into clean duds, paper collars and nicely blacked boots, they descended to the dining rooms and satisfied the inner man with a splendid dinner, accompanied by all the various drinkables so necessary to complete the edi torial happiness. This completed, the joint editorial parties, numbering, perhaps, as many as one hundred and fifty, assembled in Elliott's Academy of Music, a beautiful building, freely ten dered by Mr. Elliott for the holding of the Convention, and proceeded to hold a short business session. The President of the Association, Mr. II. G. Suith, of the Lancaster Intelligencer, occupied the chair and called the Convention to order, Mr. R. S. MENA-MIN. of the Printer's Circular, the Sec. retary, also being present in his seat.

The Mayor of the City of William's port then welcomed the editors of Penn. sylvania to that city, in eloquent and appropriate terms, and was replied to on behalf of the Association, by President Suith, in a few most felicitous remarks. After this interchange of complements, Mr. JESSE L. RINGWALT read a very able and instructive essay upon 'Printing,' and was voted thanks for the same. The essay will appear the Printer's Circular next month. After the essay came the poem-a most beautiful and appropriate one, which, in the absence of the author. whose name we have, unfortunately, forgotten, was read by that most genial of gentleman, Mr. Eugene H. Mun-DAY, of Philadelphia. The poem will

also appear in the Printer's Circular. The regular business of the Convention was then transacted, after which. (this meeting being more social than business,) it adjourned to meet at the banqueting hall in the Herdic House, in the evening. The members then amused themselves in various ways until the banqueting hour arrived. when some two hundred and fifty ladies and gentlemen sat down to an elegant dinner. The following were the regular toasts of the occasion:

"The State of Pennsylvania." toast was brilliantly and eloquently re sponded to by Mr. W. P. FUREY, of the Mauch Chunk Times.

'The City of Williamsport,' To this toast, Mr. E. W. CAPRON, of the Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin, promptly and happily responded.

'The Press of Pennsylvania,' This was responded to by H. S. Evans, of the Village Record, West Chester 'Our Mining and Petroleum Inter

ests.' Uncle JAKE ZEIGLER, of the Butler Herald, responded to this toast. 'Our Guest's., The venerable Judge DAVID NAAR, editor of the Trenton, N. J., True American, was called on to respond to this toast, which he did

very happily. terests of our State.' Responded to world, have been thrown open to our gaze, by Mr. KENNEDY, of the Cartiele and it is no wonder that the tides of travel

PANGEORN, Jersey City Journal, N. J. 'Newspaper Reporters.' Responded to by Thomas M. Coleman, Philadelphia Ledger.

'The Art of Printing.' Responded to by J. L. RINGWALT, Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.

'Our Association.' Responded to by HENRY T. DARLINGTON, of the Bucks County Intelligencer.

After the repast, those who felt so disposed, enjoyed themselves in dancing, while others selected some other mode of enjoyment, and the festivities were kept up until a late hour. Finally, all parties got to bed. In the morning breakfast was on the table at six o'clock, and, at 7.15, the excursionists started on one of the most delightful trips ever enjoyed by any party.

We have not time nor space, how. ever, to give the particulars of the ride to 'Watkin's Glen.' Sufficient to say, it was a most pleasant one, and will long be remembered by the jolly party that participated in it.

Arrived at Watkins, one of the most beautiful towns in the State of New York, or, indeed, in the country, the excursionists were met by numerous hacks and carriages, all auxious to convey them to the various hotels and points of interest. Availing them selves of these, they sought the hotels and prepared to meet at the 'Glen Mountain House,' where an elegant free dinner had been provided,

After washing and dressing and fixing up generally, the fraternity with their ladies and guests, once more reassembled at the tables of the Glen Mountain House, and partook of the bountiful repast, with much champagne. HARRY SMITH presided, assisted by his numerous editorial family, and mirth and good humor prevailed throughout. It was, indeed, a joyful

Immediately after dinner, the party started to explore that most magnifi cent, beautiful, wonderful and fearful work of nature, called

WATRINS GLEN,

This is a gorge or rift in the Chemung mountain, hundreds of feet in depth, and abounding in the most remarkable and picturesque scenery. Flashing and dashing through it is a splendid stream of water, which often falls in beautiful cascades from immense heights, sparkling with all the colors of the rambow. The rocks on each side the ravine tower up mearly two hundred teet above the visitor's head, while occasionally trees at the top may be seen joining their branches from either side. The stream has formed a number of splendid pools or basins in the solid rock, from five to ten feet deep, beneath the pellucid wrters of which may be seen every peb ble at the bottom. The Glen is said to look the most beautiful in October, but, at any season of the year, it is a magnificent sight. Traversing the narrow pathway and accending the steep stairs that nature and art combined have made for the delighted tourist, the mind of the beholder is filled with awe as he views the stupendous and solemn grandeur of the place. Words are too feeble to describe it, and abler pens and more poetic minds than ours have abandoned the task in despair. ry equal to any in the world, and far surpassing most places of the kind that have become celebrated. (ilen Cathedral is, probably, the grandest part of the ravine, and, as the Phila delphia Bulletin said, thas all the up pearance of having been hollowed out by an omnipotent hand for the transaction of some august event far back in pre bistorie days." Grant Guies wood visited this glorious Glen not long since, and the f Howing is an extract from her description of it: And after all, it is indescribable, "unpaint

