

Who Owns the Railroads?
 H. T. Newcomb, of the District of Columbia Bar, has compiled statistics showing that 5,174,718 depositors in savings banks of six Eastern States are directly interested in the joint ownership of \$442,354,086 of steam railroad securities, that insurance companies doing business in Massachusetts hold \$845,889,038 of steam railroad stocks and bonds, and 74 educational institutions depend on \$47,408,327 invested in similar securities for a portion of their income. Other fiduciary institutions own enough railroad securities to bring such holdings up to more than a billion and a half dollars, about one-sixth of the entire capital invested in railroad property. These investments represent the savings of the masses, there being twenty million holders of life insurance policies in the country, as many more of fire insurance policies, and an even greater number of depositors in banking and trust institutions, where investments are largely in railroad securities.

Errors Made by Geologists.
 The construction of the great Simpson tunnel has proved once more that geology is largely a matter of theories which may or may not fit actual conditions, even close to the surface of the earth. The engineers have discovered that the geologists were entirely at fault as to the temperature which would be encountered, missing the mark 25 degrees at the point where hot water was found. The water conditions in general were unlike those predicted, and the engineers found that the dips in the rock strata, which had been declared on theory to be mainly vertical, were, in fact, horizontal.

John Morley on Golf.
 Mr. John Morley addressed a meeting of his constituents in Montrose the other night, and at the close a "heckler" rose and said:
 "I wish to ask the right honorable gentleman an important question."
 The audience was all attention.
 "I wish to ask Mr. Morley why he does not play golf?" Mr. Morley, however, was equal to the occasion. "Golf!" he exclaimed: "Oh! I don't think I'm old enough to begin that yet."—Dundee People's Friend.

TRIPLE PLAYS ARE RARE.
But Two Men Have Pulled Them Off Unassisted.
 A triple play is one of the rare things in baseball, because it requires a combination of circumstances which seldom occur. There must be at least two men on the bases, and no one out. Then the next batter must hit the ball in a certain way, or the chance for a triple is lost. In addition to this, the fielding must be perfect and fast. But two triple plays, made by one man unassisted, have ever been recorded. One was the famous play of Paul Hines way back in the early '80s. The other is fresh in the mind, although it was made in a minor league.

In 1901 Harry O'Hagan was playing first base for Columbus, in the Western association. Tim Canned, he went East to Newark, and the day after he donned a New Jersey uniform he pulled off the play that made him famous. With men on first and second and, of course, nobody out, O'Hagan was playing close to the bag, when the next batter hit a liner directly into his hands. The force of the ball was enough to knock him back so that his foot touched the first sack, retiring the runner, who was off the base. O'Hagan, turning to throw to second, saw that the runner there had started at the crack of the bat and was nearly to third. So, instead of throwing the ball, he sprang to second base with it in his hand, arriving in time to put the third man out on the play.
 Last season the Kansas City club of the American association made two triple plays in one game at Toledo.

CHILDREN AFFECTED
By Mother's Food and Drink.
 Many babies have been launched into life with constitutions weakened by disease taken in with their mother's milk. Mothers cannot be too careful as to the food they use while nursing their babies. The experience of a Kansas City mother is a case in point.
 "I was a great coffee drinker from a child, and thought I could not eat a meal without it. But I found at last it was doing me harm. For years I had been troubled with dizziness, spots before my eyes and pain in my heart, to which was added, two years ago, a chronic sour stomach. The baby was born seven months ago, and almost from the beginning it, too, suffered from sour stomach. She was taking it from me!
 "In my distress I consulted a friend of more experience than mine, and she told me to quit coffee, that coffee did not make good milk; I have since ascertained that it really dries up the milk.
 "So I quit coffee, and tried tea and at last cocoa. But they did not agree with me. Then I turned to Postum Coffee with the happiest results. It proved to be the very thing I needed. It not only agreed perfectly with baby and myself, but it increased the flow of my milk. My husband then quit coffee and used Postum, which got well of the dyspepsia with which he had been troubled. I no longer suffer from the dizziness, blind spots, pain in my heart or sour stomach. Postum has cured them.
 "Now we all drink Postum from my husband to my seven months' old baby. It has proved to be the best hot drink we have ever used. We would not give up Postum for the best coffee we ever drank." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.
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THE KEYSTONE STATE

Latest News of Pennsylvania Told in Short Order.

During the excitement of a fire at the residence of Morris Evans, of Edwardsville, some one of the several persons who were trying to save goods and tossing what they could out of a bedroom window threw out a roll of bills. It fell at the feet of a man who took it, saying he would take care of it. No trace of the man has been found.

