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## SHALL FULTON HAVE A RAILROAD?

A Practical Article from the Pen of Blair W. Truax, of St. Louis.

[Mr. Truax is a son of Stillwell W. Truax, of Belfast township, is a former Fulton county teacher, but is now prominently connected with one of the most important trolley lines in St. Louis, and knows what he is talking about, when he discusses the railroad situation in Fulton county.—Ed.]

Since my earliest recollection, there have been at intervals of about every six months, rumors of a railroad about to be extended through Fulton county; and while there have been scores of reports of roads from every conceivable direction about to be projected within the confines of my native county, none of them have ever materialized, and there is far less prospect for a useful railroad at the present time than at the time the old South Penn was surveyed and partially graded, but ignominiously permitted to come to nothing in order to augment the ever increasing power of other great railroad corporations.

Of course, great hopes are being entertained for the proposed B. & O. short line; but should the line ever reach completion, it would prove more detrimental than beneficial to the region it traverses, as no station would be located in Fulton county, and the community would be infested with "hoboes," which are naturally associated with every railroad in the United States.

Recently, the idea of a trolley system has been advanced and I believe this will eventually prove the solution of the "cheap and rapid" transportation problem, which now confronts the people. It is evident that no steam road could be profitably operated within such narrow confines; but electric cars, such as are in practical use in scores of rural communities, could be utilized with but slight expense and furnish much more satisfactory service.

The general idea seems to prevail that the road should cross the Cove mountain, thus connecting McConnellsburg with Mercersburg. To this I would be strongly opposed. Should a trolley road be built, it should extend transversely through the county from McConnellsburg to Hancock; and by so doing, would pass through the most fertile and thickly populated portion of it.

To have the road extend simply between McConnellsburg and Mercersburg would deprive the best part of the county of the benefits and profits to be derived from such a line, and I seriously doubt that such a road would prove profitable, as the business of the town alone is inadequate to maintain a system, such as would be necessary to be of much benefit to transportation facilities.

The other route would not only be advantageous to the inhabitants of the Cove and Timber Ridge, but would afford a much better terminal and connection with the regular railroads. Mercersburg, itself, is only a sub-station situated on an insignificant road, while Hancock is located on two of the principal roads of the county; and in addition, has the old-fashioned but cheap route of the C. & O. Canal, thus permitting direct communication with all the great cities of the United States. So, in my estimation, Hancock would be by far the more desirable terminal, not considering the intermediate points such a route would connect.

The advantages an electric road would have over a steam road are apparent. Less attention need be devoted to the grading of the road, as electric cars are capable of ascending much steeper grades than steam cars, the general road-bed need not be so solid, and the necessary bridges not nearly so strong nor expensive; and, in addition, cars could be run far more frequently and could stop wherever required to take on passengers. The freight and express service of these roads are unex-

## HAD TROUBLES OF THEIR OWN.

Clerk Harris Spoils Wedding by Not Granting Necessary License.

Mr. Jacob H. Poor and Mrs. Carrie Clapper, of Graceville, Bedford county, drove over to McConnellsburg one day last week, registered at the Fulton House, and started out on the hunt of a preacher. Rev. Adams was found, and requested to perform the ceremony that would permit the happy couple to spend the balance of their natural lives in marital felicity.

When Mr. Adams asked the prospective groom for the necessary papers to show that the Reverend had clear sailing, he was informed that that little matter had not yet been attended to.

To facilitate matters the preacher directed him to a certain George A. Harris who keeps those documents for sale at fifty cents apiece, straight.

Mr. Harris was found in his office, and upon learning the nature of their business, most courteously informed them that while he did not take his own medicine, he could give them the necessary prescription, that would bring the answer, and with pen in hand, and the big marriage license docket open before him, he rapidly filled in the answers given by the expectant applicant until the question, "Has the woman ever been married?" came, and the reply was "Yes." "Give date of death of her husband," came next and the answer was, "he still lives." Mr. Harris then inquired when divorce had been granted, and was informed that no such proceeding had ever been taken.

