

RAILROAD NOTES

The Erie Railroad company is giving certain employes special credit marks on their honor roll, for meritorious work, especially in the prompt reporting of defects on trains in operation, which might lead to accidents.

Pension System Adopted.

The plan submitted to Erie railroad officials a number of weeks ago by a committee representing the employes of the road outlining a pension system for the benefit of the system employes has been accepted at a representative meeting of the Erie employes, and now it only remains to ascertain how the employes in general feel toward the plan to have it placed in operation. It is possible that the plan may be put into effect early in the new year.

The following directors were elected at the meeting: Charles W. Everts of Cleveland, O., chairman, and W. R. Martin of Hornell, three years; T. Welch of Port Jervis, and J. J. McNell of Cleveland, O., two years; W. H. Hardy of Huntington, Ind., and Michael German of Salamanca, one year. Frank N. Hall of Salamanca, was elected secretary of the association. The organization is to be known as the Erie Employers' Relief Association. The office of the secretary will be located at Salamanca for the present.—Hornell Tribune.

It is announced at the Albany offices of the D. & H. that an order has been placed for three of the Mallott type locomotives, weighing 444,000 pounds and supplied with superheaters. These engines are the largest and most powerful used on any road and will be used to pull freight trains between Albany and Binghamton.

Dominick Decker, of Utica, a locomotive engineer of the New York Central Railroad company, has been retired on a pension after a service of nearly fifty years. He began as a fireman in 1862 and after five years became an engineer. During the entire service he never met with an accident or received serious injury.

Good Order for All Roads.

The D. L. & W. Railroad company has issued a new order to passenger train conductors and brakemen to see to it that all passengers keep their suit cases and other baggage out of the car aisles and that the trainmen should closely watch the placing of bags, suit cases and other luggage in the rack so that it will not fall down on the passengers' heads. All this precaution is taken to prevent passengers from being injured.

Lackawanna's Big Cut-Off Features.

Double track line.
New road 28.45 miles long.
Distance shortened between Scranton and New York by little over eleven miles.

No grade crossings.
Fifteen curves as against fifty-seven on old line.

Maximum grade, .55 per cent, as against 1.14 per cent. on old route.

Some 6,000,000 pounds of dynamite, besides many thousand pounds of feldspar and black powder, used.

For the three-mile-long Pequest fill, an extraordinary task, 6,625,650 cubic yards of material were required. From surrounding farms 4,500,000 cubic yards of the total were borrowed.

Construction work on Section 2 necessitated the blowing off of the entire top of a mountain.

Pauling's Kill viaduct at Hainesburg, which is 1,100 feet long and 115 feet high, is largest railroad "fill" in the world.

Only steel span along new line, that over Morris canal at Port Morris.

Lehigh Opens Cut-off.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad has opened the new cut-off that is bringing such a marked change in the west-bound movement of coal from the anthracite region of Pennsylvania. The cut-off, extending from East Ashmore on the Mahanoy & Hazleton Division, to a junction with the main line at Hays Creek, saves twelve miles in distance and substitutes a downgrade west-bound for the present descending and ascending course. One of the principal features of the line is the five-span bridge, 624 feet long and 79 feet high, over the Lehigh River and Central Railroad of New Jersey main line. In it are 1,060 tons of steel and 8,700 cubic yards of concrete. Across the valley on one side of the river the line runs upon a "fill" containing 165,000 cubic yards of material. From east to end of the cut-off the excavation amounted to 775,000 cubic yards of which more than 36 per cent was rock.

MOVING PICTURE RIGHTS.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Revolution of the moving picture business in the United States may follow a decision of Justice Stafford, of the district supreme court, to-day, giving a sweeping victory to the Motion Picture Patents company in test litigation against the Chicago Films company for infringement of patent rights granted to the Thomas A. Edison interests.

Millions of dollars are involved in the litigation and an appeal will be taken to the court of appeals for the district, Justice Stafford granting a stay of a week in the perpetual injunction issued. In the decree Justice Stafford set forth that Thomas A. Edison was the "original, first and true inventor" of the kinetoscope film. The injunction restrains the defendant company from directly or indirectly using or selling kinetoscope or motion picture films embodying the Edison invention.

The plaintiff is authorized to recover from the defendant the "profit, gains and advantages that have accrued to it by reason of the infringement."

