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STORY FROM NEW YORK ABOUT LACKAWANNA CHANGES.

Removals Do Not Presuppose Inefficiency on the Part of Those Retired-New Management Desires to Have Men Wholly in Harmony with the New Policy-Charles Graham, jr., Goes to Buffalo and Will Be Succeeded at Kingston by His Brother-Minor Jottings.

A New York special to the Buffalo Evening News contains the following: "Several changes are hourly expected in the Lackawanna system, and everyone wonders where the lightning will strike next. The changes in the general management have not been so objectionable to Scranton people as the directors had every reason to expect in the beginning. The new officials seem disposed to conciliate the men at Scranton and adjacent points by a liberal, broad policy, wholly different from that which obtained under the old regime. The new officials seem to have more power and wider latitude than that enjoyed by the force recently

"One evidence of the policy of the new management may be noted in the matter of desks. For five or six years one of the chief officials at Scranton had been trying to summon courage enough to buy a Cutler desk. He never bought it. Desks which bore a slight resemblance to the Cutler and which might have answered every purpose at ome wayside station, had to serve But they cut a sorry figure in the general offices and led many visitors to fear that the apparent economy there displayed might extend to other departments which could lily bear it 'Apparent economy' is said advisedly for really if the time taken by the car carpenters and gondola builders in the construction of these primitive affairs were taken into consideration, the desks cost more than the Cutlers

This is all changed now, and Mr McKenna, who's wiser than some of his confreres, saw where the lightning was going to strike, and resigned in time to escape the bolt. He'll make no more desks. Things have changed Men at the heads have changed, and the railroad men have changed with them in most instances where they could not keep abreast of the new or New faces are seen at the desks where the old-timers once held sway

The late retirement of General Superintendent Hallstead is an instance. He was and is interested in many private enterprises, and he holds stock in almost everything that is good He is probably the only one in the system who got out with anything like :

The transfer of George Graham from Stroudsburg to Kingston, and the transfer of his brother to Buffalo, is another of the unexpected changes. So too, was the change of Mr. Honan to the dispatcher's office with Mr. Marston in Buffalo,

"Mr. Marston is probably the riches superintendent in the United States. considering railroad interests alone. He is, like Mr. Hallstead, interested in many private enterprises, and he is one of the most popular men in all the Lackawanna system. Mr. Marston is probably the only one of the officials who has met with general approval from the new board of managers. The retirement of these many officials does not presuppose their inefficiency. It is cure men wholly in harmony with the new policy, and thoroughly familiar with the proposed workings.

"It is supposed now that with the in troduction of Sunday trains there will be a new flyer put on the Lackawanna to meet the challenge of the Empire State of the New York Central and th Black Diamond of the Lehigh Valley."

Transferred to Buffalo.

Charles Graham, jr., master mechanic of the Kingston shops of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Rallroad company, has been appointed to succeed F. B. Griffiths, who has resigned his position as master mechanic of the company's big shop at East Buffalo, Mr. Graham will have charge of nearly 800 men employed on the Buffalo and Cayuga divisions of the road. The new appointee was born in this city, and has been in the employ of his company twenty-three years. He served his apprenticeship under his father at the Kingston shops, In 1886, when his father was transferred to this city, he was made general foreman. Five years later he became master mechanic, which position he has held until his present promotion. The position he now assumes was first held by his father

Mr, Graham is succeeded at Kingston by his brother, George Graham, who until about two weeks ago was in charge of the company's shop at Stroudsburg.

The Storage Yard.

"The material for the proposed coal storage yard of the Delaware and Hudson at Anthracite park is arriving." says the Carbondale News. "Contractor Wilson estimates that he will use 125 car loads of cement in the concrete base and brick partitions which will separate the various sizes of ecal. The culm which will underlie the concret is being placed in position now. "It will take several months for Mr.



Wilson to complete his contract and during this time he will have employment for several score of men. For his convenience he will have a small office building erected. When completed the storage plant will give steady employment to quite a number of men. The surplus conl from all of the Delaware and Hudson cofficeries in this vicinity will be stored at the park."

Foreman Cooper Has Resigned.

