

NEW RAILROAD TO TIDEWATER.

Line From Erie to the Chesapeake. Indiana County's Coal to be Given a Market. The Route Takes in Tionesta and Cooksburg.

The Oil City *Derrick* of Monday gives these particulars of a proposed new railroad that will be read with interest by our citizens because the route will include a good share of Forest county, and will give us a new outlet to the east and the west:

Last year, according to State statistics, only 189 miles of new railway were built in Pennsylvania. In 1900 there promises to be a considerable development. To begin with, the business of the Bessemer railroad is so extensive that it is reported upon good authority that the Carnegie interests will double track it this summer, but it is not at all likely that it will be the open sesame. The New York capitalists are attracted by the enormous tonnage of Pittsburg, and as they say in the slang of the streets, "they want a piece of it." The other railroads will make them fight for it, but all additions to the railway facilities will greatly benefit the city. Important developments are expected soon, and the fight for right of way, especially in Puntatungway, will be of the vigorous injunction kind.

The Parcels Post.

Is the parcels post system, under Government control and supervision, wanted by the business men of the United States?

This is one of the most important commercial questions to be considered by the Fifty-sixth Congress. It has several bearings and can be studied from as many points of view. In undertaking to occupy such a large business field as is involved in the establishment of a parcels post system for the whole United States, it must be remembered that there is a vast difference between the area to be covered in this country and in the United Kingdom, where such a system is successfully operated. There are involved is only 120,073 square miles; here it is 3,692,960 square miles—nearly thirty times as large as an area as in the United Kingdom. To establish an even basis of postal rules for the delivery of packages to all corners of the country would be as unjust to business interests as it would be ridiculous and absurd. The large centers of population would have a decided advantage over the more remote and less thickly populated sections. The express companies would handle the volume of business to trade centers and let the Government take the long hauls and scattered deliveries which the express companies now handle at a loss.

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In general this is the program roughly outlined. Now for the route and further details. Just who is back of the project is difficult to learn, but the name of W. B. McDonald, the wealthy New York contractor, who is supposed to be the man who a few days ago received the \$35,000,000 contract for the Rapid Transit commission to cut the subway, is mentioned among the promoters. The land agents and right-of-way men are very red-hot and have been at work under pretense of leasing ground for oil and gas purposes. Enough has leaked out to convince some men who have been suspicious for a long time that a big operation is contemplated and that the railroad is correct.

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The company, it is stated, has purchased the Reed docks at Erie and the city will be asked to give up what are called thirty-two water flats. Flat is a technical term for the harbor frontage on the Presque Isle bay, and will furnish sufficient and excellent facilities for docks for coal, ore, grain and other commodities. It will create a new outlet for Erie and give that city commercial opportunities which it has long desired.

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It is considered curious that such a railway project should be kept for so long a time carefully concealed from the public and the vigilant eyes of the Pennsylvania railroad people, but such is the case. It is predicted that a glorious future awaits the town of Puntatungway. It is rapidly becoming a railroad centre. The Beach Creek has purchased the Pittsburg & Eastern, which runs from Mahaffey to Glen Campbell. This summer it will be extended a distance of 11 miles into Puntatungway. When the new road is built the town will be tapped by the B. & O., the Pennsylvania, New York Central and a short line to Tidewater. Probably the most difficult part of the project will be to build the road from Black Lick to Pittsburg. Entrance into the "Smookey City," as other railroads have found out, is most difficult, but the B. & O. is expected to be the open sesame. The New York capitalists are attracted by the enormous tonnage of Pittsburg, and as they say in the slang of the streets, "they want a piece of it." The other railroads will make them fight for it, but all additions to the railway facilities will greatly benefit the city. Important developments are expected soon, and the fight for right of way, especially in Puntatungway, will be of the vigorous injunction kind.

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KINGSLEY TOWNSHIP.
The Republicans of Kingsley township will meet at the Township house, Newtown Mills, Monday, Jan. 23, 1900, at 2 o'clock, p.m., to nominate a ticket for the forthcoming February election. A good attendance is desired.
BY ORDER OF COM.
HARMONY TOWNSHIP.
The Republicans of Harmony township will hold their caucus for nominating township officers at the Township house, Fogle Farm, Saturday, Jan. 27, at 2 o'clock p.m. A full attendance is desired.

S. E. KING, W. G. MORROW, Committee men.
TIONESTA BOROUGH.
The Republicans of Tionesta Borough will hold their caucus for nominating a ticket at the Court House next Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. It is hoped there may be a good attendance.

CHAS. F. WEAVER, Committee man.
West Hickory.
Rev. and Mrs. Foulke were guests of Rev. H. M. Burns of Tidouete the first of the week.
Mr. A. Gillfillan of Smithport spent a few days with Hickory relatives.
Mr. Harry Bruner visited relatives at Tionesta.
Miss Turner of Tidouete came down Wednesday to visit her brother.
E. A. Beaver of Tionesta was in town on business Tuesday.
Mrs. Berlin and daughter Florence of S. Dakota, accompanied by Mrs. Pease of Tionesta, spent last Friday with Miss Blanche Mae Pease.
Mr. and Mrs. Stillman of Tidouete spent Sunday with their brother, J. A. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Orion Sigms entertained a number of their friends at tea last Thursday evening. "REUREN"
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Notice of Appeals
Notice is hereby given that the County Commissioners of Forest county will meet at their office in the Court House, in Tionesta borough on the 13th, 14th and 15th days of February next for the purpose of holding a Court of Appeals from the assessment of 1900.
R. M. HERMAN, JNO. T. CARSON, J. H. MORRISON, County Commissioners.
Attest: J. T. DALE, Clerk.

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Oil Notes.
Farmer Dean is still in luck at his diggings down back of Baum station, President township, having finished a well Thursday which it is thought will make a 15-barrel pump.
Grove & Longwell on the Longwell tract, Hickory twp., have started the drill in their No. 2 well.
Wm. Richards & Co. have a rig up and will probably be drilling this week on tract 5212, Wheeler & Dusenbury lands Hickory twp.
Another rig is going up on the Copeland Reserve, between Hunter and Jamison runs, Harmony twp. It is located 1000 feet east of the other well just finished and now pumping on this lease.
Bradford parties, who are drilling on the Adam Emert farm, German Hill, are in the second sand. In case that should be dry they will go to the third sand.
J. N. Patterson has bought his 221 well on the west side of the Allegheny. This location is just in the vicinity of Stewart's run, Harmony twp.
J. C. Bowman got a well out at Pithole last week, in the vicinity of the old U. S. developments of that once noted city.

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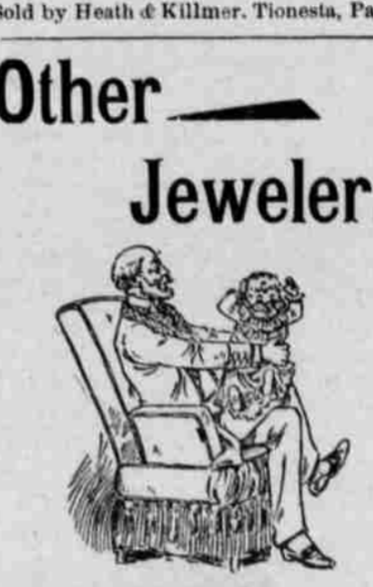
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No. 32 Pittsburg Express, daily except Sunday 4:19 p. m.

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