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THE RAILROADS

FEW who have given any thought to the matter will disagree with Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in his assertion before the New York Chamber of Commerce that more than a mere increase in traffic will be necessary to put the railroads of the country on their feet.

It is apparent to everybody that something is radically wrong with the railroads, and the intimation of the Interstate Commerce Commission that watered stock and wasteful administration are largely to blame does not apply in all cases. The Pennsylvania railroad, for instance, has not one drop of water in its stock—never has had—and in recent years, at least, economy along all possible lines has been one of the watchwords of the system.

The time has come when we must treat the railroads for what they are, instead of what politicians have told us they are. The railroads are not altogether the grabbing, grasping, get-all, give-nothing corporations they were in the early days of the Goulds and Vanderbilts, but are in a broad sense publically owned institutions managed by men whose jobs depend on the efficiency of the service and the dividends they can earn for stockholders. The roads are owned in large part by an army of individuals, actually holding their stocks and bonds, and in part by institutions such as savings banks, insurance companies, universities, hospitals and other philanthropic enterprises, in the welfare of which many more millions of individuals are vitally concerned. These are largely dependent upon income derived from the money they have invested in the service of the public, and rightfully they hold railroad managers responsible for this income. If dividends are not forthcoming, thousands of small shareholders are injured. If service is sacrificed to earnings, the public and the government step in with protests and regulations. It is obvious that the men who are responsible should have some leeway in which to insure both proper dividends and the service to which patrons justly believe themselves entitled.

The advance in freight rates asked for by the roads must come. If the Interstate Commerce Commission had been practical instead of theoretical every person in the country would now have been feeling the benefit of the impetus the increase would have given to railroad buying of needed supplies, and we would not now be facing a raise in passenger rates that will be saddled largely on a class of passengers that can ill afford to pay it.

"Only America can save Belgium," says Herbert Clark Hoover, after a tour of that country. And the crisis finds Harrisburg right on the job and ready to work until the need is no more.

OUR IMPRACTICAL SYSTEM

THE officers of the Public Health Service engaged in the medical examination of arriving aliens are confronted with difficulties in making their diagnoses of physical and mental conditions, which seldom obtain in any other line of medical work, these difficulties being dependent upon the various nationalities of the aliens and the languages and dialects spoken by them.

The majority of us are apt to consider ourselves linguists when we are able to say "ja" and in traveling in Europe, the American can get along very well with that one word in his vocabulary. It will pass in nearly all countries and the majority of things he is asked to do by guides and the places to which he is asked to go call for an answer with the use of that one word. In addition to this the one idea of the guide in foreign countries is to separate the American from his money, and the American in foreign countries is waiting to have this operation performed, so that the use of the happy word "ja" is satisfactory and sufficient to all persons concerned.

This, however, is not the case at our immigration stations. The immigrants do not want to be separated from their money, and they do want to get into the United States. Sometimes their inability to understand the efforts of the medical officers in using their language must be met by one of two recourses. Either the medical officers of the Public Health Service must study a number of languages, or else the government must supply these officers with interpreters. It has been

found that to facilitate the passage of immigrants and to make certain of the answers given to the questions asked by the doctors, interpreters in the above mentioned languages must be provided. These interpreters, while they are not medical men, soon become familiar with the methods of medical examination and are of very great assistance in expediting the medical work and in quieting the fears of many of the immigrants as to the intent of the necessary medical examination.

There are good places open with plenty of chance for advancement in this service, and yet we go on teaching our boys and girls languages that can serve in most cases only a superficial use when out of school and leave them in ignorance of tongues a knowledge of which might earn for them a good livelihood.

A man named James Van Pelt has been arrested in Chicago for working a "skin game." And yet they say there's nothing in a name.

THE WAR CORRESPONDENT

ANYBODY who read Irvin S. Cobb's letter from the war zone, published by the Telegraph yesterday, will agree with the New York Evening Post in its assertion that the war correspondent is not only not a thing of the past, but very much of the present.

Mr. Cobb writes from personal observation. He tells in straightforward language what the cabled dispatches have merely hinted. The censors have managed their game so cleverly that it is a question every evening of "paying your money and taking your choice" of the contradictory items issued from each of the seats of the belligerent governments; of winnowing the wheat from the chaff to find the grain of truth with which most of the writers have invested their exaggerations and misstatements.

The fact of the matter is that the only absolutely accurate information we are getting from Europe is coming over the signatures of the correspondents in the field—American writers of fair reputation sent by representative publications to get the truth for American readers. The censors have prolonged the life of the war correspondent indefinitely, although at the start of hostilities no less an authority than Frederick Palmer told us that the day of the news writer at the front was long since past.

