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PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD.
WINTER ARRANGEMENT
OF PASSENGER TRAINS
ON AND AFTER DECEMBER 14TH, 1868.

FIVE TRAINS DOWN TO PHILADELPHIA, passing Reading, at 7.30, 10.35 and 11.15 A. M., and 4.25 and 6.35 P. M.

UP TO POTTSVILLE, at 10.35 A. M., and 6.50 and 6.00 P. M.

TRAINS WEST TO LEBANON & HARRISBURG.—Western Express from New-York, at 1.05 A. M., and 1.50 P. M. and 10.10 P. M.

Harrisburg Accommodation Train at 7.15 A. M. and Mail Trains at 10.45 A. M., and 6.05 P. M.

On Sunday, the down trains pass Reading at 9.40 A. M. and 4.25 P. M., and up-trains at 10.50 A. M., and 5.67 P. M.

The 4.25 P. M. down, and 10.50 A. M. up trains run only between Philadelphia and Reading.

Up trains leave Philadelphia for Reading, Harrisburg and Pottsville at 7.30 and 8.15 A. M., 12.30 noon, and 3.30 P. M., and at 4.45 P. M. for Reading only. The 8.15 A. M., train connects with trains for Tamaqua, Williamsport, Elmira, Buffalo, Niagara and Canada.

The 8.15 A. M., and 3.30 P. M. up trains from Philadelphia, and 10.35 A. M., and 4.25 P. M. down trains, stop only at principal stations below Reading.

Reading Accommodation Train: Leaves Reading at 7.30 A. M., returning from Philadelphia at 4.45 P. M.

The Pottstown Accommodation train leaves Pottstown at 6.45 A. M. Returning leaves Philadelphia at 4.00 P. M.

The Western Express trains connect at Harrisburg with Express trains on the Pennsylvania Railroad for Baltimore, Pittsburgh and all points West, and the 10.45 Mail train connects at Harrisburg for Pittsburgh, Lancaster, Chambersburg, Sunbury, Scranton, Pittston, Wilkesbarre, Williamsport, Lock Haven, Elmira and the Canadas.

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100 pounds Baggage allowed each passenger.

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Excursion Tickets, good for one day, by 7.30 A. M. Accommodation Train to Philadelphia, and return, at $2 50 each.

G. A. NICOLLS,
May 23] General Superintendent.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.
ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS,
Commencing Monday, December 21st, 1868.

[redacted] No. 5, Mail Train, leaves Reading 10.35, A. M., arrives Allentown 12.05; at New York 3.50, P. M.

No. 7 Fast Mail, leaves Reading at 4.20 P. M., arrives at Allentown 5.35; at New York 10.05, P. M.

Nos. 5 and 7, run daily, except Sunday, stopping at all Way Stations between Reading and New York.

EXPRESS TRAINS:

Leave Reading at	5.44 A. M.
" "	7.31 A. M.
" "	2.23 A. M.
" "	1.00 A. M.
Arrive at New York at	11.00 A. M.
" " "	12.15 A. M.
" " "	7.00 P. M.
" " "	6.15 A. M.

These trains run through from Pittsburgh to New-York, without change of cars, stopping only at Lyons, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton Junction, Clinton, White House, Somerville, Bound Brook, Plainfield and Elizabeth.

The 5.44 A. M. train runs daily except Sundays and Mondays.

The 2.23 P. M. trains run daily except Sundays.

The 7.31 A. M. and 1.00 A. M. trains run daily.

West bound trains, leave New York, at the foot of Liberty street, as follows:

Leave New York.		*Arrive at Reading.*
12.00 M.	Mail No. 6,	6.00 P. M.
9.00 A. M.	Express Train,	1.50 P. M.
5.10 P. M.	Express Train,	10.10 P. M.
8.00 P. M.	Express Train,	1.00 A. M.

Mail Train leaving Allentown at 7.20, A. M., stops at all Way Stations, arriving at Reading at 9.10, A. M., running daily except Sundays.

The 12 M. Train from New York, stops at all Stations between New York and Reading, leaving Allentown at 4.20, P. M., arriving at Reading at 6.00, P. M., running daily except Sundays.

The 9.00 P. M. train from New York, runs daily stopping at Elizabeth, Plainfield, Somerville, Junction, Easton, and Bethlehem, arriving at Allentown at 11.45, P. M., passing Lyons at 12.20, A. M., arriving at Reading at 1.00 A. M.

Passengers are requested to purchase tickets before entering the cars, as 25 cents extra will be charged and collected on the train from all who pay the fare to the Conductor.

