

VALUABLE PLATEAU OF THE POCONO

REVENUES IT HAS YIELDED TO MANY COMPANIES.

Fortunes Have Been Made from the Various Growths of Timber That Covered It, and the Ice Produced There Has Been Another Great Source of Revenue—Land Is Now Being Purchased to Get Control of the Water Supply of the Region for Industrial Purposes.

In a month's time the whole of the over 30,000 acres of the Pocono plateau in Monroe, Lackawanna and Wayne counties will pass into the hands of the Monroe Water Supply company, composed principally of Carbon county gentlemen, and behind whom it is thought is the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company.

One dollar per acre, the probable price to be paid and the purchase is made to secure valuable water supply for the coal and navigation company, who are under contract to furnish power to various manufacturing concerns.

The Pocono plateau—the major portion of which is situated in Coolbaugh, Tobyhanna and Tunkhannock townships of Monroe county—is virtually a Tom Tiddler's ground. Thousands upon thousands of dollars have been taken off from it and the end is not yet.

About 1852, prior to the construction of the Lackawanna railroad, a number of far sighted gentlemen among them the late John I. Blair, Seldon T. Scranton, William E. Dodge, John Jay Phelps and William Henry, Jr., who were prominent in the original construction of the Lackawanna, and knowing that the road would pass through a well-wooded portion of the Pocono plateau in Coolbaugh township and also through a very fine region of the then Luzerne county, near Lackawanna, commenced to buy up all the valuable timber lands in that section.

They saw the great advantages and soon became owners of 35,000 acres of land in Monroe, Luzerne (Lackawanna) and Wayne counties.

DEVELOPMENT OF TOBYHANNA. Mills were erected at Tobyhanna almost as soon as the whistle of the locomotive was heard and lumbering operations on a large scale were carried on for many years.

W. E. Dodge and Mr. Meigs remained in the above company and since C. Case, also a member of the company, became its superintendent. Mr. Case has managed the lumbering operations for the company for about thirty years and it is no exaggeration to say that he has earned for the parties, in the way of dividends and profits, a round million of dollars.

When these lands were first bought their chief value was supposed to exist in the hemlock and spruce, with which the tracts were well timbered. This species of lumber is now about cut off. In the beginning of the enterprise the hard lumber, such as maple, beech and birch was believed to be of little value and no attention was paid to them.

Recently the lands were found to possess a new and important value—one that very few hereabouts dreamed of. In this Pocono plateau the Lehigh river and its tributaries have their origin. There are a number of lakes of water, many of these near the railroad. This suggested the idea of utilizing these ponds for the purpose of gathering and storing ice.

Still, this is not all. This Pocono plateau is yet to yield a revenue. Having an elevation of 1900 feet above tide-water, and possessing so many fine streams and natural ponds and lakes, it attracted the attention of parties along the Lehigh river and in neighboring towns and cities.

Several corporations have already been formed and are in process of formation, with a view of storing up water in large reservoirs and transporting them, by the various natural courses, to distant localities for domestic and manufacturing purposes.

The water is exceptionally pure and crystalline on the mountains, leading physicians claiming that it is as good as any in the world.

Considering the new uses that these lands have been put to in the past, it would be foolish to say that there are

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Read a case of it. Mrs. Patrick Wright, of 1223 Luzerne street, says: "My back and kidneys for six years pained so that at times I could scarcely move. When walking in a hurry it made me worse than usual and stooping and straightening caused twinges in the loins. I had fearful pain at night so that I could hardly turn from one side to the other. My feet bloated sometimes so I could not fasten my shoes and I frequently had to resort to slippers. I got Doan's Kidney Pills at Matthews Bros' drug store and I had not taken more than half a dozen doses before I could see a good effect from them. They were just what I needed and they restored me to my usual health. I immensely enjoyed Doan's Kidney Pills as an excellent remedy, and I shall recommend them whenever I can."

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not other uses to which they can be put in the future.

As the water on the plateau is the same, the price of lumber is high and would it not be a good thing for the state forestry commission to acquire them. The same experiment now being tried in Pike county with Carolina poplars, or wood pulp, would be just as good here. Then again, the state might buy the land and have it all cleared up and then remove the complaint that the common people have no region in which to hunt and fish without trespassing. These are possibilities, and good ones for the Pocono plateau.

There is one note of sadness that comes from the plateau and that is the passing of Tobyhanna Mills. In a short while—unless something unforeseen turns up—it will be a deserted village practically, for only during a short season in the winter will there be anything like the old-time activity.

GENERAL WOOD'S TRIP. Arrives with His Party at Puerto Rico.

