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TWO-CENT RATE.

Proposition is Getting Some Hard Knocks.

The movement for two-cent a mile fare laws is receiving a number of hard knocks in different parts of the country. First Governor Hughes vetoed a two-cent fare bill in the State of New York. This has been followed by a decision in Pennsylvania, holding that the new two-cent fare law in that state was unconstitutional. Now the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce declares that Ohio's two-cent rate law is a failure and that the business men of that city will try to have it repealed at the next session of the Legislature. Another knock at the two-cent a mile fare idea was given by Judge Shull, of the Perry county court, in Pennsylvania. This case is of large interest because the working of the two-cent fare law would have practically confiscated the entire property of the Susquehanna River & Western Railroad. The railroad is only thirteen and one-half miles long and is capitalized at \$1,500,000 of stock and \$1,500,000 of bonds. It was shown that the earnings of the company would be insufficient to meet the interest charges if a passenger fare rate of two cents a mile was imposed. Judge Shull declared that compliance with the statute would mean the robbing of the stockholders of their securities, while the community would be deprived of the facilities of the railroad, which simply couldn't obey the law and do business.

THE APPLE CROP.

One of Farm's Most Valuable Products.

In an article on Pennsylvania Orchards the Scranton Tribune very justly says: "In spite of the fact that the finest apples in the world may be grown in this state, the Pennsylvania farmer as a rule takes the least trouble to develop his resources. How often, in driving through the country in springtime, one may see an agriculturist following the plough through a field of sickly-looking corn that will yield scarcely anything save stalks, allowing the magnificent orchards planted by his grandfather to go to decay, while the promising fruit is left to the ravages of insects. By lack of proper pruning and through neglect in destroying worms' nests in early spring, many noble trees that would bear bushels of luscious fruit each year, yield comparatively nothing. Many farmers, who would be insulted if any one would intimate that they are not thrifty, allow golden opportunities for profit to slip by each season by failure to give enough attention to their fruit trees."

The Merry Opera of "The Toy-makers."

That celebrated company of merry-makers, "The Jollities" will soon be the attraction at the Grand Opera House and it is predicted that no one in this town will miss "The Toy-makers" that new side-splitting, musical absurdity which was written by Charles Felton Pidgin the author of that famous book "Quincy Adams Sawyer" which was read and talked about as "the best New England story ever written." Mr. Pidgin has written both book and play and every one should read this amusing story if possible before seeing "The Toy-makers." Years ago in Merry England "The Toy-makers of Nuremberg" was adapted from the German and under the name of "Dolly" was sung by Mmme. Rudersdorf the gifted mother of Richard Mansfield, making a great success over there. Now Mr. Pidgin is Chief of the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics, he is simply brimming over with fun and dry humor which he knows how to serve up to the public in a most satisfying manner.

The date of the production of "The Toy-makers," is Thursday Nov. 21 and it will be given at the Opera House for one night only. The story tells of a wonderful doll invented by "John Stubbs Senior" and brought to life by electricity through many curious and comical adventures and puts the audience in great good humor. Twenty-six new musical lyrics make up this clever comic opera, full of melody which were written by Charles D. Blake and John A. Bennett. New costumes and beautiful scenery were designed especially for "The Jollities" who give a clean, unbacked evening's entertainment in this jolly opera "The Toy-makers."

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THE MARRYING OF TEACHERS.

A Newspaper Discusses Much Talked of Subject and Arrives at Favorable Conclusion.

In an article dwelling upon the idea that seems to be growing that female school teachers should not marry, the Scranton Republican says: "The average young woman grows up with the idea that some time during her life she will meet some man in whose keeping she will give her life as well as her trust and affections. The teacher does not differ from other young women in this respect. Sometimes, like other girls, she meets with disappointment, she goes through life a Jill who has never been claimed by her Jack. But ordinarily some period of her life will bring to her a member of the opposite sex who will claim her and she finds that she possesses neither the strength nor the desire to say him nay. So there is another vacancy among the teaching positions, and another woman steps forward to take the place that has been left open. For what? To live and die an old maid, happy and contented? Not by a long sight. To live her life just the same as other women do, and to love and marry a man provided that the right one sees and proposes to her."

May Seize Jamestown Fair.

Government May Run it to Regain its \$1,000,000 Loan.

There is a strong possibility, says a Washington dispatch, that in the near future the Federal Government will take charge of the Jamestown Exposition and run it, with a view of securing the return of as large a slice as possible of the \$1,000,000 loan which Congress gave to the Exposition Company.

The Exposition Company has repaid to the Government only a little more than \$100,000, and there is no possibility that the company will be able to repay the Government in full.

