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NEW ELECTRIC ROAD FOR CENTRE COUNTY

Part of an Electric Trunk Line from New York to Chicago.

A GIGANTIC ENTERPRISE

Will Compete With the Larger Steam Roads—Easy Grades and 108 Miles Shorter—Taps the Bituminous and Anthracite Coal Fields.

During the past year surveyors have been busy locating lines through Centre county, and all the time the people were much exercised as to the purpose. Everybody had a guess. Generally it was the opinion that the work was being done for the Wabash railroad who were seeking a short route from Pittsburg to the seaboard.

Now the opposite is announced. An immense electric trunk line is planned between New York and Chicago, by parties who wish to oppose the Wabash.

The proposed road, from the east, will enter Centre county line at Cherry Run and follow westward along the Lewisburg and Tyrone R. R., passing by Coburn, Spring Mills, Linden Hall on up to Pine Grove Mills, where it will swerve to the northwest towards Stormstown, across the mountains into the Bald Eagle valley, at Dix run, then northward to Sandy Ridge and on westward. All the papers on Wednesday contained extended accounts of the project and treated it as though it was an assured fact. The following are some extracts:

Joseph Ramsey, Jr., has announced that he will build a new trunk line railroad from New York to Pittsburg and thence to Chicago, the project to be financed by foreign bankers and the road to cost at least \$150,000,000.

Surveys for the road have been completed, and show that the line will be 65 miles shorter than the Pennsylvania line between Pittsburg and New York, and 108 miles shorter than the present shortest line between New York and Chicago.

It will not only be the shortest line through Pennsylvania, but it will cross the summit of the Allegheny mountains 400 feet lower than the Pennsylvania, and will have easy curves and remarkably low grades for a mountain line.

It is proposed to operate the line with electric locomotives, and as the surveys give the new line a maximum grade of twenty feet to the mile in comparison to the maximum grade of sixty-five feet to the mile on the present Pennsylvania system, the locomotives will be able to develop high speed.

The new line will run through both the bituminous and anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania, and numerous small branch lines are planned as feeders. It will not touch Philadelphia, going entirely through the northern part of the State.

After leaving Pittsburg the road will touch at the following towns in Pennsylvania: Freeport, Leechburg, South Bend, Sheelata, Cherrytree, Ironva, Sandy Ridge, Dix Run, Loveville, Pinegrove Mills, Shingletown, Tusseyville, Coburn, Spring Mills, New Berlin, Northumberland, Sunbury, Ashland, Mahanoy City, Tamaqua, Allentown and Easton.

Preliminary work will begin this fall on the line to New York, and actual grading will begin in the spring. The line West will be started as soon as the Pittsburg-New York line is completed.

The road to New York has been surveyed three times by engineers working in different parts of the State.

The right of way through Pennsylvania will be secured by the merging of the Indiana, Clearfield and Easton, the Allentown, Tamaqua and Ashland, and the Brnsh Creek and Crow's Run Railroads. The merger papers will be filed this week at Harrisburg.

The foreign syndicate will build the lines and turn them over completely to the consolidated road, which will be known, it is said, as the New York, Pittsburg and Chicago Air Line.

Joseph Ramsey, Jr., who is now in New York, sent the following signed statement relative to the new project:

COMPLETE IN THREE YEARS. "We expect to make a start this fall and begin work next spring, hoping to complete the line between Pittsburg and New York within three years. The cost of the line between Pittsburg and New York is estimated to be between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000, all of which has been pledged, the bulk of it by foreign capitalists. It would not be wise for me to give details and names now.

"The line is not merely a preliminary survey, but a final location that has been revised three times. Three corps have been busy for three years.

It is the intention to begin the use of electric locomotives from the start, as it is believed that by the time the road is ready for operation electrical transmission for railroads will have been perfected. Bridge and tunnel companies organized recently in Pittsburg are said to be part of the Ramsey plan for the Pittsburg terminal.