John Cooper, outside foreman at the aylor mine of the Delaware, Lackavanna and Western company, has tendered his resignation to Superintendent Loomis, to go into effect to-

Mr. Montgomery, of Wilkes-Barre, who has held a similar position with the Parrish Coal company, will succeed Mr. Cooper in the position he has held for thirty years.

This and That.

Frederick Williams, who has been oreman in the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western muchine shops here, has been made master mechanic of the shops at Syracuse.

The South mill of the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company resumed operations last night after a suspension of three days, necessitated by the breaking of a piece of machinery. Every department is now in full working order. The Pennsylvania has turned out of its shops at Altoona four new engines and has consigned them to the Middl division on account of the increased freight traffle on that section of the road and the constant demand for mormotive power. The new engines are of the mogul type.

At a meeting of the Wilkes-Barro board of trade last week a number of gentlemen interested in a cotton mill eing built there were present and the plan was discussed at length. ence Whitman, treasurer of the Wilkes-Barre Lace mills, will invest \$200,000 toward the capital if others interested will raise a similar amount, and it is very probable that this will be done.

John T. Thomas, who has been inside foreman at the Cameron colliery at Shamokin for several years past, has esigned his position, to take effect August I, when he will remove to Nanticoke to become assistant superintendent of the Susquehanna Coal company's three collieries in that vicinity.

LONDON'S PASSENGER TRAFFIC. Some of the Marvels of This Great Metropolis.

From Tit-Hits.

We get some conception of the immensity of the passenger traffic of London and New York from the fact that the passengers carried every year within these two cities outnumber by many thousands the entire population of the

The railways, ormibuses and trams of Greater Lendon convey 700,000,000 passenger every year, an army which, however closely packed, would more than fill the whole of our London parks. exteen times over; or, in other words, London's passergers would require an normous park ten miles long and five miles wide merely for standing room. They would form a column sixteen abreast and standing at intervals of a yard long enough to reach around the earth at the equator, with a residuary column, thirty-two deep, reaching from Lordon to Naples.

Apart from the railways, on which one £60,000,000 has been spont within the last twenty years, London's pas sengers recaire a line of omnibuses ong enough to stretch two deep from Whitechapel station in the far east, across London to Shepherd's Bush staion in the west. The tram cars in daily use when horsed would form a a single line from Shepherd's Bush via inborn and Oxford street to the Bank f England, a distance of six miles, The 11,000 odd hansoms and four wheel ans would make an imposing column our deep and as long as our double ine of omnibuses

Of foot passengers, 200,000 or the entireepulation of Leicester, cross London ridge every day. Every minute, from 11 till noon, twenty vehicles and ninetyfour foot passengers pass along the Strand, or 1.23 vehicles and 5,666 people every hour. Piccadilly boasts 1,497 vehicles and 3,916 pedestrians an nour, and in the same time 5,5% people valk along Tottenham Court road. Within an hour nearly 2,000 omnibuses pass a given point in Tottenham ourt road, the Strand, Piccadilly and Cheapside, the numbers ranging from 487 for the first and 384 for the last named thoroughfare.

Nearly a million people travel every day by rail within the boundaries of London. Making due allowance for the lecreased traffic on Sundays, London's railway passengers alone for a year would fill all London's parks seven times over, and in single file would stretch round the equator more than seven times.

RAILS GROUND TO DUST.

Effect of the Constant Wear and Tear on a Railroad.

rom the Pittsburg Dispatch

As consumers of steel the railroads n the vicinity of Pittsburg lead the world. During the past three months 170 miles of new steel rails, averaging alnety pounds to the yard, have been put down or distributed within thirty niles of the center of the city.

There are 1,760 yards in a mile, which would mean 299,200 yards for one line of rails in 170 miles, or 26,928,000 pounds. or say 53,856,000 pounds for both lines of rails, or 269,283 tons of steel rails needed in one year for Pittsburg reads, 00 per cent of which was for renewals on old lines.

