

CLIPPED From OUR CONTEMPORARIES

Hancock parties are tending to promote a company to build an electric trolley line between Hancock and Cadonia.

Congressman W. D. B. Alney, who represents the district that sent David Wilmot, author of the Wilmot Proviso, and Galusha A. Grow to Congress, has introduced bills appropriating \$30,000 for the erection of monuments to the memory of the two statesmen, the one to Wilmot in Towaunda, and the one to Grow, in Montrose.

Messrs. Kelly & Steinman gave a turkey supper at the Moran House Tuesday evening to their salesmen, foremen and office force. After enjoying the sumptuous repast, there were speeches, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all present. It is the custom of Messrs. Kelly & Steinman to give these banquets annually.—Deposit Courier.

Sixty-five routes, including 2,755 miles of road have been surveyed by the engineering corps of the State Highway Department, according to reports made by Chief Engineer Forster to Highway Commissioner Bigelow. Of the surveys made 620 miles of the highways have been plotted and work on them will be started in the spring.

Mrs. G. H. Belknap, who resides on the Pennsylvania side of the river near the suspension bridge, has in addition to her flock of chickens which she neither raised nor purchased. It is a male English pheasant, which came to her premises about a month ago. For a time it was very timid, but now it enters the poultry house and goes to roost nightly with the chickens.—Hancock Herald.

Monday last Wm. F. Hornbeck of this village of the firm of J. K. Hornbeck & Son, excelsior manufacturers, bought a new 40-horse power White Steamer. He has sold his 25-horse power White steamer to Constable B. C. Anderson. Lawbreakers will now have little chance of getting away from him—unless they take to the woods.—Hancock Herald.

People who live along the Delaware will be interested in the recently published novel, "A Fast Game," by Kirk Parson, (Rev. L. E. Sanford, of Tunkhannock, Pa., formerly of Wayne county,) the author of various short stories, including "On the Mountain Division," which is a story of railroad life on the Scranton Division of the O. & W. railroad. The books are published by Eaton & Mains. His new book, "A Fast Game," is the game of life, and a fast and lively game it is.

Old Soldier's Burial.

It is now settled that when an old soldier or his widow dies leaving \$150 or less of money and no other property except the few specific articles given to the survivor by statute, his or her funeral expenses to the extent of fifty dollars must be paid by the county of his or her legal residence, and cannot or need not be paid out of the money and property so left.

Last week Jeweler T. J. McConnell, who is also in the chicken business, his specialty being white Wyandotts, sold two pullets to A. J. Gies of Delmar, auditor for the D. & H. Railroad company, for \$14.50. Saturday he received an order from King of Prussia, a village in Pennsylvania, for 800 eggs for hatching purposes, and on Sunday he received an inquiry from Los Angeles, Cal., for two cockerels. His chickens, which are the "nest in this section of that strain, are from Madison Square blue ribbon winners, he having paid \$50 per 100 for the eggs. He also paid \$25 for a rooster last spring. In the egg laying contest now being conducted by the Daily North American of Philadelphia he has six pullets entered.—Hancock Herald.

\$500,000 Given to Employees.

Chicago.—Five hundred thousand dollars was appropriated by the executive officers of the International Harvester Co. for Christmas distribution among 2000 employees of the company.

The officials said that the gift "is in no sense a Christmas present—merely a sharing of the year's profits of the organization among worthy workers."

"Length of service or position will not entitle employees to participate," said George A. Ranney, assistant treasurer. "Special merit is the sole basis for recognition."

Dr. O. H. Rockwell, the defeated candidate for Congress, has filed his statement of expenses, which shows that he paid out \$1,682.20 during the recent campaign.

Charge Against Judge Dismissed.

The charge of selling liquor without a license brought against Associate Judge Englehardt, of Matamoras, Pike county, was dismissed by Judge Searle, on Tuesday of last week, and the license for his hotel transferred.

Where Would the Ordinary Man Be?