It is a foregone conclusion that the new road is back of the Schuylkill Coal & Iron company and the Shanferoke Coal company, both of which have invested millions in coal lands in the Schuylkill region during the past year. The investment of such immense sums would not have been thought of if the projectors had not seen their way clear to secure the transportation profits for themselves.

If this road should be built, as predicted, the project of an electric road from Bellefonte to State College, in which some Bellefonte people are interested, would quickly be taken up so as to tap the road beyond that point.

KILLED AT SNOW SHOE.

Freightful Accident in the Mines on Last Wednesday.

Harvey Lorrach, of Snow Shoe, Pa., last Wednesday, Aug. 8, met with a horrible death in Kelly Bro's coal mines. While bringing a string of eight loaded cars out of the mines, in some way the front car of the string left the rails and knocked the props out from under the overhead which let several tons of dirt and rock down. The fall pinned him fast to the side of the car so that he was unable to move. Other employees in the mines heard his cries and summoned help. After working for eight hours moving earth so that they could reach the man another fall of about 40 tons of rock followed and crushed his life out. The men who were removing the earth were so close to him that before the second fall of rock they could talk to him, but owing to the fact that he was pinned between cars which were loaded with coal and also which were pinned down with rock, they were unable to remove him. Harry Lorrach was aged 33 years, 4 months and 28 days; leaves to survive him his wife, Sadie Lorrach, of Snow Shoe and five children, also his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lorrach, of Snow Shoe; two brothers, Barton and Geo. of Moss Creek, Cambria Co.; and four sisters, Emma, Lydia, Mabel, Olive, all of Snow Shoe. The body was turned over to undertaker Osman, of Snow Shoe, who prepared it for burial. The funeral took place from the Methodist church, Friday at 2 o'clock, Rev. Schugart officiating, and was one of the largest held in that section for some time.

Dr. Welch Elected.

Dr. J. P. Welch, principal of the State Normal school, Bloomsburg, has been elected to and has accepted the position of vice president of The Pennsylvania State College. The position also carries with it the offices of registrar, business manager and director of summer schools. General James A. Beaver, of Bellefonte, has been chosen president pro tem. of State, and John Hamilton will be treasurer.

These selections were made by the trustees at their board meeting in Harrisburg. At that meeting it was decided to institute summer schools at State College for teachers, and having received the resignation of Professor Lee as registrar, there were two new positions to fill, in addition to those of vice president and business manager, which had been tendered to Dr. Welch. The trustees authorized their secretary, H. V. White, to tender the four positions to Dr. Welch, which he did on Saturday and Tuesday. Mr. White received his acceptance. The election of General Beaver as president pro tem. will meet with general satisfaction on the part of the student party who idolize the popular president of the board of trustees.

Pastor Resigns.

Rev. A. C. Lathrop, who several weeks ago resigned the pastorate of the Milesburg, Martha, and Port Matilda Baptist churches, expects to begin his pastorate at Clearfield, Sept. 1st. He will preach his closing sermons at Milesburg and Marsh Creek, Aug. 19, and at Martha and Port Matilda on Aug. 26. It is a matter of mutual regret and sorrow, for both pastor and people, to sever their pleasant pastoral relationship. Both the pastor and his family enter upon their new work with the best wishes of their many friends in Centre county. The executive committee of the Centre Co. S. S. Association have selected Rev. W. H. H. Schuyler, of Centre Hall, as secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. A. C. Lathrop, and they have elected Rev. C. Piper, of Milesburg, to succeed Dr. Schuyler as vice president.

All Out For Loganton.

The bed for the White Deer and Loganton railroad is now being graded within four miles of Loganton, and the substantial work that is being done indicates its performance. The right of way secured is sixty feet in width and it has nearly all been granted. There is no doubt that within a very short time the tooth of the engine will announce the incoming and outgoing trains, and the conductor's yell, "All out for Loganton." The Centre Democrat rejoices with its Sugarvalley friends over this coming improvement, since we lent an untiring, and successful, hand to the construction of a railroad through Pennsvalley and have seen its inestimable benefits to those people.