There is somewhat of a mystery re arding where the steel worn out on a ig road goes to. It is ground down almost to imperceptible dust by the constant friction of the grinding wheels, and this friction is 5 per cent greater on curves than on straight stretches of track. The wear is also much greater on ascending grades on a straight track than on a descending grade. On curves the wear is mostly lateral or horizontal, while on straight rack it is perpendicular, with a slight nclination toward the inside of the rail next to the flanges of the wheels, The millions of tons of steel ground fown to dust by the wheels of trains in this country are lost. It cannot be regained for scrap, because it settles

dust which falls upon the ocean, is lost forever. In time, as civilization and the wheels of civilization move on, the railroads of the chief steam railways as well as part of the adjeining ground will become thoroughly impregnated with steel and iron dust from the grinding up of rails and wheels, because it must be remembered that the wheels grind the rails and the rails grind the wheels, and this is accumu-

lating along our railroads at a rapid

down into the ballast, is brushed away by the rush of air caused by the

swiftly moving train, and, like the star

which recently purchased several acres of additional land from the Pennsylvania Coal company, adjoining the present plot, are busily engaged grad-ing the same and laying out paths and roadways. This city of the dead has been wonderfully improved of late. Many of the old fences surrounding lots have been razed, and everything

is more modern and beautiful. Rev. Peter Roberts, of Olyphant, oc cupied the pulpit of the Welsh Congregational church yesterday and de livered two powerful sermons to large

congregations.
Rufus Price, of Springfield, Mass., is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Will F

Monies, of Broad street. The excursion of the Clear Spring Coal Company Keg fund to Harvey's lake on Saturday was a most enjoyable and successful affair. Joseph L. Cake and family joined the gathering, and the manner in which they enjoyed the day with those under Mr. Cake's employ did much to cement ties of friendship which will long be remembered between employer and the em-

A little child of Thomas Brodie, of Butler street, died on Saturday. The funeral occurs this afternoon. An Evangelical church was dedicated in Ransom yesterday by Bishop

W. M. Stanford. John Battle arrived here unexpect edly from Wyoming territory on Saturday. He was a resident here two decades ago, and is now interested in mining pursuits in that western coun-

The street committee went down to Dorrance on Saturday afternoon to examine the brick pavement in that borough, which was put down for \$1.80 per yard, while the bid here for the same pave by the Lynott Brothers & Co. was \$2.04 per square yard. When the street committee met on Saturday vening to consider the several bids, in accordance with the rulings of Chairman Joyce, members Henegan and Hines, of the select, refused to attend. and the object and plans of Chairman Joyce fell through. The select and ommon council will meet tonight to hear the report of the committee. The session tonight promises to be an in-

The superintendent of the hospital is in receipt of a check from Rev. Matthew Jankola, paster of St. John's Slavish church, for \$22, donated as follows: Port Griffith parishioners, \$15; St. Andrew's, of Duryea, \$5, and St. Mary's,

of this city, \$2.

Joseph H. Glennon, who represents a yndicate which is desirous of securing the two bridges that span the river in this city, has advanced his offer to \$60 share for the iron structure, but the directors do not seem anxious to consider the proposition. The same attitude exists among the directors of the depot bridge.

The coroner's jury to investigate the Black Diamond train accident, in which Floyd Girton lost his life, did not complete its work, owing to the serious condition of the boy's mother, who could not be present. The investigation will be completed this week.

AVOCA.

On Saturday morning, Celia, the 11ear-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Allen of Spike Is and, a short distance above Mocsic, died very suddenly. Her symptoms were somewhat peculiar and there being no doctor in attendance, a report was circulated that the child died of smallpox. The house was deserted by the neighbors called in and after an examination. pronounced it a case of black diphtheria. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon. Interment was made in St. Mary's cemetery.

On Friday evening a party of friends invaded the home of Mr, and Mrs. William Brown, sr., and spent a few pleasant hours. The hostess treated them to a troley ride to Greenwood, after which a dainty luncheon was served. The following constituted the party: to him alone will be reveal the myster-Grandma Brown, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, jr., Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of Moosic, Mrs. H. M. Steever, Misses Jennie Newlin and guest, Miss Dunn, of Hazleton, May and Blanche Sanders. Nettle Druffner, Alice and Agnes Monahan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Farrell and family, of Green Ridge, spent yesterday with friends on Lincoln Hill.

