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THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE DISPATCH has been removed to Corner of Smithfield and Diamond Streets.

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SOUTH PENN REVIVED. The news THE DISPATCH prints to-day concerning the reorganization of the South Penn Railroad is the best and the most encouraging that Pittsburgh has had in this connection for a long while. There is a brighter prospect for a new railroad link between this city and the Eastern seaboard than anyone has ventured to late to look for. That an earnest effort is to be made to build a new railroad between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh may be taken as a fact. The circumstances of the fact are rather nebulous as yet.

A month ago the startling report came from Fulton county that the South Penn Railroad, its franchise and other assets had been sold to George F. Baer, at Sheriff's sale. This was the first act in the new deal. Since then a variety of rumors concerning the plans of Mr. Baer and those supposed to be behind him have been afloat. They have culminated yesterday in the well-authenticated statement which is given in this issue. The railroad is reorganized under the title of the South Penn Railway Company, and its capital stock is set at twenty millions of dollars. The Board of Directors is significantly representative of powerful interests.

The Reading Railroad is represented in the President of the new corporation, Mr. Baer, the Vanderbills are supposed with good reason to have two directors in the board, Messrs. Bangs and Stetson, the well-known New York lawyers, with whom Mr. Cleveland is associated. These appear to be the preponderant powers in the company. The connection of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad with the project leads substantially to it. In other ways the Reading road has shown a determination to obtain a Western outlet. Extensions of the Reading system now in course of construction will lead themselves readily to the new enterprise. It is said that a large portion of the South Penn Railroad is already surveyed.

The need for the South Penn or some other competitive railroad grows as Pittsburgh grows. The progress of the revived project will be watched eagerly and closely by Pittsburghers. The behavior of those interested in the getting of new railroads will not be overlooked either.

At this writing it is impossible to tell whether a strike is to be inaugurated this morning among the yardmen and other employees of the railroads in this neighborhood. The hope of everybody is that a strike will not take place. At the same time it cannot be overlooked that the refusal of the railroad companies to treat at all with the Federated Order of Railway Employees threatens to precipitate a conflict. If the men consider that the recognition of the Order is more important than the consideration of their demands—which the railroads are willing to grant to their employees separately—we presume a strike may come.

If the men state we hope that they will remember to what terms they can retain the good will of the public, without which they cannot possibly succeed. Respect for the law, and abstinence from acts of violence are the essentials. So far there has been no sign of disorderliness and the conferences between the managing officers and the men have been characterized by good temper and good sense on both sides.

While a shoal is hanging over other industries the result of the conference of coal miners and operators at Columbus yesterday is averted. The Pittsburgh conference of coal miners of Pennsylvania and Ohio. The upshot of the conference was that the miners accepted a compromise which assures them an advance of five cents per ton. Although this is not what the miners asked, it appears to be a fairly satisfactory concession to the men. Anyhow, the terrible consequences of a long strike need not be expected, and the general prosperity of the country will not be held back by the disablement of a most important industry.

JESSE HOYT has retired from the management of the Erie Elevator Company, a notable act among the Pittsburghers. The last which in wheat has proven disastrous to several manipulators of the staple article.

Now that the tariff bill has been reported to the House and referred to the Committee of the Whole, the proceedings of Congress will be somewhat livelier for the next few weeks.

The proposal of the Western Seamen's Friend Society to equip a steamer for evangelizing work on the Monongahela among the coal miners has rather a startling sound. This effort to better the condition of the miners will command the sympathy of all, and THE DISPATCH wishes it success.

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THE TOPICAL TALKER. A Serpentine Deedhead—A Syrian Missionary in the City—Italian Tenors and German Singers Compared—The Secret of Detective Fitzgerald's Luck.

BRAM STOKER, a lanky gentleman with rose-colored cheeks, who was the personal manager and factotum of Henry Irving, the English actor, during his first American tour—whether he continued to do that place the last time Irving came over, I don't know—has written a novel called "The Snake's Pass." The title will recall to a great many Americans the time they had with Mr. Bram Stoker getting passes. Bram is a specialist on passes and the tribe who hanker after them, but is the first time I ever heard of a man giving a snake a pass. Mr. Stoker had a strong objection to giving anyone passes. It will be deeply interesting to learn how the snake "worked" Mr. Irving's fiery-looking guardian for one.

ELIAS BARAKAT is a Syrian who is staying in Pittsburgh just now. He is a missionary and is raising and carrying on the good work of Christianizing his native land. He has already lectured a good deal in this country, and intends starting soon upon a regular lecture tour. You would not imagine from his complexion or dress that Mr. Barakat came from a place further east than Mt. Mekeeps. The Syrian sun and climate does not paint faces very dark. Mr. Barakat wears a merino attire and he talks fair English. The condition of Syria is not remarkably cheerful, according to Mr. Barakat; the deadly blight of Mohammedan rule preventing progress in civilization. As to mission work, he thinks that a good work of the Christians need conversion as much as Mohammedans, and the efforts of the Protestant missionaries are mainly directed toward those Syrians who are already acquainted with the Gospel of Christ.