Two Fishing Rods Unlawful.

Fish Commissioner Meehan has stirred up some of the anglers in the state by a letter he sent to some Norristown enthusiasts who were in doubt and trepidation about the number of rods or hand lines can be used in fishing when he is doing a lone stunt. There was some question about the matter among the fishermen of Montgomery county, and as the fish wardens have been active they concluded not to run any risk.

FIREMEN COMING TO BELLEFONTE

It Will be a Lively Time For Several Days.

MIDWAY IN THE ARMORY

Magnificent Parade on Thursday—Some Interesting Contests—Fun Galore at the Midway—Come to Bellefonte and Enjoy Yourself.

The Firemen's convention which will meet in Bellefonte on Wednesday, and Thursday, August 22nd and 23rd, 1906, promises to be one of the largest gatherings Bellefonte has ever had. Twelve fire companies have already accepted the invitation and will be in line with their fire apparatus and most of them with bands. There are many more to hear from who will likely accept the invitation and be in line with us on the 23rd. In addition to the above, Co. B, 5th Regt., will also be in line. From present indications it will be the largest turnout of firemen ever had by the Centre District Firemen's Association. The hub and hose races will be very exciting and something new in this section of the district. The railroads have made the following special rates: From Aug. 21 to Aug. 24, one fare round trip for uniformed firemen; and one and one-third rate to all from 21 to 24, and on August 23, the day of parade, one fare for round trip to everybody. In addition to the above attractions there will be a Midway in the Armory, where all nations will be represented—a miniature World's Fair. The people who did not visit the World's Fair at St. Louis should not miss this.

THE MIDWAY PARADE.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the Midway people will give a novel parade. It will contain the local fire companies, Co. B, Coleville band, a "Little German Band," hay wagons containing national celebrities of various nations; a "fools dance" will be given on the diamond. There will be more fun than you can poke a stick at. It would take a whole column to tell all the funny stunts and nonsense—it will be an "off time" for everybody. As the Midway is given for the benefit of the hospital everybody will help to make the scheme a howling success. Come to town and see the great street parade which will be free; admission to the armory will be 10 cents.

An Old Document.

An old document, found recently among other papers, was handed us a few days ago, by Wm. P. Humes of the First National Bank of Bellefonte. It is the official return of the election held in Bellefonte, for presidential electors, on November 7, 1848. Gen. Cass was the democratic nominee for president and Gen. Zack Taylor the whig candidate. There were 26 electors. The borough of Bellefonte at the time appears to have been democratic, as the return shows 125 votes for the Cass electors, and 112 votes for each of the Taylor electors. One vote was cast for each of the Daniel Webster, independent, electors. Andrew G. Curtin was the whig elector, and William Bigler the democratic elector, for this district. The report is signed by H. Humes and H. N. McAllister, inspectors, and James T. Hale, judge; attest, Henry P. Trezynylny and Wm. Wallace Hays, clerks. The document will be filed with the Linn Historical Society.

I. O. O. F. Picnic.

The Odd Fellows' Picnic at Centre Hall, on Friday last, was a success notwithstanding the weather in the morning was not propitious. Odd Fellows from all parts of the county were in attendance, and the crowd present is estimated at 500. A very pleasant time was had and the social intercourse of the members of the order was enjoyed. The addresses were appropriate and pleasing. The next county picnic of the order will be held at the same place in August, 1907. T. L. Gramley, of Spring Mills, was elected president for the ensuing year and Mrs. Thomas Hazel, of Bellefonte, vice-president.

Rattler Burned His Bridges.

A rattlesnake found it an easy matter to get through the meshes of a wire screen and into a rabbit cage built by the children of K. D. Packer, of Moneysontown. However, after he had eaten two small rabbits and increased his dimensions considerably, the reptile could not make his escape and was killed. The snake had seven rattles.

Rev. Fisher's Return.

Right Rev. Monsignor Nevin F. Fisher, rector of the Roman Catholic church of St. John the Evangelist, Thirteenth street above Chestnut, has returned to his church in Philadelphia after a five months' trip abroad. Monsignor Fisher had several audiences with the Pope. Rev. Fisher is a brother of Dr. P. S. Fisher, of Zion.

