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The United States army is not a very large, powerful or imposing organization in comparison with any of the armies maintained by the leading powers of Europe. It is a curious fact that there are in the service of this government more than twice as many postmasters, for example, as there are enlisted soldiers. In other words, the United States has not an army large enough to permit of a policy of placing one soldier at every post office in the United States in time of some sudden emergency, and even if the strength of the army were doubled its force would still be insufficient for such a purpose.

This condition of affairs is not pleasing to military men generally, and army officers have many times considered the advisability of the adoption of some system by which the strength of the military service institution for this year, for example, deals with the question of establishing a system which in time of need would be utilized in raising a volunteer army for almost immediate service. The essay is at least interesting, although naturally it is written from the point of view of an army officer.

According to this essay, the best system to provide for any sudden emergency of war would be one which had been mapped out in advance, and for the proper working of which some preparation had previously been made. The essay proposes in effect that the regiments of the volunteer army shall be raised on a system which allows one regiment to each congressional district, and one also to each territory, exclusive of Alaska. Such a system would call for a force of about 435,000 men, or 361 regiments, each regiment having 1,200 men.

Of these 361 regiments the greater part would naturally be infantry. It is proposed, for example, that 225 regiments of infantry, 61 of heavy artillery, 30 of light artillery and 4 of cavalry would represent a fair apportionment. The officers of these regiments would be commissioned under federal law, the colonel of each regiment being a regular, with a rank not above that of major of the active list of the army, and his service requirements being restricted to not more than one month in each year. By some such system as this, it is claimed that, when war should break out, at least the officers of the different regiments would be men of some experience in military affairs. The proposition is somewhat original, but it is not likely to be adopted in this country so long as the present system of the national guard is in existence.—Boston Advertiser.

AMERICAN VS. FOREIGN ENGINES

English Journal's Refusal to Believe in American Records of Speed.

The Engineer of London does not, we are sure, intend to pose as a humorous journal; but, nevertheless, it is sometimes quite amusing, particularly when trying to demonstrate to its own satisfaction, and to make its readers believe, that things regularly done here in America are, as a matter of fact, "impossible, don't you know."

In its issue of September 10 is published the official record of the fast run between Philadelphia and Atlantic City, N. J., for the month of July last, this record showing the time, from start to stop, to average 48 minutes for the 45 1/2 miles—the figures varying slightly on different days. The table was furnished by the Baldwin locomotive works, and showed the performance of the train in detail for every day of the month, while accompanying it was a profile of the road, showing the grades traversed.

One would imagine such information from such a source to be entitled to acceptance in a respectful manner, and, in fact, for the time being, the figures were allowed to go unchallenged, and in its issue of October 22 the Engineer even published a letter from E. K. Clark, of Leeds, testifying that he made the trip on the locomotive of the train on a day when the distance was covered in 47 minutes. In its issue of November 19, however, the paper returns to the subject in a leading editorial, and, referring to the official record before published, it says: "Beyond all question, that official record is quite fallacious. It is not true either in substance or in fact. It is a record of mechanical impossibilities. Nevertheless, we think we have actually got the scientific truth in Clement Stretton's letter, which will be found in another page."

Reference to Mr. Stretton's letter, shows that it relates to a run made in 1893, when the time made was 55 1/2 minutes. There is not a scintilla of evidence against the record of 1897, but because of the slower time in 1893, the record for the last season "is not true either in substance or in fact."

Now the question is: Does the Engineer really believe that because a certain rate of speed was not attained in 1893, therefore it cannot be in 1897, and that anyone who claims it can be is mendacious, or does it deliberately intend to resort to mere pettifoggery methods to deceive its readers? We must confess that we see no other alternative.

Nevertheless, the Engineer is forced to admit from Mr. Stretton's figures of the run as made four years ago that American locomotives do make faster time than English ones.—American Machinist.

THE PERVERSITY OF MOODS

"Don't you feel more like working at some times than at others?" inquired the young woman.

"Yes," he replied, "I do. When I am riding in a railway car, where I can't possibly find a pen, pencil or paper or anybody to talk business to, I get to feeling so industrious that it makes me nervous."—Washington Star.

A WORD OF CAUTION.

Capitalist (to man who is out of work and penniless)—Here is ten cents, but remember, young man, riches do not confer happiness on their possessor.—Lustige Welt.

STRICTLY FEMINE.

Teacher—Where's your dictionary, Tommy?

Tommy—I left her home.

Teacher—Why do you call it her?

Tommy—Because dictionaries always have the last word.—Up-to-Date.

PRESENCE OF MIND.

Mrs. F. (petulantly)—You never kiss me now.

Mr. F.—The idea of a woman of your age wanting to be kissed. One would think you were a girl of 18.

Mrs. F. (suspiciously)—What do you know about girls of 18?