CLEANED FROM THE EXCHANGES

There are 2,631,978 men in this big country of ours who can never have wives, because the United States contains, by the latest census figures, 47,332,122 males and 44,640,144 females, or 106 males for every 100 females. The shortage would not be so great if parts of the United States overcrowded with females, like New England, would only distribute them for the general benefit.

Mrs. Eva Lake died recently at the Littauer hospital in Gloversville, as a result of severe burns sustained from a gasoline explosion at her home in that city. Mrs. Lake at the time of the explosion was engaged in cleaning a glove. On the table at which she was working was a dish containing gasoline. By accident she tipped it over and communicated the fumes to an oil lamp. In the explosion which followed the woman was covered with burning gasoline and kerosene.

A York prophet predicts the end of the world four years hence. It is always well to "keep your house in order" as none of us can tell when the end of the world may come for us but it is a sure bet that a lot of people will live to see the York man discomfited by the fact that mother earth will continue to swing in its orbit for many long ages to come.

James Booze, of near Bristol, Bucks county, has a calf with five legs and six feet. The fifth leg is between the other two hind legs and is a complete leg having a gambrel joint the same as the other legs. The two feet are on the fifth leg and contrary to nature they are pointed backward instead of forward like other feet. Another great oddity of the animal is that it has three sets of generative organs. It is now over two months old and seems to be thriving.

William E. Tinker, of Pittsburg, says the Forest City News, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tinker, in Clifford township. Mr. Tinker has been a traveling salesman for several years and has "made good." He began as salesman for the Honesdale Footwear company in the district surrounding Pittsburg, but his ability attracted the attention of the Colgate company, one of the largest manufacturers of soaps and toilet preparations in the world, and he now has a snug berth with them.

The following persons have deeded lands to the county of Delaware, in Deposit and Hancock, for rights of way for the proposed State road No. 4 between New York City and Buffalo: In Deposit, Kate E. Travis, \$450; Marcia F. Cole, \$125; Sylvester L. Clapper and wife, \$125; Hannah Kelly, \$75; Boliver H. Travis and wife, \$150; Milton Travis and wife, \$60. In Hancock: Ernest Lakin and others, \$275; Irvin W. Seymour and wife, \$100; Mary Curry, \$100; George L. Sands, \$1,000; Peter Bleck, \$75.—Hancock Herald.

Dr. W. A. Evans, who runs the health department of the Chicago Tribune, tells a correspondent past middle life, who wants, for the sake of his wife, to find a way to cure snoring, that there is no such way. The doctor says: "Having you sleep on your side will do more good than scolding you. Preventing adenoids; preventing enlargement of the tonsils; keeping nose space by preventing colds and keeping the nose clean; these items as a policy inaugurated in childhood and kept up through life will prevent the habit of snoring. But past 60 is too late to begin."

Recently the local postoffice received an inquiry from a man in New York state, asking if there was a hardware dealer in Forest City named Aldrich, who ran a shop in Starucca some twenty years before. He was informed that Mr. Aldrich is doing business here, and a few days later the latter received a letter from the man inclosing ten dollars. He said that Mr. Aldrich had lent him five dollars twenty-three or four years ago and the extra five was for interest. The loan, and the man it was made to, had entirely passed from Mr. Aldrich's mind until he received the letter. The borrower, our townsman tells me, was quite a bright man, and the inventor of several devices which have proven of value, but like many another inventive genius, he failed to reap the reward of his efforts. At the time he called in on Mr. Aldrich and got the five he was seeing some of the seamy sides of life.—Forest City News.

Hay is selling for \$25 a ton in Bloomsburg, which is an exceptional price, but one that is being paid nevertheless. It is not surprising, however, in view of the failure of the hay crop last season.

National Relief Fund.

Chicago.—Establishment of an \$8,000,000 national fund to be used in case of disaster by fire, flood, earthquake or mine explosion, in any section of the country, is under way, according to Edgar T. Davies, Chief Factory Inspector of Illinois, who made such announcement recently. Mr. Davies, who had just returned to Chicago from Washington, said that Congressman W. W. Wilson, of the Third Illinois District, would introduce a bill, providing for the fund, in Congress this month.

The government of Peru is the first nation to take cognizance of the importance of aviation by making it part of a course in the public-school system, an order having recently been promulgated creating an aviation department in the school of arts and crafts at Lima.

POULTRY NOTES

—W. H. Karslake has a nine-months-old Plymouth Rock cockerel that weighs eleven and a quarter pounds. The bird captured first premium at the last Wayne county fair.

