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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1903.

THE ALTA-IDAHO CO.

Will Develop the Empire Group at Pardee.—A Sale For \$600,000.

Main Office In Bloomsburg.

Will Inaugurate Extensive Operations. A Fine Exhibit of Ores From The Property.

George M. Snyder the well known mining man of Pardee, is a guest at the Hotel Grand, having just arrived from the Lolo mining district.

The sale of the properties to the eastern company was negotiated by Mr. Snyder on a recent trip east, and the purchasers are prominent eastern capitalists, who have incorporated the Alta-Idaho company, under the laws of Delaware, with a capital of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of operating the group.

The entrance of the powerful eastern company in the Lolo district will be cheerful news to the entire Clearwater region. For three years past important strikes in the copper and gold belt along the river have been reported, and the district has been endorsed by no less an eminent authority than Prof. Israel C. Russell of the U. S. geological survey.

When questioned yesterday regarding the plans of the Alta-Idaho company, Mr. Snyder said: "We have just completed the mapping out of our preliminary work, and no delay will be met in rushing all details. The purpose of the company is to fully develop and open up the mines at the earliest possible date, preliminary to the larger operations that will follow."

The convenience of the property to rail transportation, the excellent water rights, timber, etc., will enable the big group to be developed under most favorable conditions.

THE OLD RELIABLE ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

NO CHANGE IN BALLOT

Begins to Look As If Legislature Will Take No Action.

CHIL-LABOR LAW AMENDMENTS

Will Be Introduced at Request of Mine Workers and Coal Operators—New Corporation Law Proposed—Other Items of Interest.

[Special Correspondence.] Harrisburg, Feb. 9. — Early in the session there was considerable talk regarding ballot - reform legislation, personal registration, and various other subjects affecting the exercise of the franchise of the voters.

The senator says that he is impelled to this negative course by reason of the fact that the proposed Quay bill to be prepared by the Republican state committee is not likely to be presented this session.

In connection with this general subject much interest is manifested in a bill presented by Senator Herbst, of Berks, in relation to convention delegates who violate their constituents' instructions, and upon which there will be some spirited discussion as soon as it is reported, which will probably be some day this week.

Corporation Laws. Corporations are vastly concerned, it is understood, in the concurrent resolution introduced by Mr. Bliss and referred to the committee on corporations, providing for a commission to codify the corporation laws of the state and report a bill making changes where necessary.

Chairman McClain, of the committee on corporations, speaking on the subject to-day, said: "The corporation laws of the commonwealth are so many and of such variety as to confuse anyone. I am informed of this by those competent to speak, both bench and bar. The present controversy between the governor on one side and the law officer of the commonwealth and the legal profession almost unanimously on the other side, is an illustration of this. The effect of Mr. Bliss' resolution, if passed, would be a codification of all the statutes affecting the organization and operations of corporations."

Inasmuch as the right of eminent domain is a subject specifically mentioned in the resolution as demanding attention, the various railroad interests are specially alert as to its fate. And while on the subject of eminent domain, the bill presented to the senate by Mr. Grady last week, which, generally speaking, denied "any corporation chartered as a common carrier for hire under the laws of any other state" the right of eminent domain in Pennsylvania, is openly regarded as intended to halt the Wabash, and this imputation has been directly made to the senator. He, however, good-humoredly denies it. Meanwhile the councils of Pittsburgh have passed an ordinance permitting the Wabash to enter that city.

Election Contests. After making preliminary arrangements at Emporium last Friday, a sub-committee of the house committee on elections will sit two or three days at that place this week to hear testimony in the Mullen-Blumie legislative contest. The committee conducting the investigation is composed of Messrs. McCarthy, Ripp, Gallagher and Laughlin, of Philadelphia; Cope, of Chester; McLane, of Crawford; Weller, of Bedford; Hower, of Lycoming, and Place, of Monroe. The contest turns upon 79 votes which Mullen charges were illegally cast for Blumie. The Harvey-Ferry contest, of Hazleton, will also be taken up this week by a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Plummer, of Blair; Maclay, of Franklin; Davis, of Fayette; Esler, of Allegheny; Kepler, of Centre; Enright, of Northampton, and Turner and Sheeran, of Philadelphia.

Tomorrow Harrisburg will be invaded by large delegations of clergymen and religious societies from every section of the state, who will earnestly protest against the passage of what is known as the Berkelbach bill, which to a large extent repeals the provisions of the old blue laws in

regard to Sunday trading. The proceedings will be before the law and order committee in the senate chamber, and, as stated in my last week's correspondence, there will be perhaps equally vigorous arguments in favor of the bill. Speaking on his measure today, Senator Berkelbach said: "When I introduced a similar bill two years ago I was surprised and altogether unprepared for the organized attacks that were made upon it. It was simply beaten out of existence by the attacking forces, and I had neither time nor opportunity to marshal the forces that favored the measure. This time I am better prepared, and I am in a position to say that the opponents of the bill will not have all the clergymen on their side. There are Christian ministers who are liberal enough to admit that my bill is a good bill, and who will be here to testify to that effect."

