

The Story of One Who Was Employed on Great Railroad at its Beginning.

As I read your valuable and always very welcome weekly, I have from time to time found in its columns the names of some of your citizens with whom I was very well acquainted, away back in the years 1853 and 1854, when I was quite a young man and in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at East Conemaugh.

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Judge Edson was train master for the State at that time at Viaduct, and Johnny Bracken, father of Patrick and Barney Bracken, was switch tender. During this time of running trains to Viaduct I became acquainted with a great many engineers, firemen, and train hands, some of whom are dead, while others have, I suppose, left Johnstown and located elsewhere.

I believe there was more people drowned in the flood of last May than there was inhabitants in the town in May, 1853. The only industries (outside the forwarding business) that I can recall, was Smith's Car Works, the State Shops, and Smith's Cement Mill.

My brother Daniel, Despatcher at Conemaugh, hauled a great deal of the machinery that made up the original plant of the Cambria Iron Company, to the different sidings near the works and shifted the cars into position so as to be easily handled in the unloading.

The Cambria Iron Company from a small beginning in 1853, has certainly developed to astounding proportions in this year of grace 1890. The Cambria Iron Co., have to-day more engines employed around their works, than the Pennsylvania Railroad Company had in the year 1853, to perform all its Passenger and freight traffic between Pittsburgh and Conemaugh.

The engines in use on the Division when I went on in March 1853, were almost exclusively built by M. W. Baldwin, of Philadelphia. The changes that have been made in the increased weight and power of the locomotives and the increase in the size, weight and carrying capacity of the cars is almost beyond belief.

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THE BODY OF ARTHUR DOOBS FOUND.

It Now Lies at the Morgue Awaiting Burial. The body of Arthur Doobs (not Doons, as some have tried to make it) the young man who was drowned from the works at No. 6 bridge on December 18th, and for whose body such diligent search was made, was recovered from the Conemaugh Tuesday. It was found lying on a rock about two feet out of the water, just opposite Buttermilk Fall, one-half mile from East Conemaugh.

The brother states that to his knowledge the deceased had at least \$50 in bills and a watch and chain, when he fell into the river. These are missing from the body. Even the boots had been stripped off. The presumption is that the body was found and taken from the river by some unknown parties, robbed, and left where it was found by the workmen yesterday.

Special Excursions to Washington via Pennsylvania Railroad.

In order that the residents of this section may enjoy the opportunity of visiting Washington the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run a series of special excursions to that city on the following dates: February 13th, March 6th, April 3d, and April 24th.

Both branches of Congress will be in daily sessions, and, in fact, every branch of the public service may be seen in the actual work of conducting the government. The public buildings, embracing the Capitol, White House, Treasury, State, War, and Navy Departments, the great Smithsonian Institution, the National Museum, are open to the public every day, and offer a field for interest and study that cannot be excelled anywhere.

The rates are unusually low, and the limitation of the tickets ample for a most pleasurable visit. Excursion tickets, good for ten days from date of sale, admitting of a good stop-over in Baltimore in either direction within the proper limit, will be sold from Pittsburgh at \$9, and at correspondingly low rates from other stations in Western Pennsylvania.

Where to Get Job Printing. Attention is directed to the jobbing department of the DEMOCRAT, which is provided with the most approved and extensive facilities for the execution of job printing of all kinds, from the smallest label to the largest poster, in black or colored inks, at prices as low as can be had elsewhere for an equal grade of work.

A Laugh on the Doctor. A Utica physician has to bear the banter of his medical friends on account of a natural mistake that he made recently. A patient called to be treated for a severe cold. He described his troubles at length, and the doctor advised him to go home and soak his feet in hot water.

The Deepest Lake Known. By far the deepest lake known in the world is Lake Baikal, in Siberia, which is every way comparable to the great Canadian lakes as regards size; for, while its area of over 9,000 square miles makes it about equal to Erie in superficial extent, its enormous depth of between 4,000 and 4,500 feet makes the volume of its waters almost equal to that of Lake Superior.

The attempt of O'Shea and his backers to discredit Parnell in England seems to have been a signal failure. Several public bodies have passed resolutions of confidence in the Irish leader's innocence, and it looks as if the famous divorce suit will prove a veritable boomerang to its conductors.

PHOTOGRAPHY AS A PASTIME.

The Possibilities for Pleasure and Instruction Which It Presents.