Elect Officers and Talk Poultry.

Members of the Wayne County Poultry and Pigeon Association met in the Allen House Wednesday evening. It was the annual business meeting at which time the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—E. E. Kinsman, Cherry Ridge.
First vice-president—Henry Robinson, Seelyville.
Second vice-president, Frank Lord, Honesdale.
Secretary, Edward A. Lindsay, Honesdale.
Treasurer, George Erk, Jr., Seelyville.

Executive committee: W. H. Karslake, Dyberry; H. Murrman, Charles Herrman, Honesdale; R. Martin, Hawley, and G. W. Swarts, Ariel.

On motion it was carried that the association meet the last Wednesday of every month.

The advisability of holding a poultry exhibit in Honesdale was discussed. The matter was left with the executive committee.

What a Girl Did With 30 Pullets.

Miss Eva Storer, of Norridgewock, Me., from 30 pullets in a year's time made \$140, relates John Taylor, in the New York Tribune-Farmer. Her plan was her own, and it proved practical. She had a Plymouth Rock hen and a White Indian game rooster. She crossed these, and the eggs from the hen were set and she got 30 pullets, which she raised. These pullets in September began to lay. The eggs alone as pullets prior to this had not commenced to lay until January, and about the same time the Plymouth Rock pullets would begin to lay. By the cross she was able to get extra eggs three months earlier than formerly. She kept these pullets laying through the winter, with not much let up, and in all they produced about 2,500 eggs. Quite a number of these eggs were sold for hatching purposes at 50 cents per dozen, and the rest were put into the incubators to hatch. She was able to get on the average a hatch of 85 per cent. When the chicks came out of the shells she sold some of them to various ones of her neighbors at 10 cents each. She raised some of the pullets and the cockerels she sold in the fall. At Christmas time she sold the year-old pullets and commenced with the new pullets. The feed for the poultry consisted for the most part of corn, mash and green stuff. In the winter she followed out the same system where it was possible.

FRANCISCO PLEADS GUILTY.

C. L. Francisco, owner and publisher of the Times-Record, Sayre's daily newspaper, accompanied by his attorneys, Lilley & Wilson, went before Judge Cameron Friday just before 6 o'clock and entered a plea of guilty, whereupon sentence was suspended, Mr. Francisco to pay the costs.

After hearing the plea of guilty, Judge Cameron, who has well defined ideas in regard to what newspapers should and should not print, took occasion to address the men before him, and his remarks were in the nature of a lecture which will not soon be forgotten by those who heard him.

Mr. Francisco was charged with criminal libel by John C. Ingham, Esq., and Judge Fanning. The complainants were candidates for the Republican nomination for Judge and during the campaign before the September primaries the Times-Record printed an article which mentioned Mr. Ingham and Mr. Fanning in a way that led to the criminal prosecutions.

The Grand Jury returned a true bill in each complaint and the cases were listed for trial last week, being continued for a week.

Rodney A. Mercur, Esq., was attorney for the prosecutors, Messrs. Ingham and Fanning.—Towanda Daily Review.

Former Clerk Sues County.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 27.—With the hope of receiving the increase in salary which the last Legislature allowed, George J. Evans, formerly a clerk in the office of Register of Wills Smith, has brought suit against Luzerne county. He was appointed a clerk by the register January 1, 1909, and he served until the first of September, 1911, when illness compelled him to retire. While he was serving as a clerk, the Legislature passed a bill fixing the salary of the third assistant, which position he held at \$1800 per year. He never received the advance and brings the action to determine whether or not he can recover \$500, which he claims is due him.

New Anaesthetic Method.

New York, Dec. 28.—Physicians and surgeons are awaiting with keen interest the work, now on the press, of Dr. James T. Gwathmey, anaesthetist at the Skin and Cancer hospital and of St. Bartholomew's hospital, and Dr. Charles Baskerville, professor of chemistry at the College of the City of New York, who have discovered a new method for administering chloroform and ether.

The method has been employed in 6,000 cases without a death. It is used by Dr. Davis, of John Hopkins, Baltimore; Dr. Holmes, of the New City hospital, of Cincinnati, and Dr. M. P. Benton, of New York.

The new method is called "vapor anesthesia." What the surgeon does is to apply the vapor of ether or chloroform, or a mixture of both through warmed water before letting the patient breathe it. Thus, instead of irritating the mucous lining of the lungs by coldness, the gases reach them at blood heat.

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