

NOT TO BE COMPULSORY.

MODIFYING THE PLAN OF THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

Some of the Inside Facts That Led to the Project on the Part of the Company—A Detail That the Scheme Has Been Virtually Abandoned.

When the employees of the Pennsylvania railroad company met last week to elect delegates to a convention, which will be held in Philadelphia to-morrow, an almost unanimous opposition was developed against the plan of the company which was proposed for those on its pay rolls.

The modification of the plan which was announced on Saturday afternoon was intended to placate the company out of the scheme. But the abandonment of the compulsory clause does not satisfy the men. They feel that if it were at once withdrawn, all those who refused to join would be marked men, and to an army of employees, each one of whom is striving for some gain, there is a strong incentive to comply with the wishes of the company's executives.

There might be danger, the employees are in dissent. Many of them, therefore, plan to meet in a hall on Saturday evening. One powerful argument urged in opposition embraced in the story of the inception of the scheme as given by one of the officials: Four years ago a scheme was devised which was partially insurance and partially civil service in its features. It provided for pensioning old employees and for securing to them an established basis of competency and merit in promotions.

This would have done away with the practice of selling stripings on Philadelphia to the Altoona shops for a period of a few weeks and then applying them to soft places in the engine cars. The pattern of this plan was an English one and was strongly urged by Mr. McCrear, who is now managing the Western lines of the company.

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THE EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE.

A Proposed Monument to the Founder of the Church.

The East Pennsylvania conference of the Evangelical church opened in Reading on Saturday morning with devotional exercises, conducted by Bishop Bowman and Revs. J. G. Sands and B. H. Miller.

The ministerial aid society finished up its business. Rev. A. N. Hays, of Reynolds, Schuylkill county, was elected a member. A letter received from President W. V. Wally, missionary in Japan, asking whether he could become a member of the aid society. Every applicant was given a medical examination in the presence of three persons.

A resolution was adopted by conference providing for the erection of a monument over the grave of Jacob Albright, the founder of the Evangelical church, now buried at Kilmifrederick, Lebanon county. The attention of the conference was directed to the matter to the attention of the conference in this and foreign countries.

An amendment was offered that Evangelical churches should be requested to contribute to the erection of a monument to the founder of the church. The amendment was adopted by conference.

Rev. Knable, of Philadelphia, the mover of the amendment, said: "If we do this we have them by the nose; in other words, let us live and prospered discussion followed, during which Sunday newspapers were denounced as 'spoons in the family' and 'the devil's laws' and 'Devil's papers'."

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HE WAS NOT SHIPWRECKED.

SHE REFUSED TO BELIEVE THE SAD REPORT.

The story of the Separation of Lovers in California Nine Years Ago—The Sad Story Now Wealthy in Russia, but His Sweetheart a Heartless Imbecile.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 1.—Miss Frances Hianuelli in 1879 loved and was loved by a young sea captain named Herbert Schradly. Her relatives opposed the match. Seven years ago Schradly sailed for a Mediterranean port in command of a merchant sailing vessel and the ship was wrecked in the Straits of Gibraltar, and it was reported to Miss Hianuelli that her lover had gone down with the vessel.

She refused to believe it, and vowed that she would never again open her lips in speech. Since that time she has kept her vow and all the efforts of her friends to induce her to break her voluntary silence have failed. The publication of her strange story yesterday attracted the attention of a guest of the hotel who called on Miss Hianuelli and told her that he knew Schradly, and that he was now a man of wealth in St. Petersburg.

"Knowing I was coming to San Francisco," said the visitor, "Schradly begged me to find his old sweetheart whom he still loved. During his recent Miss Hianuelli, who is quite a pretty young woman, said listless, though she heard every word. The story seemed to make no impression on her. Her mind is evidently blank, and if her lover comes back to claim her, he will find her still in the same state. He left seven years ago, a hopeless imbecile."

ADJOURNED QUARTER SESSIONS. Thirty-Nine Cases on the List—A Woman on Trial for Burglary. This morning at 10 o'clock the March adjourned term began with Judge Livingston presiding.