But Mr. Cobb's story of yesterday illustrates another fact—that the aid in the United States have extended to the sufferers of all the countries in the war zone is only a beginning. Our generosity has been nothing more, figuratively, than the gift of a crust to a starving man. These innocent men, women and children must be fed and clothed indefinitely. Kitchener says the war will last three years. What is to become of these homeless ones in the interim and what afterward? The answer is not apparent. All that we can see ahead of us is give, give, give, as the good God has prospered us, and as He no doubt means that we should, remembering that if we do it even unto the least of these we do it also unto Him.

The spectacle of "bandits" Villa and Zapata saving Mexico City from loot is one of the passing wonders of a very wonderful year.

A MUNICIPAL BOATHOUSE

NOW that plans are well under way for the removal of the boathouse in the Hardscrabble district, it is the duty of Council to take action as soon as possible leading to the erection of a municipal boathouse.

The several hundred canoeists in the city who have boats in the various houses near Herr and Front streets are beginning to worry lest they be compelled to move their boats before any suitable place of storage is provided. As one canoeist put it in discussing the matter, "Unless the city does something before we are ordered to move out our boats, I guess I'll have to carry my canoe around in my hip pocket or hang it on a tree somewhere along the river."

Now that the dam is almost completed and the river is rapidly being put into that shape where aquatic sports can be really enjoyed, Council should see to it that boat owners are not forced to forego the pleasures of boating next summer for lack of storage accommodations.

The hoist engineers at the Bangor state quarry have asked for a raise of wages, doubtless believing it a part of their duty to see that things go up.

NO MORE HANGINGS

NOBODY will regret the passing of the gallows in Pennsylvania. The last murderer ever to be hanged in Philadelphia was executed yesterday. The last hanging in Dauphin county took place some time ago. There never was any excuse for the barbarous affairs that disgraced our laws and our cities in times past. The killing of men in public never did any good and some of the bungling butcheries have been shocking and brutalizing in the extreme.

In the future murderers will be executed by electricity in a quiet little cell of the new Western Penitentiary now being erected in Centre county. There will be no more congregating of the morbidly curious and degenerate at the jail yard to see a fellow being yanked into eternity at the end of a rope. The mandates of the law will be complied with in a sane and orderly manner and the only knowledge the public will receive of the execution will be the more announcement that it has taken place. There never was excuse for the jail yard hanging and it is strange that it was not abolished long ago.

An optimist is a fellow who loans another one money, hoping to get it back.

Nearly \$100,000, it is said, will be turned loose in Harrisburg in the way of various Christmas funds the coming week. That ought to liven the shopping district up a bit.

The man who "puts up a good front" usually has some backbone as well.

EVENING CHAT

The certificate of election of Boies Penrose as Senator from Pennsylvania, which was drawn up and signed this week, contains exactly sixty words without the formal phrases showing that it is an official document. The certificate is one of the shortest issued at the Capitol and is contained on an ordinary sized sheet of letter paper. It will be in Washington on Monday. No war tax stamp was affixed to the certificate, as it was held at the State Capitol that it was business of the State government with the national government and that the tax required on certificates would not apply to it.

State officials have been puzzled this week by the rush to file statements of expenses by county committees, and four times as many statements of that kind have been entered than ever known before. At first the county committee statements were sent back because the law requires that such statements shall be filed in the proper county seat, but the statements were returned with the remark that some of the money was expended for State candidates and that the senders thought the Capitol was the proper place. More accounts have been filed this year than ever before, as numerous organizations which handled certain branches of the campaign have been sending in statements. No less than a dozen leagues or organizations of various kinds were active outside of the party committees in the State, and they have filed statements.

If there is any salmon fisherman in this part of the Susquehanna valley who has not been angling the last week or so, because of the mild weather, he is a rare one. The weather has been of the kind that permits good fishing when the fish are lively and when they will give the best sport. Ordinarily at this season of the year the salmon fishing is done by the method of casting a net, and yet no fisherman likes to have December go by without making an attempt to reduce the number of salmon that swim in some sections of the wide branching river. In the last week or so men have been seen strolling about the Rockwell falls, the "trifles" at Maclay street and all the way down from Steel to Hill street. Some splendid specimens of the real big fighters have been brought back and there are tall tales told about battles to land a fish. Up to date no one around here seems to have taken the legal limit of twenty-five in a day, but there is a chance between now and the twenty-first day of December, when the season for taking the salmon closes. Some fishermen say that they think the building of the dam in the river south of the bridges will bring back salmon to the waters closer to the city, and they think that the dam will add much to the pleasure of angling. The fishermen say the increase of the water is going to be a great thing.

People who have colds and who are employed in the Capitol went to the east wing a day or so ago to "get their heads cooled" and to have their fever put it. It happened that some work was being done in the basement which required the use of ammonia, and the fumes of the ammonia got into the shafts and permeated the whole. In the elevators the smell was so strong it made one's eyes water.

