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# WIN ERIE'S PRIZE Two Contestants Awarded \$100 Each

## "BERGEN ARCHWAYS" TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE "OPEN CUT."

The "Open Cut" is no more. That is to say, the cut through Bergen Hill on the Erie Railroad will hereafter be known as "Bergen Archways," instead of by the old name. The Committee of Award, appoint-ed to select a suitable title from the thousands sent in from all parts of the world, decided that Bergen Arch-ways was the best one submitted. One prize was offered, but two were given, for the Erie Railroad's policy is never to do things by halves. much for the introduction. Now for the story.

As many thousands of people know, the Erie Railroad company announced last winter that a prize of one hundred dollars in gold would be given to the person who submitted the best name for the "Open Cut" through Bergen Hill, April 1st being the date on which the contest would close. The offi-cers of the Company expected that there would be convidently inclusion. there would be considerable rivalry among the patrons of the road, but they had not the slightest idea that the interest in the unique contest would be so widespread. They were most pleasantly surprised, therefore, when letters may be from all when letters came in from all parts of the world—even from South Africa and European cities—and people also sent messages by telegraph, by telephone, and by special carrlers

After much deliberation, the committee selected Bergen Archways as the name that would most fittingly apply to the great structure. There were many points to be taken into consideration, among which were geographical and topographical reasons, brevity, euphony, practicality and simplicity. This name seemed to meet all the requirements; hence its selection after due deliberation. After the decision was made, it was found that the contractions had see found that two contestants had sent in the same name. Here was dilemma, for nothing was said in the prize offer concerning priority. It would not be fair to divide the prize, for that is not the method prize, for that is not the method pursued by the Erie Railroad. The problem was quickly solved by al-lowing two prizes of \$100 each in-stead of only one. The names of the two lucky winners are R. Wil-son of 120 Main street, East Orange. N. J., and Frank F. Gray, Supervisor of Public Schools, Montelair, N. J. R. Wilson's letter is dated February R. witson's letter is direct results 17, 1911, and that of Mr. Gray, March 29, 1911. Each of the for-tunate contestants received \$100 in gold May 17, a special messenger

having been sent to their homes to deliver the prizes. Many contestants sent in names including "archway," "arches," "the archway," etc., but only two sub-mitted the plural form of the name decided upon. "Bergen Cut" was suggested by sixty-one people. There can not be any invited and bit in manuscript. There can not be any invited and bit in the disused bridge bits manuscript. Dr. Owen is working on the property of the Duke of Beaufort. He was di-rected to this particular spot, he says, ffi

There can not be any just cause for complaint of any kind, for the utmost fairness was used, and even those who are disappointed because

their suggestions were not accepted will agree that no favoritism was shown any one. There is not on record where a prize of this kind has ever been doubled. The usual meth-od is to divide prizes.

Some idea of the stupendous work of the Committee of Award may be gained when it is stated that over 11,000 names were submitted by 4,-610 different competitors up to April 1, the day of closing. Some

"Ideal Archway," "Little Sunshine," and "Pleasant Pass." Some of the very short titles were: "Acme," "Gem," "Hope," "Link," "Rift," and "Sun," all of which stood no chance of getting the prize because they were meaningles.

they were meaningless. There were several very long names, among them being "Bergen Hill Triumphal Inter-Open Archway Canyon," "Erle's Four-Track Day-light Gateway" and "Erle's Skylight Tunnel Through Bergen Hill."

there were Besides "Peroxide"

Many living in nearby suburb evidently thought that the great army of commutors ought not to be left out, which accounts for such titles as: "Commuters' Canyon," "Commuters' Delight," "Commuters Comfort," "Commuters' Request," Commuters' Joy" and "Commuters Paradise."

The words "Bergen," "Jersey," "Erie," "Manhattan," "McKinley," "Roosevelt," "Taft," "Underwood" and "Wallace" were used as prefixes

scores of cases, and there were in enough canyons, gorges, gulches and passes to name all the places in the Rocky Mountains. It may not be amiss to say a few

words about this great structure of the Bergen Archways. As already stated in the press and in the Erie folders, Bergen Archways was originally called the "Open Cut" and five years were required to complete it. The work on this stupendous en-gineering work was begun October 16, 1906, and was completed Decem-ber, 1910. It is not generally known that it was through the indefatigable energy and patience of President Underwood that this colossal undertaking was completed.

## **BACON A MURDERER?**

### Dr. Owen Seeking Shakespeare's Head In Box Under River Wye.

Dr. Orville W. Owen, who is digging diligently in the mud of the river Wye, in England, for manuscripts which he believes were hidden there by Francis Bacon, is after bigger game than has been supposed.

