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THE LACKAWANNA.

In the wave of activity in betterment work which has passed over the railroads of the country during the past two or three years few roads have been more progressive than the Lackawanna. The evolution of that line under President Truesdale's management furnishes a striking illustration of the necessities of modern industrial conditions.

Starting at once with the construction of heavier bridges, roadbed and motive power, the Engineering, Mechanical, and Operating departments united in rehabilitating the entire line. The roadbed has been relaid with eighty pound steel rails; 32,000 tons of steel have been used in the erection of new bridges, which if placed in line would cover 3 1/2 miles of double track; 300 new bridges have been completed and the cost of this work alone will exceed \$3,300,000.

Equally interesting is the work done in raising the Lackawanna tracks through its suburban territory and particularly at Newark and Harrison. Under the present system the railroad crosses twenty-seven streets in Newark, all of which are at grade with one exception.

The installation of automatic block signals has been accomplished at a cost of more than \$500,000. In the last few months more than 150 locomotives of the most powerful type have been placed in service and the Lackawanna now has two locomotives for every three miles and 30 cars for every one mile of operated track.

New stations have cost \$300,000. Eight new engine houses with a total of 139 stalls have been erected and three more are being built. The terminal yards at Hoboken have been entirely remodeled and equipped with the latest type of slip switches, point switches, and standard plate riveted frogs. Duck work contemplated for the near future also includes a new gravity coal shipping pier at a cost of \$175,000.

Many facts of interest in connection with this evolution have been gathered together and put into a little booklet entitled, "Modernizing a Trunk Line." The book is being distributed by the Traffic Department of the road and will be mailed on request.

Pomona Grange Meeting.

The Second Regular Quarterly Meeting of Pomona Grange, No. 5, composed of the Subordinate Granges of Columbia and Lower Luzerne counties will meet in the Hall of Valley Grange, Millville, on Friday, April 10th, 1903, at ten o'clock sharp.

Address of Welcome by Dr. Everett, of Valley Grange, and responded to by Bro. L. M. Creveling. Music - Laura Unger. Recitation - Sister Minnie Kline. A paper by Bro. Philip Harris on the following topic: "Why does the cultivation of the soil promote plant growth and to what extent can cultivation contribute to such growth."

Solo - Sister Hower. Recitation - Bro. Ward Kline. Essay - Sister Kate Creveling. Select Reading - Sister Joe Richie. Solo - Sister Bertell Laubach. Paper descriptive of trip to Detroit, Michigan, and doings of Road Congress, W. T. Creasy.

Talk - by Sister Ettie Gearhart. Solo - Sister Kate Creveling. Select Reading - Sister Retta Wenner. Recitation - Sister Maggie Drum.

5th Degree meeting in full form in the evening. W. J. BEIDLEMAN, W. Lect. AMOS HARTMAN, W. Master.

He is Among the First.

"Well, I beat my record for some years," remarked a local trucker on Tuesday, "for I planted a lot of onion sets and several rows of potatoes. The ground was not in the best of order but there was the opportunity and I seized it. It was three weeks earlier than I got them in last year and I hope to get the crop in market that much earlier but the fact that southern new potatoes are already selling in the market at twenty cents a half peck doesn't make it look as if there would be much big money in new potatoes for us."

Farmers' Hunting Garlic.

Among the earliest things to make its appearance in the spring," said a dairyman on Monday "is garlic." Keep as close watch as is possible on the nasty weed, there will some get up in your pasture fields, for the slightest rootlet left in the ground will propagate. The cows seem to have an almost insane appetite for it, and will hunt it up, which means that meanest of all things, garlic tainted butter. Just as soon as this rain stops we will make a most diligent search for every stalk of garlic, but I am afraid some will escape our notice, as it almost always does, and then comes a howl from my customers about the butter.

A Remarkable Shirt Tale.

A shirt went through the Bradford laundry with two diamond studs in the bosom and the owner got them back with the shirt, which causes the Kane Leader to remark that this is the most remarkable shirt tale in the history of McKean county.

25,000 MEN IN CONFERENCE.

Sunday night at Derby, Conn. was closed the last of a series of twenty conventions of the state Young Men's Christian Associations which have been meeting during the last two months from Peterboro, Ont., to Lampasses, Tex., and from New Hampshire to California. These conventions had over 5,000 delegates. There have been present at their meetings over 25,000 young men. In these meetings over 1200 addresses, prepared papers and talks, have been given.

The convention in Georgia was called to order by ex-Governor Northen. Men prominent in all positions of life took part in the programs. Governor Cummings of Iowa, speaking to the men at the Minnesota gathering, said, "I look upon the Association as an essential part of the great events which protect the people of this and other countries from the disintegration of immorality. It is a great deal cheaper and more effective to give to the help of the Association than to employ policemen."