One of the men who sells river-caught fish in this city said yesterday that notwithstanding the prognostications of the Berks county goosebone prophets he was going to land a wager that this will be a mild winter. He bases his calculations on the fact that worms and snails are still to be found near the surface of the ground. December has been a very dry one, and a few days ranged about 20 degrees fishermans may be found in almost any sheltered spot within six inches of the surface of the ground, which is very unusual for this time of year.

State Highway Commissioner E. M. Bigelow is smiling over the way things turn around in life. While riding through the Capitol corridors the other day a friend asked him why he was so happy. "Oh, I'm just thinking," he replied. "Three minutes ago I was a target for brickbats and all kinds of things were said about me. I admit it was depressing. Lately I have been showered with compliments for the way roads have been fixed up and I decline invitations to speak at dinners. I'm on the go more than ever with invitations to do things now."

Some interesting exhibits in natural history are being shown in front of hotels these days and the other day half a dozen kids came along and stopped to gaze at the carcass of a big bear.

"Wonder if he's really dead?" "Maybe he is." "Don't be too sure." "Pull his hair and see." With the last remark one of the venturesome kids pulled the ear of the bear. As he did so a dog which had been napping nearby woke up and started to growl. The kids are probably running yet.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

T. Truxton Hare, the old University guard, may coach the team next year.

Judge Robert Ralston, of Philadelphia, is at Atlantic City.

C. E. Eraser is the new engineer of the Pennsylvania lines about Williamsport.

The Rev. J. Moyer Hershey, of Lancaster, will know where, has assumed a charge at Shamokin.

W. P. Stevenson, McVeytown banker, was a Harrisburg visitor.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is the point of manufacture and distribution of immense quantities of summer drinks?
AN EVENING THOUGHT
God answers sharp and sudden on some prayers, trading on And trusts the things we ask for in our faces; A gauntlet with a gift in't. —Anon.

Imitation

Imitation is a most expensive form of flattery.

This is especially true when it takes the form of "substitutes" for well-known brands.

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The imitation is never as good as the real thing.

The man who sells it knows it is not—knows he is trading on another man's reputation.

When you desire some article advertised in this newspaper—GET WHAT YOU ASK FOR.

TENER'S NEITHER GLAD NOR SORRY

Governor Chats About the End of His Administration and Smiles Over Some Things

LIKES THE COMMISSIONERS

Will Leave Legislation to His Successor; Gossip About His Future Place in State

"I am neither glad nor sorry that I am about to leave office," said Governor John K. Tener in commenting upon his term. The Governor smilingly declined to say whether his expectations on taking office had been realized, but would leave that to the people to decide. He has a little over five weeks to serve in his office and is working out his farewell message to the Legislature.

The message will not be long. It will be a characteristic Tener document, very much to the point on what has been done and refer briefly to a couple of things which the Governor regards as his greatest achievements. He hopes to see enacted into law, the workmen's compensation legislation being the chief.

In the message the Governor will refer with considerable pride to the work of the State Assets Commission, which has been at work for months listing and appraising everything owned by the state, from penitentiaries to a million acres of forest reserves, the state hospitals and the State Capitol. No one knows exactly what the inventory will show, but it will be around \$50,000,000. The Governor originated this idea, having tried to find out when he took office what the State owned, and he found property and articles continually turning up. So he just named a commission, which has served without pay, and made a list of rare interest and much value.

Likes the Commission

The Governor considers the creation of the Public Service Commission the crowning achievement of his term. He said that the commission was filling a big place in the state and instanced the offer of the Philadelphia Electric Company to furnish an inventory for use in rate fixing as a way in which the commission was serving as a channel to adjust disputes. When the Governor was asked whether he expected to name a commissioner to fill the vacancy he laughed and said there were six good men at work. The belle of the city is that Walter H. Gaither, private secretary to the Governor, stands an excellent show of being named for the place.

"The State has done more for the cause of good roads in the last four years than had been accomplished in 125 years," declared the Governor in speaking about highways. "Four years ago the people were passive. Now they are taking a keen interest, and a puddle of water in the roadway is soon brought to the attention of the authorities." The Governor showed so much knowledge of the details of the Highway Department and of the state road system that it was remarked that he would make a good highway commissioner.

Senators in Town

The presence of both Senators Boies Penrose and George T. Oliver and Mayor J. G. Armstrong, of Pittsburgh, at the Executive Mansion at dinner last night, was a gossip flying. The Governor said that they had just come to talk over Western Pennsylvania politics.

"No, we did not discuss the Allegheny county judgeship or appointments to the Public Service Commission or any ideas to give to Dr. Brumbaugh about his appointments. We just talked Western Pennsylvania politics and had a nice sociable time," said he.

When it was suggested that possibly legislation caused the conference, the Governor smiled and said that was a subject for his successor.