That settled it. The docket went shut, the clerk didn't get his half dollar, and Mr. Adams' bank account was short about five dollars at the end of the week.

celled, as is attested to by the fact that the company by which I am employed, has an ever increasing number of orders for cars designed for this class of service. Loaded freight cars could be easily handled by having a car equipped with heavy motors and especially constructed for this particular work; but for all light material, or material in small quantities, the express and baggage cars would give complete satisfaction at a mere nominal cost. People who have never enjoyed the advantages afforded by trolley lines cannot fully appreciate their convenience and comfort as well as the economy of both time and money.

In event of such a road being constructed, the wealth of the adjacent communities would be greatly increased, and many lines of business which are now in partial idleness, or have not yet had their inception, would be established and operated steadily—thus creating a good opening for labor and relieving the necessity of the county's best young men going to other fields in order to secure adequate remuneration for their services.

But if the people desire the establishment of a line, they must put their own "shoulder to the wheel." We all remember the truthful old saying, "Heaven helps those who help themselves" and this rule is equally as applicable to this as any private enterprise or undertaking. No outside corporation will invest its capital in such an undertaking without the assurance that it will have the support of the farmers and business men of the vicinity; and the only way to express that assurance satisfactorily to promoters is by their investing freely in its stock. It would be preferable that such an undertaking should be financed and operated by capital from the district deriving its benefits, as the people would then have a double interest in its maintenance, and would derive profits from two sources, thus assuring its success. In Fulton county there is an abundance of latent capital and plenty of dormant energy to carry such an enterprise to success if but an impulse is given to it in the right direction, and kept there by determined effort.

## MORE ABOUT PRONUNCIATION.

Wm. F. Hughes Refers to Recent List of Words Published in the "News."

Philadelphia, Feb. 18. DEAR EDITOR "NEWS"—Referring to the article on "pronunciation" in your issue of the 8th instant, will you permit me to say that it is almost beyond belief that any teacher should miss twenty-two, and the best one of them no fewer than twelve of the words given in the list. The words themselves, are all right; they might, with propriety, be pronounced to any body of teachers; and, when it is considered that, at least, eight of them are pronounced in several ways, all of which are correct, one might be inclined to think that some teachers, at least, do not pay much attention to the names by which words are called. Let us look at the list of errors once more:

The first twelve, namely, sacrilegious, finances, deficit, comely, malay, chameleon, suit, coadjutor, caligraphy, matinee, sacrifice, carbine, hymeneal, jugular, have but one pronunciation. The eighth, caligraphy, is also spelled with two l's and has a different pronunciation. The remainder, belial, bronchitis, exhausted, lenient, docile, callopie, isolated, debris, have each two pronunciations.

Now, Mr. Editor, your advice to "read the list and then consult the Dictionary," is highly commendable, and will no doubt, be followed by many of the teachers of the county. Boys and girls could spell and pronounce better two and three decades ago than they can now—whose fault is it? Should not these branches, orthography and orthoepy, be all the more emphasized now that the range of school studies has so much enlarged? I would be pleased to read in the "News" what some of your teachers think about this matter.

Very truly,  
WILLIAM F. HUGHES.

A CENT FOR A CENT.

How Squire Fore and Tom Johnston Got Even with the Fair Man.

Daniel E. Fore, of Tod township, who has a fondness for collecting curios, showed us a few days ago a set of French coins from the 1 centime piece worth about one U. S. cent; to the franc—worth about 20 cents; also, a 2, a 5, and a 10 centime piece.

They are not made of silver as our small coins; but of bronze, and, of course, much larger than the corresponding U. S. coin.

Mr. Fore has also, a number of curiously wrought medals procured at the World's Fair and tells how he and Tom Johnston beat the man that flattened the pennies.

