THE MYSTERY OF BENITA

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I tried to cry out, to spring upon the fellow and baffle his design, but I could neither move nor utter a sound. A clammy perspiration oozed out upon my whole body, and still I stared wildly at the dim form before me, and the horrible basket.

I could hear a slight rustling noise within the latter, and as the man busied himself with the knot, I saw the cloth press upward, now here, now there, as if the inmate was struggling to escape. Presently the man muttered a low oath and stood up. Then he drew out a clasp knife and bending over the basket pressed the point through the cloth and cut a long gash in it.

Immediately a silver streak flashed from the aperture and struck him in the cheek, and clung there. He gave one shriek of rage and despair that rang through the whole building, and then he dashed the serpent to the floor and trampled it in a wild frenzy. I sprang upright upon the bed and cried for help.

In a moment Herr Schiltz appeared in the doorway with a lighted lamp held high above his head.

"Mein Gott!" he cried. "What is it?"

There was no need to reply; the strong light from the lamp flooded the whole room.

Howard Forsythe was rolling upon the floor in horrible convulsions, and by his side, flattened into a shapeless mass, was the body of the asp.

VI.—FOLLOWING THE CLUE.

We buried him the next day in the little palm grove, and Mr. Delby, more nervous than ever, agreed to take charge of the mines until another superintendent could be sent out.

I was very anxious to know whether Mother Videaux would send her cocoanuts this time by the steamer, but when I went down to the wharf there stood the barrel as usual, awaiting the boat. I passed close to it, and noticed that it was addressed by a tag in a clear handwriting to

"Mein Gott!" He Cried. "Vat Is It?"

"M. Francois Droubet,
Fruiterer.
Rue de Valodin 73,
Paris."

I could not credit the writing to Mother Videaux, therefore I decided that either Howard Forsythe or M. Droubet, whoever he might be, had furnished the tags for her use.

I cannot say how glad I was to stand upon the steamer's deck and watch the shores of Benita fade slowly away upon the horizon. My sojourn upon the promontory had proven the most horrible experience of my life. At Cape Guarde I purchased a barrel of cocoanuts, to the great astonishment of the captain, and had them stowed in the hold beside those of Mother Videaux. Two nights afterward, when all was quiet on board I stole from my state room to the hold, and lighting a dark lantern I opened the barrel of nuts that had come from Benita, and carefully removing them I transferred those from my own barrel to their place.

Then I replaced Mother Videaux's cocoanuts into the Cape Guarde barrel to prevent any knowledge that they had been tampered with, and returned stealthily to my cabin without having been observed.

The next morning I asked the Captain to bring my barel of nuts into my stateroom, and ignoring his evident surprise at the request, had the satisfaction if seeing them safely deposited beside my bunk.

The remainder of my task was easy. In the seclusion of my cabin I cracked each nut and examined its contents. There were diamonds in seven of them—fifty-four stones altogether—and some were of remarkable size and brilliancy. I carefully sorted them and placed them in a belt about my waist for safe keeping until I could restore them to their owners.

We touched at Liverpool, where the iron chest of diamonds from Benita was turned over to the agent waiting to receive them, and I sent a short telegram to Mr. Forsythe at New York saying I was on my way home. I did not mention his brother's horrible death, as I thought it best to wait until I had unearthed the whole chain of thieves and had them safely secured. By waiting my triumph would be all the greater, and I rather shrank from informing my employer abruptly of the fact that his brother was the prime mover in the theft.

From Liverpool we steamed to Havre, where I bade good-by to the staunch little boat that had borne me so safely, and made my way to Paris. I was all eagerness to follow up the trail of M. Francois Droubet, and the very evening of my arirval I sauntered up to the door of the little fruit stand in the Rue de Valodin and walked in.

It was a dingy little room, odorous from decaying fruit, a few little piles of neglected and shrunken apples and oranges being the only stock in view. A large, stout woman, with hair and eyes of jet black, slouchily dressed in a faded print gown, was behind the counter reading a novel.

She looked up as I entered, but did not rise from her chair.

"Is m'sier in?" I asked, raising my hat.

She looked at me steadily over her book and shook her head.

"Will he return soon?" I persisted, in my best French.

"Who are you?" she asked abruptly.

"A friend of an intimate acquaintance of M. Droubet," I replied, somewhat awkwardly.

"Your name?" she demanded, without moving a line of her stolid countenance.