Mr. F.—Why, my dear, weren't you 18 once yourself?—N. Y. Ledger.

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List of Grand Jurors drawn for the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail delivery and Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Snyder County, Pa., held as February Term commencing February 25th, 1898.

GRAND JURORS.

Name	Occupation	Residence
Agler, John W., carpenter		Beaver
Blozman, Fred, gentleman		Centre
Billard, Paul, musician		Middleburg
Gordon, John R., farmer		West Perry
Graybill, Irvin, laborer		Franklin
Glas, Henry H., lime burner		Washington
Holser, James N., laborer		Union
Hendricks, Chas. G., hardware		Sellingrove
Hartman, Newton, laborer		Monroe
Hornberger, G. G., farmer		West Perry
Livingston, Geo. P., carpenter		Sellingrove
Meiser, David, miller		Chapman
Miller, Levi, laborer		Jackson
Mattern, David A., merchant		Adams
McCannan, Wm. H., farmer		Spring
Markley, Jonathan, farmer		Perry
Smiling, John, laborer		Penn
Snook, Joseph, farmer		West Beaver
Schubach, Harvey, farmer		Franklin
Woomer, Ammon, farmer		West Perry
Witt Daniel, laborer		Washington
Wagner, Harvey, laborer		West Beaver
Wittner, David G., farmer		Union
Wolgentuth, A. B., merchant		Sellingrove

PETIT JURORS.

Name	Occupation	Residence
Adams, John, laborer		Penn
Bolg, Fred, carpenter		Centre
Bargo, S. D., farmer		Perry
Bachman, L. C., teacher		Franklin
Broun, Nonh, farmer		Jackson
Charles, Henry F., sawyer		Union
Dunkleberger, Lank, saddler		Washington
Dreese, Reuben, gentleman		Spring
Dinius, A. H., farmer		Middlecreek
Duck, H. J., printer		Jackson
Eisenhardt, Gabriel, farmer		Sellingrove
Fetter, Franklin, farmer		Chapman
Gearhart, John A., farmer		Jackson
Holtzapple, F. H., teacher		Spring
Hummel, J. E., laborer		Washington
Herold, Wm. S., laborer		Middlecreek
Hummel, Jerry, farmer		Union
Herold, John H., laborer		Monroe
Hendricks, Henry, farmer		Chapman
Holtz, John, cigarmaker		Washington
Klose, Uriah, farmer		Franklin
Klose, Wm. J., saddler		Spring
Keller, Wm. M., confectioner		Beaver
Moyer, M. H., laborer		Sellingrove
Martin, Thomas, laborer		Centre
Manevall, Daniel, farmer		West Perry
Moyer, Harvey, farmer		Jackson
Napp, W. W., merchant		Centre
Newman, John, Sr., farmer		Chapman
Oppenheimer, Solomon, merchant		Sellingrove
Pontius, Henry, teacher		Washington
Rearick, R. H., farmer		Franklin
Roush, Nathan, laborer		Union
Reichenbach, Daniel, farmer		Perry
Reigle, Irvin, laborer		Union
Staley, John H., farmer		Sellingrove
Spriggle, C. S., farmer		West Perry
Stahl, Peter Jr., laborer		Union
Smith, Daniel, thrasher		Monroe
Spanglor, J. B., laborer		Spring
Schoch, Geo. J., farmer		Perry
Snook, William, laborer		Sellingrove
Shannon, John, plasterer		Franklin
Walter, George, son of Jacob Walter, farmer		Franklin
Wolf, George H., laborer		Union
Winder, Isaac, clerk		Beaver
Ziegler, James, farmer		Middlecreek

Court Proclamation.

WHEREAS the Hon. Harold M. McClure, President Judge of the Judicial District, composed of the counties of Snyder, and Union, and Jeremiah Crouse and Z. T. Gerbering, Esqs., Associate Judges in and for Snyder county, have issued their precept, bearing date the 15th day of Jan. A. D. 1898, to me directed for the holding of an Orphans' Court, a court of Common Pleas, court of Oyer and Terminer and General Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, at Middleburg, for the county of Snyder, on the 6th Monday, (being the 25th day of Feb. 1898), and to continue one week.

Notice is therefore hereby given to the Orphans' Justices of the Peace and Constables in and for the county of Snyder, to appear in their proper person with their rolls, records, inventories, examinations and other returns, to do those things which of their office and in their behalf pertains to be done and witnessed and persons presenting in behalf of the Orphans' estate, to appear in their proper person, to be required to be present in their office, to do those things which of their office and in their behalf pertains to be done and witnessed, and to be present in their office, to do those things which of their office and in their behalf pertains to be done and witnessed, on the 15th day of Jan. A. D. 1898, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

P. S. RITTER, Sheriff.