COMMUTATION TICKETS
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P. M. ERMENTROUT,
Jan 2-tf] General Ticket Agent.

READING & COLUMBIA RAILROAD.
[redacted] On and after Thursday, Nov. 26th, 1868, Passenger Trains will run on this road as follows:

Leave Reading at	7.00 A. M.
" " "	6.15 P. M.
Arrive at Lancaster at	9.15 A. M.
" " Columbia at	9.25 A. M.
" " Lancaster at	3.25 P. M.
" " Columbia at	3.30 P. M.

RETURNING:

Leave Lancaster and Columbia at	8.00 A. M.
" Columbia at	3.20 P. M.
" Lancaster at	3.25 P. M.
Arrive at Reading at	10.20 A. M.
" at Reading at	5.40 P. M.

Trains Nos. 2 and 4 make close connection at Reading with trains North and South, on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, and West on the Lebanon Valley Road. No. 2 also makes close connection with train for New York.

Tickets can be obtained at the offices of the New Jersey Central R. R., foot of Liberty street, New York, and Phila. & Reading R. R., Thirteenth and Callowhill streets, Philadelphia.

Through Tickets to New York and Philadelphia, sold at all the principle stations and baggage checked through.

Trains are run by Philadelphia and Reading Railroad time, which is ten minutes faster than Pennsylvania R. R. Time.

GEORGE F. GAGE,
Superintendent.
E. F. KEEVER, Gen. Frt. & Ticket Agent.
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dec 15-3m

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jan 8-2md MRS. C. B. KELLER.

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In all such cases it may be used with a certainty of relief. It is good, in fact, in all those Complaints where an external application is required, for Man or Beast, and the subscriber can conscientiously recommend it as one of the best Liniments of the day.
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Roofing and Spouting promptly attended to at the lowest price. Give him a call. [nov 27-3mos

ESTATE OF JOHN BECHTEL, late of Heidelberg township, Berks county, deceased. Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named decedent, have been granted to the subscriber. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims will present them, properly authenticated, for settlement.
ISAAC BECHTEL, Administrator,
jan 2-6t] Robesonia P. O., Berks Co., Pa.

ESTATE OF JOHN D. RITTER, late of Exeter township, Berks County, dec'd. Letters of administration on the estate of the above decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims will present them, properly authenticated, for settlement.
HENRIETTA RITTER, Exeter
JOHN K. RITTER, Exeter,
SAMUEL K. RITTER, Oley,
dec 19-6t*] Administrators

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Charles Lash, Committee of Ann Wahner, a lunatic, has presented his petition to the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County, praying to be discharged from his said trust—and that he will be discharged on the 3rd day of February next, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before said day.
W. B. GRIESEMER,
jan16-3t* Prothonotary.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM H. RHOADS, late of Amity township, deceased. Notice is hereby given, that letters of Administration have been granted on the above named estate to Levi H. Rhoads, of the same township. All persons indebted to said decedent, are requested to make prompt payment to the Administrator, and those who have any claims against the same will please present them, properly authenticated for settlement.
LEVI H. RHOADS,
jan 16-6t

SALE OF VALUABLE WOODLAND.—On Saturday, January 30, 1869, at 2 o'clock P. M., the undersigned will offer at public sale, at Dengler's tavern, in Alsace township, about 30 acres of CHESTNUT TIMBER LAND, in part of thirty years growth, situate in Alsace township, Berks county, adjoining lands of Josiah Detwiler, Foulk, James Z. Gotsomer and others. The land runs out to the turnpike and the wood can easily be removed. This property will be offered in 10 acre lots or in one piece, to suit purchasers. Conditions will be made known, at the time of sale, by
AMOS W. POTTEIGER,
jan 9-3t] JONATHAN GICKER,
JAMES MILLER.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE.—WILL BE sold at public sale, at the public house of Jacob E. Snyder, in Snydersville, Exeter township, Berks county, on Saturday, January 30th, 1869, the following personal property of Jacob E Snyder, to wit;

3 Horses, 34 head of Sheep, one new two-seated Carriage, Buggy, new Spring Wagon with cover, a one Horse Farm Wagon, Sleigh, Horse Gears, Winnowing Mill, Grain Cradles, Hoco Plow, Harrow, Shovel Harrow, a lot of rails, a lot of Empty Barrels, a large Copper Kettle and a great many other articles.

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, when attendance will be given and terms made known by
BENJAMIN F. SNYDER, Assignee.
JOHN W. BURKHART, Auctioneer. [Jan 9-3
N. B. No huckasters allowed on the ground.