I hesitated; then remembering that I must of necessity be wholly unknown in Paris, I replied:

"John Andrews."

"Your friend's name?"

"Pardon me, madame, I will confide that to M. Droubet."

She nodded, and glanced at a doorway at the back of the little room.

"Come tomorrow at nine," she said, and turned to her book with an unmistakable air of dismissal.

I retired, but before I left the neighborhood I walked through an alley and satisfied myself that the building contained a rear room much larger than the one I had seen.

Promptly at nine the next morning I re-entered the fruit store, and found the lady settled in the same spot and seemingly as intensely interested as before in her story.

As she saw me come in she reached forward under the counter and I heard the faint tinkle of a bell somewhere in the distance. I remained immovable and soon heard a door opened and closed and the sound of approaching footsteps. Then the rear door of the shop opened and a man appeared in the doorway.

He was a small man, with stooping shoulders, a scraggly beard, and small, keen eyes, which fastened themselves upon my face and scanned me closely while he said in a low voice:

"Will monsieur please step this way?"

I bowed and entered the rear room, the man holding open the door and closing it carefully behind me.

The room I stood in was dimly lighted and entirely without furniture. It was probably about ten feet deep and directly back of the first door I saw another, but made of heavy oak and bound in stout iron—a suspicious looking door, I thought.

M. Droubet was still searching my face with his sharp eyes and I had no chance to observe further.

"What is your wish, m'sier?"

I had prepared my story over night, and now answered, readily:

"I am a dimand-cutter by profession, and only lately arirved in Paris. I was recommended to you as one who might offer me employment. I assure you ——"

I stopped abruptly, alarmed at the set look of M. Droubet's face. His eyes were staring at me with painful fixity and large drops of perspiration broke out upon his forehead. He noticed my surprise, and drew his sleeve across his brow, whilst he moistened his lips with his tongue and replied:

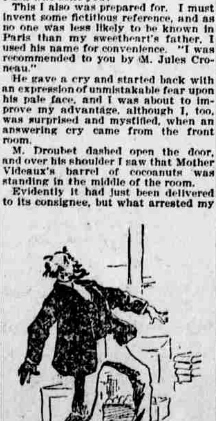
"A diamond cutter! Surely, m'sier, you are mistaken. What have I, a poor fruiterer, to do with cutting diamonds? An error, m'sier," speaking more confidently, "evidently a serious error! May I ask who sent you?"

This I also was prepared for. I must invent some fictitious reference, and as no one was less likely to be known in Paris than my sweetheart's father, I used his name for convenience. "I was recommended to you by M. Jules Croneau."

He gave a cry and started back with an expression of unmistakable fear upon his pale face, and I was about to improve my advantage, although I, too, was surprised and mystified, when an answering cry came from the front room.

M. Droubet dashed open the door, and over his shoulder I saw that Mother Videaux's barrel of cocoanuts was standing in the middle of the room.

Evidently it had just been delivered to its consignee, but what arrested my attention was the form of a woman bending over the barrel, her hands pressed upon her bosom, and staring fixedly at the boldly written tag of direction.



He Gave a Cry and Started Back.

M. Doubet moved swiftly to her side and fixed his eyes also upon the tag.

"Mon Dieu!" he cried, "the warning!"

In an instant she clapped her hand over his mouth, but it was too late; the mischief was done, and she knew it.

She walked calmly behind the counter, put on a shawl and bonnet, and without a word pased out into the street and disappeared.

(To be concluded.)

ON THE VERGE

Of Giving Up the Fight---An Elmira Citizen's Last Resource Proves a Success.

[From the Elmira Gazette.]

Do you know Mr. J. S. Bodder, of 214 South Main street? He has been a business man and permanent resident of Elmira for over twenty years. A man whose statement cannot be disputed. Well, Mr. Bodder's case in a nutshell is—that he has been a sufferer from kidney disorders, but doesn't suffer any more. We will let him tell what has brought about the change. Here is how he spoke of his case to our representative: "I have never been well since the closing of the war, where, in the service of my country, I contracted kidney and bladder disorders. The complaint has gradually been growing on me. I had sharp pains in the small of my back, just back of the hips, and when they left it was only to be followed by a dull, heavy pain which remained continually. I could lie in but one or two positions in bed or the pain would be almost unbearable. I was always very sore over the kidneys, and the urine emitted a strong odor. At times I felt existence a task. I tried this, that and the other thing, to no avail, and was on the verge of giving up entirely when I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised. I thought as a last resort I would give them a trial; they were highly recommended, and I would use just this one more remedy. I began taking them, and I am very glad indeed to give my statement, that suffering humanity may receive the same benefit I have. A few doses of Doan's Kidney Pills satisfied me they were helping me. Now, the pain is all gone, and I am entirely well—this, after years of sickness. My sleep at night is good and refreshing. I do not feel any more that tired feeling I used to on rising, all thanks due to Doan's Kidney Pills."