William E. Hughes, cashier of the Cudahy Packing Company, Pittston, was arrested on the charge of embezzlement made by an auditor of the company. He was held under \$4,000 bail for court. Auditor Snyder said that \$3,700 is not accounted for on the deposit books.

P. J. McGuire, of Blairsville, is in jail at Clarion, charged with conspiracy, misrepresentation and fraud in the sale of the stock of the Butler corporation. A. E. Butler and Fred Stage, of Butler, are charged jointly with McGuire and are under bail.

Returning to his home in Frackville, after working all night, Isaac Bachman, a locomotive engineer, found his wife missing. A search of the premises revealed her dead body at the bottom of a fifteen-foot well. It is not known whether death was due to accident or suicide.

Flames that threatened the home of James E. Roderick, Chief of the State Department of Mines and Mining, in Hazleton, were extinguished by women who fought the fire with garden hose and buckets of water.

A bullet was removed from the end of the great toe of the left foot of Charles Fidler, 23 years old, a railroad worker, who had been shot in the right arm ten years ago by a negro boy. Fidler went to the Harrisburg Hospital, complaining of an itchy feeling in his right arm, which he thought came from being shot there many years ago. Surgeons made a thorough search of the right arm and continuing their search found the bullet lodged in the end of the great toe of his left foot. It is thought the bullet traveled through the man's entire body.

Several boys passing the home of A. S. Steller, superintendent of the dye works at Sunbury, noticed flames eating their way through a door at the rear of the house. By using their coats they succeeded in smothering the flames. It was found that a firebug had been at work, having saturated a bunch of waste with oil and then pushed it underneath the door. The residence is close to the large dye works. The company operating the dye works has been opposed to employees joining the Textile Workers' Union and recently discharged fifty hands for taking part in such a movement.

The Monessen Board of Education has approved a plan for a school garden at the Iowa School. An acre of ground in the rear of the school will be plowed and fertilized at once. It will be a community garden where all will work and plots will be assigned to scholars. The pupils will market the truck and the proceeds will go toward the expense incurred.

Mrs. Jane Davenport Van Loon, the oldest resident of Plymouth, died, aged 90 years. She died in the same house where she was born. Death came suddenly of heart disease, and half an hour before she was sitting up reading. She was the wife of a former Sheriff of the county and was the mother of thirteen children, only two of whom survive.

The Cumberland Valley Railroad Company has purchased the Chambersburg & Gettysburg Electric Railway Company, which includes the trolley line in Chambersburg, and the road to Fayetteville and Graeffenburg. The line will be extended to Waynesboro by making a trolley line of the Mont Alto Railroad. Eventually this means connection with the Valley Traction Company's line to Harrisburg.

A fire, apparently of incendiary origin, destroyed all the farm buildings on the dairy farm of George Smith, in North Conventry Township, Chester county. Twenty-one head of Holstein cows, together with crops, wagons and agricultural implements, were burned. The loss amounts to about \$8,000, partially covered by insurance.

Charged with placing obstructions on the tracks of the Lehigh Valley Traction Company, near Slatington, Thomas O. Williams, of that place, had a hearing before Justice H. A. Schertzinger, of Slatington, and was remanded for trial at court. When arraigned Williams became violently abusive and hurled insulting remarks at the Justice, who finally became impatient and, leaping over the office rail, severely thrashed the prisoner. Williams is said to have been intoxicated at the time when he placed the obstructions on the tracks.

Gas was struck on the property of the Pittsburgh Forge & Iron Works in Wood's Run, Allegheny. The well reached a depth of about 1,750 feet, when the gas was struck. The pressure is said to be about seventy-five pounds and is sufficient to operate the plant. The company has been operating seven furnaces in the mill with gas from another well, which was drilled six months ago. This well has an output of about 200,000 feet of gas a day.

Walter Young Schreffler, aged 11, of Reading, sent a revolver bullet into his heart, dying instantly. The boy had been in ill health for some time and was unable to attend school. This preyed upon his mind and he became melancholy. The Coroner is endeavoring to determine whether the shooting was accidental or suicide.

David Culp was rescued after being entombed for ten hours in a breast in the Cameron mine, Shamokin. A big rush of coal had made him prisoner. A brother who worked with him was at the bottom of the mine chamber at the time and gave the alarm. Shortly before he was released the rescuers heard him rapping. He escaped uninjured, but was almost dead for want of air.

