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FREIGHT TRAFFIC VERY HEAVY. Rush of Business on Catawissa Branch of the Reading Road.

There is a big rush of freight business on all the railroads due to the shipment of coal from the anthracite regions in addition to the ordinary traffic.

The Catawissa branch of the Philadelphia & Reading road, from East Mahanoy Junction to West Milton, is an important part of the Reading system and is hauling a large number of trains daily.

Giving Short Weight. The Shamokin authorities have discovered that a great many of the people who attend market at that place are guilty of giving short weight.

Crushed to Death. George Chudleigh of Philadelphia, was crushed beneath an elevator in one of the buildings of the Schuylkill Arsenal at Grays' Ferry on Monday.

Machine Drills Square Holes. A machine which will drill square holes has at last been made. An Englishman named Edward Segitz is the inventor, and his apparatus is said to have solved a problem heretofore regarded as being about as unaccomplishable as the mathematical impossibility of squaring the circle.

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Paying It Out. Mrs. Ramshorn—Will you remember to give Mary a good scolding tomorrow morning before you go to town? Mr. Ramshorn—A good scolding? What for? What has she done now? Mrs. Ramshorn—Oh, nothing. But I am going to have the drawing-room carpet up, and she will have to beat it, and she hits ever so much harder when she's out of temper.—Ally Sloper.

She Got the Position. "You see, if I engage you you will have to tell people sometimes that I am out when I am at home, do you understand?" said the lady about to engage a new maid. "Perfectly," said the applicant; "I'm not opposed to lying occasionally."

Her Little Joke. He had sprung so many gags at her expense that she thought it time to get even. "Henry," she exclaimed, as he came home to dinner, "I heard something this morning that opened my eyes."

Pity the Poor Neighbors. Mrs. Doolan—Only think, Mrs. Grogan, that great Pianopounder has practised so hard at the piano for the last six months that he has paralysed two fingers.

Doing It Proper. The reporter was interviewing the western millionaire. "Is it true that you are going to endow a chair in that university?"

Mere Matter of Curiosity. "I dropped asleep in the hammock, and he came up and kissed me." "Did he wake you up?" "Of course; but I didn't let him know it."

Days of Chivalry Gone. Wife (drearily)—Ah, me! The days of chivalry are past. Husband—What's the matter now? "Sir Walter Raleigh laid his cloak on the ground for Queen Elizabeth to walk over, but you get mad simply because poor, dear mother sat down on your hat."—N. Y. Weekly.

When Hubby Has a Chance. "About the only time some women ever give their husbands a chance to say anything," remarked the Observer of Events and Things, "is when they are in front of a soda water fountain. Then she is willing to let him say: 'What'll you have?'"—Yonkers Statesman.

The Ruling Passion. Doctor—The patient is in a fair way of recovery now, and she may have anything she likes. Husband—What would you like, dear? Patient—A looking-glass, please.—Ally Sloper.

Before and After. "I'll regulate the trusts," he said. Ere he had won the race: When he was in he shook his head. And with a solemn face said: "We must move with care, because 'tis wrong to get up special laws." And then he dropped the case.—Chicago Record-Herald.

DANGEROUS BUSINESS.



Convict—What are you doing here? Clergyman—I'm taking notes. Convict—Umph! That's what brought me here.—Philadelphia Press.

His Origin. Let's wife was turned to salt, because she backward looked askant; And thus she was, without a doubt, The first known rubber plant.—Brooklyn Life.

Concerning Length. "Have you been married long?" asked the lady, who was making conversation, of the six-footer. "Just as long as I am now," he replied.—Ohio State Journal.

Out of the Market. "I wouldn't marry the best man in the world." "You will not have the chance. I am already engaged."—N. Y. Times.

All She Could Handle. "Couldn't you learn to love me?" "No, Pa says I mustn't add any more fool fads to my curriculum."—Judge.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent. Washington, November 3, 1902. From Omaha comes a startling story of forgery. It is alleged that Representative Mercer has been reprinting pages of the Congressional Record after altering the proceedings to suit his own ends and has been sending them out under his frank.

The first formal meeting of the anthracite Coal Strike Commission, which took place Monday week, was widely heralded as demonstrating the success of the President's arbitration policy but as a matter of fact, although the meeting only dealt with preliminaries, there was much in it which might be taken to portend failure.

The most serious development was the discovery that there was a large number of operators in the anthracite region who were not party to the agreement to arbitrate and who were not represented at the meeting. As they own a large number of collieries it will be practically impossible to ask the railway presidents to observe any decision of the Commission not observed by their competitors and therefore the whole success of the Commission's work is threatened.

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Attorney General Knox, doubtless, greatly to the surprise of Senators Hanna, Spooner and several others, has found that the title to the Panama canal property is perfectly clear and now the government will bend its energies to the negotiation of a treaty with Columbia.

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stition of the United States of Colombia at the time he drafted his bill but he would take no heed. Colombia offers a lease for 100 years with the privilege of renewal for another 100 years, but that is not according to the canal bill and there must be either a change in the Colombian constitution or further Congressional legislation here, an end which the opponents of any canal desire, as it will give an opportunity for postponing further action, in the interests of the railroads.

A Susquehanna woman suspected that her husband was in the habit of kissing the hired girl, resolved to detect him in the act. On Saturday night she saw him pass quietly into the kitchen clouds. The hired girl was out, and the kitchen blinds were down. The jealous wife took a few matches in her hand, hastily placing a shawl over her head, as the hired girl often did, entered the back door and immediately she was seized and kissed and embraced in an ardent manner.

If you have many sorrows, put on a pair of tight shoes, and you'll forget all about them.

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RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

LACKAWANNA RAILROAD. BLOOMSBURG DIVISION. In effect Jan. 26, 1902. STATIONS. NORTHUMBERLAND, A.M. P.M. EAST. CAMERON, 6:42 10:10 10:15 6:34

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THE ARMY CANTEN- Adjutant General Corbin Will Strongly Recommend Its Re-establishment. The annual report of Adjutant General Corbin, to be made public shortly, contains a strong recommendation for the re-establishment of the army canteen.

Some people apparently go to a funeral to enjoy the ride. Only a few days ago, a cortege was passing and seated in a carriage near the end of the procession was a couple, laughing and chuckling in a very unbecoming manner.

Secretary Root has not yet begun the preparation of his annual report, but in view of the almost unanimous opinion of army officers in favor of the canteen, he believes he should call the attention of Congress to the question with a view to having that body pass such legislation as is necessary to again permit the regulation of such sales by the war department.

Pennsylvania Railroad.

Time Table in effect May 25, 1902. Scranton (2 1/2) 4:15 4:30 4:45 4:30. Pittston 7:05 7:20 7:35 7:15.

Lackawanna Railroad. Bloomsburg Division. In effect Jan. 26, 1902. Stations: Northumberland, Cameron, Dabville, Catawissa, Ripper.

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