

NOT AN EMPTY DREAM

The Great Good the South Penn Railroad Would Accomplish in Some Interior Counties.

STARTLING FACTS ABOUT FARMING

In a Remote but Fertile Part of Pennsylvania That Ought to Grow and Blossom Like the Rose.

ONLY RUINOUS PRICES OR PRODUCE.

Agricultural Land Goes for a Mere Song and the People See Very Little Money.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

BEDEFORD, July 26.—A farmer over in the neighborhood of Siding Hill once got so worked up about the South Penn Railroad that he dreamt about it. In his vision he pictured it as two shining lines of solid silver rails thrown across his farm. He told his neighbor that it just seemed as though the brightness of the tracks touched everything else on the old farm with wealth.

Fanciful as such a dream was, it forcibly illustrates the temper and sentiment of the people in the counties of Bedford, Fulton and Franklin. They believe that a railroad through Southern Pennsylvania would make their primitive country grow and blossom like the rose. So few of them see money in any quantity that they yearn for some enterprise that will bring them up with the times, and fill their purses with coin.

A DEPLORABLE CONDITION.

Agriculture in the three counties named is in a deplorable condition. From four years among farmers the other day I find that you can get for your butter now—and no finer butter can be found in the world than theirs—8 and 10 cents per pound. They have received as low as 7 cents this season. In Pittsburgh the Allegheny county farmer who brings his butter to your door gets 30 cents a pound for it; or, buy it at the corner grocery and you pay about 22 cents.

The farmer down here has to sell his eggs for 8 to 12 cents per dozen. In Allegheny county rural towns 22 cents per dozen is the price paid. At Everett, in this county, you can buy spring chickens at any time for \$1.75 to \$2 per dozen. Could the Allegheny county farmer, or the Westmoreland county grazer, live at such ruinous prices as these?

MONEY IS SCARCE.

But the farmer does not receive 8 or 10 cents in money when he hands over a pound of his pure butter to the Bedford county shopkeeper in the town of Bedford. He is given simply that much credit on an account, in which he trades his produce for clothing, farm supplies or other merchandise. And even this merchandise is given him at higher prices than you pay for it in Pittsburgh, because the merchant claims that the lack of railroad facilities makes the freight on that merchandise in bringing it in from the wholesale cities cost more.

"I doubt whether the average farmer in the Eastern half of this county handles more than \$300 actual cash in a year," said John Snyder to me on the old mill the other day. George Felton, a farmer of East Providence township, subsequently supplemented this remark with: "Yes, and I doubt if one-tenth of the farmers of either Bedford or Fulton county see that much real money. One hundred dollars would be more like it."

LAND AT A MERE SONG.

"The general custom among the farmers here is to accept merchandise as pay for their produce. The shopkeepers say it all they can give us. They complain that on account of no railroads the facilities their goods cost high to get them here, and that they have no money to pay."

It is a remarkable fact in any of the counties adjacent to Westmoreland or Allegheny which are not well served by railroads. A better average would indeed be 75, or even \$100.

"Farm land around here can be bought for \$10 an acre," says Henry Felton, the miller of East Providence township, and the father of George Felton. "And they are good farms, too. Yes, \$10 is a mighty good price. For the figures you have on the market. It is next to impossible down here for a farmer to pay his taxes."

C. C. Masters, the merchant at Everett, says: "Between me and Henry Felton, we have a small railroad, and the farms being limestone land will bring probably \$75 an acre. But between Everett and Bedford and Everett. Once I tried to ship some butter and eggs to a man in Meadport, near Pittsburgh. But I never tried it after that. It was too costly. This Broad Top Railroad was the first to Huntington, then to Pittsburgh and then to Meadport. The freight was enormous. Farm lands sell here for a mere song. I would call \$10 an acre a remarkably good price. If we only had a railroad directly east and west through our country these farms, which have good soil, would increase in value, for then we would have a market opened up to us."

PROFIT FOR PITTSBURGH.

John Q. Nyeum, a storekeeper at Ray's Hill, said: "If there was a direct line of railroad through this country from east to west, Pittsburgh merchants would profit by it. Now we are as near Philadelphia as we are Pittsburgh by rail, although less than 100 miles from Pittsburgh. So we do not get any business in Philadelphia. We are Pittsburgh if we could only reach your merchants."

George Felton said he had once tried to ship machinery for a mill from Huntington to Everett. His experience taught him that the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Top Railroad together charge as much freight from Huntington to Everett, some 40 or 50 miles, as they do from Chicago to Huntington, nearly 500 miles. He thinks that it is proof enough that a direct east and west line is needed through Southern Pennsylvania.

WHAT WILL MAKE ENTERPRISE.

John Hafer, the well-known hotel man of Bedford town, said: "Our merchants have to pay the farmers for their produce by the exchange of merchandise because of the want of transportation facilities. The highest prices that are paid for farm produce in the town are 15 cents for butter, the same for eggs, and from \$2.50 to \$3 per dozen for spring chickens. We have no enterprise here at all and will not have until we get a railroad east and west."