The York Cold Storage Company has arranged to store 150 carloads of eggs. Each car will hold 400 cases and each case 300 eggs. The total number of eggs stored will be 21,600,000.

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

R. C. Dunn & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says:
 Spring trade responds to seasonable weather, and shipments of merchandise have increased so rapidly that railway facilities are severely taxed. At many points there is complaint of car and motive power shortage, and navigation on lakes and rivers at the North has not opened as promptly as business demands. The customary damage from floods has rendered many mills idle, and several minor events added to the number of unemployed, but these temporary adverse features are more than offset by the resumption of outdoor work, especially in building operations and on the farms. The buyers are arriving in large numbers at primary markets, warm weather accelerating preparations for Easter trade.

Holders and makers of iron and steel products appear to have secured control of the situation. It is no longer considered desirable to delay the placing of contracts in expectation of better terms.

Failures this week numbered 255 in the United States, against 226 last year, and 16 in Canada, compared with 15 a year ago.

Bradstreet's says:
 Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending March 23, are 1,044,595 bushels, against 855,742 last week, 1,801,845 this week last year, 2,401,987 in 1903, and 2,904,110 in 1902. Corn exports for the week are 2,076,836 bushels, against 3,841,411 last week, 1,527,676 a year ago, 3,618,210 in 1903 and 1,392,205 in 1902.

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Baltimore.—Flour—Dull and unchanged; receipts, 6,583 barrels; exports, 52 barrels.
 Wheat—Dull; spot, contract, 1.10 3/4@1.11 3/8; spot, No. 2 red Western, 1.11 1/2@1.12 1/8; March, 1.10 3/4@1.11 3/8; April, 1.11 1/2@1.12 1/8; May, 1.12 1/2 asked; steamer No. 2 red, 1.03 3/4 asked; Southern by sample, 98@1.10; Southern on grade, 1.10 1/4@1.11 1/4.

Corn—Dull; spot, 52 1/4@52 3/4; March, 52 3/4@52 7/8; April, 52 3/4@52 7/8; steamer mixed, 50 3/4@50 7/8; Southern white corn, 50@51; Southern yellow corn, 50@51.
 Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 37 1/4@37 3/4; No. 2 mixed, 36 1/4@36 3/4.
 Rye—Firm; No. 2 Western, 87@88.
 Hay—Firm; No. 1 timothy and No. 1 clover, unchanged.

Butter—Steady, unchanged; fancy imitation, 23@24, fancy creamery, 27@28; fancy lard, 21@22; store-packed, 20@21.
 Eggs—Easy, unchanged; 16.
 Cheese—Firm, unchanged—large, 13 1/2; medium, 13 1/4; small, 14.
 Sugar—Strong, unchanged; coarse granulated, 6 1/2; fine, 6 1/2.

New York.—Flour—Receipts, 13,249 barrels; exports, 12,214 barrels; dull and unchanged.
 Rye Flour—Quiet; choice to fancy, 4.70@4.90.
 Cornmeal—Quiet; fine and yellow, 1.25@1.30.
 Butter—Steady, unchanged; receipts, 3,354.
 Cheese—Strong, unchanged; receipts, 1,048.
 Eggs—Firm; receipts, 15,203; State, Pennsylvania, and near by, fancy selected, white, 19; do., choice, 18; do., mixed, extra, 18; Western firsts, 17; do., seconds, 16 1/2; Southern, 15 1/2@17.
 Poultry—Alive steady; Western chickens, 12; fowls, 13; old turkeys, 16; dressed steady; Western chickens, 13@14; fowls, 13@13 1/2; turkeys, 15@20.
 Lard—Firm; Western steamed, 7.40; refined firm; continent, 7.50; South American, 7.85; compound, 4 1/2@5 1/4.
 Pork—Steady; mess, 13.25@13.75.
 Cottonseed Oil—Steady; prime yellow, 24 1/4@25.
 Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 4 1/2; centrifugal, 96 test, 5; molasses sugar, 4 1/2; refined firm.

Potatoes—Steady; Long Island, 1.50@2.00; State and Western, 1.15@1.25; Jersey sweets, 2.00@5.00.
 Peas—Firm; fancy hand-picked, 5 1/4@5 1/2; other domestic, 3 1/4@3 1/2.
 Cabbages—Steady; domestic, per ton, 10.00@15.00.