Child-Labor Legislation. An important bill will be introduced in the senate by Mr. Quail, of Schuylkill, which, while not going to the full extent of the mine workers' and organized labor's desires, is, nevertheless, regarded by them as a step in the right direction. The measure deals with child labor, and Senator Quail has been informed that the bill is based upon an agreement between employers and employed, whose joint representatives drafted the bill, or, rather, the amendments to the existing law. The direct author is said to be Kellogg Durland, of counsel for the mine workers, and he consulted John Mitchell in their preparation. The amendments were subsequently revised by J. B. Kerr and J. E. Burr, of counsel for the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad, and by Justice Alfred Hagd and Simon P. Wolverton, representing the coal operators. They were then sent to Senator Quail, with the request that he would introduce them in the legislature, and this he will do tomorrow.

Briefly stated, this legislation is in the shape of amendments to the act of May 29 1901, which fixed 13 years as the age limit below which no child could be employed. It also permitted night labor for children. The Quail amendments provide "that no minor, male or female, or adult woman shall be employed at labor or detained in any manufacturing establishment, mercantile industry, laundry, workshop, renovating works or printing office for a longer period than 12 hours in any day, nor for a longer period than 60 hours in any week, and no such minor under the age of 18 years shall be employed at labor or detained in any of the places named above" between the hours of 7 P. M. and 6 A. M.

The amendments go on to provide that no child under 16 shall be employed at any time at any place at any work, and describe how affidavits as to age shall be made to employers by parents or guardians, or, in the absence of these, by the child itself. The following stipulation is also made: "All persons authorized to administer oaths must examine all children as to their ability to read and write the English language. After a careful examination, if a child is found unable to read and write the English language, or has not attended school as required by law, or is under 16 years of age, it will be unlawful to issue a certificate; and in no case shall the officer who executes certificates charge more than 25 cents for administering the oath and issuing the certificate."

In addition to the above Senator Quail will offer an amendment to the existing law raising the age limit of breaker boys from 12 to 14 years, and of boys who work inside the mines from 14 to 16 years. Women and girls are also prohibited from working either in or about the outside of collieries. The amendment applies to both bituminous and anthracite mines.

Liquor Bills. Numerous bills affecting the liquor traffic were thrown into the legislature last week and more are yet to come. Among the latter will be one allowing licensed dealers to pay their fees quarterly instead of yearly, as at present. The license, however, will be issued for the full year, and the licensee will have to enter a bond obligating himself for that time. A similar law to this is in force in the state of Illinois.

As I intimated last week, Representative Snyder, of Schuylkill, has come along with his bill to compel street passenger railway companies to heat their cars to a temperature of 65 degrees Fahrenheit during the cold and wintry months. He had no sooner sent in the bill than Mr. Keyser, chairman of the senate street railways committee, notified him in person that the measure had not a ghost of a show, and that the board of health, of Philadelphia, was opposed to it on sanitary grounds.

There is still a lot of good-humored comment and discussion in relation to Representative Pusey's anti-cartoon bill, and its author has been compelled to stand a good deal of joking. One thing, however, he objects to, and that is the charge made by several newspapers that he had coined a new word—"unhuman"—in the phrasing of the bill. Pusey confronts this attack by producing the dictionary and reading to his critics the following definition: "Unhuman—not human; inhuman." "So you see," he says, "I have high authority for the word. It is perfectly proper, although not in popular use. And what is good enough for Webster ought to be good enough for me."

Tonight the house committee on judiciary general gave a hearing to a number of Christian Scientists who are discriminated against by the Ray bill as practicing methods of healing not sanctioned by the medical schools. Delegates were present from Philadelphia, Pittsburg and other places.

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AT THE THEATRE.



The young dramatic actor, Willis Granger will appear at the Opera House on Friday evening, Feb. 13, in the successful English melodrama "Gypsy Jack". The story revolves around a young gypsy who is the heir to large estates, but who is thought to be dead, having been stolen when a child. He is accused of the murder of a girl, whose husband has killed her in order that he may be free to marry the cousin of "Gypsy Jack", the only living heir to the Dexter millions.

ORIENTAL EXTRAVAGANZA CO.

The Oriental Extravaganza Company will be the attraction at the Opera House on Wednesday evening headed by the well known comedians Terrill and Simon, who have made the world laugh from the vaudeville stage. These original characters as comedians are the most remarkable piece of character acting and are above criticism. The supporting company is first class in all its details and the management has spared no expense to make this the strongest attraction on the road and has secured it as a special feature just imported from Europe. The piece is interspersed by good comedy work by all members of the company.