A WARNING!

During the past few years Bellefonte has been an easy mark for life insurance grafters. At the outbreak we wish our readers to understand that this paper is not the enemy of life insurance, but approves of the institution as represented by certain standard companies, which are controlled by reliable men and their methods have been free from the flagrant abuses that brought other companies into disrepute. Life insurance and lightning rods are a sure and necessary protection—where you get the right article from known reliable men. The profession of selling life insurance, and putting up lightning rods, is in popular disfavor, and justly so, for the reason that so frequently the worst kind of thugs, grafters, deadbeats, social outlaws from the cities come out into the country to prey upon the confidence of our people.

In the past few years we have seen numerous illustrations of this. Men come into this community and by their blarney and "sporting" proclivities manage to worm in the social swim, as it were. Next they begin to peddle their wares to unsuspecting friends; instead of selling their life insurance upon its merits all sorts of seductive schemes are advanced of a get-rich-quick species. The inducement offered is a "cinch,"—in the future will give you an independent income through "an advisory board" or "holding" of stock, while your policy is an incident, to get into the scheme on the ground floor.

We know that some of the most prominent business men in Bellefonte got "burned" from \$500 to \$1,000 each by listening to the tempting tales of the glib-tongued life insurance grafters from the cities.

In other cases they have come here in a fine flutter, and failing in their effort at dead of night slipped out of town beating the hotels out of large board bills.

What we want to say is: When you are satisfied that you should carry some life insurance, don't dicker with traveling fakirs and strangers from the cities who dish out get-rich-quick schemes. Avoid this stock—they are dangerous, deadly. Instead, go to some agent in your own community first, in whom you think you can confide, tell him what you want and then take about only one-half what he insists you need.

Life insurance is all right, if taken judiciously; the goods peddled by strangers, who have gilt-edged schemes in it, invariably prove a fake.

Look out for life insurance fakirs, who overrun the community!

Fish Being Poisoned.

The Jersey Shore Herald prints the statement that the refuse poured into the West Branch of the Susquehanna from the tanneries is poisoning the fish in great numbers. Here is a bit of work for the State authorities who are invested with power to abate nuisances. Tanneries are necessary, but their owners should be compelled to take such care of their waste that no injury is done thereby. Not only the fish, but the human dwellers by the riverside are entitled to protection. It is a lost labor to stock the streams of the State with food fish if the owners of industrial establishments and mines are allowed to pollute the rivers and their tributaries. The Democrat thinks the above allusion is proper, and adds further that the fisheries department was informed of similar conditions on Spring and Bald Eagle creeks. A fish warden came, saw and departed, and there it ended, although the warden's investigation satisfied him that the fish died from poisonous refuse finding an outlet to these streams—and fish kept on dying.

A Lucky Stroke.

The Penna. R. R. Co. expects to locate large yards and repair shops across the river from Sunbury, near Selinsgrove. It will be an expensive improvement and will give employment to over a thousand hands. Recently Boyd A. Musser, formerly the commissioner's clerk of this county, successfully financed the building of a river bridge at that point which now will prove a bonanza in itself. We also take the following from the Phila. Record in this connection:

A Bellefonte Boy.

Walter I. Lembeck, chief agent of the United States government at the fur seal fisheries in Alaska, who figured in the recent capture and shooting of several Japanese poachers on Attu Island, formerly was of Bellefonte. He is married to an Altoona girl, Miss Grace Hurd. They were married some thirteen years ago and since then have made their home in Alaska. Lembeck was formerly from Bellefonte, but for years has been located in the far west and Alaska. Chief Lembeck and family reside on St. Paul island and he is held in high regard by the government authorities. It is his duty to look after and protect the seal fisheries in Alaska.

A Good One.

