

CURIOUS RAILWAYS.

TRACKS LAID ON TREE TOPS, OVER ICE AND UNDERGROUND.

A Locomotive on Sled Runners—Crossing Through a Forest with a Groaning Saw—On a Single Rail—A Successful Sailing Car.

In a small book entitled "Wonders and Curiosities of the Railway," the author, Mr. W. S. Kennedy, touches on the anomalous and entertaining features of his subject in chapters bearing such suggestive titles as "The Lightning Harnessed," "The Locomotive in Slippers," "The Luxuries of Travel," and "A Handful of Curiosities."

Laying ties on tree stumps. Even more novel is the idea of grading for a railroad through a forest with a crosscut saw, and laying the ties on the stumps.

Wendell Phillips' Romantic Marriage. A singular marriage was that of Wendell Phillips' wife, though known as a gifted orator, was eminently a literary man.

BY ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE. There is nothing specially new in the project of atmospheric railways, or, in other words, of propelling cars along a large tube by producing a vacuum in front and applying atmospheric pressure behind.

It will probably be news to most persons that in 1875, at Paris, one Dr. La Combe exhibited the model of a submarine railway which he proposed to lay on the bottom of the channel between Dover and Calais.

A Happy African Prince. Prince Karanoko, who has seen the Eden theatre, the Opera house, the circus, Paris from a tower of Notre Dame, the Vendome column and the Arch of Triumph, the Gobelins, and was presented to M. Grey, has left Calais to return home by Bordeaux.

Catching Birds with a Fly. At the head of Carson valley, in California, doves and sage hens can be easily caught with a fishing line. They are so thick that they bite at a fly quicker than the trout in the streams.—Philadelphia Call.

SPIRITISM AMONG THE CHINESE.

Extracts From a Paper Read Before the Philadelphia Academy of Science.

Dr. Nolan read an interesting communication recently received from Miss Adele M. Fields, giving an account of the practice of spiritism by the women of Swatow, China, in the eighth month of the year they meet privately and fall into trances.

Sometimes they, by request, make inquiry concerning the whereabouts of a dead person, and then give the information that he has been born into the human family for the second time.

Accounting for the Cash. Speaking of checks and cashiers reminds me of the absurd extra-legal system of counter balances (no pun intended) often carried in this city.

How Locomotives Kill Stock. Any one who runs on the railroad long can understand what a saving it would be to the stock dealer and the railroad if the tracks were fenced in.

The "Devil's Leaf" of Java. At Timor, near the island of Java, there is a plant called the devil's leaf, whose petals, being of a thorny nature, possess a fatal sting when penetrating the flesh.

Bears are more numerous in the province of Quebec this year than ever before.

SPEECH OF THE DUMB.

AN HOUR IN A QUEER SCHOOL FOR DEAF MUTES.

How a Little Fellow Learned to Say "Ah!"—Practiced Lip Reading—The Gymnastics a Deaf Child Undergoes in Learning to Speak.

Up in Fifth street, not far from Fifth avenue, in one of those brown stone fronts that look like the twin of every other brown stone front on the block, a queer class of pupils meets every day.

Learning to say "Ah!" But whatever methods different teachers may have, to the onlooker who spends an interested hour or two in her classroom it seems that the only successful method must be the patient and a marble statue and persistence as the flowing of a river to perform this modern miracle of making the dumb talk.

LEWISBURG & TYRONE R. R.—Time Table in effect May 12, 84. WESTWARD. Mixed. P.M. A.M.

ERIE MAIL. Leaves Philadelphia..... 11 20 p m Harrisburg..... 3 20 a m Williamsport..... 7 00 a m Jersey Shore..... 7 57 a m Lock Haven..... 8 25 a m Renovo..... 9 30 a m Arrives at Erie..... 6 00 p m

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD. Southward. P.M. P.M.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD. Northward. A.M. P.M.

Railroads.

BALD EAGLE VALLEY R. R.—Time Table in effect May 12, 84. WESTWARD. Exp. Mail. P.M. P.M.

EASTWARD. P.M. A.M. Leave Tyrone..... 7 30 8 10 East Tyrone..... 7 37 8 17 Vail..... 7 40 8 20

BELLEFONTE & SNOW SHOE R. R.—Time Table in effect May 25. Leaves Snow Shoe 5 a. m., arrives at Bellefonte 6:06 a. m.

LAKE MAHOPAC, N. Y. MY DAUGHTER WAS VERY BAD OFF ON ACCOUNT OF A COLD AND PAIN ON HER LUNGS.

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