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Business Brevities.

AN ADVANCE LIKELY.—It is not unlikely that anthracite coal prices will be advanced almost immediately...

LESS PASSENGER TRAVEL.—During 1895 the Pennsylvania Railroad Company carried 90,177,989 passengers...

MINOR GLEANINGS.—London employes 500,000 clerks. Japan boasts 1,000 newspapers. New Zealand has fifty-three daily papers.

BRITISH LIQUOR TRADE.—The British Medical Journal gives some interesting figures, showing a steady increase in the revenue the British government derives from the liquor trade.

FACTS ABOUT WOLVES.—The average annual gold exports from this country for the ten years from 1886 to 1895 inclusive, were \$69,176,166...

THE SUN SHONE WARMLY.—"Oh, I'll take a fall out of you," he exclaimed, addressing the mobbers of October, November and the first few days of December.—Detroit Tribune.

The Nickel Plate Road runs along the shore of Lake Erie and through Erie, Cleveland, Toledo and Fort Wayne.

has a range of fifteen miles, and the projectiles weigh 2,600 pounds. At the present time there are owned and controlled by the railroad and private car companies of America nearly 1,250,000 freight cars...

PENSIONERS IN THE SOUTH. Colonies of Veterans Settling in a Milder Climate. The time may not be distant when a third, and perhaps half, of the pension money paid out by the government will be distributed in the south.

IRON STONE, OF LIVELY ENEMIES. Ira Stone, of Liveville, Va., recently witnessed a most curious combat. While crossing a field he saw a number of crows fighting furiously with something. As he neared the scene of the conflict he saw that the object of attack was a large gray fox.

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AS TO GREATER NEW YORK.

Wonderful Things About the Second City of the World.

SOME OF ITS BIG ADVANTAGES

In Three Millions of Population, Billions of Wealth, and Accommodations for the Commerce of the World. Engineering Wonders.

In its joy over the successful consummation of the Greater New York scheme, the Sun recently gave some details as to the consolidated city's size which will interest most readers, and especially Scrantonians who feel in some degree related to Gotham.

In elaboration of these points our luminous contemporary says that if all the surface and elevated tracks within the limits of the Greater New York were stretched out in a single line they would reach a long way beyond Chicago, the actual length on the track, as taken from Poor's manual, being no less than 1,100.58 miles.

AS TO TRANSPORTATION.

The expense of such a journey would be comparatively small, and here we come to the almost unique features of the city. The Greater New York has extraordinarily cheap rates of transportation. There are routes in Brooklyn fifteen miles long which may be covered for 5 cents.

AS TO POPULATION.

In geographical extent the Greater New York from Mount St. Vincent to Tottenville is not far from thirty miles long as the crow flies. Its width from the North river at West Fourteenth street to the inlet between Far Rockaway Beach and the Rye Neck is about 360 square miles.

Table with 2 columns: Name of railroad and Population. Includes Pennsylvania railroad (2,000,000), Jersey Central railroad (879,000), Erie railroad (250,000), West Shore railroad (2,000,000), New York and Northern railroad (1,000,000), Long Island railroad (150,000).

The proportion of this number who come regularly every day is very great, as any one can see who watches the ferry lines and the Grand Central station in the morning and evening hours; very likely 100,000 will be found to be moderate estimates of the number of people who, for commercial purposes, are citizens of New York, though legally residents beyond its limits.

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wharves of any in the world. Liverpool was second. Liverpool, counting both sides of the Mersey, has thirty-five miles of wharves. The Greater New York alone had fifty-five miles. To this must now be added all that great extent of piers and wharves beginning at Long Island City and extending down to South Brooklyn, not to mention the Staten Island wharves.

As to the growth of the business transacted on shore within the metropolitan area, the city for many ten years has only to recall facts within his own memory to gain a fair idea of what has occurred. For instance, there was the erection of the office building by the late George Jones facing the City Hall park. It was counted a most lofty structure, but the American Tract society building, recently completed, is so much higher that were a man to leap from its roof to that of the lower building he would as inevitably have the life crushed out of him as if he fell clear through the twenty-three stories of height to the street.

Within a month or so the plot of ground at 41 and 43 Wall street sold for \$20 a square foot. It was purchased seven years ago for about half that. It is occupied by a little ten-story building. What will it bring when, ten years from now, some one wants to erect a building of thirty stories there? Elsewhere real estate that was worth but \$200 for a vacant lot ten years ago is now selling for \$1,000, and even more.

MUNICIPAL ADVANTAGES.

Of the future growth in the business center of the metropolis one can scarcely hazard a guess, for the reason that the piling up of office buildings has even now created a congestion in the lower streets that at certain hours is becoming unbearable. The available transportation facilities for passengers are loaded to the last gasp already.

A rough estimate of the cash value of the Greater New York, based on reference to the tax rolls, New York city real estate is assessed at \$1,646,028,655 on a basis of 60 per cent of its cash value. Brooklyn real estate is assessed at \$540,000,000, while the personal property of the city is valued at \$1,000,000,000.

Other points of interest in the study of the engineer and the attention of the lover of the picturesque. No city in the world has such exhibits as those afforded by the East River suspension bridge and the steel arches of the Boulevard bridge over the Harlem.

And then there are the systems by which the water supply of the city is brought to the water tower. The Croton water to the city is one of the engineering wonders of the world, while the curious system of driven wells by which Brooklyn has hitherto drawn at least one-third of her water supply from the earth is at least a novelty, and a remarkable one at that.

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building center. It would be now but for the fact that strikes inaugurated fifty years ago, and the fear of them keeps it away. No place, not even the Delaware river, is naturally better suited for ship building than the city of New York.

Naturally every citizen is proud of the metropolis as a center of literature and art. Frenchmen do not come here to complete their education as artists. New Yorkers do go to Paris or Rome. But no New Yorker despairs of the future of the city in this respect.

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THE SLOW KILLING. Sentences of Death Are Too Long Deferred in This Country. Munsey for April. Civilized society has always been more or less puzzled to know what to do with its very criminals. So it was to let the convicted murderer live; yet it hesitates to take his life.

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