Live Stock.
 New York.—Beef—Medium and good steers, 10c higher; common, low; bulls, slow to 10c lower; good cows, slow; others dull and weak. Common to choice steers, 3.00 to 5.00; bulls, 3.00@4.50; cows, 1.80@3.55. Cables quoted live cattle steady at 11 to 12c per pound; tops, 12 1/2c. Dressed weight; refrigerator beef selling at 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c per pound.
 Calves—Cables active and firm; no prime veals here; all sold. Veals, 5.00@8.50; little calves and culls, 3.00@4.00; barynard calves, 3.50; dressed calves, steady; city dressed veals, 8@13c per pound; country dressed, 7@11 1/2c.
 Sheep and Lambs—Sheep, steady; lambs, slow. Fair sheep, 5.50; lamb, 7.75@8.00.

Chicago.—Cattle—Market steady. Good to prime steers, 5.10@6.25; poor to medium, 3.75@4.85; stockers and feeders, 2.50@4.60; cows, 2.85@4.50; heifers, 3.00@5.00; canners, 1.50@2.30; bulls, 2.25@4.00; calves, 3.00@6.50.
 Hogs—Market 10c higher. Mixed and butchers, 5.00@5.75; good to choice heavy, 5.15@5.30; rough heavy, 5.00@5.10; light, 4.95@5.20; bulk of sales, 5.15@5.25.
 Sheep—Market steady. Good to choice wethers, 4.60@6.50; fair to choice mixed, 4.75@5.40; native lambs, 5.50@7.60.

MUCH IN LITTLE.
 Russia has 86 general holidays in a year.
 There are 2,000 rivers in the British Empire.
 A large factory for making "artificial silk" is to be established at Florence, Italy.

Of the \$5,600,000,000 of gold in the world the United States possesses \$1,300,000,000, or nearly one-fourth.
 A Berlin court was recently called upon to deal with an action brought by a woman of 30 who was a grandmother.
 The hakwan (customs) tael was valued by the United States Treasury at 54.6 cents in 1903, 63 cents in 1902, and 73.3 cents in 1901.
 Railway carriages transformable into ambulance compartments for the use of passengers who have been taken ill have been provided on the Prussian railways for express routes.

JOVIAL SIR WALTER SCOTT.

Lightsome and Gay and a Fine Old Scottish Gentleman.
 Every one may be said to know the author of "Waverley," but George Croal of Edinburgh, who has been interviewed by the Dispatch of that city, enjoys the distinction of having talked to the man in the flesh and of being probably the sole survivor among those who heard Sir Walter Scott declare himself the author of "Waverley" at a public dinner in the assembly room in 1827.

"The announcement did not come quite as a surprise," says Mr. Croal, "for it had been hinted that Sir Walter would reveal himself. I can recall the suppressed interest of the gathering throughout the dinner proper. It was in reply to the toast of his health that Sir Walter admitted the soft impeachment. I can remember his closing words exactly. They were: 'I am the sole and undivided author of "Waverley." Needless to say there was great enthusiasm. The company rose en masse and I thought the roof would come off.'"

Scott, Mr. Croal adds, was congratulated all round. "It was a gay night and the utmost conviviality prevailed."

Asked whether he recollected the personality of Sir Walter Scott, Mr. Croal replied that he did so vividly. "He was lightsome and gay and looked the real type of a fine old Scottish gentleman, chatting animatedly with one of the law lords sitting next to him. He made a first-class after-dinner speaker and, young though I was, I carried away a last impression of his kindly social disposition."

In the course of the evening Sir Walter complimented Charles Mackay, the comedian, who was present, upon his success in the role of Ballic Nicol Jarvie. Mackay was embarrassed and Mr. Croal distinctly remembers him saying: "Who would have thought I would get such a compliment from the great unknown?" "Not unknown now, Mr. Ballic," jocularly retorted Sir Walter.

Big Bag of Jack Rabbits.
 Thirty-nine jack rabbits were killed the other night at one shot by Mrs. William Boyd of Miller, S. D., who poked the barrel of her shotgun through the kitchen window. The rabbits came to the farm in droves, nibbled at the haystacks and played havoc with fruit trees. Boyd had shot many and his wife beat him a pair of ear muffs against a barrel of apples that she could kill more rabbits at one shot than he could carry on his back at one load. Mrs. Boyd sprinkled a bushel of oats in a path. The rabbits gathered by scores until there was a long row of them eating oats in the bright moonlight. The woman fired, and her aim was accurate. Boyd loaded himself down with more than 100 pounds of dead rabbits, then sank into the snow and his wife had to pull him out.

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