The American declares that the cipher, which is guiding his operations, reveals that Bacon killed Shakespeare and buried the poet's head in the box which is now being reclaimed from the river bottom. The top of what the American thinks is the hidden cache was reached by the sounding rods. but there is a considerable layer of clay to be removed before the logs or planking forming the cover can be removed.

Despite the contention of the archaeologists that Dr. Owen is only excavating a structure used as a foundation for a Roman bridge, the investigator insists that everything tallies exactly with the cipher forecast and maintains that Bacon recognized the

rected to this particular spot, he says, by the cryptograph which Bacon left in order to establish after his death that he was the author of the Shakespearean plays and various works credited to others.

A Christmas Criticism. Orville Wright, discussing flying in

New York, said to a reporter: "The French claim to make the best machines, but our foreign order books

tell a different story. "Our foreign order game away like the little Dayton boy at the Christmas treat. He got from the tree at this treat a pair of trousers and, waving them around his head he electrified the entire Sunday school by shouting in a loud and joyous voice: "'Oh, ma, these pants must be new! Pa never had a suit like that.""

of the suggestions are very clever. and the entire list includes every kind of name that can be conceived; in fact, it is one of the most re-markable collections of word and pharse building that was ever put together. As an illustration of vertogether. As an illustration of ver-satility it will rank with the most famous products to be found anywhere, and as a composite workembodying the grave, the gay, the sublime, the ridiculous, the practical and foolish-it will easily outrank anything that was ever written or published from the days of thè Egyptian Pyramids to the year 1911. when the Bergen Archways structure was completed.

The officers of the Erie Railroad Company are pleased that a prize was offered, for they feel that they not only have a fitting name for one of their greatest achievements, but they have learned that the mafority of the patrons of the Erie railroad are wide-awake, practical and full of originality. The list of names was studied carefully for the Committee wanted every contestant to have a square deal, and notwith-standing the labor involved was somewhat irksome and trying at times, there was a certain element of plasme the set of of pleasure throughout the examina-Of course there will be many tion. disappointments, but every fair-minded person will admit that out of the vast number of suggestions received only one can be utilized.

It would take a good-sized volume to enumerate all the names sent in, for many correspondents submitted more than two suggestions. The longest list coming from 2 single individual footed up 173 names, which was submitted by Master Roswell Barber, Newton, N. J. This boy deserves special mention for his painstaking work and patience. H. Walters, Pittsburg, Pa., is entitled to praise for sending in this ingeni-ous and witty title: "Preoxide," for open cuts. The members of the committee appreciate the fact that many of the peculiar cognomens were written for the fun of the were written for the fun of the thing. These names are not out of place in the great collection, be-cause they show the humorous side of the subject and help to counter-act the effect of the lugubrious titles, such as: "Dark Alley," "Devil's Racetrack," "Devil's Silde," etc. The gloom caused by the perusal of these names wore off as soon as the following were read: "Erie's De-light," "Happy Thought Canyon,"

Desperatoly III. Mrs. Parke-Your husband has been Ill, hasn't he? Mrs. Lane-I never saw him so ill. Why, for two weeks he never spoke a cross word to me.

### BACK TO NATURE.

long for life, for the real thing; Not the dawdling of dreamy days, Nor the kind that the rawhide poet sing

In carefully roughened phrase. I ask for no glimpse of the timid deer That flees from the hunter's call. Let me get out there with the crowds

that cheer The bunch that is playing ball.

Back to the primal state where man Is close to old nature's heart,

Where we're all on the plane where we once began,

Unpolished by time and art; Where the spirit of contest surge

fast And the chances that may befall Are eagerly waited from first to last Where the bunch is playing ball!

Let the dreamer go out 'neath the

right.

And the lightning is miles away, And the untamed beast will be on the run

If he hears your footsteps fall. The placid wildwood I fain would

shun. The signal I hear, "Play ball!"

Let me hark to the shout and the

battle cry As the foe is put to rout;

Let me dodge the missiles that swiftly fly

When the out!" umpire says "You're

Let me lift my voice with the general throng,

Prince and groundling and all, Where nature is unrestrained and

strong,

Out there where the bunch plays ball.

-Washington Star.

hurry!

The walter sought the maitre d'hotel and asked what the drink might be. "Creme de menthe," said that imperturbable person. "It's what they call 'em in England."-New York Press.

Bodies of Water of Same Size. The following bodies of water are about the same size: German ocean, Black sea, Yellow sea. Hudson bay is rather larger. The Baltic, Adriatic, Persian gulf and Aegean sea are half as large, and somewhat larger than Lake Superior.



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