

## MERGER TURNED DOWN

Federal Court at St. Paul Decides Against Securities Company.

### THE OPINION WAS UNANIMOUS

Combination of Northern Pacific and Great Northern Roads Declared Illegal, and Securities Company Restrained From Voting Stock.

St. Paul, April 10. — The United States Circuit Court of Appeals has handed down a decision in the suit of the United States against the Northern Securities Company enjoining the company from voting the stock of the Northern Pacific or Great Northern Railway Companies, but allowing the return of such stock as had been delivered to that holding company.

The opinion was unanimous, all the four judges concurring, but the opinion was written by Judge Thayer. The substance of the order is in the decree, which is as follows:

"A decree in favor of the United States will accordingly be entered to the following effect: Adjudging that the stock of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern, now held by the Securities Company, was acquired in view of a combination among the defendants, in restraint of trade and commerce among the several states such as the anti-trust act denounces as illegal.

"Enjoining the Securities Company from acquiring or attempting to acquire further stock of either of said companies; also enjoining it from voting such stock at any meeting of the stockholders of either of said railroad companies, or exercising or attempting to exercise any control, direction or supervision or influence over the acts of said companies, or either of them, by virtue of its holding such stock.

"Enjoining the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Companies, respectively, their officers, directors and agents from permitting such stock to be voted by the Northern Securities Company or any of its agents or attorneys on its behalf at any corporate election for directors or officers of either of said companies.

"Enjoining them from paying any dividends to the Securities Company on account of said stock or permitting or suffering the Securities Company to exercise any control whatsoever over the corporate act of said companies or to direct the policy of either, and, finally, permitting the Securities Company to return and transfer the stock to the stockholders of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Companies, any and all shares of stock of those companies which it may have received from such stockholders in exchange for its own stock, or to make such transfer and assignment to such person or persons as are now the holders and owners of its own stock originally issued in exchange for the stock of said companies."

### Will Appeal the Case.

New York, April 10.—The case of the Northern Securities Company, which was decided in favor of the United States government in the United States Court of Appeals at St. Paul, Minn., will be appealed.

The Northern Securities Company was formed in New York in November, 1901, and was incorporated in New Jersey with a capital of \$400,000,000.

### Not a Blow, Says Morgan.

New York, April 10.—J. P. Morgan was interviewed regarding the decision at St. Paul against the Northern Securities Company. He said: "Until I see the full text of the decision I should not care to express an opinion on it. This much is certain, however, it will not rest where it is. The question of the right of two or more railroads to be operated by a holding company will be taken to the United States Supreme Court at Washington. Instead of looking upon the decision of the court as a blow to railroad enterprises, I should say that the reverse is the case."

### REV. W. H. MILBURN DEAD

Blind Chaplain of U. S. Senate Passes Away in California.

Washington, April 11.—The Rev. William Henry Milburn, the venerable blind chaplain of the United States senate, died in Santa Barbara, Cal. Word to this effect was received here by Colonel D. A. Ramsdell, the sergeant-at-arms of the senate. Mr. Milburn, accompanied by his two nieces, the Misses Timley, left Washington for the Pacific coast about a year ago. The chaplain was in broken health. The change brought no great improvement in his condition, and when congress met in December he forwarded his resignation to Washington, but it was never acted on. The deceased was a native of Philadelphia, where he was born in 1823.

Mr. Milburn was twice elected chaplain of congress, the first time in 1845, when a little over 22 years of age, was twice chaplain of the house of representatives, and lastly chaplain of the senate, to which office he was elected in 1893.

While serving a charge at Mobile, Ala., Mr. Milburn underwent a trial for heretical teachings. He was widely known as the blind preacher and lecturer, his ministry and lecture field covering many parts of the United States and Canada and of Great Britain and Ireland. He also was known as an author.

Vanderbilts Fined For Speeding Auto. Newport, R. I., April 14.—Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Paul Sartoli, his chauffeur, and Reginald C. Vanderbilt were each fined \$10 and costs in special sessions of the District Court for running their automobiles through Middletown at a greater speed than 10 miles an hour.

### RELIANCE LAUNCHED

America's Cup Defender Takes Its Initial Plunge.

Bristol, R. I., April 13.—The new cup defender Reliance was launched late on Saturday afternoon to the entire satisfaction of its builders, owners and the crew of 25 smiling sailormen, who manned its deck under Captain Charles Barr. The defender's tender, Sunbeam, was decorated with three great American ensigns, a New York Yacht Club burgee and no end of other bunting. W. B. Leeds' steam yacht Noma came up from Newport, bringing a number of guests. Then came the steamship Satellite, the Constitution's tender, with more guests. At 5 o'clock a door in the south shed was opened and 200 invited guests filed in.

It was the common opinion of the sharps that the new boat would be a flyer in broad reach and down wind, blow high or blow low. In windward work in a smooth sea all agree that it should exceed the older boats. In a stiff wind and a lump sea some think it will pound so much as to be retarded, but I believe that it will slide over the waves as a toboggan slides down a well-iced hill. At any rate, she is nearer the ideal American skimming dish than any cup boat ever built—a centre boarder with the centre board fixed and loaded with lead—and there is not a lump or a line to offend the eye in all its outlines.