EDWARD STROHECKER'S VENDUE.—On Thursday, January 28, 1869, will be sold at public sale, at the residence of the subscriber, in Bern township, Berks county, on the farm of Christian Koenig, near Leinbach's tavern, the following personal property, viz:

6 excellent working horses, 1 two year old colt, 1 one year old colt, 10 excellent milch cows, 3 heifers, 1 bull, two and a half years old, 2 young bulls, 7 fat oxen, 12 sheep, 4 sows, 8 shoats (Chester county whites), 1 broad wheeled wagon, with body, one narrow wheeled wagon, 1 one horse wagon, spring wagon, carriage, 2 pair hay ladders, 1 two horse sleigh, 1 one horse sleigh, one threshing machine with sweep power, mowing and reaping machine, grain fan, corn-sheller, horse-rake, seed-drill, 3 ploughs, 2 small and 1 large cultivators, 2 spike harrows, straw cutter, full sett blacksmith tools, grindstone, 3 saddles, heavy harness for 7 horses, carriage harness, sleigh bells, traces, swingle-trees and spreaders, cow and log chains fifth chains, hay hook, rope and pullies, grain cradle, scythe, rakes, forks, shovels, 40 two bushel bags, 1 copper kettle, large farm bell, wood stove, bedsteads, sink, desk, benches, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock precisely, when conditions of sale will be made known by
EDWIN STROHECKER.
F. B. DAVIS, Auctioneer. [Jan 9-3t

ORPHANS' COURT SALE.—PURSUant to an order of the Orphans' Court of Berks county, will be sold at public vendue, on Saturday the 13th day of February, A. D. 1869, at the public house of George Newkirk, deceased, in Exeter township, Berks county:

All that certain tavern stand, messuage, tenement and tract of Land, situate in the township of Exeter, county of Berks, State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: adjoining lands of Daniel Brunner and widow Reinert, Jones, Fox, the Turnpike Road to Philadelphia, William Updegrove, Herman Linderman, Abraham Deiter, and others, containing 43 acres and 36 perches. The improvements consist of a two story STONE TAVERN STAND, a good Bank Barn, wagon house, wagon shed, pig stye, and all necessary out-buildings, two wells of never failing water, cistern, also a spring of never failing water on the premises, Apple Orchard and other fruit trees. The above will be sold in whole or in part. Late the property of *George Newkirk*, deceased.

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when due attendance will be given, and the terms of sale made known by
GEORGE W. NEWKIRK, Administrator.
By order of the Court.—LEVI H. LAUB, Clerk.
jan 16-3t

PUBLIC SALE.—WILL BE SOLD AT public sale, on Thursday, the 4th day of February, A. D., 1869, by the subscriber, in Heidelberg township, Berks county, the following personal property, to wit:

5 work horses, two of which are mares with foal, and one of them is 4 years old, an extra horse; 2 colts, one 2 years and the other 1 year old, 5 milch cows, some heavy with calves, 2 heifers, heavy with calves, 3 young heifers, 1 steer, 1 durham bull, 2 calves, 1 broad wheeled wagon, nearly new, 1 narrow wheeled wagon with two extra wheels, 1 wagon body, 2 setts manure boards, 5 plows, two of which are new, 1 large and 1 small cultivator, 2 pin harrows, 1 threshing machine (Haney's patent), fanning mill, 1 grain rake, 1 straw bench, 1 land roller, 2 sett hay ladders (1 pair new), 6 setts wagon harness, blinds, halters, halter chains, cow chains, log and fifth chains, rakes, manure and pitch forks, 1 large manure hook, hay by the ton, grain cradles, mowing scythes, 1 cooking stove with pipe, 1 grind stone, 1 bed and bedding, 1 side saddle, for planting potatoes, 1 copper kettle (that holds a barrel), one double edged rolling knife, and a great variety of farming utensils and household furniture, too numerous to insert.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., on said day, when conditions will be made known by
jan 16-4t] REUBEN RICHARD.

PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.—The following real estate will be offered at public sale on Wednesday, January 27th, 1869, at the public house of Jacob Graeff, Esq., in the village of Leesport, this county:

No. 1. All that certain two story BRICK House with kitchen attached, situate in the village of Leesport, fronting on the Turnpike, and now occupied by William Weisser. There is a stable and a good well of water upon this property.

No. 2. All that certain two story BRICK HOUSE with Kitchen attached, situate in the village of Leesport, fronting on the Turnpike, and now occupied by Daniel Edelman. There is a stable and a good well of water with pump upon this property.