Doan's Kidney Pills are for sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents per box; six boxes for $2.50. By mail on receipt of price by Foster-Milburn company, Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for United States.

THE WORLD OF BUSINESS

STOCKS AND BONDS.

New York, Aug. 28.—The upward movement in stocks made further progress today, 321,349 shares of stocks having changed hands at advancing prices. The low priced issues were the special favorites during the early session, but toward the close the Grangers loomed into prominence again, and were brought on a liberal scale. A sharp outside demand for such stocks as Pacific Mail, Wabash Preferred, Tennessee Coal and Missouri Pacific took place. The rise in the low priced stocks was equal to an 1⅝ per cent. Late in the day the Grangers attracted most attention and naturally so in view of the favorable reports of the St. Paul and Chicago and Eastern Illinois roads for the month of July. St. Paul sold up to 77¼; Rock Island, to 84⅜; Omaha, to 45; Northwest, to 106⅝, and Burlington and Quincy to 92⅝. These figures are the best attained since the present bull campaign started. Atchinson, Illinois Central, New York Central and Jersey Central also made new high records. London sold St. Paul again today, but as of late the stock formed a ready resting place. The foreigners, however, bought fairly large amounts of Wabash, Union Pacific and Denver and Rio Grande. In fact the rise in the preferred to 53 was the result of European purchases. The bulk of the buying of the Grangers today was due to intimations from inside sources that the earnings of these roads are improving steadily. In the industrials Sugar and Leather was rather firm. Distilling first advanced to 22¾ and later receded to 21⅝. Speculation closed strong with prices anywhere from ⅛ to ⅝ per cent. higher on the day. The largest transactions in stocks were St. Paul, 53,500; Sugar, 32,600; Atchinson, 21,700.

The range of today's prices for the active stocks of the New York stock market are given below. The quotations are furnished The Tribune by G. du B. Dimmick, manager for William Linn, Allen & Co., stock brokers, 412 Spruce street, Scranton.

	Op'n-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Am. Tobacco Co.	96¾	97¼	96¼	96¾
Am. Cot. Oil	25¾	25¾	25⅝	25⅝
Am. Sugar Re'g Co.	109¼	109⅝	108¼	109¼
Atch., To. & S. Fe	20¼	20¾	20¼	20⅝
Can. South	56⅞	56¾	56	56⅞
Ches. & Ohio	21⅝	21⅞	21⅝	21⅞
Chicago Gas	63	63⅛	62¼	63⅛
Chic. & N. W.	106½	106⅝	106	106⅝
Chic., B. & Q.	91⅞	92½	91¾	92¼
C. C. C. & St. L.	49¼	50	49	49½
Chic., Mil. & St. P.	76⅝	77¼	76	77¼
Chic., R. I. & P.	84¼	84⅜	83½	84¼
Delaware & Hud.	130½	131	130½	131
Dist. & C. F.	21⅞	22⅜	21⅜	21⅝
Gen. Electric	38¼	38¼	37⅝	37⅞
Ill. Central	104½	104½	104¼	104½
Louis. & Nash	63⅜	63⅞	63⅛	63¾
Manhattan Ele	115¼	115¼	114⅜	114¾
Mich. Central	102	102	102	102
Mo. Pacific	39½	39⅞	39⅜	39⅝
Nat. Cordage	5¼	5¼	5¼	5¼
Nat. Lead	35	35⅛	34¾	35
N. J. Central	107⅞	109¼	107⅞	109¼
N. Y. Central	103¾	104⅝	103¾	-04⅝
N. Y. & N. E.	63½	63½	63½	63½
N. Y., L. E. & W.	10⅛	10⅛	9⅝	9⅝
N. Y., S. & W.	14	14¼	14	14
N. Y., S. & W., Pr.	34	35	34	35
Nor. Pacific	5¾	5⅝	5	5
Nor. Pacific, Pr.	19⅝	19⅝	18¼	18⅞
Ont. & West	18	18¼	17⅞	18
Pacific Mail	29¾	30	29¼	30
Phil. & Read	19⅜	19½	19⅛	19⅜
Southern R. R.	14	14⅛	13⅞	13⅞
Tenn., C. & I.	37½	39	37½	38¾
Tex. Pacific	12	12¼	11⅝	12⅛
Union Pacific	15¼	15⅜	14⅝	15
Wabash	9¼	9¼	9¼	9¼
Wabash, Pr.	22⅞	23⅜	22⅞	23⅛
West. Union	94⅜	94⅜	94⅜	94⅜
U. S. Leather	16½	16½	16⅜	16½
U. S. Leather, Pr.	83¼	84¼	83	83⅝