Had it been an ordinary individual instead of Mayor Gaynor, of New York, who was shot at Hoboken, N. J., he would have had to die, if the size of the doctor's bill had anything to do with it. The first bills totaled up \$26,100, but they have been reduced to \$19,500, and the City of

New York is asked to pay. Pretty dear treatment that.

Doing Down the State.

Double hog killing and match, with two large hogs, on New Year's Day, January 1, 1912, at the Heynemsville Hotel, Wilson Acker, proprietor. One hog weighs over 700 pounds live weight, and the other weighs 1000 pounds live weight. Come and join in the sport. Music by Kramlich's orchestra. A sociable will be held in the evening. By order of the COMMITTEE.

No Politics Here.

Judge Searle, of Wayne county, has appointed Hon. C. A. McCarty Chief Burgess of Honesdale to succeed Hon. John Kubbach, deceased. Mr. McCarty has been Democratic County Chairman for a number of years. The petition asking for his appointment was presented to court by Hon. Homer Greene, one of the leading Republicans of the county. And, it can be said with all candor no mistake has been made in the selection.—Monroe Record.

Several men who were formerly employed by the Herbeck-Demer Co., in Hallstead, have opened a cut glass factory in A. L. Recknow's vacant store on Main street, and commenced business last Monday morning. They have a number of orders on hand and are busily engaged filling the same.—Great Bend Plaindealer.

Farmers' Insurance Companies Chartered.

Harrisburg.—State charters were granted to-day as follows: Lackawanna Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Clark's Summit. Prudential Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Clark's Summit.

RAILROAD NOTES

Large car shops for the Lackawanna railroad will be built at East Stroudsburg.

The Erie "Flyer" will be replaced on that line. The train will run between Binghamton and Carbondale on the Jefferson division of the Erie.

Creosoted Ties Used by Lackawanna.

By the end of this year the Lackawanna Railroad company will have placed 493,506 creosote railroad ties, twice as many tie plates and four times as many screw spikes on its system. The road claims that laboratory and field tests have shown that screw spikes in an oak tie treated with creosote has an excess holding power over the nail spike of 88.1 per cent. The holes are first bored in the ties at the proper spacing to receive the spikes and the former are then sent to treating retorts where creosote oil is forced into the cells of the wood under pressure of 175 to 200 pounds to the square inch.

To Megaphone From the Towers.

Megaphones are being distributed to the men in charge of the various interlocking towers along the Susquehanna division of the Erie railroad.

The megaphones are to be used to communicate orders from the towers to the conductors and engineers of passing trains.

This is an innovation in railroad work and it will be given a thorough trial on the Susquehanna division. If it operates as well as expected the plan will be adopted on all branches of the road.

What Central Expects to Pay for O. & W.

The New York Central system expects to pay for the New Haven \$29,100,000 common and \$2,200 preferred stock of the Ontario & Western with \$13,108,397 in 4½ per cent. fifty year debenture bonds, which means about 45 for Ontario & Western stock.

New Whistles For Erie.

The Erie Railroad Company announced recently that each passenger engine in the Erie's suburban service is getting equipped with extra low-tone whistle, which is to be used on every occasion except when the louder whistle is required for emergency use, such as calling in a flag when the trainhand has gone out too far to hear the low-tone whistle, or for dangerous road crossings in a storm or fog.

The "whispering whistle" is expected to add greatly to the comforts of life in the suburbs. The wild shriek of the early trains has proved disturbing to commuters who are not compelled to arise early in the morning.

Norwich On Anxious Seat.

Norwich.—Gossip runs high in Norwich regarding the attempt of the New York Central railroad to buy the stock of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad company controlling the O. & W. Everyone is on the anxious seat here awaiting the outcome of the hearing before the Public Service commission.

In case the New York Central railroad company obtains control of the O. & W. it will mean a severe loss to Norwich, financially and otherwise.

D. & H. Pays \$5,500.

After negotiations that had extended over a period of fifteen years, the Delaware and Hudson company has purchased the William McDonnell property, Lackawanna street, Olyphant, that overlaps the company's right of way by four feet, for \$5,500.

Lackawanna Makes Christmas Gifts.

