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STATISTICS ABOUT GROWTH OF RAILROAD BUSINESS.

During the Year There Was a Net Increase of 2,219 Miles—Hoisting Machinery of the West Ridge Coal Company Has Been Moved Into the Mine—Compressed Air to Be Used More Extensively at the Leggett's Creek Mine—Resignation of H. P. Little—Railroad Notes.

The edition of "Poor's Manual of Railroads for 1899," which is now in press, will present some startling statistics, showing the growth of earnings of the American railroads during the past year.

According to the statistical exhibits contained in the introduction to the work, the length of steam railroads in the United States on Dec. 31, 1898, were 136,810 miles, a net increase of 2,219 miles in the year. Although there were 3199 miles of new railroad constructed in 1898, sundry deductions, due chiefly to the abandonment of roads built in previous years, aggregating 890 miles, caused the low net increase in the year.

The heaviest construction of the year was in the southwestern group of states, in which no less than 512 miles were built, Arkansas having to its credit 224 miles, Texas 133 miles, New Mexico 159 miles, Missouri 132 miles and Oklahoma territory 129 miles. The importance of the work in this section can be more readily comprehended when compared with the records of greatest construction in other groups and in other years since 1890. The result of the operations of the railroads of the country is a matter of first importance with investors and publicists. Examinations of the figures shows that gross earnings increased \$116,892,698 in 1898 over the earnings of 1897, and \$123,926,629 over the earnings of 1896. Large as these increases appear, however, the percentage of increase (which was 1.63 greater in 1898, as compared with 1897), seems infinitesimal.

The greatest increase in earnings was in the freight department, which aggregated \$89,824,526 in 1898, as against \$78,351,939 in 1897, the increase of \$8,572,587 being equal to 1.23 per cent, notwithstanding a decrease of 2.80 per cent in the average receipts per ton per mile, which, in 1898, reached the lowest figures ever recorded, being 7.58 mills, as against 7.97 mills in 1897, and 8.20 mills in 1896.

In 1898 the number of tons of freight moved increased 1.88 per cent, while the number of tons of freight moved one mile increased 4.21 per cent, the actual volume of increase in the latter item representing 18,723,694,041 tons one mile. The significance of this increase becomes apparent when comparison is made with the increase recorded in other years. In 1897 the increase in tons one mile over 1896 was 5,956,715,616, 1896 over 1895, 5,318,082,539; 1895 over 1894, 6,347,870,303.

Moved Into the Mine. A half dozen years ago the West Ridge Coal Company sunk a shaft on the Von Storch property on Ferdinand street and installed a plant for hoisting coal from the lower to the upper veins, along which it was run to the foot of the slope, and then taken to the surface.

Suit was brought to compel the company to close this shaft and remove the hoisting apparatus and the courts finally decided that the engines would have to be removed. The work of removing the engines down into the mine has been going on for some time and is now about completed.

New Leggett's Creek Breaker. The new Leggett's Creek breaker of the Delaware and Hudson Canal company has been completed and it was put in operation this week. It is one of the largest and best equipped in this valley.

Several additional compressed air engines have been installed in the mine. Last winter a compressor plant with feeders to the Clark vein was installed at the Leggett's creek mine and an engine was put in operation, doing away with the use of a large number of mules and men.

The engine has given such satisfaction, which does away with the hauling purposes in the main headings.

Changes in Schuylkill. The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad company is about to make another change which will remove the last trace of executive power from Shamokin and the other towns on that division, and which will affect every crew of train passing over it. In a short while the running of all trains will be directed from the trainmaster's office at Tamaqua, instead of by the different train runners at Mahanoy Plane, Gordon, Shamokin and Catawissa.

Early in the year it was known that the company had this change in view, but for some reason abandoned it until recently. From one central office it will not require so many men to run the trains as at present, and some of the four train dispatchers at Shamokin, two at Gordon, two at Mahanoy Plane and four at Catawissa will be transferred to the office at Tamaqua, and some will either be laid off or given other positions.

H. P. Little Resigned. H. P. Little has resigned his position as shipping clerk of the car shops of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company in this city. He has been succeeded by John Durkin, of West Scranton, who has been in the office of General Storekeeper of the company for several months past.

Mr. Durkin was for many years a typewriter and was foreman of the Dictionary Record office when he received his appointment under Mr. O'Connor. Mr. Little was one of the oldest employees of the company in this city. He came here over twenty-seven years ago, just a few months before Robert

McKenna, the late superintendent of the shops came to the city. He held the position of shipping clerk for twenty-five years.

This and That.

Lehigh Valley trains 3 and 6 are the only ones besides the Black Diamond on which one train crew covers the entire run between New York and Buffalo.

The leases on several of the most important collieries on the Girard estate in Schuylkill county expire on Dec. 31, 1900, and the trustees of the estate have already released the operations. The agreements were made after protracted negotiations. The terms under the new leases have now been so fixed that the agreement concerning all the collieries will expire on Dec. 31, 1912.