It is believed about the city that the United States senatorship from which Senator Oliver will retire at the end of his term was discussed and notwithstanding no confirmation could be had it is thought that the Governor may become a candidate.

The Governor was asked pointblank last night whether he was a candidate for anything.

"I'm not a candidate for anything, but I don't intend to drop my interest in politics," replied the Governor.

IN STATE POLITICS

The annual meeting of the Central Democratic Club will be unusually interesting because the contests will show the feeling now that the election of Herr Moenig is not opposed for president, but A. C. Young, Samuel M. Taylor and Henry Opperman are fighting for vice-president. There are thirteen candidates for house committee and nine to be elected.

Allegheny county legislators will be given a dinner by E. V. Babcock, one of the Pittsburgh councilmen, next week, and it is said that the speaker-ship will be talked over, Mr. Babcock, State Chairman William E. Crow and P. C. Knox have been talked of from time to time for senator.

Congressman M. Clyde Kelley, who was relegated to the rear, is said to contemplate joining the Democrats.

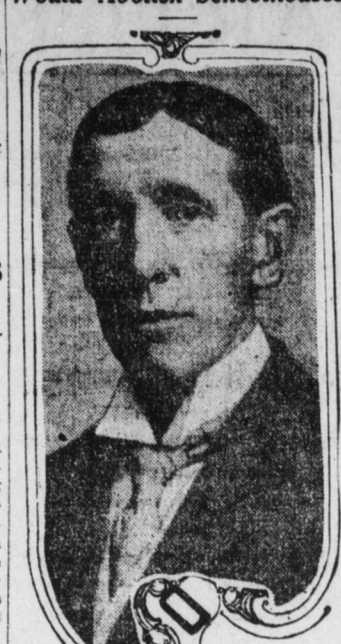
Representative Richard J. Baldwin has been in Pittsburgh and western counties in the interest of his campaign for Speaker.

BOOKS and MAGAZINES

THE HOLY SEE AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

That Pope Benedict XV. intends to raise the question of the independence of Italy over Pope, prince, poets, artists and sculptors is shown on every page of this delightful biography.

Would Abolish Schoolhouses



DR. WOOD HUTCHINSON.

who sprang a surprise at the forty-second annual convention of the American Public Health Association, now in session at Jacksonville, Fla., by advocating the abolition of practically all the schoolhouses in this country. He said that three quarters of all necessary things taught in public schools could better be taught out of doors.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



Is that doctor taking the proper interest in your case? I think he's doing his best. I was nobody to pay unless I got well.



Reckless Willie—Ma's going to buy you a couple of neckties for Christmas. Pop—That's reckless—and don't times, too, she usually gives me one.

HELP THE CAUSE

By Wing Dingler
They're coming to the city. Three hundred thousand strong; They'll reach the 'burg on Monday. But can't be with us long.

Their object's one of mercy; They'll need us in their work. For each one there's a duty That none of us should shirk.

So let's get busy early. And work with all our zeal. By buying them in numbers, "The Red Cross Christmas Seal."

Skating Good Ice thick enough for skating is good news for your shoes.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph of Dec. 5, 1864.] Mrs. Atkinson Dies Mrs. Penelope Atkinson, aged 78 years, died to-day at the home of her son, W. W. Boyer.

Lay New Pavement New pavement is being laid at the Reservoir.

Skating Good Ice thick enough for skating is good news for your shoes.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph of Dec. 5, 1864.] Sherman Passes Millen Washington, Dec. 5.—Sherman has passed Millen and is sweeping away all opposition on his march to the sea.

Brisk Cannoning St. Petersburg, Dec. 5.—Brisk cannonading is being kept up all along the lines.

No Change in Positions Nashville, Dec. 5.—No change is reported in positions of armies here.

NEW YORK WORLD AND BRYAN

[From the New York World] The New York World, Democratic, says of William Jennings Bryan: "As Secretary of State he is ignorant and he will not learn. He would rather argue than work. Much of the official labor of his office is dry and dull and exacting. He has no stomach for it."

A great Secretary of State in these times would be as his desk twelve hours a day. Mr. Bryan would rather be in State Prison. He does not know what is going on in the State Department. He does not know what ought to be going on there. He has no grasp of his duties because he has lost the taste for drudgery, and no man who is unwilling to be a drudge can be a satisfactory Secretary of State. Neither Jefferson nor John Quincy Adams nor Ellihu Root learned his trade by intuition. They worked, and work is one of the things that Mr. Bryan will not do unless by chance he do it on a platform with the cheers of the crowd ringing in his ears.

An honorable man, an upright man, a man with noble ideals of international service and a noble faith in democratic institutions, he is a hopeless failure as Secretary of State because he has made himself incapable of sustained and systematic intellectual exertion."

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