able." The word Glen' gives but a faint idea o the gorge It is a marvelous rift in the moun tain, which it seems must have been made by some stupendous earthquake shock. The great slit however effected, took place, accord ing to Age-'s, swenty years ago. It is satisfac tory to know the exact date of an event that must have caused considerable sensation in that rural district. The glen, with its dashing lashing, cascading stream, reminds me of several famous gorges and waterfalls. It sugsparkle of the water. But instead of the dreary, plasted hights above Petrarch's "Fountain." we have variegated, mossy, forny rocks. the most lush and lovely foliage, and wild flowers n profusion. It faintly suggests the somber, magnificent Pass of the Finstermuns, in the Tyrol, but is infinitely brighter and more varied. That might have suggested to Dante a gorgein one of his drearlest hells. It suggests Trenton Falls, but is wilder and deeper Most of all it suggests Bash-bish, in old Berk--14, indeed, very like it, that is yet phiremore picturesque and pertious. It is not properly a gien, but a prodigious succession, a ull assurtment and variety of glens, "You pays your money, and you takes your choice. If one does not satisfy, another must; though you be the most rapadious devour of the aut lime and beautiful, "here's richness" for you Through the boldest Yankee enterprise, these wild grandeurs and beauties for 200 centuries "The Railroad and Commercial In- (vide Agastz), barred and buried from the by Mr. Kenneby, of the Carlisle are satting toward it, from all directions, that hundreds daily climb its dissy stairways. him for

'Women.' Responded to by J. K. | pick their way along its ledges, dodge under side its waterfalls, gaze down into its profound mysterious pools, and speculate on its won-derful formation. We go leagues out of our way, in foreign travel, to see things for less orth scoing, like Tivola and Veline, Lodore. Gleneoe, the Killarney cascades, the Vale o Avoca, the Dragle, and the Devil's Glen of Wicklow. The "Pools" are a great curiosity in themselves. They are smooth, round, reg. niar excavations like gigantic bowls, and are always brimming with crystal clear water So near to these pools does the narrow path lead in some places, that a single false step would inevitably cost you a cold plunge. I was told that the Rev. Thomas K Beecher ours while showing up the Glen to a party of friends, took such a sudden involuntary shoot into the deeps while in the midst of a fine disserining on the beauties of the spot. He had barely time to close his elequent mouth as he wen under, but as he rose to the surface he finish. hissentence—which cortainly was very plucky and Beecheresque.

Such is Watkins Glen, New York, at the head of Seneca Lake -- one of the most glorious spots in the wide world. But even here, amid all the solemn grandeur of the place, funny things sometimes occur which tickle the ribs and excite the risibilities of the ob server. Coming down the Glen, after having been to the top, in company with our brother "quill" of the Johns. town Democrat, we saw a sight. Leis urely strolling up the Glen, with a handsome young lady to keep him com pany, came our friend GARRETT of The Typo, of Syracuse, New York, both surveying the wonderful scenery, with undisguised admiration. Just as we are about to pass them, slip goes the lady's feet, and down she comes like so much lead on the slimy rocks, one neatly gloved hand baptizing itself in a puddle of dirty water. GARRETT gal lantly starts to the rescue, when up goes his heels in the air and down comes the back of his head on the stony pavement. Hastily we reach the lady's side, and assist her to her teet, anxiously inquiring if she is hurt. She sweetly responds that she is not, and blushes till her cheeks are like the red wild flowers that gush from the cav ern's rocky summit. Turning then to GARRETT, we condole with him, while he tries to hide his confusion by hrush ing off the dirty mud and water that adhere to his clothes. . It was a fire ny sight, and yet we dare not laugh out of consideration for the feeling- o, the fallen couple But after lear of them, we made the Glen re echo with the merriment that would no longer be restrained.

But we have only time and room to say further that in the evening the party took an excursion up Seneca Lake, and viewed the beautiful scenery along its shores, returning in good season to trip the light fantastic toe. In the morning, the excursionists left Watkins for Minnequa Springs, where a glorious dinner was partaken off at the expense of Mr. PETER HERDIC, of Williansport, the owner of them, and a most enjoyable time was had, la the evening the party returned to Wil hamsport, and from there sought their various homes. At Watkins, Elmira and Troy the hotels were free to the editors and there were no bills to pay The splendid dinner at the Glen Mountain House was given free by Mr b B. PARSONS, the proprietor of the Glen. a most whole-souled and hospitable gentleman, and the Pleasant Vailey Wine Company furnished abundance of excellent champagne. This company manufacture some of the best wicen the world. Everything was done? accommodate and oblige, and the whole affair passed off gloriously. As the hotels at Watkins are entitled to editorial thanks throughout the State The Fallbrook, the Jefferson and other houses there, are kent by a up top set of fellows, who know whate what. We are particularly indebted to Baker & Son, of the Fallbrook

We may have more to say about Watkins hereafter. The town has two the newspapers, the Schuyler Colody Democrat and the Walkins Expense both well-edited and capable of show ing up their local advantages, which they do. Watkins Glen is beginn & to come prominently into nonce, and will ere long be the finest watering place in the land. The country around it is magnificent-the finest, we think. we have ever seen,

But we must stop here. We have omitted many things, but there is a limit to newspaper columns as well as to everything else. We conclude by saying the whole affair was splendidly managed and was a grand success Much of this was due to MENANIN, of the Printer's Circular, who labored unceasingly for the entertainment of the editorial host. But, for the pres ent, adieu.

-Two girls in a small town in Ohio run a blacksmith shop all by themselvs. They dress in Bloomer costume and shoe a horse just as well se a man.

An exchange calls Ben Butler an old buster.' According to the tender tale of a negro wench who followed him North from New Orleans, he is an old husser as well. Ben is an old anything the devil wants