The positive demand for the legitimate drama, rendered in an adequate manner, has literally forced the production of Shakespeare's most beloved play, "Romeo and Juliet." The Simville presentation of the beautiful love story will be staged and costumed in such a manner as to delight the eye of the most exacting play goer. Everything, scenery, costumes, properties and effects, will all be made especially for this one complete production to be given at the Opera House, Tuesday evening, Feb. 17th.

An important feature of the Simville production of Shakespeare's immortal tragedy of love and passion to be given at the Opera House Tuesday evening next is the scenery. All recognized authorities have been faithfully followed and a most elaborate scenic investiture has resulted. There will be shown in every presentation of the play, street scenes in both ancient Verona and Mantua, the palace of the Capulets, the cloisters of a convent, Juliet's chamber, interior of the monument of the Capulets and the famous balcony scene, the latter shown with a wealth of detail, flowers rioting in profusion over the balcony and ancient garden wall, the silvery moon-light streaming through the wood and over the most beautiful love scene written.

New School House for Berwick.

The School Board of Berwick, at a meeting held Monday evening, accepted the plans for its new school house. They were prepared by Architect Stettler of Middleburg, Pa. The structure is to be of brick trimmed with grey stone, two stories high and will measure 54x85. The building will be located at the corner of Mercer Street and Ferris Avenue. It will be heated by the Smeadville hot air system and lighted by electricity. The building is to be completed by the first of September. The public school accommodations of Berwick, owing to the town's remarkable growth during the past year, are inadequate, and this building will be an improvement of the actual needed sort.

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Ladies' Coats One-half Price

Almost gone, if you have waited you can now get new coats at half price. \$10.00 Coats, Economy Sale 5.00 \$5.00 Coats, Economy Sale 2.50

Silks One-half and One-third off

A few yet just added to the assortment. 75 cent and \$1.00 Silks at 50 cents yard. 50 cent to \$1.00 Silks at 39 cents yard.

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10 yards good unbleached muslin 1 yard wide 45 cents. 10 yards good bleached muslin 1 yard wide 62 cents.

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Miss Sarah C. Spear.

Miss Sarah C. Spear died at the home of her brother Arthur W. Spear at Cabin Run, this county, Friday afternoon. Death was due to a complication of disorders. She had been ill but a few days. Miss Spear was born fifty-two years ago at Walcott, New York. Her father was the late Rev. N. C. Spear, who for many years lived at Orangeville. She was educated at the Orangeville Academy and at the Bloomsburg Normal School. She graduated from the latter institution and for two years was an instructor in the model school. She also taught in the public schools of this state and New Jersey, and for a period of nearly fourteen years she kept the books at the Danville Hospital. Miss Spear lived for several years on Fifth street, this town but when her parents died she went to make her home with her brother Arthur at Cabin Run. He and his family are the only survivors in this state. Miss Spear was a religious and devout lady and always took a deep interest in the work of the Presbyterian church of which she was a member. The funeral took place this morning, conducted by Rev's Hemingway and Frisbie. Interment was made in Rosemont cemetery.

Coal Found Near Berwick.

A Scranton expert who made an exhaustive examination of the vein of coal which was discovered some months ago on the farm of Alexander Varner, near Berwick, has reported the vein to be very rich and coal to be there in largely paying quantities. Mr. Varner is making arrangements to develop his find and has already started a shaft. Some geologists claim that there is a rich basin of coal in the vicinity of Varner's farm.

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For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Fitcher

SEED POTATOES

As the season for planting will soon be here, we desire to call the attention of Columbia County farmers and gardeners generally to the famous HENDERSON'S BOVEE POTATO.

This potato, which was first introduced by Peter Henderson, the noted seed man, is unquestionably the most prolific producer of any of the early varieties, the yield being far in excess of any members of the Rose family, and even of the later varieties. It not only possesses all the good qualities of the Rose potatoes but in many respects excels them, while in the matter of smoothness and uniformity in size, particularly the entire crop may be said to be merchantable. The "Bovee" is also the earliest of the early varieties, and in addition to be marketable at a time when in great demand, it is also a most excellent keeper.

During the season of 1901, M. C. McCollum, of Espy, planted two barrels of "Bovee" potatoes and the yield harvested was at the rate of 450 bushels to the acre. This fact is clearly shown by the following certificate.

ESPY, PA., January 17, 1903.

"To whom it may concern—This is to certify that in August 1901, we visited the grounds of M. C. McCollum, of this place, and there saw dug and measured "Bovee" Potatoes that yielded two and one-half pecks to the rod of row.

Signed—WILLIAM BOGART, SAMUEL K. WORMAN, N. RICHART, STEPHENS POHE.

If anyone is skeptical as to the yield of the "Bovee" he is requested to write to either of all of these gentlemen.

The price of our "Bovee Seed Potatoes" is 50 cents per peck or \$1.50 per bushel, and as the supply is limited, we would advise all who contemplate purchasing the same to call upon or write us at once.

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