The wonderful growth of amateur photography as a popular outdoor pastime illustrates in a marked degree the elevating tendencies of the modern devices for health giving recreation. To the lover of those polite diversions that are devoid of the elements of daring adventure and the process of reckless exposure, the study of field photography presents attractions that are incomparably superior to those of other outdoor pastimes.

The whole realm of nature with its green fields and woodland symposium of daisies and buttercups, its babbling brooks, where the laughing rivulets go clattering with their silver heels over the stony depths and the nodding lilies drink in copious libations from the perpetual fountain—all this is the kingdom of the amateur photographer.

After all, the excellence of the results accomplished are dependent upon the skill of the artist. The time of the exposure must be regulated according to the light and the character of the subject. To make indiscriminate "shots" at all sorts of objects is the pastime of the schoolboy and not of the artist.

Landscapes constitute the poetry of photography. They make up the rhythmic beauty of the photographic melody. A proper appreciation of the art is predicated upon the delicate impressionableness of the artist with reference to natural scenery.

The time is coming when an educated man will not think of starting upon a pilgrimage without his trusty camera, upon whose never failing power he may depend to secure a panorama of his journey, which will be one of the comforts of his declining years.

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YANKEE LOCAL NAMES.

SOME OF THE ODD TITLES BY WHICH LOCALITIES ARE KNOWN.

How Kite End Was Named—Where the Hog Was Run Down by a Train—Need Bunline's Contribution—Stony Lonesome, Barbary Coast and Christian Shore.

"Can you direct me to the Richardson neighborhood?" said a newspaper man, tramping along a dusty country road last summer. Two farmers leaned on their rakes and looked at each other inquiringly.

It is just this way all over New England. Every township is subdivided into localities and neighborhoods bearing odd and distinctive names. Often they are more than odd; they are quaint and eccentric, and sometimes laughable.

Manchester, N. H., boasts of a section known as the Barbary Coast, a name given it by an old sailor. Here, too, are found Jacob's Ladder, Big Village and Phinerton square. The city itself has been variously known as Harrytown, Tyngston, Derryfield and Nomoskeag.

The train stopped, as was its custom upon all occasions, even to allow a passenger to alight and cut a twig. Out came an angry woman, brandishing her arms and wildly calling upon the conductor of the train to pay for the fatally injured porker.

Portsmouth, N. H., has its oddly named localities, and these have been well described in Thomas Bailey Aldrich's "Story of a Bad Boy." One of the best known is Christian Shore. The name of the district is supposed to have come from some early settler named Christian, who lived upon and owned the land on that side of Strawberry Bank creek, as the inlet now called the North pond was named by the early colonist.

In Providence, R. I., and its vicinity there are locations known by some peculiar names that are not to be found in the maps or directories. There are Squaw Hollow, Chicken Foot alley, Bulldog square, Shoo Fly Village, Maiden's Prayer park and a variety of others less familiar to the general public.

In this state Gloucester is especially rich in these queer localities. Lobolly cove is situated on the eastern side of the cape, and was probably the scene of an old time feast, at which "lobolly," a dish made from Indian meal, was the bill of fare.

THAT Y. M. C. A. REFUSAL.

The Petition for Aid to the Flood Relief—How the Association Receives the Decision.

The refusal of the Flood Commission to appropriate money for the purposes set forth in the petition given herewith is provoking much comment, most of which is of an unfavorable character. The petition as sent in to the Commission is signed by twenty-five of the most prominent men in the city, and is as follows:

First. Because such a home for young men is our city's loudest cry, and the money was given to relieve want.

Second. That the extent of Commission's consideration, who have received less, will be relieved of the burden that must fall heavily upon us at this time in the erection of this building.

Third. That such building would have weight in the business interests of our city, and in helping to rear its walls again would thus benefit all.

Fourth. That with actual want fully provided for, out of the gratitude of our hearts we would be denied personal benefit that a monument might thus stand open to young men and speak the generosity of this wonderful world after all other visible remembrance has passed away.

Fifth. That no committee or organization could better care for such a memorial tower, and combine greater benefit to humanity from humanity, than this "Young Men's Christian Association." It stands as most substantial business men of the community, yet by special Act of the Legislature ever under the State's control.

It is given out that in place of Louis Wehn, Democrat, who has recently resigned the position, Mr. William P. Reese, of Millville, has been appointed Stamp Deputy at Johnstown. Mr. Reese was Deputy Chairman of the Republican County Committee in this section last fall, and by his untiring efforts succeeded in getting O'Connor, the Democratic candidate for District Attorney, to cast several votes in his ward. Mr. Reese is Principal of the Millville schools, which position he has held for several years.