MR. BARAKAT impresses one as an intelligent, cheerful man, with sincere desires to benefit his neglected brethren. Probably, as he admits, the best thing—in fact the only thing to save it—for Syria would be its absorption by some European power.

A NEW YORK correspondent writes: "Certain adherents of the Wagnerian school of music have made a good deal of fun of Tamagno's singing, and they thought it especially amusing that the Italian tenor should have washed his own socks. But did not one of the German opera divas do a similar thing? Does not Lilli Lehmann wash her own stockings before she sings? Lilli Lehmann perform this domestic duty, but practice economy in other respects quite as energetically as Tamagno did. She was also guilty, the other night, of marked rudeness to Patti, to contemptuous of the Opera house at the end of the first act of the opera. Tamagno could hardly have been guilty of such boorishness as that. As to the matter of washing his own socks, Tamagno is a man of Italian and German, who would be more desirable companions if they were to emulate the example of Signor Tamagno and Frau Lehmann."

DETECTIVE FITZGERALD'S nickname of "Lucky" is burnished anew by his latest feat, the arrest of one of the men suspected of abducting in any case the late Tarentum murder. Paddy Fitzgerald would not have been so lucky as he has been if he had not also been plucky. When he was in the ranks or at Longwood, he was a detective of the Twelfth ward, has nerve and grit were the qualities that made him a terror of evil doers. He caught thieves because he looked for them and was not afraid to arrest them when they were in the act. He has good luck. Some men are born lucky, say, it is almost as much to the purpose to be born plucky.

PROMINENT PEOPLE. EMIN PASHA now speaks 27 different languages and dialects.

VICZ FRANCIS MORTON reads no newspapers than any man in Washington.

EX-GOVERNOR HUBBARD, of Texas, ex-Minister to Japan, wants to go to Congress.

JOSEPH T. LAWLESS is the youngest member of the Virginia Senate. Lawless, in spite of his name, is a clever politician.

MISS JEAN INGLETON receives so many requests for her autograph that she is physically unable to respond to them all.

SETH LLOYD, President of Columbia College, eating nothing but oatmeal for breakfast, and always smokes a cigar.

THE Emperor of China is making a close study of railroad construction. He is said to have considerable ability as a scientific investigator.

MR. NATHANIEL BOWDITCH, of Boston, and Miss Choate, daughter of the President of the Old Colony Railroad Company, are to be married in June.

FRANCE HENNING has 103 decorations. He belongs to the Order of the Star, the Order of the Order of St. Andrew, a member of the Order of the Russian Empire, and is worth \$60,000.

THE President has received a portrait of Mrs. Angelina Van Buren, a daughter of the late White House during the administration of her father-in-law, President Van Buren, and gave orders to have it hung in the Green Parlor by the portraits of Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Polk.

GENERAL JUBAL A. EARLY, one of the pet cavalry leaders of the Confederacy, lives at Lynchburg. He has a suite of rooms, fitted up with his own private office, and has a handsome steel engraving of himself around the corner, and running up a bill.

A LETTER from "Buffalo Bill," dated at Mt. Rushmore, S. D., says that he has been bright for the Wild Westers since reaching the land of the Casars. At Milan the show played to 7,000 in one day—something wonderful for Italy. Colonel Cody says that he will soon be back in the States with his racket. After which Berlin will be visited.

TIED OF PENSIONING KINGLETS. The Question of the Abolition of the Gaelic Fund Discussed in the Landtag.

BERLIN, April 17.—In the Landtag today Herr Brenel and Dr. Windthorst raised the question of the abolition of the Gaelic fund—the money set apart from the exchequer of the Kingdom of Hanover by Prussia, and which are claimed by the Duke of Cumberland. The delegates of the Gaelic fund are in fact providing for the separation of the Kingdom of Hanover from the Empire, and the establishment of a special act for the purpose.

Herr Furth, Minister of the Interior, opposed the proposition. He said that the Gaelic fund was a special act, and that the separation of the Kingdom of Hanover from the Empire could not be annulled without the passage of a special act by the Diet.

LITTLE BREAD BAKERS. The Prize Will be Awarded To-Morrow at the Grant School.

The pupils of the school at Grant street held their closing exercises at the Grant street schoolhouse to-morrow afternoon.

A spread of the dainties prepared by the youthful cooks will be sampled by the guests, and the best will be awarded a prize presented by Mr. Chas. Reiser, the Secretary of the Central Board.

Sheffield Middlesex will give the presentation speech, and Mr. Pres Muller will receive the fortunate baker. Diplomas will be granted to the pupils.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Benjamin Franklin Sturtevant.

A telegram from Boston to Mr. Barnes, announcing the death of "Father" Sturtevant, Benjamin Franklin Sturtevant, a native of Maine, was a year and a half ago, and his death, which resulted from a stroke of paralysis, which occurred three weeks ago. He was the original inventor and patentee of the Sturtevant "blowers," which have an international reputation; also of the system of heating and ventilating buildings, and of the system of the Western Engine, which is now in operation at the West Point University. He leaves a wife and two married daughters, and an extensive list of children and grandchildren, and a large working man starting on a shoemaker's bench and ending as a successful business man in this class of business in the world. He was well known in church and charitable circles through the generosity of his gifts.

