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RAILROADS IN A CONTROVERSY

The Pa. RR. Objects to the C.R.R. of Pa. Crossing.

EXCITEMENT LAST SATURDAY

Caused by a Work Train Filling up a Pier Excavation with Ballast and Heavy Casting—There May be Trouble Ahead—Furnace News.

Work is being pushed right along on the extension of the Central R. R. of Pa., of about a mile, to reach the Bellefonte Furnace at this place. On the east side of Spring Creek the embankment for the road is rapidly being filled in with the assistance of a work train. Excavations for the piers in the stream are being made and a force of stone masons are placing the foundations quite rapidly as the material for the same can easily be obtained at Patton, Pa. stone quarries. On the other side of the stream about a half mile of the road bed has been excavated and filled in, and the grading will be light until the furnace property is reached. There they must cut into a limestone ledge and also make considerable of a fill. This will not take a great deal of time, considering the force of men now at work.

On Wednesday Chas. M. Clement, Esq., of Sunbury, president of the Central R. R. of Pa., was here taking a look over the ground with Mr. J. W. Gephart who is promoting and managing these operations.

Last week Scotia ore mines were put in operation and large quantities of ore have already been shipped from there to the Valentine Furnace at this place.

On Wednesday Mr. Gephart, in company with a furnace operator, made an inspection of the Bellefonte Furnace to see what repairs would be necessary to put same in operation, and work on the plant will begin in a few days. This furnace is in good shape and with comparatively little effort and expense can be put in blast.

RAILROAD QUARREL.

Last Saturday afternoon there was some excitement and amusement, as well, down near the Penna. R. R. roundhouse. The Central R. R. of Pa., after crossing Spring Creek, will span the Penna. track with an overhead bridge, between the water tank and engine house of the same Company. They sent specifications of their plans and the location of their piers to the main office at Philadelphia and if any objections were to be made the understanding was that the Pa. people were to make same known by last Saturday. No word was received, and on Saturday the excavation for a pier was begun 16 feet from the Pa. tracks. Saturday morning the Pa. supervisor appeared and notified Mr. Munson and his men to quit work. They refused to do.

At about two o'clock in the afternoon a construction train pulled up on the Pa. track with several loads of limestone ballast and workmen. Again they notified the Central people to stop work on the excavation and, this being refused, began to dump their ballast down onto the men who kept shoveling same out as fast as it came in.

The train then backed to the rear of the round house where a heavy casting, from a railroad turntable, was loaded up, weighing several thousand pounds. This they brought out and dumped down into the hole and laughingly asked the Central people to shovel that out.

The Central people then withdrew from the operation, and since then no work has been done at that point. In the meantime a work train with several cars loaded with cinder, and a derrick with crew of men have been located at Pa. roundhouse, evidently ready to block any work on this pier.

Monday afternoon a special train brought Division Superintendent J. F. Wallis, of Altoona, and S. S. Blair, of Tyrone, to Bellefonte, and they were in consultation with Supt. J. W. Gephart and John Walsh, of the Central road.

The Central people claim that the Pa. railroad has possession of only the amount of land covered by their roadbed, and there is no record on file of any other title. Numerous opinions are given by parties who pretend to know, that the Pa. right of way covers 16 feet, and some say as much as 66 feet.

What the actual situation is in regard to title, in this controversy, the writer does not pretend to know, but same will soon be settled.

The action of the Pa. railroad has aroused much sentiment in our community among business men, who feel that the Pa. railroad has always shown a hostile disposition towards the industrial development of our town, and that in this instance their course is by no means commendable.

Wm. Wilkins, of Gladstone, Mich., was on Wednesday appointed superin-

tendent of the Bellefonte Furnace. He is an expert in his line and for some years was connected with the Carnegie iron works at Pittsburg.

ANOTHER SUICIDE

Nathaniel Schrack, who lived on a farm, two miles south of Loganton, committed suicide on Sunday. Not coming to breakfast, when it was ready, Mrs. Schrack made a search for him. On going into the buggy shed she was horrified to find her husband dead. He had deliberately choked himself to death. A rope which was around his neck was thrown over the rafters, and the distance between the rafters, and floor being too short to permit of the man's body hanging its full length, he had thrown himself in a half kneeling posture.

His body was cut down and taken into the house. No cause can be assigned for the act. About three years ago Mr. Schrack was subject to melancholy spells caused by dyspepsia, with which disease he has been afflicted more of less ever since, but latterly he was in fairly good health. His family relations were pleasant, and there wasn't anything, so far as is known, that would cause the gentleman to take his life. He was generally respected, for he was an honest man and a good resident. He was about 54 years old and is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Washington Troutner, and several grandchildren.