No. 3. All that certain two story BRICK HOUSE with Kitchen attached, situate in the village of Leesport, fronting on the alley North of the Turnpike, and now occupied by John Kershner and Adam Spetcher. There is a large lot of ground to be sold with this property.

No. 4. All that certain one story FRAME HOUSE with Kitchen, situate in the village of Leesport, fronting on the alley North of the Turnpike, and now occupied by Emanuel Kershner and James Butler.

No. 5. All that certain two story BRICK HOUSE, situate in the village of Leesport, fronting on the alley North of the Turnpike, and now occupied by Simon Machemer.

No. 6. A tract of ten acres of PASTURE LAND in excellent condition, in Ontelaunee township, bounded by lands of Leesport Iron Company, Bennéville Mengel's estate, Dr. Penrose Wiley and others.

No. 7. Also, a certain two story FRAME BUILDING, with a frame kitchen attached, fronting on the Turnpike in the village of Leesport, adjoining property of J. J. Nominal, Daniel Strup and others, now occupied by Peter Wensel.

The sale will begin at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when the conditions will be made known by
DANIEL CLOUSER,
JESSE G. HAWLEY,
jan 9-3t] Executors of Tobias Clouser, dec'd.

WORKING AND WAITING.

BY ADAH ISAACS MENKEN.

Look on that form, once fit for the sculptor!
Look on that cheek, where the roses have died!
Working and waiting have robbed from the artist,
All that the marble can show for his pride.
Statue-like sitting
Alone, in the fitting,
And wind haunted shadows that people her earth,
God protect all of us—
God shelter all of us—
From the reproach of such things on the earth!

All the day long, and all through the cold midnight,
Still the hot needle she wearily plies,
Haggard and white as the ghost of a spurned one,
Sewing white robes or the chosen one's eyes—
Lost in her sorrow,
But for the morrow
Phantom-like speaking in every stitch—
God protect all of us—
God shelter all of us—
From the curse born with each sigh for the rich!

Low burns the lamp. Fly swifter thou needle,
Swifter than asp for the breast of the poor!
Else the pale light will be stolen by pity,
Ere of the vital life thou hast made sure;
Dying and living
All the night, giving
Rarely the life that goes out with the thread!
God protect all of us—
God shelter all of us—
From her last glance as she follows the dead!

What if the morning finds her still bearing
All the soul's load of a merciless lot;
Fate will not lighten a grain of the burden
While the poor bearer by man is forgot
Sewing and sighing—
Sewing and dying—
What to such life is a day or two more?
God protect all of us—
God shelter all of us—
From the new day's lease of woe to the poor.

Hasten ye winds! and yield her the mercy,
Living in sleep on your purified breath;
Yield her the money, enfolding a blessing,
Yield her the mercy, whose signet is death!
In her toil stopping,
See her work dropping,
Fate! thou art merciful! Life! thou art done!
God protect all of us—
God shelter all of us—
From the heart-breaking, and yet living on!

Winds that have smitted her! tell to the story
Of the young life of the needle that bled!
Making its bridge over death's soundless waters,
Out of a swaying and soul-cutting thread.
Over it going,
All the world knowing
Thousands have trod it, foot-bleeding before;
God protect all of us—
God shelter all of us—
Should we look back from the opposite shore!

THE OLD WIFE'S KISS.

The funeral services were ended, and as the voice of prayer ceased, tears were hastily wiped from wet cheeks, and long drawn sighs relieved suppressed and choking sobs, as the "mourners prepared to take leave of the corpse."

It was an old man who lay here, robed for the grave. More than three score years had whitened those locks, and furrowed that brow, and made these stiff limbs weary of life's journey, and the more willing to lie down and rest where weariness is no longer a burden. The aged have but few to weep for them when they die. The most of those who would have mourned their loss have gone to the grave before them; harps that would have sighed sad harmonies are shattered and gone; and the few that remain are looking cradleward rather than to life's closing goal; are bound to, and living in the generation rising, more than the generation departing.

Youth and beauty have many admirers when living—how many mourners when dying; and many tearful ones bend over their coffined clay—many sad hearts follow in their funeral train. But age has few admirers, few mourners.

This was an old man, and the circle of mourners was small—two children, who had themselves passed the middle of life, and who had children of their own to care for and be cared for by them. Besides these, and a few friends who had seen and visited him while he was sick, and possibly had known him for a few years, there were none others to shed a tear, except his old wife. And of this small company the old wife seemed to be the only heart mourner. It is respectful for his friends to be sad a few moments, till the service is performed and the hearse out of sight. It is very profitable and suitable for children who have outgrown the fervency and affection of youth to shed tears when an aged parent says farewell, and lies down to quiet slumber. Some regrets, some reconcilations of the past, some transitory griefs, and the pangs are over. Not always so. But often how little true, genuine heart-sorrow there is.