On the list for trial there are thirty-nine cases. Among them are the following: Joseph J. Dorsch, felonious assault and battery; Robert J. Evans, embezzlement and false pretense; William H. Hays, false pretense and horse stealing; Dr. I. N. Lightner, rape; Amos H. Hoeslter, forgery.

The first case attached was that of John C. Dorsch, of Ephrata township, who was charged by Annie E. Smith, superintendent of the orphan asylum, with the murder of her illegitimate child. The jury convicted John, and he received the same old sentence.

James Garman, Jr., of Ephrata, was the next defendant, and he was also charged with fornication and bastardy. The fair prosecutor was Miss Annie Hiest, 19 years of age. Garman made no defense, and his sentence was the same as Cooper's.

Mary A. Worth, of Strasburg, was charged with burglary. The district judge said he would press the charge of felonious entry only. The evidence for the commonwealth showed that on the night of the 25th or 26th of last month, the cellar of Joseph L. Falk in Strasburg, was entered by some one who stole a lot of meat including two hams, one shoulder, and several other articles of food.

The accused was suspected and afterwards arrested. A search warrant was issued for her. She was identified by the family of Mr. Falk. After Mrs. Worth's arrest she confessed to the crime. The husband of the defendant was first arrested for this offense but was discharged after she confessed that she was the guilty party.

The defense was that Mrs. Worth had not taken the meat. The statement at the squire's office she made when she was very much excited and frightened. She said she had been locked up, which she did not want to see. The defendant stated that she first found the stolen goods in the cellar, and the cellar was robbed; they were on her back porch; on the pudding crock was a note. This paper was shown as evidence by the court. Jury out.

GRADE OF PUPILS. Progress Made in the Male High School for January and February. The following is the relative grade by classes of pupils in attendance at the boys high school during the months of January and February. Two hours home study expected for each pupil:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Grade. Includes names like Joseph H. Apple, Joseph H. Apple, Joseph H. Apple, etc.

There is an amusing story of the venerable Greek, Professor Sophocles, in a recent number of the Boston Record. He was one day catechizing his class on the ancient history of his native country.

SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' SCHOOLS.

Letter from Governor Pattison to General Wagner, the Senator.

Governor Pattison has addressed the following letter to General Louis Wagner, of Philadelphia:

DEAR SIR: I have your letter of the 23rd inst., advising me of your appointment by the Legislature to a thorough personal examination of a committee to investigate the management of the soldiers' orphans' schools. In reply I beg to say that it is a matter of regret to me that I possess no authority to appoint any such commission or to invest your committee with any official power. It will, however, give me great satisfaction to aid you to the fullest extent possible in the accomplishment of the end the Grand Army Association has in view.

Mr. Hays' criticism of the action of the accounting officers of the treasury in "holding up" accounts, and the papers were ordered printed. Mr. Pugh, representing the minority of the judiciary committee, submitted the views of the minority on the resolution submitted to that committee regarding the office of the district attorney for the Southern district of Alabama. The report was ordered printed in the Record and also in separate form.

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THE DEMOCRATIC ANSWER.

WHY THE PRESIDENT REFUSES INFORMATION ASKED BY THE SENATE.

The Minority of the Judiciary Committee Say That Ninety-Five Per Cent. of the Offices Were Filled by the Republicans for Party Services.

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GLIERS IN THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE THE EXPENSES AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PENSION BUREAU DURING BOTH THE PRESENT AND PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS.

LOCOMOTIVE FIRESMEN.

A Big Meeting of the Brotherhood at Buffalo, New York. BUFFALO, N. Y., March 1.—A public meeting was held last evening at Fitch hall, under the auspices of the Buffalo Lodge of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. Three of the grand officers of the Brotherhood were present. Mayor Becker welcomed the grand officers. Grand Master Sergeant, of Terre Haute, Ind., in his address, stated that the Brotherhood, which was organized 12 years ago, now had 15,000 members and in 12 years had paid out \$47,000 to beneficiaries of the grand fund.

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A DRY HOUSE EXPLODES.

THREE MEN BLOWN TO PIECES IN A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

House Three Miles Away Shattered and the Side of a Bridge, One Mile Distant, Shown Off—A Shock That Resembled a Dreadful Earthquake.

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