The Squire and Tom were walking through one of the big Fair buildings one day, when their attention was attracted by a man standing by a curious looking machine, calling out in lusty tones—"Give me a cent, and I'll make you a cent."

Tom said, "Squire, we can't lose anything at that game, here goes," and Tom handed the man a cent.

The latter placed it in the machine which carried it between two stout rollers, and when it dropped out, it was as flat as if tramped on by an elephant and had the impress of the building stamped on it.

The operator handed it to Tom saying, "Five cents, please."

As this was the first intimation that there was a "five cents" in it, Tom got on his ear, and the man at the machine talked back, and, if the Squire had not given Tom a nudge to come on, there is no telling how soon the Fair man would have been in the hospital.

When they were away some distance, the Squire divided up with Tom; for during the war of words, the Squire had "swiped" enough of the flattened pennies to recompense them for the annoyance.

## FROM THE SUNNY SOUTH.

James S. Akers Tells Something of the City to Which He Went.

Texarkana, Ark.—Thinking a few lines from the South might be of interest to some of the readers of the News, and that you northern people might find some consolation in the fact that we are having cold weather too, I will write a few lines. The cold wave reached here February 12th. Mercury reached zero the morning of the 13th, and has been ranging from 14 to 30 above since. The cold extended to the coast, doing much damage to early fruits and vegetables much of which was ready for market.

We left Hancock, November 16, 1904, and arrived at St. Louis next day at 4 o'clock and visited the Fair, which was grand. We went from St. Louis to Mattoon, Ill. visited relatives and friends there, and also at Decatur, Blue Mound, and Moweaqua.

One of the many things that attracted our attention while crossing the western states was the extensive area planted in corn, much of which was then yet in the fields. Buyers were paying 38 cts. a bushel, delivered at the elevator.

December 6, we left Moweaqua by the Illinois Central R. R., going to Centralia; thence by the Cotton Belt R. R. to Memphis, Tenn.; then transferred to the Iron Mountain R. R. and went from there to Texarkana, Arkansas, our destination.

Texarkana is situated on the line between Arkansas and Texas. One of its principal streets is called "State Line." "Uncle Sam" has built a grand P. O. building on the State line to accommodate patrons on either side. There are nine railroads. Texarkana has a population of 25,000 and is about evenly divided by the State Line. Much rivalry exists between the two parts of the city as to grand buildings, best lighted streets, etc. It is termed the Twin City, and has much railroad traffic, and is called the Gateway of the South, in a railroad sense. It has splendid bank buildings, fine churches, school buildings and many fine residences. Many people from the north are coming here and locating. About one-fourth of the State is cleared and under cultivation. Merchantable timber consists of yellow pine, white oak, red oak, post oak, bodock and hickory. Work is plentiful and wages good—carpenters get from \$2 to \$3; bricklayers, \$5 to \$7 per day. I hear the frogs croaking to-day (Feb. 21st). It is quite warm and some gardening is being done.

Trusting that all readers of your worthy paper are enjoying good health and prosperity. I remain,

JAMES S. AKERS.

Andrew Hoover.

Mr. Andrew Hoover was born in McConnellsburg on Washington's Birthday, 1842, and died in the State Hospital at Harrisburg last Friday morning, aged 63 years and 2 days. His remains reached McConnellsburg Friday evening, and the funeral was held from the home of his brother-in-law and sister Albert Stoner and wife, at 1:30 Saturday afternoon, interment being made in the Reformed graveyard.

Mr. Hoover was married about 29 years ago to Miss Eliza Miller, of Licking Creek township, who survives her husband as do the following children: Prof. N. E. M., U. S. G., Miss Daisy, Clarence and Harrison; also, by the following brothers and sisters: John, of Hustontown, Pa.; Christopher, of West Superior, Wis.; Mrs. Mary Mayne, of Fort Littleton, and Mattie (Mrs. Albert Stoner) of this place.