Christmas money to the amount of \$3,500 was distributed by the Lackawanna railroad to-day among its track foremen in this state, New Jersey and New York.

Two thousand dollars goes to trackforeman who remained at work during the strike of the Trackmen's union, several months ago, each trackman getting a check for \$20 as a Christmas gift.

The other \$1,500 went to twenty track foremen for their skill in keeping the roadbed in condition. Ten get \$100 apiece and ten \$50 apiece.

Gravity Road Builder Dies at Scranton.

Scranton.—John Nichols, aged eighty-three years, of West Drinker street, Dunmore, is dead after an illness of less than a week's duration.

Mr. Nichols was probably the oldest resident of this section of the state, having moved to Scranton with his parents in 1832, when he was four years of age.

For fifty-two years Mr. Nichols was continuously in the employ of the Pennsylvania Coal company, most of which time he was in charge of the stone work of the company. Practically all the stonework on the line of the old "Gravity" as well as that on the present Wyoming division of the Erie, was built under his direction. The work of erecting the present office of the Erie company was also in his charge.

Will Shorten Time.

A new time card will go into effect on the Erie on Tuesday, January 2. The only change made is in No. 9, the Wells-Fargo express from Chicago to New York which will be given a running time over the Susquehanna division of three hours and eight minutes as against three hours and twenty-five minutes under the present schedule.

The Wells-Fargo express train will now be the fastest train on the Susquehanna division. Only one intermediate stop is made, that being at Elmira for water. To cover the Susquehanna division, a distance of 140 miles means that the train must average close to 54 miles an hour for the entire distance and that at times the engineer must make 60 and 65 miles an hour to make up for slow downs through villages and cities.—Susquehanna Ledger.

Books in Many Languages.

The Erie has just issued a new book of rules for employees on and about the tracks, that is printed in nine different languages. On account of the large number of foreigners at work on the tracks it was necessary to not only print the rules in English but also in German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Polish, Slovak and Swedish.

The new rules became effective on Dec. 15.

Erie Brings Suit.

Although there are several cases pending against the Pennsylvania State Railroad Commission to test the legality of the "Full Crew Bill," one of the acts of the last legislature, another was filed at the office of the Prothonotary at Harrisburg Wednesday. It was by the Erie Railroad company. The papers were presented by William S. Snyder and George F. Brownawell, counsel for the company. Service has been accepted by the Railroad Commission.

"THE OLD HOMESTEAD."

The following tribute of the late Eugene Field was deeply regarded by Denman Thompson. As "The Old Homestead" comes to the Lyric on Thursday, Dec. 28, we are pleased to publish same at this time:

Just as when the awkward lines a hand we love has penn'd
Appears a meanin' hid from other eyes;

So, in your simple, homespun art, old honest Yankee friend,
A power o' tearful, sweet suggestion lies.

We see it all—the picture that your memories hold so dear—

The homestead in New England far away;

And the vision is so nat'ral-like we almost seem to hear

The voices that were hushed but yesterday.

Ah! who'd ha' thought the music of that distant childhood time

Would sleep through all the changeful, bitter years

To waken into melodies like Christmas bells a-chime,

An' to claim the ready tribute of our tears!

Why, the robins in the maples an' the blackbirds 'round the pond,

The crickets an' the locusts in the leaves,

The brook that chased the trout adown the hillside jest beyond,

An' the swallows in their nests beneath the eaves—

They all come troopin' back with you, dear Uncle Josh, to-day,

An, they seem to sing with all the joyous zest

Of the days when we were Yankee boys an' Yankee girls at play,

With nary thought of 'livin' way out West!

With this music an' these memories o' youth—

God bless ye Denman Thompson, for the good y' do our hearts

God bless ye for the faculty that tops all human arts,

The good ol' Yankee faculty of Truth!

—Eugene Field.

While oiling for a run the other day a Troy man poured half a can of maple syrup into the oil cup of his automobile, by mistake of course. He started for Elmira, the syrup got hot, and sugared off, and the man had a sweet time of it before he got back home.

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