Pau Carner, at Mill Hall, has three chickens, a rooster and two hens, hatched the third week in March, out of eggs received from Charles Taylor, of Mackeyville. The rooster crowed the first time June 1st on Mr. Carner's wedding day. On August first the one hen laid her first egg. On August seventh she laid an egg, and five minutes later she laid another. In all she has laid six eggs and at present lay one egg every day.

Minister Preached in Shirt Sleeves.

The Rev. Thomas Cooper, of the Methodist Protestant church, of West Berwick, Pa., preached in his shirt sleeves, Sunday night, in order to induce the male members of his congregation to take off their coats and be as comfortable as 'he weather would permit. While that may have shocked some there was a whole lot of common sense in the idea.

PASTOR'S ADVICE TO PROHIBITIONISTS

'A Vote for Castle Is a Vote for Penrose and the Gang.'

STRONG CAMPMEETING SERMON

Rev. R. H. Crawford Comes Out Flat-footed for Fusion—Asserts That Swallow Played Into Hands of Corruption—Cannot Elect Castle.

Political speeches marked the opening Sunday of the Johanna Heights campmeeting near Reading, this week, and a strong argument that Prohibitionists can consistently vote for Emery was presented by Rev. R. H. Crawford, of Downingtown. He is a Scotchman and spoke with energy and conviction.

The meeting was attended by several thousand persons, many of whom came on special trains. Rev. William Hyde, of Elverson, presided, and announced the topic: "Can Prohibitionists Consistently Indorse Emery?" Rev. Mr. Crawford said:

"The question is, can we indorse Penrose and the gang. A vote for Castle is a vote for Penrose. I advise all Prohibitionists to vote for Emery for Governor. The personnel of the reform movement is far ahead of the leaders of the Republican party and a Republican voting for Emery does not give up his party, but takes the firm position for good government. We do need a shaking up. Men have been in office so long that they have become corrupt.

LOCAL OPTION PROHIBITION IN SPOTS.

"Local option is nearer if the gang is defeated. We have no words against Stuart, but the organization he represents. Local option is Prohibition in spots and a tributary stream is the cause of State and national prohibition.

"Because we cannot get the whole at once we should not reject a part. We must be sensible Prohibitionists and throw our votes with the lesser evil. If two persons are drowning and we cannot rescue both, shall we not rescue one?"

"I believe Prohibitionists should learn practical wisdom. But keep the goal before us. Let us go up step by step and if we accept anything let it be the stepping stone to the realization of our hopes and prayers. A vote for Emery is to disrupt the powers that control the State. We cannot elect Castle.

"As a personal friend of Dr. Swallow, I think he has made a mistake. Our greatest enemies in the State rejoice in the attitude of Dr. Swallow."

Railway Co. Deprived of Charter.

The Altoona and Philipsburg Connecting Railroad Company was put out of business by Judge Capp, of the Dauphin County Court. In an opinion in the quo warranto proceedings brought by Attorney General Carson recently to show cause why the company's charter should not be forfeited, Judge Capp orders the company to be excluded from the franchise of the corporation.

This company was chartered in 1892 to build a line from Janesville, Clearfield county, to Philipsburg, Centre county, a distance of twenty miles. It is alleged to have issued capital stock to the amount of \$404,000 without receiving therefor any consideration, and issued bonds to the amount of \$325,000.

Construction of the road was to cost \$500 a mile, on which the State was to receive 10 per cent. as tax. The company, it is said, failed to pay in the 10 per cent., or construct the road as required, hence the proceedings to revoke its charter.

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

DO WN ON UNCLE'S FARM. Well, I'm down on uncle's farm. An' a rich fun you never see. W'y the muscels on my arm Is 'mos twice as big, by gee! I go barefoot all the while, 'Cause like the other boys I know, 'Cause folks don't put on no style Down here where pertaters grow, I don't wash my han's an' face More'n once or twice a day; I just go runnin' round any way. I hain't wore my coat a bit, Ner no collar on my shirt— 'Bet you ma would have said they did— If she saw me in the dirt.