The themes for discussion which have elicited the largest interest at these conventions have been, "The care and culture of growing boys, of their bodies and morals." In this the Associations are seeking the best men to be found. At nearly every convention, action leading to the organizations of new Associations in the counties, has been taken. The success of this work by county groups has been demonstrated so that it will, it is expected, double the number of organizations in the country in five years. The progress is limited only by the inability to find trained men of industrial Associations. These are being formed in large manufacturing and other industrial plants, such as was opened at Proctor, Vt. six weeks ago. In Pennsylvania, a series of new Associations formed among the coal miners, show remarkable progress; and in the Carolinas the mill operators in the new towns are receiving attention.

Great evangelistic meetings for men with attendance of 800 to 2,500, were held on Sunday afternoons, at which a direct appeal to men to live clean, straight, useful Christian lives and devote themselves to service for their fellow men were made with remarkable response.

In almost every state large sums of money were given for the State Committee, to whom credit for the remarkable advance in the movement is due. There are now 37 such State Committees that employ 64 secretaries and spend \$165,000 a year in fostering and organizing Associations.

Nearly one-third of the delegates to these gatherings were college men, prominent among whom were the crack athletes, football and base ball. The reports presented by State Committees at these conventions, show that the Association is as attractive as a club, effective as a police force, educative as a school, and as inspiring as a revival to men. Instead of having fully occupied its field, there are yet as many cities without Associations as with; there is a demand for several thousand county organizations, three or four hundred college Associations, three hundred railroad Associations, scores of organizations in large industrial plants, and a hundred men are called for to man new organizations in foreign lands.

Worthy Master Horton, of the Michigan State Grange, has defined the grange as a fraternal association that will give: "A permanent social gathering for old and young; parliamentary school and literary society, a school for general discussion of important questions; a convenience for legislative influence; a benefit through trade contracts; a saving through Grange fire insurance, a fixed plan for libraries; a financial assistant to the active farmer; a practical school of opportunities for the young." Yet most of us have not realized that the Grange provides for all this. Is it not time we were studying the plans of our own organization?

Was Eve a summer girl? I hate To meet this at all rates, But I can state, at any rate, She came before the fall.

Your Liver Is it acting well? Bowels regular? Digestion good? If not, remember Ayer's Pills.

Want your moustache or beard a beautiful brown or rich black? Use Buckingham's Dye

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The poorest use a man can make of himself in this world is to devote his whole energies to "making money," says the Windsor Standard. After it is made there is apparently so little time left to enjoy it and the making of it so withers every faculty of the soul which would allow the money maker to enter into happiness with his possessions, that even when he gets ready to quit the grind and develop in some other direction, he finds it impossible and can do nothing but go on heaping up wealth that is beyond the possibilities of rational use.

There is a drouth in the maple syrup crop this year that amounts to a veritable famine. The unseasonable weather has put the syrup out of business, for sap will not run. Syrup making hereabout however, is not the flourishing industry it used to be. Not many years ago Columbia County produced a considerable quantity and an excellent quality of this table delicacy, but the groves have yielded to the woodmen's ax, and the large stately maples have been hewn down for lumber purposes.

A suit before Justice Adkins Wednesday, says the Shickshinny Echo brought a number of Sweet Valley men to town. The Bloomsburg Furniture Co. sued the members of the Pleasant Valley Academy association for four desks bought six years ago valued at \$46. Dr. J. N. Davenport, Geo. Callender, Corey Allen, A. R. Wolf and D. R. Post answered the summons and were represented by R. R. Van-Horn. The defense was that while the desks were bought and shipped to E. B. Beishline, who leased the academy. Judgment was given for the furniture company, but an appeal was taken.

The Berwick Daily Enterprise will make its appearance for the first time on Monday. It will be issued from the office of the Enterprise, by C. A. Raseley. The weekly will not be discontinued, as has been rumored. With a practical man at its head, and an excellent field, the Daily Enterprise has a bright future. We bespeak success for the venture. In his announcement, Mr. Raseley says: We are not trying to inveigle a lot of town people into this project (and unload to them at a big profit), but appear to you as a tub standing on its own bottom, embarking in an honest enterprise in an honorable manner."

Central Examinations

It has been found necessary to change the schedule for pupils' central examinations slightly in order to accommodate all the pupils. The examination for the pupils in Scott township will be held at Espy April 3rd. The pupils of West Berwick borough with those of Briar Creek township will be examined at West Berwick, April 7. Visitors are welcome. W. W. EVANS.

Rev. Tinker Accepts.

