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Pennsylvania Railroad Report.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company occurred on Tuesday last in Philadelphia. From the President's report we extract the following, having special interest to this region:

"Upon the main line of your railway and its branches, the movement of anthracite coal is yet incalculable, whilst the transportation of the bituminous has been large for the magnitude of gas for Eastern cities and the other purposes already mentioned. This material exists in inexhaustible quantities along the whole line of your railway from the summit of the Allegheny to its western terminus, and in the broad Pop Mountain (anciently, and extensively, developed) south of Huntington. A branch from the main line at Tyrone to the town of Clearfield cuts the Allegheny coal-field, and upon this mining is now carried on to a large extent, whilst another branch also extends from the same point to Lock Haven on the Susquehanna river. From Altoona a branch extends to Hollidaysburg and Newry, a distance of nine miles. The last two mentioned, in connection with a portion of the main line, traverse the valley at the base of the Allegheny mountains, to Lock Haven on the Susquehanna river, and afford ample opportunities to develop this whole region by short branch lines into the coal fields at their summit wherever desired. In this valley, and in the mountains and valleys that lie on its eastern border, there is an abundance of easily mined and of a quality that will make the best quality of iron already celebrated for its strength and found superior to any other in the manufacture of cannon. The proximity of these ores to coal and limestone gives to this region advantages for the manufacture of iron in all its varieties and uses, a claim equal if not superior to that of any other which advantages will doubtless be improved by capitalists, and thus largely increase the population upon your line and its local traffic; the most reliable of the canal is nominally owned by a distinct company; the Railroad controlling it as the principal owner of its stock. The following extract refers briefly to it:

"The interest held by this company in the Pennsylvania Canal Company is steadily improving in value, and when the enlargement is completed it will become a profitable addition to your investments in other works, but on the large amount transported (2,399,858 tons) the net revenue from it is considerable improvement.

"The policy of the Company in regard to local freight is thus spoken of: 'There has been much complaint by the public in consequence of the higher charges made by many railway companies for short haul distances. In this policy, to a limited degree, these companies for obvious reasons are fully justified, but in many cases this practice has been carried to an unwarrantable extent. The rule that has governed this company is to charge no rate in excess of that of a greater rate than is required to one at a larger distance. Under this rule, which we think entirely defensible, the average charges for the through and local business per ton per mile passing over your line are nearly equal.

"The Pennsylvania Railroad Company was organized mainly with a view to promote the commercial and manufacturing interests of the city of Philadelphia and the interior of the State, and its management has kept these objects steadily in view.

"The 15th Amendment for the benefit of negroes having passed, it is thought that the next thing will be the 16th amendment for the benefit of women. However, one lady writes to the New York Tribune that if such an amendment is passed without being first submitted to the people it will be an outrage, and adds: 'The small, desecrated minority have the shadow of a right to force upon us a measure which the most of us heartily and earnestly detest. If the men will only stand faithful and firmly refuse to let us be dragged into a work for which we are wholly unqualified by nature, education, and tastes, the blessing of the majority of the 'fair sex' will rest upon them.'

"There was a meeting held in Petersburg, Va., the other day, to nominate a candidate for Judge and among those present was one of Lee's veterans. The meeting was one of Lee's veterans, and it was found necessary to make the voters stand in line to count them. The line being somewhat irregular, one of the veterans cried out 'right about face' when our veteran exclaimed, 'Look here, Mister, if you are going to start another war you must count in our line. I've had enough of that sort of thing, and with a spring to the rear, he made double quick time away for his home, and thus one vote was lost."

The Bible in Common Schools.

The Catholics in Cincinnati, as well as in other parts of the United States, have been trying to have the Bible excluded from the public schools of that city. On Tuesday last, Judges Hagan and Storey, of the Superior Court delivered their opinion and decision, on an application to dissolve an injunction heretofore granted to restrain the operation of resolutions of the School Board, declaring that the reading of the Bible and religious exercises should not be permitted in the Schools. Judge Hagan held that the provisions of the Constitution recognize the religion of Christianity and acknowledge that religion and morality are necessary to good government; that the State uses religion as a means to promote good government, and therefore the exclusion of all religions is contrary to the provisions of the Bill of Rights. Judge Storey concurred in these views, and the injunction was made perpetual.

Judge Taft dissented and held that the Board had acted within its legal power. At the conclusion of his opinion, he maintained that "the Board of Education have simply aimed to free the common schools from any just conscientious objection by confining them to secular instructions and moral and intellectual training. Under the circumstances, it was not only just, but under the Constitution of Ohio, a duty which they could not omit without violating the rights of those who conscientiously object to the practice under the old rule of the Board."

The counsel for the defendant say they will carry the case to the Supreme Court.