And now I do not wonder that a Pittsburgh lady who owns a Bedford county farm once said to a friend of mine: "I don't know why, but it is so that I can't have any more land to realize more than 1 per cent out of it."

HEAVENLY BLESSINGS.

Heavenly blessings are upon the people of this county. They are so poor and so ignorant that they will not work for a cent more than they are getting. They are so poor and so ignorant that they will not work for a cent more than they are getting. They are so poor and so ignorant that they will not work for a cent more than they are getting.

MUSTY OLD PAPERS

That Tell of the Great Events of Pennsylvania's History.

ALL MIGHT EASILY BE STOLEN. The Code of Laws Promulgated by the Good Quaker, William Penn.

ODD SIGNATURES OF THE INDIANS

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

HARRISBURG, July 26.—The Capitol contains a mass of valuable material which relates to the early history of Pennsylvania. There is much unwritten history connected with this material. For instance, the Government was most shamefully imposed upon in its purchase of the portrait of "John Penn, Governor of Pennsylvania," which hangs in the reception room. The portrait, instead of being a likeness of John Penn, the Governor, is a very faithful portrait of John Penn the poet.

Relics of the famous family of the Penns, by the way, figure largely among the curiosities of the Capitol. Carelessly stowed away in a cupboard to which any stranger might gain easy access, are the original contracts made between Charles II. and William Penn, and between William Penn and the Indians. Although these priceless documents are so poorly guarded that it would be very easy for a dishonest individual to walk off with them, it is, nevertheless, true that no newspaper up to date has ever secured a copy of these extraordinary records.

A QUAIN OLD DEED. In some of the contracts the Indian names are translated, after this manner: "Achicut or the Half Town," "Anshkook, the Wap," "Lewena, or a Big Bale of a Kettle," "Suawhwa, or the Council Keeper," "Tennasis, or the Broken Twig," "Gyashala, or the Big Cross."

The signatures of William and Thomas Penn, descendants of William, and at one time joint "Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania," show much of the strength of character so noticeable in their great progenitor. Their signatures are marked by the same spirit of fairness and liberality that predominated in William Penn's spoken and written utterances. Here are facsimiles of their signatures:

At the bottom of the parchment is the royal seal, and the strong, characteristic signature of William Penn. Here is a facsimile:

The good, old Quaker obtained this charter in 1681. In 1682, just one year later, was promulgated by him in his new country the remarkable laws which really form the basis of civil and religious liberty not only in the State of Pennsylvania, but in many of the sister States as well. The laws are inscribed on old parchment several yards in length, and rolled up as a scroll. Although more than 200 years old, it is well preserved and legible.

At a brief lecture in which William Penn speaks of himself as the "Proprietary and Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania" (the title, by the way, which he arrogated to himself), he makes the following proclamation:

"PENN'S CODE OF LAWS. 'Almighty God being only Lord of Conscience, Father of Lights and Spirits, and ye that are his children, ye shall be as well as subject of all divine knowledge, faith and worship who only can enlighten ye, mind and conscience. I do hereby persuade ye understanding of People I have Mankind it is Enacted by ye authority aforesaid ye person now or at any time hereafter living in this Province who shall Conscience to live Peaceably and Justly under the Government of this Province, shall not be molested or punished for his or her Religious Persuasion or Practice, nor shall he or she be compelled to frequent or maintain any Religious Worship place or Ministry whatever, contrary to his or her mind, but shall freely Enjoy his or her Christian Liberty in full Freedom of Conscience, and shall not be obliged to frequent such Meetings of Religious worship abroad as may best suit their respective persuasions."

And be it further Enacted by ye Authority aforesaid that all Officers employed in ye Services of ye Government of this Province and all Members and Deputies Elected to serve in Assembly thereof and all that have right to elect such Deputies shall be such as profess and declare that they believe in JESUS CHRIST to be ye Son of God, the Saviour of the World, and not convicted of ill-fame or unbecoming and dishonest Conversation and ye are of one and twenty years of age at Least.

And be it further Enacted by ye Authority aforesaid that whosoever shall be convicted of any Crime shall be liable to be sold as a Slave for ye term of seven years, and shall be liable to be sold as a Slave for ye term of seven years, and shall be liable to be sold as a Slave for ye term of seven years.

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PERCALE WAISTS AT 95c.

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It is a ventilated Corset, steels all covered with celluloid to prevent rusting, and has buttons instead of hooks. Easy to put on, and just as easily removed. It met with instant favor among the ladies as soon as introduced. Every lady intending to go to the seashore should procure one before starting.

What gay times are had by pleasure seekers who visit the seashore at this time of year! Atlantic City, the most popular resort for Pittsburghers, is thronged just now, and, if accounts are true, all there are thoroughly enjoying themselves. But what's this to do with business, you may ask. Just this: We are introducing

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