Rev. W. M. Tinker has accepted the pastorate of the local Baptist church and delivered his first sermon Sunday morning to a good sized congregation. His acceptance is a matter of great gratification to the congregation and our townspeople in general are pleased at his return.

Coal Near Sunbury.

According to the Sunbury Item there is every indication that a large anthracite coal breaker will be put in operation at Selingsgrove Junction, eight miles from the present coal region.

Practical miners are at work sinking a shaft to work a six foot vein of excellent quality, and the land owners and citizens for miles around are anticipating a new era of prosperity for that section.

Look Out For These Sharpers.

Last week 26 Wilkesbarre school teachers were nearly buncoed out of \$2 each by two slick young men who sold to them a six months subscription to Harper's Weekly and six of Kipling's works for the small sum mentioned. One young woman became suspicious and telegraphed Harper & Bros., only to find the wily agents were frauds. They may come this way.

FARM FOR RENT.

The Samuel McHenry farm of 100 acres, in Greenwood township near Rohrsburg on the Orangeville road, is for rent. It is in a good state of cultivation, with good buildings. Good wells of NEVER FAILING WATER at both house and barn.

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Customers stop with surprise and look at the large variety of Wrist Bags and Chattelaines shown in our store. They are more surprised when they see the quality with our low prices attached.

Wrist bags, extra size and quality, 25 and 50 cents. Other grades up to 3.50 each. Chattelaine Bags, 25c to 2.50. Bead Bags, 48c to 3.95. Children's Bags, 10c to 25c.

Easter Gloves.

Buy your gloves for Easter now, the variety is best, the sizes of all kinds are here, the prices will not be lower.

White kid gloves, 75c., 1.00, 1.25. Grey kid gloves, 75c., 1.00, 1.25. Modes and Tan kid gloves 75c., 1.00, 1.25. Black kid gloves 75c., 1.00, 1.25, 1.50. Misses' kid gloves 75c. Special kid gloves in small sizes only, black and colors, kinds we will have no more, have been 1.00 and 1.25—this lot 75 cents.

Easter Neckwear.

Our difficulty is in finding room enough to show the large variety of new things recently received for dress decoration.

Turn-over collars bought directly from importers and manufacturers.

Worth 15c to 19c, 10c each.

Worth 30c to 50c, 25c each.

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Lace Collars, every one exceptional value, 59c to 3.00.

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Black and white, 19c. to 2.00 a yard.

Ornaments, drops, buttons, anchors, stars, beadings, nets, gimps, ribbons, more and more.



Vacation Stories.

If you are planning a trip to the country this summer be sure to send for "Mountain and Lake Resorts," a little book just issued by the Passenger Department of the Lackawanna Railroad. It will tell you about some of the most delightful summer resorts in the East, the rates of fare, price of board, and other interesting information. The book is profusely illustrated by more than 175 pictures and contains a delightful love story entitled "For Reasons of State." It will be sent free to anyone by addressing T. W. Lee, General Passenger Agent, Lackawanna Railroad, New York City, and enclosing 5 cents in stamps, to cover postage.

Illegal Trout Fishers at Work.

Complaint is already heard of illegal trout fishing in some of our mountain streams and the "square" fishermen talk of making trouble through the County Fish and Game Protective Association. The law prohibits the catching of trout before April 15. The fine for violation is \$25. It further provides that no trout that is less than six inches in length shall be taken from the stream. The fine is \$10 for each and every trout found in any one's possession that is under lawful size.

Minister Attempts Suicide.

Rev. John G. Grimes of Nescopeck attempted to commit suicide at Juniata, a suburb of Altoona on Tuesday by shooting himself in the head. The act was committed while he was in a state of despondency, bordering on mental aberration and was brought on it is believed by over study. He was removed to the hospital where an X-ray photograph located the bullet just above the left temple. He will recover. Rev. Grimes has been the pastor of the Methodist church of Nescopeck for the past two years and had gone to Altoona to attend conference. He is thirty-five years of age.

E. Woolsey, the West Main street confectioner, had one of his best and most valuable horses bitten by a mad dog on Saturday and was forced to kill the animal as a precautionary measure. He consulted veterinary surgeon G. H. Welliver who informed him that there was no help for the horse. The dog was killed at Dutch Hill the same day.

Reduced Rates to New Orleans.

Via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account Meeting National Manufacturers' Association.

On account of the meeting of the National Manufacturers' Association at New Orleans, April 15 to 17, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to New Orleans and return, April 11, 12, and 13, good going on date of sale, and good returning to reach original starting point not later than April 19, from all points on its lines, at reduced rates. By depositing ticket with Joint Agent at New Orleans between April 12 and 19, and payment of fee of fifty cents, an extension of return limit may be obtained to reach starting point not later than April 30.

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