An unpleasant incident is related in connection with the Presbyterian ex-cursion to Lake Arie on Friday, Walter Anderson carried in his hip pocket a purse containing \$40. While waiting amidst a great throng for accommodation at the boat house he missed it for the first time. He does not think it dropped from the pocket and should t be returned a liberal reward will be

John Reap of the West Side is spending a few weeks with his grandpar-

ents at Elmhurst. An item in the Scranton Times on Saturday afternoon in regard to the sudden death of a woman named O'Brien at the Montrose jail occas loned considerable alarm among the friends of Mrs. Andrew O'Brien, whose disappearance still remains a mystery About ten days ago she left home saying she was going to Patterson and nothing has been seen or heard of her whereabouts since then. It is believed by manythat her mind is affected, otherwise she would not desert her three small children, the youngest being but two years old. She is tall, dark-complexion, dark eyes and quite prepossessing in appearance. Any informa-

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PITTSTON NEWS the regarding her identity will be greatly appreciated by her husband greatly appreciated by her husband and friends.

A game of hand ball for a purse of \$10 occasioned considerable interest at the West Side alley on Saturday afternoon. The participants were Ed-ward Ryder and John Meade against Thomas Ryder and Peter Curley. At times the game waxed so warm that the spectators were tempted to rush into the ring. The game was in favor of Ryder and Meade. The two later were considered the best players in the

A FRIGHTFUL DUEL.

Rival Indian Snake Charmers in a Blood-Curdling Scene.

From the Pall Mall Magazine. On the morrow, (which was the third day), there was a long delay; the prologue was spun out and spun out. Each of the masters was in a very keen anxiety as to the snake the other had been reserving for the great effort. At last Souter came to the end of his patience and bade them peremptorily play of pay. Thereupon Anant Ram set a small cloth on the ground very gently and called loudly to have the first go. The "Lord of Devils" did not stand upon the order of his going; agreed on the instant; and his two pupils turned up a large basket in the middle of the ring and shook out of it about nine feet of that poisonous constrictor, the great hamadryad, or King Cobra. It is the only snake in Indian that attacks of itself at all times. Its flerceness and courage are only equaled by the brightness of its coloring and the strength of its coils. It can poison as mortally and strangle as surely as any snake in the world. The Egyptian cerastes attacks and bites the fer-de-lance of St. Lucia drops from the tree, vicious and fatal on the horseman. But they are not con-strictors. The great hamadryad ears is green length of active, two fold, ferecious death in unparaileled dreadfulness.

Anant Ram threw up his arms ove his head as the double horror rushed hissing at him; in a breath its coils were around him, its fangs tearing his arms. He flung himself down at the pain, and put about by the sudden act, the snake stopped biting a moment to tighten its coils. Then it reared as quickly as it could bend and strike, bit him horribly in the neck under the left ear. On the instant t jerked out its fangs with a shrill whistle and fell all slack about him; he had bitten clean through its back and was tearing its body asunder with frenzied hands. He rose bleeding, dusty, wild-eyed and ghastly; stag-gered to the cloth that hid his snake and yelled: "Quick to the trial! All three of you! Quick!"

The "Lord of the Devils" and his pupils hustled round him; he whipped

away the cloth and bared to their eyes a little, crooked, gray-brown stick They stared at it; they stared at one another, and slowly knowledge came to them. They knew how Anant Ram had conquered the hamadryad; that he had won the devils to fight for him They moved around the little sticl with outstretched, twitching hands, their staring eyes glued to it, striving to beat down their dread, to force themselves to touch it, to awake i to malignant life. Slowly their dread mastered them; their faces grew gray and then green; one man gave back step; then another, one by one they tore away their eyes from the dormant horror; glared at one another in the agony of utter fear; turned with one accord and fled-fled as men flee with the fear of death at their backs, and the devils of the lone night and the waste on their heels. But Anant and in the evening when Undertaker Ram, lay, Panjab, sucking the blood O'Malley arrived, a doctor was also of the dead hamadryad for dear life. him with remedy on remedy. In the confusion Souter secured yet more material to make surer his discoveries and to render this mystery of the east a working remedy against the terror of the serpent. came out of it alive, and rich; but he swears that in winning his great fight he lost the secret of ages. He dreads Souter as he dreads nothing else; and

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