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE PRICES.

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
WHEAT.				
September	60	60	59⅛	59⅞
December	62½	62½	61½	62¼
May	66¾	66¾	66⅛	66⅝
OATS.				
September	19	19	18⅛	18⅞
May	22	22	21⅞	22
CORN.				
September	35½	35⅝	35⅜	35⅝
December	30⅛	30⅜	30	30⅜
May	31	31	30⅛	30⅞
LARD.				
September	5.92	5.95	5.87	5.90
January	6.00	6.00	5.92	5.95
PORK.				
September	9.45	9.45	9.10	9.20
January	9.85	9.85	9.79	9.77

Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations—All Quotations Based on Par of 100.

STOCKS.	Bid.	Ask.
Dime Dep. & Dis. Bank	125	.....
Green Ridge Lumber Co.	....	110
First National Bank	600	.....
Lackawanna Lumber Co.	110	.....
Scranton Savings Bank	200	.....
Scranton Lace Curtain Co.	....	50
Third National Bank	350	.....
Thuron Coal Land Co.	....	90
Scranton Axle Works	....	80
Scranton Glass Co.	....	65
National Boring & Drilling Co	....	90
Scranton Jar & Stopper Co.	....	25
Lacka. & Montrose R. R.	....	100
Spring Brook Water Co.	....	90
Elmhurst Boulevard Co.	....	100
Lacka. Trust & Safe Dep. Co.	....	160
Allegheny Lumber Co.	....	105
Scranton Packing Co.	....	115
BONDS.		
Scranton Traction Co.	....	95
Economy Steam Heat & Power Co	....	100
Scranton Glass Co.	....	100
Rushbrook Coal Co., 6%	....	100
Scranton Pass. Railway first mortgage 6's, due 1920	110	.....
People's St. Railway, first mortgage 6's, due 1918	110	.....
People's St. Railway, second	110	.....
Scranton & Pittston Traction Co. 6s	....	90

Scranton Wholesale.

Fruits and Produce—Dried apples, per lb., 5a6c.; evaporated apples, 7½a8c.; California prunes, 6½a8c.; English currants, 2½a3c.; layer raisins, $1.60a1.70; muscatels, 4a5c. per lb.; $1a1.25 per box; new Valencias, 5½a6½c. per lb. Beans—Marrowfats, $2.50 per bushel; mediums, $2.25; pea beans. Peas—Green, $1.10a1.15 per bushel; split, $2.50a2.60; lentels, 5a8c. per lb. Potatoes—$1.50a1.60. Onions—Per bbl., $2.25. Butter—16a20c. per lb. Cheese—6a9c. per lb. Eggs—14½a15c. Meats—Hams, 10½c.; small hams, 11c.; skinned hams, 11c.; California hams, 8c.; shoulders, 7¾c.; bellies, 8¼c.; smoked breakfast bacon, 10½c. Smoked Beef—Outsides, 12c.; sets, 13½c.; insides and knuckles, 15c.; Acme sliced smoked beef, 1-lb. cans, $2.40 per dozen. Pork—Mess, $14.50; short cut, $15. Lard—Leaf, in tierces, 8c.; in tubs, 8¼c.; 10-lb. pails, 8¾c. per lb.; 5-lb. pails, 8⅞c. per lb.; 3-lb. pails, 9c. per lb.; compound lard, tierces, 6c.; tubs, 6¼c.; 10-lb. pails, 6⅜c. per lb.; 5-lb. pails, 6⅞c. per lb.; 3-lb. pails, 7c. per lb. Flour—Minnesota patent per bbl., $4.10a4.35; Ohio and Indiana amber, $3.75; Graham, $3.75; rye flour, $3.75. Feed—Mixed, per cwt., $1.05. Grain—Corn, 50c.; oats, 35a40c. per bushel. Rye Straw—Per ton, $13a16. Hay—$17a19.