Loganton's Railroad.

The citizens of Loganton, Clinton county, want Mr. Kulp the lumberman, to extend his narrow gauge lumber road three miles further and thus reach their town. Recently a public meeting was held to discuss the project. A committee should be appointed to interview the residents in that section, to see about procuring the right of way privileges, and also to ascertain, if possible, what the traffic will be. Dr. Houtz, J. B. Barner, C. S. Harter and M. W. Meyer were appointed the committee.

The Kulp road now runs from Loganton to a point near Schwenk's Gap, and the extension, if it meets with favorable action, will be built from the gap into Loganton, a distance of about three miles. The distance from Loganton to Lewisburg over the railroad will be between twenty-five and thirty miles.

Loganton Journal Items.

Lewis S. Geyer has contracted to saw a half million feet of lumber for Stover brothers at Livonia.

Levi Conser has compiled a history of the Evangelical Sunday school of Loganton, giving data since its organization in 1840 to the present date.

A new dwelling house is being erected near the Brungard church by Gordon Frankenberg.

Adam G. Bierly has purchased the Mary Price property at public sale for \$300.

William S. Cashner and Elmer Weaver are each making arrangements for the erection of new dwelling houses.

Better Mail Service.

Fred A. Casey has been appointed railway mail clerk between Bellefonte and Mill Hall on the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania. We understand that the appointment is probationary, being for a period of six months. Heretofore the railroad company only carried closed pouches along the line. With the new clerk, mail will be distributed on the train and will give people in Nittany valley much better facilities than heretofore. The new clerk goes on next Monday and it is not definitely settled upon which trains he will be located.

Railroad to Jacksonville.

A movement is on foot to build a branch railroad from Howard to Jacksonville in order to reach the valuable lime stone found in that vicinity. It would be about two and a half miles in length and no very difficult grades to overcome. On Wednesday parties interested made an inspection of the ground for this purpose. Some time ago this project was talked of and men of capital were interested in the move. A lime stone operation at that point no doubt would give employment and be a benefit to the laboring men.

Grange Hall Dedication.

The new Grange Hall, at Centre Hall, will be dedicated Saturday, June 24th. Prominent speakers from the State Grange will be present and take part. A supper and festival will be held in the evening. The new structure is one of the largest and finest buildings in that town, located near the park.

What Next?

It is reported that postmasters of the United States will be required by the department to wear a uniform hereafter, consisting of light blue trousers with red braid running down the legs, a white blouse with gold shoulder straps and a skull cap with a silver star in front.

CHEAP BOOZE IS HEALTHY

High Priced Rum is Filled with Dangerous Germs.

A REMARKABLE DISCOVERY

A Cheap Bowery Booze Pronounced the least Dangerous by Government Experts—The Costly Whiskey Kills the Quickest—Why Bums reach a Ripe Old Age.

The following startling information is from a recent issue of the New York World:

It has been noted that the men of leisure, or tramps, who enjoy their drinks in the Mulberry street saloons live to a green old age and preserve their vivacity to the last. On the other hand, many of the young men who drink expensive whiskey in the clubs and restaurants perish in their bloom. This has led to a belief, not that cheap whiskey is healthful and promotes longevity, but that it is milder in its effects than the high-priced liquor.

This view was confirmed recently by the testimony before a Congressional committee of Gen. McNulta, who has expert knowledge. He said that cheap whiskey is purer than high-priced whiskey. Then, as if to startle all fashionable drinkers, he mentioned that there were from 350 to 350 different varieties of germs in the yeast with which high-priced whiskey is made. As there are probably a million germs in each of the 350 varieties, and as all, doubtless, get into the liquor, and one may figure out for himself how many germs he gets in a glass of twenty-cent whiskey. Of course no one but a bacteriologist will hereafter want a glass of high-priced whiskey, and he will want it, not for the liquor, but for the germs. He will not put it under his vest, but under the microscope.

The news from the national capital that cheap whiskey was germless and pure, while every glass of high-priced liquor was a seething little Red Sea, tumultuous with 350 varieties of germs, swimming in schools and shoals, created considerable excitement among drinking men. The expensive restaurants and fashionable clubs were empty. There was a rush of swells to the Bowery for cheap whiskey.