In 1872, Mr. Hoover bought the Joseph N. Woodcock property in Taylor township, which was destroyed by fire in 1888. He rebuilt the mill, and the widow and most of the family still reside there. Mr. Hoover's health failed a few years ago and for some time had been in the hospital, where he died.

## POLLOCK—KENDALL NUPTIALS.

Miss Mary Kendall Becomes the Bride of Mr. S. Murray Pollock.

The twenty-second of February, 1905, will long be remembered in the Cove as the wedding day of Miss Mary H. Kendall, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Kendall, who lives two miles south of McConnellsburg, and Mr. S. Murray Pollock, brother of Mrs. Morrow Kendall.

While a mantle of snow covered the earth, the sleighing was not quite so good as it had been on account of a rise in the temperature, yet, about half past 12 o'clock sleighing parties began to arrive at the old Kendall mansion, and in less than half an hour upwards of four score friends and neighbors were gathered together, merrily chatting, awaiting the hour for the ceremony.

Promptly at one o'clock the organist, Mrs. G. W. Reiser, took her position, and to the music of the wedding march the bridal party entered the large double parlor, which was prettily decorated with evergreen; between the west windows was arranged a booth of spruce boughs, before which the bridal party assembled.

The attendants were Mary Creigh McDowell and Mary Martha Reed, ribbon bearers; Miss Maye Johnston and Miss Ruth Kendall, bride's maids; Mrs. A. W. Johnston, matron of honor, and Mr. John T. McNary, best man. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. James H. Kendall.

Pink and white, the bride's colors, were manifest in the bridal bell and in the beautiful carnations carried by the maids.

The bride wore an India silk made with full court train and trimmed with ruffles of accordion pleated liberty silk. Her veil was gracefully caught with tea roses from the bridal bouquet. The groom was neatly attired in black and made a handsome appearance.

The Rev. W. H. Reed, returned missionary from Egypt, offered the invocation. The ceremony, which was brief and impressive, was performed by the bride's pastor, the Rev. S. B. Huston. This was followed by an appropriate prayer by the Rev. J. L. Grove.

After the congratulations the guests were invited to the dining room, where a bountiful dinner was served. The bride's table was festooned in pink and white. In the center was a vase of pink and white carnations and each guest found one at his place.

The guests from Cannonsburg, Pa., were Mr. Wm. Pollock, father of the groom; Mr. John and Miss Jennie Pollock, uncle and aunt of the groom, and Mr. John T. McNary; from Chambersburg, Mr. John Glass and Grove Keefer and wife; Fannettsburg, W. W. Kogerreis and wife; Lehmanster, W. M. McDowell and family and Mrs. Bard McDowell and daughter; Mercersburg, Miss Lizzie Rankin, Miss Mary McDowell, Martin Meyers and wife, Van Bradley and wife, Mr. James Johnston, Miss Mary Bradley, and Messrs. Lawrence and Mac Bradley.

The bride was the recipient of a large number of useful and beautiful presents.

At four o'clock a spirited livery team, driven by Mac Sheets, appeared before the gate, and while the bride and groom were getting in the sleigh amid a shower of rice, deft hands were busily engaged in decorating the vehicle with old shoes, tin cans and umbrellas, etc., thus showing their interest in the welfare of the happy couple. The destination that evening was Chambersburg, and from thence eastward.

Miss Mary is an estimable young lady of sterling worth and has a host of friends in Fulton and Franklin counties and will be very much missed. Mr. Pollock is a young man of good family, good habits, and excellent business qualifications. We all wish them a successful, happy and useful life.

## THE SPRING ELECTION.

The Results as Shown by the Returns Made Last Week.