Ever since the Parish Coal company has commenced filling orders for the Susquehanna Coal company, whose miners are on strike, they have felt that some damage would be done their properties at Plymouth and the Butternut and in order to prevent anything of that nature occurring three watchmen have been placed on duty at both breakers. The miners and other workmen at these places, including the Nanticoke strikers, say the operators are unduly alarmed and desire to place them in a false position. They will not countenance any violence to the properties of any operator and state that their method is moral suasion.

TO WEIGH ALL MAIL MATTER.

Government to Ascertain a Matter That Is Being Transported. For the first time in more than twenty years the postoffice department has ordered a general weighing of the mails. Every postmaster in the country has received an order from Postmaster General Smith directing him to weigh all mail matter that passes through his office between Oct. 3 and Nov. 4 and to send a report to the department.

The department at Washington has been arranging for this general weighing and preparing blanks circulars, etc., for some time. At the end of the thirty-five days report from all of the postoffices in the country will be forwarded to Washington.

During the period since the last weighing of the mails by the government the railroad companies and other carriers have weighed the mails themselves. The department could only estimate their weight, and the government may have been overcharged for their transportation.

BASE BALL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Percentage Table.

	W.	L.	P.C.
Brooklyn	32	21	60.2
Philadelphia	27	27	50.0
Boston	24	42	36.4
Baltimore	29	49	36.8
St. Louis	29	53	35.0
Cincinnati	28	55	33.8
Chicago	26	61	29.8
Pittsburgh	21	61	25.9
Louisville	21	65	24.3
New York	20	79	20.3
Washington	12	78	13.3
Cleveland	19	109	14.8

At Washington—

Washington	0-0-0-10-0-10-2	R. H. E.
Philadelphia	0-0-3-10-0-0-4	3-1
Batteries—McFarland and Roach; Platt and McFarland. Umpires—Swartwood and Hunt.		

At Pittsburgh—

Louisville	4-0-0-0-0-10-5	R. H. E.
Pittsburgh	0-1-0-0-0-0-2-3	0-1
Batteries—Phillipi and Zimmer; Chesbro and Bowerman. Umpires—Manassau and Connolly.		

At Brooklyn—

Boston	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-9	R. H. E.
Brooklyn	2-1-0-0-0-0-1-5	11-2
Batteries—Howell and Smith; Garrick and Warner. Umpires—Snyder and Smith.		

At Chicago—

Cleveland	0-0-0-0-0-0-3-0-1	R. H. E.
Chicago	0-0-0-1-0-0-2-2-3	6-1
Batteries—Nichols and Bergen; Hughes and Farrell. Umpires—O'Day and McDonald.		

At St. Louis—

Cincinnati	0-0-0-0-0-1-0-0-0-2	R. H. E.
St. Louis	0-0-0-0-0-2-2-2-12	15-2
Batteries—Taylor and Peltz; Young and Crazier. Umpires—Latham and Gaffney.		

OTHER LEAGUE GAMES.

Western League. Buffalo, 5; Milwaukee, 4.

Eastern League. Syracuse, 7; Rochester, 4. Toronto, 7; Montreal, 4. Springfield, 5; Providence, 5; ten innings, darkness.

AMATEUR BASE BALL NOTES.

The St. Thomas College base ball club, the champions of Lackawanna county, will play the strong Jessup base ball club today at the Athletic park, Scranton, game to be called at 2:30 o'clock sharp. Over two hundred tickets have already been sold. A large delegation of mailcarriers will also be in attendance, and a large crowd from all over the valley. The game is expected to be one of the most exciting known here for years. The Jessup club will be composed of the best material that can be found in the country. The St. College team will be composed of such players as follows: Cooney, catcher; Griffin and Duffy, pitchers; McHugh, shortstop; Carey, first base; Weir, left field; second base; Byron, third base; McGinnis, left field; Philbin, center field; Ryan, right field.

The Taylor Reds will play the base ball team of Council 281 Young Men's Institute on the Reds' grounds Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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COLONEL WATRES' STAFF

The Members of It Named in an Order Issued Yesterday by Colonel of Thirteenth.

The long-looked-for appointments of commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the reorganized Thirteenth regiment were announced yesterday by Colonel L. A. Watres. Among the new men on the commissioned staff will be Rev. William H. Swift, of Honesdale, who has been appointed chaplain. Quartermaster Vandling who served in a similar capacity in the Eleventh regiment. Among the old Thirteenth men are Rees Watkins, Walter E. Gunster and David J. Davis, who served as first lieutenant in Company F, Pennsylvania volunteer infantry.

On the non-com. staff are John M. Edwards and Joseph Baumelster, who were also identified with the old guard. Thomas Miles, battalion adjutant of the Thirteenth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, has been appointed chief musician.