"Give us your cheapest!" was heard on every hand, as the bibulous visitors called for more. A few of the saloons had to palm off high-priced whiskey on their customers, because all their cheap whiskey had given out. Meanwhile the fashionable cafes and clubhouses uptown had an air of desolation. The nymphs in one well-known barroom looked lonesome. The satyr yawned and fell asleep from sheer ennui. At another fashionable cafe a youthful swell timidly asked for cheap whiskey and it was refused him. At noon a spectacled man, with a microscope under his arm entered the barroom of an upper Fifth avenue hotel, bought a glass of twenty-five-cent whiskey, put it in an ink bottle and left without saying a word. At 10 o'clock a desperate-looking man, whose expression indicated a fixed desire to commit suicide, determinedly approached the bar of a fashionable hotel and drank three glasses of high-priced whiskey in succession.

Program of Memorial Ceremonies.

Parade will form in square, front of court house, at 2 o'clock p. m. Will move promptly at 2:15.

ROUTE 1.—Down High to Bush House, counter-march to Spring, Spring to Linn, Linn to Allegheny, Allegheny to Howard, Howard to cemetery.

SERVICES:—At Cemetery Comrades will form square enclosing graves designated, with colors in the centre. Opening ceremonies by Commander. Ode. Prayer by Chaplain. Dirge by band. Decoration of four graves in honor of all deceased soldiers and sailors. Ode. Decoration of all soldiers' and sailors' graves. Bugle call, assembly. Dirge by band. Address by Gov. Hastings. Column will return by Howard to Allegheny street; Allegheny to square in front of court house and dismiss.

JOHN NOLL, SAM. SHEPPER, Adjutant, Commander.

Co. B will hold special services, in honor of their departed comrades in the Union cemetery, immediately after the regular services are over. David F. Fortney, Esq., will deliver the oration and the Coleville band will be present on this occasion. In the morning members of the company will go to Pleasant Gap and Centre Hall to decorate the graves of their comrades at those places.

—The household furniture of Mrs. Margaret Lyon will be sold at public sale, at her late residence on East Curtin street, on Saturday, May 27th, at 2 o'clock p. m. This furniture is in very good condition.

A FISHERMAN GETS LOST.

Harry Harper Wanders the Seven Mountains All Tuesday Night.

Last Tuesday night, 16th, Harry, son of Simon Harper, of Centre Hall, had an experience which he will not soon forget. In company with Mr. Straub he put up at Garrity's to do some fishing in the mountains. Following the main stream Harry reached the little meadow in the evening where Rev. Miller once had a sawmill. Here the Tuesday evening's terrific thunder storm burst upon him and no shelter being within three miles, Harry was at the mercy of the demoniac play of the elements which frightened and bewildered him as darkness was opening its mantle. His intention was to climb the steep and rocky gully to reach the pike on top of the mountain where a little run crosses the pike. Bewildered, he took an opposite direction and climbed the wrong mountain, and now it was quite dark and Harry did not know where he was and he wandered about all night, tumbling over rocks and logs, getting bruises and scratches, and at one time he fell between some huge rocks which rendered him unconscious for a short time; recovering, his wandering began again, wet, the chill made his teeth chatter all night. He struck the stream several times, but the water always seemed to be running in the wrong direction.

After daybreak Wednesday morning Harry struck the gully he intended to climb the evening before and reached the pike and by 6:30 a. m. he reached Garrity's when Pat at once put him to bed, and in the afternoon he appeared pretty well repaired, considering.

When the boy did not return Tuesday evening Walter Garrity and Straub started down the stream on a search, until 10 o'clock, but darkness rendered their efforts futile, and the roaring of the stream made it impossible to hear calls or cries, and they returned, starting out next morning, searching to within two miles of Milroy, returning at noon, overjoyed to learn that the boy had returned. Harry lost his trout, 34 out of 40, during his tumbings, but was compensated in seeing a deer close to him.

COMMENCEMENT AT THE COLLEGE.

The 49th annual commencement of the Pennsylvania State College will be held June 11th to 14th. The commencement exercises will begin with the preaching of the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, June 11th, by Rev. Dr. Lawrence M. Colfelt, who for two years was College preacher and dean of ethics, but now located at the Oxford street Presbyterian church, Philadelphia. Monday afternoon, June 12th, the inter-class track and field sports will be held on Beaver field, and in the evening the Junior oratorical contest will take place.