### FATAL ACCIDENT ON IOWA

Bursting Gun Kills Three Men and Injures Five Others.

Pensacola, Fla., April 10.—A disastrous explosion occurred on the battleship Iowa while the vessel was at target practice in the gulf. The forward port 12-inch gun burst from the premature explosion of a shell, 12 feet of the piece outside the turret being demolished. Three men were killed and five injured, two seriously.

The killed are: First Class Seaman Kiele, Ordinary Seaman Percell and Gunner's Mate Berry.

The men killed and injured were on the second, or gun deck, at mess. Three pieces of the exploded gun, each weighing over a ton, passed downward through the spar deck, falling upon the men at mess, instantly killing the three named. All of the men were horribly mutilated.

Some claim the explosion was caused by a defective shell, and others think that the frequent firing of the pieces at Culebra during the winter, added to the work done here during the past 10 days, so strained the piece that the force of the charge bursted the gun.

### To Revise Naval Drill Regulations.

Washington, April 11.—Because of the succession of accidents which have occurred recently in the navy, a board of officers is to be appointed to revise the drill regulations in order that every precaution may be taken in the future against casualties.

### BOOK CONCERNS TO COMBINE

Plan to Merge Two Great Methodist Publishing Houses.

Chicago, April 14.—Methodists throughout the land will have put before them for consideration and discussion the plan to merge into one corporate institution the two great publishing houses of the church, the Methodist Book Concern in New York city and the Western Methodist Book Concern of Cincinnati and Chicago.

The suggestions of the book committee of the Methodist general conference, the result of a special committee's deliberations in February, with a review of the history of the work of the publishing houses of the Methodist Church, will be circulated in the form of a supplement issued with the regular edition of the Northwestern Christian Advocate and kindred publications throughout the United States.

Although final decision on the proposed unification of the two publishing institutions cannot be had until the general conference shall meet in its regular session at Los Angeles, Cal., in May, 1904, it is the general impression that the consolidation will be effected. It is calculated that an annual saving of \$100,000 can be effected by combining the corporations.

### Probable Suicide at Niagara Falls.

Niagara Falls, April 14.—An unknown man is believed to have committed suicide by jumping over the Falls at Prospect Point. A Park employe saw a man dressed in black, wearing a soft black hat and carrying a valise, running toward the point. The workman turned his back for a moment, and when he looked around again the man was gone. A close search revealed nothing, and it is the opinion of the Park officials that the man ran to the Point and leaped over.

### Packing Companies Pay Their Fines.

Kansas City, April 13.—The five Missouri packing companies which were fined \$5000 each on March 20 for violation of the anti-trust law, through their attorney, Frank Hagerman, of this city, have mailed to the State Supreme Court a draft for \$27,136 in payment of fines and costs incident to the action against them. The firms fined are the Armour Packing Company, Cudahy Packing Company, Hammond Packing Company, Swift & Co., and Schwarzschild & Sulzberger.

### Laughter Caused a Strike.

Schenectady, N. Y., April 11.—Because Mamie Birch, who was employed in the factory of J. Wiederhold & Co., in this city, laughed and her foreman discharged her therefor, there is a strike in the shop. Some 20 of her friends in the factory quit immediately and say they will remain out until Miss Birch is reinstated.

### TRIAL LIST.

The following cases are set down for trial at April term of court commencing April 27:

#### FIRST WEEK.

Maggie Gummo vs. O. S. P. Boggs Twp. William Hazzard vs. H. H. Harshberger. Wise and Bailey vs. Jenkins & Lingle. B. Annie Walker vs. Jacob Bortoff Administrator.

A. G. Walker use of vs. Morgan M. Lucas Admr.

White & Stine vs. J. A. Depew. Geo. L. Reed vs. Emma Weston Admr.

#### SECOND WEEK.

J. H. Reifsnnyder vs. L. H. Musser et al. L. H. Derr vs. Emma J. Vonada et al. Geo. T. Brew Admr vs. Jackson, Hastings & Co.

Philip B. Iddings et al vs. Boggs Twp. Sadie A. Rothrock vs. Elizabeth Rothrock Admr.

B. D. Schoonover Admr. vs. Jane C. Nason et al.

Wm. Witmer vs. Dora Witmer et al. Commonwealth ex rel vs. W. I. Harvey et al.

Newton E. Hess vs. James Peters et al. Hannah L. Sharp vs. Americas Lyman. Geo. M. Creswell vs. F. H. Clement & Co.

Chas. L. Jackson vs. John Haugh. T. M. Meyer vs. Hurley Brothers.

John C. Hoy vs. Z. W. Hoy et al Exrs. et al.

Duquesne Brewing Co. vs. Wm. Riley & Co.

The W. F. Main Co. vs. A. R. Terstel. Geo. J. Teerney vs. Snow Shoe Mining Co.