Following is the order issued yesterday by Colonel Watres:

Headquarters Thirteenth Regiment, Third Brigade, N. G. P., Scranton, Sept. 8, 1899.

Regimental Order No. 3.

The following appointments upon the staff and non-commissioned staff of the Thirteenth regiment, N. G. P., are announced:

COMMISSIONED STAFF.
Frank M. Vandling, Scranton, quartermaster, with rank of captain.
Rev. William H. Swift, Honesdale, chaplain, with rank of captain.
Rees Watkins, Scranton, inspector of rifle practice, with rank of first lieutenant.
Walter E. Gunster, Scranton, battalion adjutant, first battalion, with rank of first lieutenant.
Robert J. McCausland, Montrose, battalion adjutant, second battalion, with rank of first lieutenant.
David J. Davis, Scranton, battalion adjutant, third battalion, with rank of first lieutenant.

NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF.
William P. Jennings, Scranton, sergeant major.
William S. Gould, Scranton, quartermaster sergeant.
John M. Edwards, Scranton, commissary sergeant.
Charles Siskler, Scranton, color sergeant.
Truman A. Sordam, Scranton, battalion sergeant major, first battalion.
Harold Purn, Tunkhannock, battalion sergeant major, second battalion.
Edward M. Frear, Scranton, battalion sergeant major, third battalion.
Joseph Baumelster, Scranton, hospital steward.
Edward Kelly, Scranton, hospital steward.
Thomas Miles, Scranton, chief musician. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of L. A. Watres, Colonel, Adjutant.

Robert J. McCausland, who was captain of Company G at Montrose has been made an adjutant of the second battalion.

The colonel has yet to appoint a commissary and a surgeon and two assistants.

POLICE COURT NOTES.

Joseph McGinnis, an umbrella mender, paid a fine of \$2 yesterday morning in police court on a charge of drunkenness.

Patrik Joyce paid \$2 for being drunk and resisting arrest and Anthony Catthano contributed \$5 for being drunk and disorderly, as did also H. E. Van Kleck. Joseph Marlon, a plain drunk, was given seven days.

Mary Burton, a music teacher from Philadelphia who unfortunately imbibed a little too much liquor, paid a fine of \$2.

HALLSTEAD.

Dr. A. F. Merrell is building a fine macadamized driveway from the street to his barn on Susquehanna avenue.

Frank Switzer was visiting his sister in Scranton Thursday evening.

Mrs. Fannie Taylor of Binghamton, was visiting here with friends during Thursday and Friday.

A merry-go-round is attracting considerable attention. It is situated near the baseball grounds.

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Land Improvement Company held a meeting Friday afternoon. Several prominent gentlemen from Scranton attended.

Claud B. Simmons was tendered a farewell party Thursday evening. An enjoyable time was had by the large gathering of young people who attended. Mr. Simmons will leave for Boston, Mass., on Monday when he will take a course in the Conservatory of Music.

W. W. Adair of Scranton, a former resident and well known here will occupy the Presbyterian pulpit Sunday morning.

Delmer Douglass was greeting old friends in town Tuesday. He has just returned from the Philippines.

Mrs. E. A. Sands is the new toll collector for the Great Bend Bridge company.

Re. McLeod, Friday morning launched a fine new fishing boat. Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Carpenter are visiting relatives in Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Handrick were in Toronto this week attending the exhibition.

There is to be special music at the Y. M. C. A., Sunday afternoon. W. W. Adair will lead the meeting.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

At Ararat, on Thursday, Erie Brake-man William Lyden fell from a car and was seriously injured.

Arthur Teed, the well known Hallstead-Binghamton artist, has purchased "Red Rocks," a beautiful and historic spot between Susquehanna and Great Bend.

John A. Davis, pastor of the Hallstead Baptist church, has tendered his resignation to enter the evangelistic field.

The Bridgewater Baptist association will meet in Jackson September 13 and 14. The Sunday school convention will be held September 15.

Hon. James T. Du Bois, United States consul to Switzerland, will build a beautiful country residence on Manitowish mountain, overlooking Hallstead and Great Bend. It will be built next summer, when Mr. Du Bois and family return from Switzerland.

The Sunday school institute of Susquehanna county will be held at Forest City, September 26.

The funeral of Mrs. P. I. Page, of Jackson, occurred on Thursday. Mrs. Page died suddenly on Tuesday evening.

The people of Great Bend do not believe that the new leather trust will close the tannery in that borough. The Weed tannery employs one hundred men and is the chief support of the place.

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Gent's Solid Silver Watch, Elgin movement, \$2.50.
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Gent's Nickel Watches, S. W., price \$1.50, now \$1.25.
Rogers Bros' Spoons, warranted, 50c.
Rogers Bros' Butter Knives, Sugar Spoons, Pickle Forks, 25c., previous price 35c.
Ladies' Solid Gold Watch, Elgin movement, \$11.50.
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