New York Produce Market.

New York, Aug. 28.—Flour—Weak and dull, neglected. Wheat—Easier with options, more active for export; No. 2 red store and elevator, 64⅝a65c.; afloat, 66a66¼c.; f. o. b., 65¾a66½c.; ungraded red, 60a67c.; No. 1 northern, 66⅝a67c.; options closed firm at ¼a⅜c. below yesterday; August, 64⅞c.; September, 65¼c.; October, 65⅝c.; December, 67½c.; May, 71¼c. Corn—Dull and firm; No. 2, 42⅝c. elevator; 43¼c. afloat; options closed steady at ⅛c. decline; September, 41⅝c.; October, 50¾c.; November, 39⅝c.; May, 36¼c. Oats—Fairly active, lower; options dull and easier; August, 24c.; September, 23½c.; October, 23¼c.; May, 26¼c.; spot prices, No. 2, 24a24½c.; No. 2 white, 26½a26⅝c.; No. 2 Chicago, 25a25¼c.; No. 3, 23c.; No. 3 white, 24½c.; mixed western, 24a28c.; white state and western, 25a33c. Beef—Dull, unchanged. Lard—Quiet and easier; western steam, $6.27½; asked; city, $6a6.05; September, $6.25; refined, quiet; continent, $6.70; South America, $6.95; compound, 4⅝a5c. Pork—Quiet and easy; mess, $11a11.50. Butter—Quiet, choice steady; state dairy, 12a18½c.; do. creamery, 19½a20c; western dairy, 9½a18c.; do. creamery, 13a20c.; do. factory, 8a12½c.; Elgins, 20c.; imitation creamery, 11a15c. Cheese—Quiet and unchanged. Eggs—Less firm, fair supply; state and Pennsylvania, 15a16c.; western fresh, 13½a15c.; do. per case, $1.50a4.

Buffalo Live Stock.

Buffalo, Aug. 28.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,498 head; on sale, 20 head; market dull and weak; fair fat cows, $2.10a2.60; light bulls, $2a2.15; veals, firm; choice, $7.00a7.25; light to fair, $4a6.50; grassers, $2a3. Hogs—Receipts, 5,300 head; on sale, 3,000 head; market dull and slow; Yorkers, good corn fed, $4.85a4.90; grassers, $4.65a4.80; mixed packers, corn fed, $4.85a4.90; good mediums, $4.85a4.95; good heavy, $4.85a4.90; roughs, $3.50a4.25; stags, $3a3.50. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 2,750 head; on sale, 1,750 head; best lambs, $5a5.25; good to choice, 70 to 80 pounds, $5a5.15; good, 60 to 70 pounds, $4a4.90; culls and common, $2.50a3.75; mixed sheep, good, $2.40a2.75; common to fair, $2a2.25; culls and common, $1.25a2.25; export sheep, $3.50a3.85; two loads of Canada lambs sold late at $4.90a5.

Chicago Live Stock.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Aug. 28.—Cattle—Receipts, 14,000 head; market steady; common to extra steers, $3.60a5.95; stockers and feeders, $2.40a4; cows and bulls, $1.25a3.75; calves, $3.25a6; Texans, $1.90a3.50; western rangers, $2a4.65. Hogs—Receipts, 22,000 head; market easy, 5c. lower; heavy packing and shipping lots, $4.15a4.60; common to choice mixed, $4.10a4.65; choice assorted, $4.60a4.75; light, $4.30a4.75; pigs, $2.50a4.50. Sheep—Receipts, 15,000 head; market steady; inferior to choice, $1.50a3.40; lambs, $3a5.20.

Oil Market.

Pittsburg, Aug. 28.—Oil closed at 126, the only quotation here today.

Oil City, Aug. 28.—Oil opened at 123½; highest, 126; lowest, 123½; closing, 126.

NEWS OF OUR INDUSTRIES.

Happenings of Interest to the Staple Trades and Particularly to the Trade in Iron, Steel and Anthracite Coal.

Not long ago the Cleveland, Canton and Southern and the Cleveland, Akron and Columbus ran an excursion train 290 miles, tickets being sold at 75 cents each. This made a rate of about one-fourth of a cent a mile. The entire receipts of the train were $525, or about $1.81 per train mile. This is nearly twice as much as the average train mile and showed a good profit.