Tuesday will be taken up with the annual drill of the College battalion, the artillery salute, annual meeting of the trustees, and the alumni, and the election of trustees for the ensuing three years. The alumni dinner will be the chief feature of the day. It will be presided over by Gen. Jas. A. Beaver, as toastmaster. The annual address before the alumni will be dispensed with and in its stead Dr. George W. Atherton, president, will give a brief talk, explanatory of the work and needs of the institution. Tuesday evening the president and faculty will give their reception in the armory.

Wednesday, June 14th, will be graduation day, when Hon. Henry K. Carroll, of New Jersey, late U. S. Commissioner to Puerto Rico, will deliver the commencement address, after which the President will confer the degrees and award the diplomas to the class. Wednesday evening the Senior class will give their farewell reception.

William Harry Thompson, of Bower, has been selected valedictorian for the graduates and the other class orators will be Dan Ellsworth Carpenter, State College; Francis Marion Carpenter, Fairview; Newton Wells McCallum, Renovo; George Jacob Yundt, Reispport, with Victor Milton Weaver, State College, as alternate.

Those who will contest for the Junior prize are Albert Wilson Oakwood, Tyrone; David Horace Plank, Morgantown; George Carl Shaad, Ralston; George Kline Warr, Hughesville; David Eugene Wantzel, Bellwood, and Lewis Emanuel Young, Columbia, with Burke Corbett Brady, Brookville; Miss Elizabeth Bausman Bricker, Litz, and Franklin Thurston Cole, Upsonville, as alternates.

Going to Manila.

Lieutenant W. B. McCaskey, who with his bride, who was Miss Edna McClelland, left Beech Creek a few weeks ago for Columbus, O., on waiting orders, has been assigned to the Twenty-first United States Infantry, in which his brother, Edward McCaskey, is a captain. The regiment arrived at Manila on Thursday and Lieut. McCaskey will soon leave to join his command.

YOUTH CAN BE RESTORED

A Remarkable Discovery Comes from Chicago.

NEW USE FOR BILLY GOATS

Successful Experiments Tried on Animals—Wonderful Results Attained—No More Work for Doctors and Undertakers—The Fountain of Youth at Last.

According to Dr. B. F. Roberts, Dr. Alexander C. Wiener and their assistants of the Chicago Clinical School the old can be made young, the worn-out new and life indefinitely prolonged.

Dr. Wiener, who told the public of the discovery, says that the return to youth is produced by hypodermic injections of the lymphatic fluid of animals, particularly young goats. Thoroughly satisfactory demonstrations of the efficacy of the system are claimed.

The theory is that if the mineral deposits which accumulate in the bones can be replaced with the "life cells" contained in the lymphatic glands of goats, deterioration of the bones will be prevented and elasticity and youth will be much longer retained.

In one of his experiments Dr. Hawley administered hypodermic injections of the fluid to a dog known to be fourteen years old. A diagnosis of a portion of the femur before the injection showed the bone contained large deposits of phosphate, carbonate and soda.

The dog was watched carefully for two months, during which frequent injections of the lymph compound were made. At the end of that time a diagnosis showed that the larger part of the mineral deposits had been removed and the animal was as lively as a puppy.

Dr. Roberts, who, it is claimed, made the discovery, was a country physician in Green City, Mo. He says he came to Chicago because a country practice did not give sufficient opportunity for testing his discovery.

On his farm near Green City Dr. Roberts has raised a large herd of goats, and it is from these that the fluid of youth has been and is to be secured.

Dr. Wiener says: "Dr. Roberts has taken up the work which has been begun by Alexander Pochl, of St. Petersburg, and by Brown-Sequard, and has made novel and valuable advances.

"The general plan of the treatment is to find a method to eliminate the accumulation of phosphates and lime salts in the system and to continue the oxidation of blood. This will naturally prolong life, for these are the elements which tend to bring about old age.

"The first case I saw treated by Dr. Roberts impressed me greatly. The patient was a man more than sixty years of age who had for a long time been suffering from angina pectoris. After the injection of the lymph he recovered. He has lost all the symptoms and shows remarkably increased strength." And the disciples of science were satisfied that at length they had discovered a sure method to forestall the approach of age and turn tottering senility into the pulsing glow of youth.

If this proves to be the case, life insurance companies may go out of business and the doctors can pull in their shingles. Nobody will grow old or die. All that will be necessary to insure perpetual youth will be the ownership of a healthy goat, warranted not to butt when a share of his "life cells" is taken from him. It is, indeed, a thrilling thought.

FEARLESS ANNA LONG.