Puerto Principe, Feb. 3.—Governor-General Wood and his party arrived last evening at Puerto Rico. The train brought them to Puerto Principe, where a large crowd blocked the station, greeting General Wood with loud "Vivas" as he alighted from the carriage. General Rivera also received a warm welcome. His speeches during the trip have been very interesting and all Cubans to stand by the governor-general in his endeavors to bring the island into the smooth waters of prosperity and happiness.

The city of Puerto Principe, the largest city of the island, is one of the cleanest and best kept, all of its streets and public buildings being spotless. General Wood intends to concentrate the charities, placing all the military barracks will be converted into a general hospital, and an agricultural school will occupy one of the buildings at present used as an hospital.

General Chaffee met the Eighth cavalry for the first time since he was appointed its commander. After visiting the public buildings General Wood visited the camp where the troops are stationed. The regiment will be put in new temporary barracks as soon as it is possible to erect the buildings.

GOEBEL'S FUNERAL. Will Be Buried at Frankfort by Daniel Boone.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 4.—It practically has been decided that the remains of Governor Goebel will be buried in Frankfort, in the cemetery where the remains of Daniel Boone, Vice-President Richard Johnson and several Kentucky governors, eminent jurists in the past have been buried. The burial will take place in Frankfort, in accordance with the wishes of the friends of the dead man, the funeral services will be held in Covington, his former home. His remains will be taken to Covington tomorrow on a special train. Accompanying the remains of the dead man, the legislative committee, judges of the court of appeals, and other political friends. Tuesday morning the remains will be conveyed to Odd Fellows' hall, in Covington, and from there to the cemetery on the morning of the 10th of the morning until 10 o'clock in the evening while in state. Funeral services will be extremely simple, in deference to the wishes of the family. Wednesday morning the remains will be brought back to Frankfort and placed in the big hall room of the capitol hotel, where they will lie in state all that day.

The interment will take place Thursday from the capitol hotel. Plans for the raising of funds by popular subscription for the erection of a monument to Governor Goebel's memory are rapidly taking shape.

EXPERT READER OF THE GOOSE BONE

ELIAS HARTZ HAS A GREAT REPUTATION AS PROPHET.

For Sixty Years He Has Been Foretelling the Kind of Weather That Would Prevail in Monroe County Each Winter and Never Made a Mistake Until a Wag Foisted the Bone of a Gander on Him for the Genuine Goose Article—What He Says of His Prognostications.

"We are now entering upon the second and last bitter cold period of the present winter. Elias Hartz' goose bone says so, and Mr. Hartz' goose bone never lies," says the Stroudsburg Times.

"With unflinching accuracy, Mr. Hartz has told the weather for eight or ten to sixty years. Severe winters and open winters he has picked out long before the ideas of November; and so great is the faith of many of his fellow townsmen in his prowess as a weather prognosticator that all their plans hedge around the oracle's measured words about the wintry season.

"Only once have his predictions fallen short, and then through no fault of the venerable prophet. Last fall he prepared and gave out his usual bulletin, but when the winter came the severe weather set all his predictions at naught.

"Mr. Hartz was chastened and his fellow townsmen shocked. In all his sixty years among them as a prognosticator, when forecastings had greater value than the weather bulletins sent out from Washington, he never led the farmers astray, nor varied a hair's breadth in his predictions for the weather which followed. It was only natural, therefore, that he should feel downcast. Was his power deserting him? Had the goose bone lost its potency?"

"T'WAS THE WRONG BONE.

"Joy came with the morrow, for in seeking to read the bone again Mr. Hartz discovered that some wag had given him, not the bone of a goose, but one of a gander! Hence the error into which he had fallen, for a gander bone speaks not the truth, neither about the weather nor anything else. And straightaway securing the bone of a goose, he repeated the forecastings, and lo! the fine weather as he said it would be.

"His lost prestige returned, his old-time power was restored, and once again his word about the weather was as law. Indeed, the slip-up only served to strengthen the faith of his fellow townsmen and enhance the authority of Mr. Hartz among his fellows. So that now when he says we are entering in the second and last cold period of the winter, there is none in this section of the state who will say him nay.

"It is plainly indicated by the goose bone and the authority of Mr. Williams, 'Since Mr. Walker's arrest we have hardly given the matter a thought and his liberty was granted him simply for the reason that to keep him in confinement was not only a hardship on the governor's part, as we had made no provisions for prisoners, it will take some time to get together the judge advocate and the members of the court martial, and we have no desire to inflict any needless hardship on Mr. Walker.'"