The President's views of Taxation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Two members of the Ways and Means Committee had some talk last evening with the President, and the remarks made were reported to the full committee. He said that last fall he was of opinion that we would do better to go on rapidly as possible in buying up and cancelling our bonds, so as to reduce our debt, and in this view had recommended that we hold our tax and tariff rates generally at the present figures, so as to have a large surplus for use by the Secretary of the Treasury in cutting down the indebtedness. He had thought a good deal about this matter, he continued, and had somewhat changed his opinions as to the policy that should be pursued. He was satisfied that it would be better for the country to have a reduction of taxation, that the people were anxious for it, and that Congress could not do less than meet this expectation. In his opinion we might make a reduction of twenty millions in the receipts from internal revenue, and he would very readily sign any bill looking to such a reduction if passed by Congress. A suggestion was said about the Funding bill now before the Senate, and he remarked that he himself was not so confident as some persons seem to be that we can negotiate a loan of ten or four and a half per cent. interest. It might be well to pass the bill, but he doubted if we could do much under this year.

"HURRYGRAPHS. Miss Susan B. Anthony celebrated her semi-centenary last Tuesday evening. She is a jolly old maid of fifty years, and seems to feel proud of it. India-rubber waterproofs have been supplanted by an article called Scotch-Swaid, which can be made impervious to rain. A bill has been introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives prohibiting the reading of the Bible or singing hymns or psalms in public schools. A comment, made by dissolving rubber cloth in benzene may be used to mend rubber boots and shoes. This cement will firmly fasten on a rubber patch. Senator Hamlin being requested to frank some letters, received them, placed a three cent stamp on each and returned them to the persons who sent them. There is a front in the southern portion of California. The cattle in Tulare and Santa Barbara counties are dying, and new settlers are seeking other locations. Without liberal rates immense loss must result to stock and farming interests in that section. The numerous deluded 'American heirs' to English estates, who are constantly being deceived by lawyers would save their money if they were aware that an alien cannot be an heir in England, where there is no will, and that he cannot take real estate even if left to him by will. In consequence of the arrest of M. Rochford, his partisans barricaded several feet on Paris, placing various armaments, and repelling a body of the police; but were at length overborne by the military. For a while a revolution was imminent, but quiet has been restored, and no serious outbreak is anticipated. John Morgan, Minister, miss of 57, and a old chap of 20 for breach of promise, he having promised to marry her for a suit of clothes which she provided, when he repudiated. The suit of clothes failed, but the suit for breach of promise is standing, at the attorney's instigation, between Capid and the lady, who came to suitable clothes. The last span of the Ohio river bridge at Cincinnati was recently completed. The length of the bridge, exclusive of approaches, is one mile. It has two main spans of three hundred and seventy feet, and another of four hundred feet, and a draw over the channel. The time occupied in its construction was two years and a half. It will be ready for the passage of trains in three or four days. A petition was recently circulated in West-morland county, praying the court to grant that a new bridge be built over Sewickly creek. The Court granted the order and put three-quarters of the expense on the county, and the other quarter on the petitioners, \$6.75 each, who now think it does not pay to sign petitions.

Another Earthquake in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—Another earthquake visited this city today, causing the hotels and buildings to be vacated instantly. The streets were filled with people before the shock had hardly ceased. Fortunately it occurred during the time of recess in the public schools, and many of the children were out in the yards playing. In the schools which were in session the teachers managed to keep the children under control, although in one of the schools the young misses created quite a panic. The Custom House was uninjured, but was soon emptied of its occupants. The cracks and rents in the October shock in some of the older buildings were widened a little, but no material damage was inflicted. A funeral service was being held in the Washington Street Baptist Church and there was a large attendance. At the first tremble the pastor and congregation rushed for the doors; several ladies fell, but no one was seriously injured. The old frame buildings on the wharves swayed and cracked, but the waters in the bay showed no unusual commotion. The shock was quite heavy at Petaluma, causing the people to vacate the brick building.

The weather was clear and warm at the time of the shock. It is raining this evening.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

H. GREENBERG'S CLOTHING STORE FOR SALE

This establishment is in the West room of Messrs. Fisher & Son's building in the downtown, Huntington, Pa. It is a fine store, well fitted up with the latest styles of clothing, hats, caps, and furnishings. The stock is large and well selected, and the prices are low. The store is for sale at a low price, and is a good opportunity for anyone who wishes to start a business in this line.

HUTTON & McCONNELL, FURNITURE WAREHOUSES, No. 605 MARKET STREET, North Side.

PHILADELPHIA PARLOR, DINING ROOM, AND CHAMBER FURNITURE.

Of the Latest Styles and best manufacture. Also FEATHER BEDS AND MATTRESSES.

PUBLIC SALE AT MILL CREEK FURNACE.

Will be sold at public sale at Mill Creek Furnace, on Saturday, March 12th, 1870.

The following general property, to wit: HORSES, COLTS, BLOOD MAKERS, Wagons, Forks, Shovels, large lot of Harness, chains, iron bank and furnace Tools, double and single Trees, special and light Chains, Threshing Machines, and other articles, which will be sold at a low price, and is a good opportunity for anyone who wishes to start a business in this line.

ROSADALIS

This Great American Health Restorer purifies the blood, cures all skin diseases, and is a powerful tonic. It is a good medicine for all ailments, and is a good opportunity for anyone who wishes to start a business in this line.

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