Secretary A. J. Smith has issued the call for the fortieth semi-annual meeting of the American Association of General Passenger and Ticket Agents. The meeting will be held in Boston, commencing Tuesday, Sept. 17. The unauthorized issuance of through tickets, the giving of official names to certain forms of tickets and the question of paster contracts will be the main subjects discussed. W. A. Turk will deliver the semi-annual address.

English records for long distance runs have gone to pieces in the competition of the London and Northwestern and the London and Great Northern, between London and Aberdeen. The former covered its distance of 540 miles in 535 minutes, and the latter made its 527 miles in 520 minutes. The best long distance run in this country was the 436½ miles of the Empire State express in 425 minutes and 44 seconds. On its first trip the Exposition Flyer made eighteen miles straight at the rate of ninety-two miles an hour and one mile at the rate of 102½ miles an hour. Engine 999 has a hypothetical record of a short run at the rate of 112 miles an hour.

The Ontario and Western's figures for the year ended June 30, 1895, are considered decidedly favorable by those familiar with the way in which the property has been run this year.

It is understood that the new Georgia Central consolidated 5s will shortly be offered by the syndicate to the public, and that the price of issue will not be less than par and may be higher.

Among low-price stocks mentioned as special favorites are Reading, Missouri Pacific, Pacific Mail, Southern Railway preferred, St. Louis Southwestern preferred, Denver preferred, and Chesapeake and Ohio.

THE NEW LOCOMOTIVE.

A Marvelous Machine Combining Steam and Electricity.

A rival of the huge electric locomotive or the Baltimore and Ohio is the Heilman locomotive, which is in use daily on the Nortwest railroad, a trunk line leading out of Paris, France. It is said to be a success, and its admirers predict that it will supplant all competitors. While the Baltimore and Ohio locomotive is supplied with electricity from an overhead wire, says the Sun, the Heilman locomotive carries a triple-expansion steam engine, which generates the electricity required. Steam power produced in the ordinary way drives a dynamo borne on the tender. The motors are placed on the trucks. This arrangement is said to give a saving of 20 per cent. in fuel over the simple steam locomotive.

At first sight such a result seems incredible. It might be conceded that a locomotive generating its own electricity by the use of steam would be more economical than the Baltimore and Ohio electric locomotive, since it dispenses with costly overhead copper wire conductors, and is exempt from the waste of current incident to the use of long wires; but to suggest that it is more economical in fuel than the ordinary steam locomotive sounds like a joke. The explanation is that Heilman gets more power out of a given weight of coal by using a triple-expansion engine. Ordinary locomotives are extremely wasteful of steam. By using the same steam thrice instead of once enough power is saved, it is said, to make up for what is lost in converting ordinary power into electricity. If this be practicable the Heilman locomotive has for most purposes decided advantages over other electric locomotives, since it can be used on ordinary tracks without special preparation. Trolley wires and poles are dispensed with—a great saving.

It is suggested, however, by the Heilman invention that, if it be a practical thing, a further development of the steam locomotive is possible, which would give it a new lease of life. For use in long tunnels the Baltimore and Ohio locomotive remains the best, since it produces no smoke, as the Heilman does.

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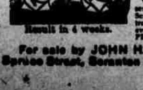

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RAILROAD TIME-TABLES

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TIME TABLE IN EFFECT JUNE 2, 1895.

Trains leave Scranton for Pittston, Wilkes-Barre, etc., at 8.20, 9.15, 11.30 a.m., 1.22, 2.00, 3.05, 5.00, 7.10 p. m. Sundays, 9.00 a. m., 1.00, 2.15, 7.10 p. m.

For Atlantic City, 8.20 a.m.

For New York, Newark and Elizabeth, 8.20 (express) a. m., 1.22 (express with Buffet parlor car), 3.05 (express) p.m. Sunday, 2.15 p. m. Train leaving 1.22 p. m. arrives at Philadelphia, Reading Terminal, 6.21 p. m. and New York 6.45 p. m.

For Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton and Philadelphia, 8.20 a.m., 1.22, 3.05, 5.00 (except Philadelphia) p. m. Sunday, 2.15 p.m.

For Long Branch, Ocean Grove, etc., at 8.20 a. m. (through coach), 1.22 p. m.