The old wife arose with difficulty from her seat, and went to the coffin to look her last look—to take her last farewell. Through the fast falling tears she gazed long and fondly down into the pale, unconscious face. What did she see there? Others saw nothing but the rigid features of the dead; she saw more! In every wrinkle of that brow she read the history of years. From youth to manhood, from manhood to old age; in joy and sorrow in sickness and health—it was all there; when those children who had not quite outgrown the sympathies of childhood were infants lying on her bosom, and every year since then—there it was! To others, those dull, mute monitors were unintelligible; to her they were the alphabet of the heart, familiar as household words.

And then the future? "What will become of me? What shall I do now?" She did not say so, she did not say anything, but she felt it. The prospect of the old wife is clouded. The home circle is broken, never to be reunited; the vision of the hearthstone is scattered forever. Up to that hour there was a home to which the heart always turned with fondness. But the magic is sundered—the keystone of that sacred arch is fallen, and now home is nowhere this side of heaven. What, children! be a pensioner upon their kindness, where she may be more of a burden than a blessing; so, at least, she thinks. Or, shall she gather up the scattered fragments of that broken arch and make them her temple and her shrine; sit down in her shrill solitude beside its expiring fire, and die? What shall she do now?

They gently crowded her away from the dead, and the undertaker came forward with the coffin lid in his hand. It is all right and proper—of course—it must be done; but to the heart mourner it brings a kind of shudder—a thrill of agony.

The undertaker stood for a moment with a decent propriety, not wishing to manifest rude haste, but evidently desirous of being as expeditious as possible. Just as he was about to close the coffin, the old wife turned back, and, stooping down, imprinted one long last kiss upon the cold lips of her dead husband, then staggered to her seat, buried her face in her hands, and the closing coffin hid him from her sight forever!

That kiss! Fond token of affection, and of sorrow, and memory, and farewell! I have seen many kiss their dead—many such seals of love upon cold lips—but never did I see one so purely sad, so simply heart-touching and hopeless as that? Or, if it had hope, it was that which looks beyond coffins and charnel houses, and damp, dark tombs, to the joys of the home above. Would you kiss the cold cheek of infancy: there is poetry; it is beauty hushed; there is romance there; for the faded flower is still beautiful! In childhood the heart yields to the stroke of sorrow; but recoils again with elastic faith, buoyant with hope. But here was no beauty, no poetry, no romance. The heart of the old wife was like the weary swimmer, whose strength has often raised him above the stormy waves, but now exhausted, sinks amidst the surges.

Why should the old love the old, or kiss the old, unloving lips? Ah! why shouldn't they? Does affection grow old? Does the true heart feel infirmity of years? Does it grow old when the steps becomes unsteady, and the hand hangs down?

Who shall say that the heart of the old wife was not as young and warm as in those early and brighter days, when he wooed and won her? The temple of her earthly hopes had fallen; and what was there left for her but to sit down in despondency, among the lonely ruins, and weep and die! Or, in the spirit of better hope, await the dawning of another day, when a hand divine shall gather the sacred dust, and rebuild for immortality its broken walls.

May the old wife's kiss, that linked the living with the dead, be the token of a holier life that shall bind their spirits in the better land, where tears are wiped from all faces, and the days of their mourning are ended!

THE STATUS OF A SIBERIAN EXILE.

A criminal condemned to exile is sent away with very little ceremony; and the same is the case in a great majority of *politiques*. When an officer of the army, or any other person of note, has been sentenced to banishment for life, he is dressed in a full uniform and led to a scaffold in some public place. In the presence of the multitude, and of certain officials appointed to execute the sentence, he is made to kneel. His epaulettes and decorations are then torn from his coat, and his sword broken over his head, to indicate that he no longer possesses rank and title. He is declared legally dead; his estates are confiscated to the Crown; and his wife, if he is married, can consider herself a widow if she so chooses. From the scaffold he starts on his journey to Siberia. His wife and children, sisters or mother, can follow or accompany him, but only on condition that they share his banishment, and cannot return to Europe. Children born to him in exile are illegitimate in the eyes of the law, and technically, though not practically, are forbidden to bear their family name. They cannot leave Siberia while their father is under sentence, but this regulation is occasionally evaded by the daughters marrying and traveling under the name of their husbands.