AYR.  
Judge of election, Ralph Glenn, r, 51; Robert Gordon, d, 96. Inspector, Edward Keyser, r, 51; Wilson Litton, d, 95. Supervisors John Bain, r, 52; John S. Harr, d, 104; John C. Heinbaugh, d, 113. Township clerk, J. L. Patterson, r, 49; Gilbert Mellott, d, 98. Treasurer, Wm. M. Bishop, d, 106.—School directors, A. W. Johnston, r, 48; Robert Cutchall, r, 39; Jacob W. Mellott, d, 92; W. H. Nelson, d, 101. Constable, C. M. Ray, r, 58; William Keefer, d, 89. Overseers of the poor, W. M. Kendall, r, 52; James M. Gordon, d, 87. Auditor, D. H. Patterson, r, 58; Levi Keefer, d, 88.

BELFAST.  
Judge, B. W. Mellott, r, 80; Jacob L. Hess, d, 73. Inspector, Austin Lynch, r, 74; Virgil Bard, d, 82. Clerk, George C. Doshong, r, 76; John T. Laley, d, 84. Constable, Jas. B. Mellott, r, 85; Chas. Bard, d, 74. Overseers, Frank D. Skiles, r, 73; Aaron M. Garland, d, 84. School directors, Scott Baumgardner, r, 76; Wm. H. Wink, r, 72; George D. Morgret, d, 83; Wilson Waltz, d, 81. Supervisors, B. H. Mellott, r, 83; M. W. Mellott, r, 85; Oliver Mellott, d, 70; Job P. Garland, d, 80. Justice of the peace, D. P. Doshong, r, 91; O. W. Mellott, d, 68. Auditor, Levi P. Morton, r, 92; Samuel Hess, d, 69.

BETHEL.  
Judge, Wm. Bishop, r, 63; Reuben Mellott, d, 68. Inspector, James Bernhart, r, 63; Samuel Winter, d, 89. Clerk, J. E. Ritz, r, 67; J. Tilden Hill, d, 82. Con. J. E. Goodman, r, 66; J. C. Fisher, d, 89. Overseers, Clyde Andrews r, 74; Joseph Fisher, r, 77; Thos. R. Slusher, d, 77; John H. Harman, d, 75. Auditor, Frank Rank, r, 68; J. E. Palmer, r, 75; George Myers, d, 71; Job C. Hess, d, 83. School directors, George Hill, r, 70; W. B. Rank, r, 69; James M. Booth, d, 84; M. B. Hill, d, 77. Supervisors, Nathan Hill, r, 78; Joseph Runyan, r, 62; Amos Layton, d, 90; Thos. R. Bishop, d, 70. Justice of the peace, J. A. Whitfield, r, 55; D. E. Gulden, r, 65; Wm. P. Cordon, d, 96; Job L. Garland, d, 84.

BRUSH CREEK.  
Judge, C. D. Hixson, r, 61; G. M. Diehl, d, 63. Inspector, Amos Duval, r, 65. Nathan Mellott, d, 65. Overseers, G. W. Akers, r, 61; Isaiah Layton, d, 69. Clerk, Lewis A. Duval, r, 63; C. T. Layton, d, 65. Constable, Christ W. Spade, r, 69; Henry Sharpe, d, 57. School directors, Anthony Spade, r, 69; Caleb C. Mellott, d, 69; Simon Garland, d, 57. Supervisors, Edwin A. Barton, r, 96; W. L. McKee, r, 33; Samuel Diehl, d, 92. Auditor, Jno. N. Hixson, r, 53; Lemuel Smith, d, 66. Justice of the peace, Frank M. Diehl, d, 86.