"I'VE MEN NEED NOT WORRY. The ice men need not worry. Haven't I come to you previous seasons of blizzards, storms, and all kinds of weather, and haven't they come true? I foretold the tie-up on the railroads several winters ago, and warned them to get out of the way before the winter would set in, and I've never been wrong. Take my word for it, we'll have all the winter we want. The goose bone says we'll have cold weather, as I have already told you, and that settles it. I'll stake my reputation on it. I've not been deceived in sixty years and that ought to forecast a winter from any one. I've never known it to fail, except once, when I was deceived in the character of the bone."

"Though he has survived the storms of eighty-five years, Mr. Hartz is still active and hearty. His faith in his ability to forecast a winter from the bone of a goose is sublime. His method is simple.

"To know the weather of any particular winter he selects in the previous fall the breast of a goose born in the spring of the same year, and he declares that he has never known his reading of the breast bone to fail. In some years the bones are covered with black spots, and these he takes to mean blizzards, severe snow storms or extremely cold weather.

"He declares that he has never been deceived except when that gander bone was foisted upon him."

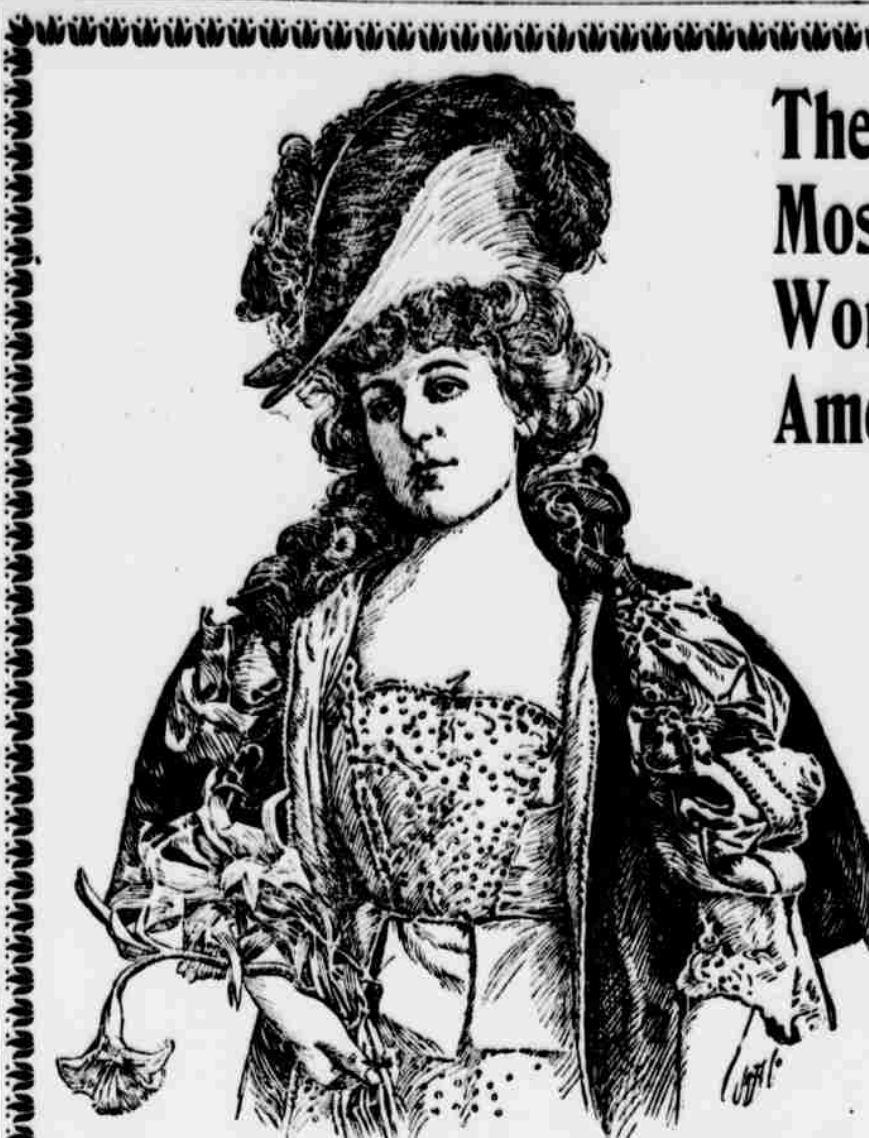
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necessary, as he promised to be on hand when his trial was called, and his word is sufficient."

Matter of Military Discipline. Asked if Walker's release was influenced at all by a desire to forestall any possible application to the court for a writ of habeas corpus, General Collier said:

"In the least. As I said, his arrest was simply a matter of military discipline. He was the first to attempt to incite mutiny and we considered that any attempts of that kind should be nipped in the bud."