The receipts at present are only about \$10,000 a day on the average and even this estimate may be high. The Exposition managers count on an attendance of 15,000 a day, and the average per capita is something like 70 cents. The attendance may decrease next month, and the Exposition will end on November 30. Under the law authorizing the Government loan there is a lien on the gate receipts and those from concessions only.

Alvah H. Martin, elected by the Board of Directors to succeed J. M. Barr as director general of the Jamestown Exposition, has assumed the duties of executive head of the ter-centennial.

Trespass Notices.

Card signs "No Trespassing" for sale at this office. They are printed in accordance with the late act of 1903. Price 5 cents each. tf

Delegate to W. C. T. U. Convention.

Mrs. L. E. Whary left last Thursday morning for Buffalo, N. Y., where she attended a convention of the W. C. T. U. as a delegate from the local branch. She also attended a convention of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church in the same city.

SKIN ERUPTIONS.

Many persons are much annoyed by prickly heat, hives, boils and other skin eruptions, often attended by painful itching and burning, and sometimes becoming obstinate and unsightly sores. Copious people are especially subject to these maddening infections all caused by impure blood. Scrofula, Cancer and all other skin diseases arise from an impure state of the blood.

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WOMEN SILK RAISERS

A WORK THAT FARMERS' WIVES FIND PROFITABLE.

Experience of An Alabama Woman With An Ounce of Eggs and Five Mulberry Trees As a Starter—Require Care in Feeding.

"My eldest daughter paid her own way through college with money made by raising silkworms," said Mrs. Mary S. Graham of Alabama when asked to give her experience in raising silk for market. "I gave her a thousand silkworm eggs when she was 12 years old and from them she made the money to pay her expenses at college."

"My own experience with silk raising began when my daughter, who is my eldest child, was 10 years old. My husband sold his farm in Connecticut and moved to Alabama. On our new farm there were six splendid mulberry trees. From one of our neighbors I learned that they had been planted by the former owner of the farm at the time when the Government was offering some sort of bounty for silkworm culture. She told me that at one time there had been quite a number of mulberry orchards in the neighborhood."

"My first step was to write to the Congressman from that district asking for any reports on the subject that the Government had published. I also wrote an old school friend in Boston to send me any book or magazine article that she could find. That winter I devoted all my spare time to reading up on the subject and making preparations."

"Along in February, I think it was, I bought an ounce of silkworm eggs. The cost when they reached me was just \$5. Quite a high price, as I have since learned, but as they were guaranteed and proved all that was claimed for them I have never felt that I had any cause to complain. These eggs I kept in a cool place in my cellar until the mulberry trees began to show their first leaves. Then I got out my eggs and put them in my incubator, just the ordinary chicken incubator. I treated the worm eggs pretty much as I had chicken eggs, kept the air moist and the heat regulated."

"The time for hatching is early in the morning, usually between 5 and 8 o'clock. As I am a farmer's wife and have to rise early, that time suits me very well. Each day's hatch should be kept separate, as the worms will moult differently. Eggs not hatched on the third day should be thrown away, as the worms that come from them will be weak, unhealthy and often die before they reach their second moult. There are five of these moultings and each separates what we worm cultivators call the ages of the silkworm."

"During the first age worms should be fed every hour during the day. The mulberry leaves should be young and should be finely chopped. After the first moulting they should have about five meals a day and the leaves need not be chopped. If one has the time and wishes to chop the leaves it may be done, but I stopped chopping mine after the first age fully five years ago. The result has been entirely satisfactory. After each moult, as the worms grow very rapidly they will have to be spread out."

"There are two points about which all who wish to grow silk worms must be particular. Worms must be kept with scrupulous cleanliness and must have plenty of room. Perhaps I should add that they must also have plenty of fresh air, but I think that is understood to be essential to the well being of all animal life. After the fourth moult the appetite of the silk worm can only be described by the word voracious. As they are only machines for producing silk and the more they eat the more silk they make I have always been careful to satisfy their appetites. That first year I had to call on the mulberry trees of my neighbors to help me do it, but I pulled through and the result was so satisfactory that since then I have always made a point of being prepared."

"I have found it best to raise my own eggs so for that purpose I always select a number of the largest and best cocoons and allow the moth to mature. It takes about two hundred cocoons to produce an ounce of eggs."

"When reeling is done at home the cocoons must be put in hot water to loosen the gum which binds the filaments together. From twenty to thirty filaments are used to make one thread, so you may judge how fine and delicate they are. Wooden reels cost about \$20 and the best metal reels \$50. While reeling silk is not difficult it is delicate operation and requires considerable practice. Aside from chopping the mulberry leaves it is the only part of the work of silk culture that I have found tedious."