I git up at four o'clock, When I hear the roosters crow. I don't wait fer 'em to knock, Like I do at home, you know. It would make ya last, you bet. If he seen me, 'cause he said That I never got up yet 'Till he yanked me out o' bed.

An' sir—say, I've just learned how We git all our milk an' cream. W'y it's pumped out of a cow In a teeny-weeny stream. An' the roosters don't lay eggs 'Cause the hired man said they did— He got me to run my legs 'Most off lookin' where they're hid.

After supper, jest last night A boy came to play with me. An' I had an awful fine, 'Cause he wouldn't quite agree. I gave him a bloody nose, 'Ner he up an' blackened my eyes— I could lick him, I suppose, But he wan't nowhere my size.

Uncle says I'm awful tanned. An' I s'pose that I will git Frocked up to beat the band, But I won't mind that a bit. I am feelin' good, an' gee! I am havin' lots of fun— Only thing I hate will be— When vacation time is done, —E. A. Brininstool in Los Angeles Express.

A MODERN INSTANCE.

He started life a working man And labored hard each day; His little wife was quick to plan And helped him on his way.

His little wife did wash and scrub; And when her beauty fled She little cared, so long as hub Was forging right ahead.

His hoarded treasure grew and grew He handled it with care And soon became, as all men knew, A multimillionaire.

And then his lawyers came and told His wife that she must go; They handed her some bonds and gold And left her to her woe.

For he was tired (to reach the pith) Of this poor faded pearl, And wanted to replace her with A painted chorus girl.

This fellow's case is not so rare; He is a growing clan. To-day he's but a millionaire— He used to be a man.

CAN'T GET NOthin' DONE.

Winter is too cold for work; Freetzin' weather makes me shirk. Spring comes on an' finds me wishin' I could end my days a-fishin'.

Then in summer, when it's hot, I say work kin go to pot. Autumn days, so calm and hazy, Always sorter makes me lazy.

That's the way the seasons run; Seems I can't git nothin' done.

ONE OF THE HERD.

I'm just an ordinary man, Not built upon a scheme or plan 'Unique. I do about as others do— Where'er I see a peckaboo, I peck.

In case I note a pretty girl Down where the ocean billows curl And blubber, Attired in scanty bathing togs, Why, like all other wicked dogs, I rubber.

If love is a disease it must be contagious.

An ante-room is not necessarily a poker joint. Some people impress us, and others oppress us.

Every boat isn't stuck up just because it is propped.

The safe bet is the one you were going to make and didn't.

It's all right to begin at the bottom unless you are learning to swim.

If it wasn't for a wife's cooking many a man wouldn't have anything to kick about.

It is no crime to be poor, but the poor should also remember that it is no crime to be rich.

Some newspaper men are terrible liars. In writing of a cyclone out west one of them said it turned a well inside out, a cellar upside down, moved a township line, blew the staves out of a whiskey barrel and left nothing but a bung hole, changed the day of the week, blew the mortgage off a farm, blew all the cracks out of a fence and knocked the wind out of a politician.

John Kendrick Bangs was moving goods and chattels from his home in Yonkers, N. Y. It was a rainy day and before the house stood three large moving vans and the lawn was covered with furniture of all sorts. Mr. Bangs stood in the downpour expediting the movers when a lady, a neighbor with whom he was acquainted, passed and smilingly asked: "Oh, are you moving, Mr. Bangs?" "No, indeed, Mrs. —," replied the humorist. "You see, it is such a beautiful day that I thought I would get all furniture out of my house and take it for a ride."

The stock disappears and we look into the cradle and behold a male child. After running the gauntlet of measles, mumps and chickenpox he enters school, at the age of ten he is the terror of the neighborhood. At twelve he is an apprentice in a printing office. At eighteen he has acquired two cases of long primer type and an army press and is editor of a country newspaper. At twenty he is married. At thirty he is baldheaded, stoop-shouldered and is the father of a large family. At forty he is a corpse in cheap pine coffin, and as soon delinquent subscribers file past his bier for the last time they are heard to say: "He was a good fellow, but he couldn't save his money."