Narramaddy Wilkes. BEAVER, Pa., April 17.—Marmaduke Wilkes, brother of the late Sam R. Wilkes, died this morning at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. W. Wilkes, who was early in a life of a member of the Whig party, but later became a member of the Democratic party, and was prominent in the Whig ranks as a postmaster of this place. He was in his 71st year.

RECEIVED AN OVATION. Mrs. Jarley's Waxworks Delight Sewickley Society—An Entertainment Highly Appreciated and Well Carried Out—Mr. Theodore W. Nevin's Engagement Announced.

Mrs. Jarley and her waxworks received quite an ovation at the Sewickley public last evening. She held her reception or gave her exhibition at cozy little Choral Hall, which was filled with the wealth and fashion of the burg. The Ouburn Orchestra rendered some beautiful selections, and the audience was being seated by Messrs. C. H. Little, H. S. Winters and J. K. Gaston, who officiated as ushers. The stage was generally bedecked with placards testifying to the popularity of the Jarley Wax Works, which was entirely unnecessary, as the friends applauded the greater group were profuse of their commendations, which they were held by the Sewickley 400, Mrs. George A. Gentry, in an eloquent English gown extended a cordial invitation to the members of the immense proportions, with an address of congratulatory remarks, which she addressed to her words, made an irresistible Mrs. Jarley, and with the assistance of Miss Daisy Miller as first lady, Mrs. Jarley, who was seated by Messrs. C. H. Little and Colin F. Reed as "Peter," succeeded in displaying her wonderful collection to great advantage.

In group first Mr. M. T. Osburn represented "Lord Lovell" on his milk-white steed, which was a very fine specimen of the breed. "Nancy" wishing him speed, was C. H. Reed, Miss R. Anderson as "Maid of Athens" rendered a beautiful selection, and the audience was being seated by Messrs. C. H. Little, H. S. Winters and J. K. Gaston, who officiated as ushers. The stage was generally bedecked with placards testifying to the popularity of the Jarley Wax Works, which was entirely unnecessary, as the friends applauded the greater group were profuse of their commendations, which they were held by the Sewickley 400, Mrs. George A. Gentry, in an eloquent English gown extended a cordial invitation to the members of the immense proportions, with an address of congratulatory remarks, which she addressed to her words, made an irresistible Mrs. Jarley, and with the assistance of Miss Daisy Miller as first lady, Mrs. Jarley, who was seated by Messrs. C. H. Little and Colin F. Reed as "Peter," succeeded in displaying her wonderful collection to great advantage.

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PROSPERITY IN THE SOCIETY. The eighth annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Monongahela Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church was held yesterday in the Eighth U. P. Church, Mrs. M. M. Patterson presided. There were over 200 delegates present. Mrs. W. J. Reid, of the United Presbyterian Church, reported receipts amounting to \$3,000 for the last year, and expenditures to \$2,675 58, leaving a balance of \$324 42 in the treasury. Of the money received the Industrial Home got \$204; the Home for the Blind \$200; Egyptian School, \$25; India School, \$126; ministerial relief, \$171 64. The report was approved. The report of the Executive Committee indicated prosperity in the Society. The report of the Executive Committee indicated prosperity in the Society.

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OUR ROAD EXPEDITION. Outside Exchange Generally of the Opinion That It is a Mammoth Work, and That Much Good Will Result—A Pointer for Governor Beaver's Commission.

That principle of progressive newspapers, THE PITTSBURGH DISPATCH, has organized and started out on Tuesday morning an expedition to traverse the main country roads of Pennsylvania during the next two months. A two-horse wagon, built especially for the purpose, and equipped with reporters and photographic material has been provided, and a complete and unvarnished account will be written, together with the opinion of farmers with whom the expedition meets, the best means to improve the highways. The information will be valuable and of inestimable benefit to the State Commission appointed by Governor Beaver, and which will meet in Philadelphia some time in the next few weeks, to hear opinions on the condition of the roads. It is the only way to get at the facts and to see the roads as they are, and this enterprise of the DISPATCH will be appreciated by everybody interested.

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PROSPERITY IN THE SOCIETY. The eighth annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Monongahela Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church was held yesterday in the Eighth U. P. Church, Mrs. M. M. Patterson presided. There were over 200 delegates present. Mrs. W. J. Reid, of the United Presbyterian Church, reported receipts amounting to \$3,000 for the last year, and expenditures to \$2,675 58, leaving a balance of \$324 42 in the treasury. Of the money received the Industrial Home got \$204; the Home for the Blind \$200; Egyptian School, \$25; India School, \$126; ministerial relief, \$171 64. The report was approved. The report of the Executive Committee indicated prosperity in the Society. The report of the Executive Committee indicated prosperity in the Society.

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