For Reading, Lebanon and Harrisburg, via Allentown, 8.20 a. m., 1.22, 5.00 p. m. Sunday, 2.15 p.m.

For Pottsville, 8.20 a. m., 1.22 p. m.

Returning, leave New York, foot of Liberty street, North river, at 9.10 (express) a.m., 1.10, 1.30, 4.30 (express with Buffet parlor car) p.m. Sunday, 4.30 a.m.

Leave Philadelphia, Reading Terminal, 9.00 a.m., 2.00 and 4.30 p.m. Sunday 6.27 a.m.

Through tickets to all points at lowest rates may be had on application in advance to the ticket agent at the station.

H. P. BALDWIN,
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J. H. OLHAUSEN, Gen. Supt.

Del., Lack. and Western.

Effect Monday, June 24, 1895.

Trains leave Scranton as follows: Express for New York and all points East, 1.40, 2.50, 5.15, 8.00 and 9.55 a.m.; 12.55 and 3.34 p.m.

Express for Easton, Trenton, Philadelphia and the south, 5.15, 8.00 and 9.55 a.m., 12.55 and 3.34 p.m.

Washington and way stations, 3.55 p.m.

Tobyhanna accommodation, 6.10 p.m.

Express for Binghamton, Oswego, Elmira, Corning, Bath, Dansville, Mount Morris and Buffalo, 12.10, 2.35 a.m., and 1.21 p.m., making close connections at Buffalo to all points in the West, Northwest and Southwest.

Bath accommodation, 9 a.m.

Binghamton and way stations, 12.37 p.m.

Nicholson accommodation, at 4 p. m. and 6.10 p. m.

Binghamton and Elmira Express, 6.05 p.m.

Express for Cortland, Syracuse, Oswego Utica and Richfield Springs, 2.35 a.m. and 1.24 p.m.

Ithaca, 2.35 and Bath 9 a.m. and 1.21 p.m.

For Northumberland, Pittston, Wilkes-Barre, Plymouth, Bloomsburg and Danville, making close connections at Northumberland for Williamsport, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and the South.

Northumberland and intermediate stations, 6.00, 9.55 a.m. and 1.30 and 6.07 p.m.

Nanticoke and intermediate stations, 8.08 and 11.20 a.m. Plymouth and intermediate stations, 3.40 and 8.52 p.m.

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"The D&H"

DELAWARE AND HUDSON RAILROAD.

Commencing Monday, day, July 30, all trains will arrive at new Lackawanna avenue station as follows:

Trains will leave Scranton station for Carbondale and intermediate points at 2.20, 5.45, 7.00, 8.25 and 10.10 a.m., 12.00, 2.20, 3.55, 5.15, 6.15, 7.25, 9.10 and 11.20 p.m.

For Farview, Waymart and Honesdale at 7.00, 8.25 and 10.10 a.m., 12.00, 2.20 and 5.15 p.m.

For Albany, Saratoga, the Adirondacks and Montreal at 5.45 a.m. and 2.20 p.m.

For Wilkes-Barre and intermediate points at 7.45, 8.45, 9.38 and 10.45 a.m., 12.05, 1.20, 2.38, 4.00, 5.10, 6.05, 9.15 and 11.38 p.m.

Trains will arrive at Scranton station from Carbondale and intermediate points at 7.40, 8.40, 9.34 and 10.40 a.m., 12.00, 1.17, 2.34, 3.40, 4.54, 5.55, 7.45, 9.11 and 11.33 p.m.

From Honesdale, Waymart and Farview at 9.34 a.m., 12.00, 1.17, 3.40, 5.55 and 7.45 p.m.

From Montreal, Saratoga, Albany, etc., at 4.54 and 11.33 p.m.

From Wilkes-Barre and intermediate points at 2.15, 8.04, 10.05 and 11.55 a.m., 1.14, 2.14, 3.39, 5.10, 6.08, 7.20, 9.03 and 11.16 p.m.

Erie and Wyoming Valley.

Trains leave Scranton for New York and intermediate points on the Erie railroad at 7.00 a. m. and 3.24 p. m. Also for Honesdale, Hawley and local points at 7.00, 9.40 a. m. and 3.24 p. m.

All the above are through trains to and from Honesdale.

Train for Lake Ariel 5.10 p. m.

Trains leave for Wilkes-Barre at 6.40 a. m. and 3.45 p. m.

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD

May 12, 1895.