"A wrong impression apparently prevails in regard to the reasons for the arrest," said Colonel Williams. "Mr. Walker was heard to make statements



The Most Beautiful Woman in America says:

Philadelphia, Dec. 11th, 1899.

Eight performances each week, with the change of bill weekly, and a memorizing of from seventy-five to two hundred pages of manuscript, began to tell upon my health. I was on the verge of a collapse, when a friend advised me to take Warner's Safe Cure. It acted like a miracle. I used only three bottles of this famous remedy, and was completely restored to my former good health, I feel that I owe my present strong condition physically to this remedy, and take pleasure in informing you of it. Very sincerely,

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two days before his arrest that he regarded as mutinous and persons overbearing his remarks made affidavits to strong evidence that he was now on file with the governor. The order for his arrest was accordingly made out by Governor Taylor, and we were only waiting for a favorable opportunity to arrest him. His arrest at the time it did occur was as unexpected as an election will be held and was more of an accident than a design. Mr. Walker himself will tell you that the order for his arrest was read to him two minutes after he was arrested. It is simply nonsense to say that he was confined because he pinned a notice on the governor's door. It's a trivial matter, continued Mr. Williams. "Since Mr. Walker's arrest we have hardly given the matter a thought and his liberty was granted him simply for the reason that to keep him in confinement was not only a hardship on the governor's part, as we had made no provisions for prisoners, it will take some time to get together the judge advocate and the members of the court martial, and we have no desire to inflict any needless hardship on Mr. Walker."

In response to a request, Colonel Williams produced from his file the order for the arrest. It is as follows: Adjutant General of the State of Kentucky: It appearing from information given to me that Alonzo Walker has been guilty of the offense of encouraging, advising and inciting mutiny and desertion among the members of the regular state militia from Kentucky, you are therefore commanded to forthwith place him under arrest to be dealt with according to law.

Witness my hand and seal as governor of said Commonwealth at Frankfort, the 4th day of February, second, 1900. (Signed) W. S. Taylor, Governor of Kentucky. By the governor, C. G. Powers, Secretary of State.

"Oh, by the way," said Colonel Williams, "I wish you would not repeat that remark about the Sulu and the Philippines. It might be hard for us to make good."

Walker Will Return Notice. Mr. Walker will return the following notice of the service of the injunction summons tomorrow:

The affiant, Alonzo Walker, says that he executed the written notice by entering the office of said W. S. Taylor at Frankfort, Ky., by attempting to gain admission to W. S. Taylor's office after being refused admission, he posted a copy of the written notice on the door, entering the private office of said W. S. Taylor at said noon on the second day of February in which said office was the said W. S. Taylor and Daniel B. Collier.

Affiant further states that he is not interested, directly or indirectly in the matter of litigation, and he is a citizen of Kentucky and over 21 years of age. Affiant further states that the reason he did not make an immediate or earlier return of the service of the said notice was because he was, on order of said W. S. Taylor, arrested and has been since the second of February, 1900 confined as a prisoner in the state house at Frankfort and kept under guard by armed men under command of W. S. Taylor, Daniel B. Collier, C. C. Menzel, D. W. Gray, Horatio A. Ayres, and others.

Sunstrokes in Buenos Ayres. Buenos Ayres, Feb. 4.—One hundred and two persons were officially reported in this city yesterday. Of these 92 were fatal. The temperature was 32 in the shade.

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MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION. PROCLAMATION.

MAYOR'S OFFICE. CITY OF SCRANTON, PA. In compliance with the law, and the ordinance of the city of Scranton, I, James Moir, mayor of said city, do hereby give notice that an election will be held at the places of holding municipal elections in said city, on Tuesday, the twentieth day of February, A. D. 1900, for the purpose of obtaining the assent of the electors of said city to an increase of bonds in the amount of \$273,250.00 for the purpose of paying the assessments made against the city for certain sewers provided for in an amended ordinance attached hereto, as amended, and also for the purpose of obtaining the assent of the electors of said city to an increase of bonds in the amount of \$17,500.00 for the purpose of paying the assessments made against the city for certain sewers provided for in an amended ordinance attached hereto, as amended, and also for the purpose of obtaining the assent of the electors of said city to an increase of bonds in the amount of \$17,500.00 for the purpose of paying the assessments made against the city for certain sewers provided for in an amended ordinance attached hereto, as amended, and also for the purpose of obtaining the assent of the electors of said city to an increase of bonds in the amount of \$17,500.00 for the purpose of paying 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