Bertha Dodd vs. Christ Sharer. Geo. F. Hoy, Agt. vs. Z. W. Hoy et al Exrs. &c.

Geo. W. Bayard vs. Boro of Bellefonte. Burton Merrett et al vs. J. T. Lucas.

### Frightful Accident.

Of all the sad accidents that ever occurred in our little village of Empire we have just witnessed one of the saddest and most tragic, happening when no one was anticipating danger of any kind and when all were in a sense of security from danger. It fell like a thunder-clap from a clear sky.

We refer to the death of Wm. S. Yeager on Monday afternoon, March 30th, at 4 o'clock. The mill shut down at 2:30 that afternoon on account of rain and a great many of the men had gone home. The mill is situated in the lower end of the village and most all the men used the railroad to get to and from the mill. When the mill shut down Mr. Yeager did not go home at once but sat down and talked with the men. A number of persons had been to Brockville that day; the engine, which is of the cog-wheel style, was preparing to go to the B. R. and P. station at Empire to bring them up.

Mr. Yeager boarded the engine when it started, intending to get off opposite his house. It slowed up at his getting off place, but while it was yet moving Mr. Yeager jumped from the cab. His feet struck the ground but a long rubber coat which he was wearing was caught in the cogs and he was pulled backwards and down into the cogs so swiftly that he had time to cry out but once. Death was instantaneous. The engine stopped within sixteen feet of where he was caught, and, after removing the shaft which bears the cogs his body was taken out. His face was found to be cut and mangled frightfully and his left side was crushed and torn—literally ground up.

Mr. Yeager's body was taken to the home of his sister, Mrs. Jackson Watson, at Moshannon for burial. He was aged 53 years, 10 months and 13 days, and he leaves a wife, five children, two brothers and one sister to mourn his death. Mr. Yeager was born and brought up in Centre county, but for seventeen years had worked in this section of this country. Ten years ago he entered the service of Baine & Baine as shipper, and since then has been one of their most trusted men. As a man he was of sterling integrity, a thorough business man, a trusted employee, a genial companion and a true hearted friend. We shall miss him much.

### Death of Elijah K. Williams.

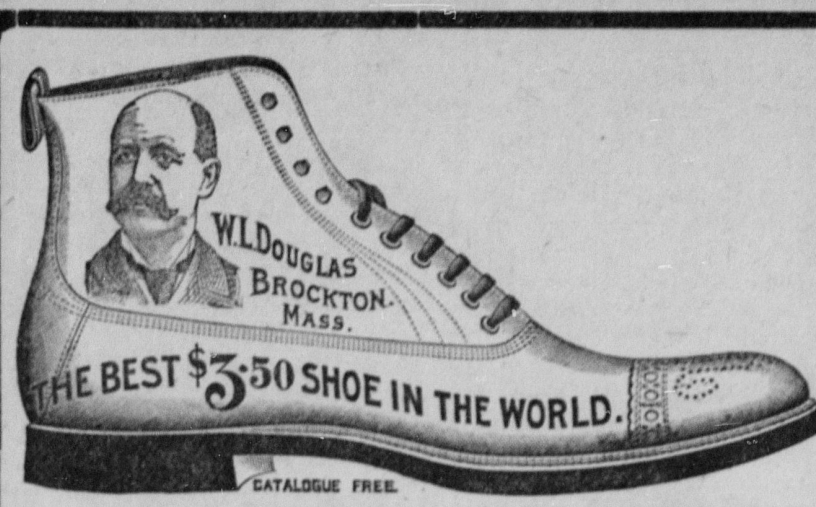
Again we are called upon to chronicle the death of a widely known and honored citizen of Centre county. Mr. Elijah K. Williams was born May 6th, 1833, and died April 7th. He had been confined to the house for some months and was an intense sufferer for a portion of this time.

He was married in 1856 to Miss Elizabeth E. Turner. To them were given ten children, six of whom are living and were present at the funeral. The wife died about eight years ago. The names of the surviving children are as follows: Mrs. Mary T. Davis, Youngstown, Ohio; Mrs. Debbie Andrews, Elmer S., Sylvester and Orlando of Julian, and Elijah of Derry Station. He is also survived by his brother, Robert, of Kansas and a sister, Mrs. Mary T. Bailey, of Indianapolis, Ind.

He is probably best known in our county by reason of his many years service as a teacher in our public schools. For twenty-four terms, principally in Huston township, he was a sturdy and faithful teacher of many youths, teaching until almost sixty years of age. He was serving his third term as a justice of the peace when overtaken by the hand of death and also faithfully administered the office of tax collector and other township offices for many years.

But no notice of his life would be complete that did not take account of the christian life of the deceased. For nearly fifty-two years he has been a professing christian and an earnest worker for his Saviour. He was a member of the Baptist church at Marthas and for a number of years was a deacon in this church. He was always desirous of commending Christ to others.

He was laid to rest on Friday, April 10th, at 10 o'clock when a large number of his friends and neighbors gathered at his late residence to look upon his earthly form for the last time. Services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. C. Lathrop, who was assisted by Rev. Craig of Julian.



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