Shoots Three Wildcats and a Panther With Her Trusty Winchester.

On the north fork of Marsh Creek lives Mrs. Anna Long, who supports herself and her demented husband on a little farm of 20 acres, which she cleared, and now cultivates with her own hands. She is a robust, fearless woman. During the past winter she shot three wildcats which she caught molesting her chickens, and along toward spring was awakened one night by her dogs, which were making a terrible racket. She investigated and found them fighting a large panther, which she dispatched with her trusty Winchester. The skins of the three wildcats and that of the panther are now used as a bed for her children.

A Busy Place.

The big silk mill at Lock Haven will start a number of looms this week. Twenty-two looms are now in position and will be put in operation. It will be a short time now until the silk mill will be a hive of industry with several hundred hands will be at work.

A Live Town.

Building has been begun at Middleburg for a shoe factory which will employ 100 hands. They have also raised \$25,000 for a gun factory.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

I heard a man come in and jaw—
The maddest man I ever saw;
He'd teach us what to write about,
Or turn the office inside out.
I heard him say he'd spoil the face
Of every man about the place—
But he didn't.

The car of juggernaut must have been a "holy terror."

An inventor of a typewriting machine has a patent write.

Laziness travels so slow that poverty soon overtakes it.

Anyone can sit on a jury, but it takes a lawyer to sit on a witness.

Superstition never keeps people from accepting thirteen for a dozen.

A man with an elastic imagination is apt to mistake it for his conscience.

The man who is afraid to face the light will never get ahead of his shadow.

A man either gives according to his means or according to his meanness.

A baseball player is much "put out" when the umpire decides against him.

Does the shepherd find his flock increases because he puts it away in folds.

Experience has hardened some men until they have forgotten how to shed tears.

A cheap coat does not make a cheap man, but it makes him feel that way at times.

The local rhytmsters and grangers say that a wet May will fill the barn chock full of hay.

The fisherman who uses so much "bait" he becomes rye-tangled in no right-angler.

It is all right to look ahead, but don't fail to move ahead, or somebody will run over you.

When a man's heart is in the right place you may know that some woman has it grabbed.

A man may be proud of his ancestors, but the chances are his ancestors wouldn't be proud of him.

Man's wife always knows what he wants, although she may not be able to tell for the life of her what she wants herself.

The two oldest maids in this country live in Indiana. One is 114 years old, the other 103, and both claim never to have been kissed.

"Nehemiah, compare the adjective cold," said a schoolmaster to his head boy. "Positive cold, comparative cough, superlative coffin," triumphantly responded Nehemiah.

A Connecticut man is suing an editor for \$10,000 damages for calling him a "sorrel-topped nincompoop." It is safe to predict that the attorneys for the defence will see that no red-headed men get on the jury.

Note for the new bicycle rider from an exchange: "Don't be nervous when you meet a young lady acquaintance. Smile confidentially, take off your cap with either hand, or both, and choose a soft place to fall."

Aunt Sophia—And is Tommy a good little boy at school? Tommy—Yes, auntie. Aunt Sophia—And why is Tommy a good little boy? Tommy—"Cause it's better fun to see the other boys get a licking than to get one yourself."

Mother (to her son just home from college)—What is that number on your overcoat for? Son—It's the coat room number—I was at the theatre. Mother—But here are your trousers. You didn't leave them at the coat room, too, did you?

Ruled by the Stars.

Here is an old astrological prediction said to indicate, with tolerable certainty, the character of the girl, according to the month she happens to be born in, says an exchange:

If a girl is born in January, she will be a prudent housewife, given to melancholy but good tempered.

If in February, a humane and affectionate wife and tender mother.

If in March, a frivolous chatterbox, somewhat given to quarrelling.

If in April, inconsistent, not intelligent, but likely to be good looking.

If in May, handsome and likely to be happy.

If in June, impetuous, will marry early and be frivolous.

If in July, passably handsome but with a sulky temper.

If in August, amiable and practical, likely to marry rich.

If in September, discreet, affable and much liked.

If in October, pretty and coquettish and likely to be unhappy.

If in November, liberal, kind, of a mild disposition.

If in December, well proportioned, fond of novelty and extravagant.

Grange Meeting.

Centre Co. Pomono Grange will meet in the hall of Victor Grange, at Oak Hall, Friday, May 26th, at 10 a. m.

GEO. DALE, Master

Don't fail to read the Centre Democrat. Costs only \$1.00 a year in advance.