Train leaves Scranton for Philadelphia and New York via D. & H. R. R. at 7.45 a. m., 12.05, 1.20, 2.38 and 11.38 p. m., via D., L. & W. R. R., 6.00, 8.08, 11.20 a. m., and 1.30 p. m.

Leave Scranton for Pittston and Wilkes-Barre, via D., L. & W. R. R., 6.00, 8.08, 11.20 a. m., 3.50, 6.07, 8.52 p. m.

Leave Scranton for White Haven, Hazleton, Pottsville and all points on the Beaver Meadow and Pottsville branches, via E. & W. V. R. R., 6.40 a.m., via D. & H. R. R. at 7.45 a. m., 12.05, 1.20, 2.38, 4.00 p. m., via D., L. & W. R. R. 6.00, 8.08, 11.20 a. m., 1.30, 3.50 p. m.

Leave Scranton for Bethlehem, Easton, Reading, Harrisburg and all intermediate points via D. & H. R. R., 7.45 a.m., 12.05, 1.20, 2.38, 4.00, 11.38 p. m., via D., L. & W. R. R., 6.00, 8.08, 11.20 a. m., 1.30 p. m.

Leave Scranton for Tunkhannock, Towanda, Elmira, Ithaca, Geneva and all intermediate points via D. & H. R. R., 8.45 a.m., 12.05 and 11.35 p.m., via D., L. & W. R. R., 8.08, 9.55 a.m., 1.30 p.m.

Leave Scranton for Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Detroit, Chicago and all points west via D. & H. R. R., 8.45 a.m., 12.05, 9.15, 11.38 p.m., via D., L. & W. R. R. and Pittston Junction, 8.08, 9.55 a.m., 1.30, 8.50 p.m., via E. & W. V. R. R., 3.41 p.m.

For Elmira and the west via Salamanca, via D. & H. R. R., 8.45 a.m., 12.05, 6.05 p.m., via D., L. & W. R. R., 8.08, 9.55 a.m., 1.30, and 6.07 p.m.

Pullman parlor and sleeping or L. V. chair cars on all trains between L. & B. Junction or Wilkes-Barre and New York, Philadelphia, Buffalo, and Suspension Bridge.

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SCRANTON DIVISION.
In Effect, May 19th, 1895.

North Bound.				South Bound.		
205 Local Pass	203 NY Day Exp	201 Local Pass	Stations (Trains Daily, Except Sunday.)	202 Local Pass	204 Ontario Day Ex	206 Local Pass
P M	P M		Arrive Leave			A M
10 55	7 25	....	N. Y. Franklin St.	....	....	7 40
10 40	7 10	....	West 42nd street	....	....	7 55
10 30	7 00	....	Weehawken	....	....	8 10
P M	P M		Arrive Leave	A M		P M
5 25	1 15	....	Hancock Junction	6 00	....	2 05
5 20	1 09	....	Hancock	6 06	....	2 11
5 10	12 56	....	Starlight	6 18	....	2 23
5 01	12 46	....	Preston Park	6 29	....	2 31
4 55	12 40	....	Como	6 38	....	2 41
4 52	12 25	..	Poyntelle	6 40	....	2 50
4 47	12 14	....	Belmont	6 45	....	2 58
4 39	12 03	....	Pleasant Mt.	6 55	....	3 10
f4 34	11 59	....	Uniondale	f6 58	....	3 09
4 23	11 49	A M	Forest City	7 10	P M	3 19
4 08	11 34	9 15	Carbondale	7 24	12 20	3 34
....	f11 30	9 12	White Bridge	7 27	f12 23	f3 38
f3 59	....	f9 01	Mayfield	f7 32	f12 28	3 43
3 56	11 22	9 05	Jermyn	7 34	12 45	3 45
3 51	11 18	8 57	Archibald	7 40	12 51	3 51
3 48	f11 15	8 54	Winton	7 43	12 54	3 54
3 43	11 11	8 50	Peckville	7 48	12 58	3 59
3 38	11 07	8 46	Olyphant	7 52	1 03	4 03
3 35	11 05	8 41	Dickson	7 54	1 07	4 07
f3 33	11 03	8 39	Throop	7 56	1 10	4 10
3 30	11 00	8 36	Providence	8 00	1 14	4 14
f3 27	f10 57	8 33	Park Place	8 03	f1 16	f4 17
3 25	10 55	8 30	Scranton	8 05	1 20	4 20
P M	A M	A M	Leave Arrive	A M	P M	P M

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