DUBLIN.  
Judge, D. W. Fraker, r, 83; J. W. Grove, d, 67. Inspector, Hayes Locke, r, 83; Calvin Baker, d, 67. Clerk, S. C. Burkhardt, r, 75; Luther Grove, d, 72. Constable, J. H. Snyder, r, 87; Samuel Curfman, d, 60. Overseer, Wm. Wilds, r, 75. W. J. Locke, r, 79; D. H. Myers, d, 66; Samuel Cline, r, 69. School directors, Wesley Cline, r, 88; E. E. Fraker, r, 82; Jno. W. Snyder, d, 69; Clem Chesnut, d, 50. Supervisors, W. S. Ramsey, r, 73; John Keebaugh, r, 76; Dennis Hess, d, 86; Riley Mock, d, 59. Auditor, Jacob Strait, r, 70; Chas. McGehee, d, 77. Justice of the peace, F. C. Bare, r, 92.—Collector, Irvin Wilson, d, 78.

LICKING CREEK.  
Judge, Thomas McClure, r, 64; Joseph Sipes, d, 106. Inspector, Wm. H. Doshong, r, 66; Harvey Strait, d, 94. Clerk, Milton Decker, r, 78; Roy M. Sipes, d, 80.—Constable, H. E. Doshong, r, 91; Michael Mellott, d, 68. Overseer, R. R. Hann, r, 62; Geo. W. Sipes, d, 96. Auditor, Geo. F. Metzler,

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Snapshots at Their Movements, as They Come and Go.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Home for a Vacation, Away for an Outing, a Trip for Business or Pleasure. You'll Find It Right Here.

Mr. W. L. Cline of Dublin, was in town a few hours last Thursday.

James A. Stewart, of Harrisonville, spent Saturday in this place on business.

Miss Nellie Trout is visiting friends at Fairfield, Red Lion, York and Lancaster.

Lemuel G. Cline and wife, of Burnt Cabins, were among the visitors to town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Schooley of Harrisonville, were pleasant callers at this office last Wednesday.

Mrs. James Doshong, of McKeesport, is visiting her parents, H. S. Daniels and wife, of Harrisonville.

W. Riley Daniels and wife, near Hancock, spent a day or two last week among their McConnellsburg friends.

H. Elmer Doshong, constable elect of Licking Creek township, spent last Wednesday at the County Seat on business.

Miss Minnie Mock, who had been obliged to close her school (McGovern) on account of illness, was able to resume her work on Monday.

Andrew Souders and Charlie Slacker, two of Thompson's citizens called at our office a few minutes while in town last Wednesday.

Mike Black, George Heinbaugh and Harvey A. Black, of this place, left Monday for Ebensburg, Pa., where they have employment.

Mrs. Peter Morton is spending this week with her brother, Geo. W. Clevenger, at Hustontown, who has been dangerously ill, but is some better now.

Mrs. William F. Selsor, son Charles D., and grand-daughter, Marian, of Mercersburg, were the guests of John W. and Miss Annie Selsor, last Friday.

Ross Bard, of Potter county, came home last Saturday for a few days. He and his brother Newt were in town Monday. On Tuesday Ross bought the Capt. Dixon mill property at Sipes Mill.

A letter from Mrs. Minnie Comerer Sipes, Polo, Ill., said that her family was moving to a farm near Dixon, Ill. She said they had been having cold weather there, too. 38 below at Polo, and 42 at Dixon.

Mr. Christopher Hoover, who has been spending the past year at Hollidaysburg was here Saturday attending the funeral of his brother Andrew, and remained over Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Albert Stoner.

Mr. Martin L. Peck, an extensive lumber manufacturer and mill owner in our neighboring state of Maryland, spent from Saturday until Monday visiting in the home of his cousin the Editor, and of his brother Jonathan at Knobsville.

Mr. William Bergstresser, who has been employed in Potter county for several years gave his sister, Mrs. E. A. Largent a little surprise last Friday by coming home unexpected after an absence of nine years. He expects to spend a couple of months visiting his many friends in this county.

Squire T. P. Garland, of Needmore was in town a few hours last Wednesday. Tommy says there has been considerable activity in real estate down that way lately, Grant Barbart having bought the Snell farm in Pigeon Cove from Lewis Yonker for \$1200, and gets possession the first of April, and Morton fleas the Lewis farm.

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