"I have never used hired help for growing this pin money crop as I always call it, so for that reason every dollar that I have made has been clear gain. I always calculate on making from \$60 to \$70 from every ounce of silkworm eggs."

Flavoring the Cakes.

Put an orange or a lemon in the jar or box with your newly-made sweet cakes or cookies and you will find it will give them a delicate and delicious flavor. Dried orange or lemon peel will do the same.

WORLD'S BUSIEST STREET.

West Street, New York City, a Torrent of Traffic.

Manhattan Island has thirty-two miles of water front, and the city of New York derives, approximately, \$3,500,000 yearly in rentals from its docks and ferries. Of this great revenue the West Street section, from the Battery to and including the new marginal street which extends from Gansevoort Street to Twenty-third Street, yields almost two-thirds says Leslie's Weekly. In this section the Pennsylvania Railroad Company alone pays the city more than \$223,000 a year for the privilege of maintaining its freight and passenger terminals. The White Star Steamship Company is paying \$85,000 apiece yearly for two piers. These figures give an idea of the great value of pier privileges along West Street.

It is practically an impossibility to give accurate figures as to the number of passengers and the amount of freight handled by the various transportation companies which touch West Street because no such compilation has been made. Take the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. During each twenty-four hour period 170 trains arrive from the west at its Jersey City terminal, and all the passengers are bound for New York. In a rush hour one day a conductor and his assistants counted 4,800 persons on a single train. In the month of October, 1905, the Market Street (Newark) ticket office of the Pennsylvania sold \$2,000 round-trip tickets, to say nothing of the one-way fares. All these people cross West Street on their way to the city, and the figures given suggest but imperfectly the heavy travel from all sources which is focused on this busy section.

A stroll along West Street will prove interesting to all lovers of the picturesque. Pier 1, near the beginning of the street at historic old Whitehall, is the landing place for fruit steamers. Here, on certain days, trucks are lined up by the hundreds, and there is a scene of marvellous activity when the work of unloading begins. Within an hour after the steamer reaches the pier the truck loads of fruit are being hurried to various distributing points and sent to all parts of the east. Monday is "commercial travellers' day," when thousands of wide awake salesmen may be seen hurrying to the ferries on their way to catch early trains. The arrival or departure of a great ocean liner is always an inspiring sight, and such happenings occur daily at the West Street piers. Oddly enough the only street cars which run along this broad thoroughfare are pulled by horses, and the "belt line" tracks and antiquated equipment remain as a relic of the days before New York "grew up." At night the scene on West Street is an animated one. The flickering lights against the straggling rows of buildings along the water front make a unique setting for the motley throngs of pedestrians hurrying homeward, the roistering longshoremen and shouting truckmen and the whole presents a picture of New York life which is not soon forgotten.

West Street proper is 70 feet wide. The department of docks and ferries had added 180 feet to this for the entire length, and in many places the thoroughfare has been extended in width to 400 feet. When the Dutch occupied the quaint village of the lower end of the island, in 1626, the high-water line was at a point 125 feet west of Broadway—about the present east line of Greenwich Street. Low-water line was at Washington Street (then known as "Low Water" street), and West Street was the old bulkhead line. It is difficult to conceive of the loneliness and solitude of the Hudson river shore at that time, when its waters washed the tortured palisade just west of where the new and magnificent customs house now stands. In 1723 the "streets under the water" were ordered surveyed by the town aldermen. The same ordinance which gave being to Greenwich and Washington streets made a beginning of the vast array of wharves which now line the shore and provided for filling in the land to form the present great thoroughfare known as West Street.

Weather Proverbs.

The absence of dew for three days indicates rain. Heavy dew indicates fair weather. Clouds with dew indicate rain. If there is a heavy dew and it soon dries, expect fine weather; if it lies long on the grass, expect rain in twenty-four hours.

With dew before midnight, the next day will surely be bright. If you wet your feet with the dew in the morning, you may keep them dry for the rest of the day.

If it rains before seven, 'twill clear before eleven. Rains from the south prevent drought, but rains from the west are always best. If it rains before sunrise, expect a fair afternoon. If it rains when the sun shines, it will rain the next day. Rain likely to commence on the turn of the tide.

Marry the rain to the wind and you have a calm. If rain commences before daylight, it will hold up before 8 A. M.; if it begins about noon, it will continue through the afternoon; if it commences after 9 P. M., it will rain the next day; if the wind is from the northwest or southwest, the storm will be short; if from the northeast, it will be a hard one.

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