# WAS A MARVEL RAILROAD NOTES **EQUITABLE HOME**

**Burned Building and Site Valued** at \$20,000,000.

## COVERED ACRE OF GROUND.

With Splendid Arcade of Granite, Onyx and Marble It Was One of New York's Wonders-Late E. H. Harriman Had Offices In Building

The Equitable Life Assurance society's building in New York, which was recently destroyed by fire, was valued at \$17,000,000 to \$20,000,000. Covering an acre of ground and containing a beautiful arcade of polished granite, onyx and Italian marble, it occupied an entire block, surrounded by Broadway, Pine, Cedar and Nassau streets, and for decades, until the erection of the great skyscrapers, was one of the most imposing buildings in the city.

Built of granite and elaborately decorated, it was pointed out for nearly half a century as one of the sights of New York, significant of the solidity of the city's financial institutions, and in later years its ornamented towers have given a trace of structural beauty to a section of Broadway where square, towering skyscrapers are forcing out older and more beautiful buildings.

It contained the rooms of the Lawvers' club and had a law library of 13,000 volumes, together with scores of valuable paintings.

#### Held Harriman Offices.

Financiers of national reputation had offices in the Equitable building for years. From offices there E. H. Harriman for years directed the affairs of his system of railroads.

Erected in 1869, the original building covered only one-half of the Broadway front of the block, adjoining the Pine street corner, but it was extended and remodelled in 1887 so as to cover the entire block.

It was then regarded as one of the city's structural marvels and contained 600 offices. A part of the old building had been torn down and extensive additions made, producing a structure eleven stories high, with approximately 160 feet frontage on Broadway and 310 feet depth, running through to Nassau street

Its most notable feature after remodeling was the splendid arcade, which was opened on May 3, 1887. This composed a court 100 feet long, 44 feet wide and 30 feet high, its walls of highly polished granite, with rows of double pillars of the same material, extending along its sides. The capitals of these pillars were of Algerian onyx, and along their tops were layers of Knoxville and Italian mar-

## Had Tessellated Floor.

A tessellated floor of pink and white marble added to its beauty. At its eastern end, in the arch of the dome. was a mosaic panel, said to be one of the finest of its kind in the country. It consisted of the draped figure of a woman, at each side of which was the figure of a warrior and beneath them the motto of the society, "Vigilance ital. and Strength-Defend the Defense-

Plans were made in 1908 to tear down the building and erect in its place a sixty-two story structure which was to be 909 feet in height and to cost \$15,000,000, consisting of a main building 489 feet high, of thirty-four stories, and a tower of twenty-eight stories, with a cupola 420 feet high. These plans, however, were abandon-

The great war against the insurance companies which resulted in a legislative investigation conducted by Charles E. Hughes and in extensive reforms of the insurance business throughout the country had its incep tion in the Equitable building and began in a struggle between James Hazen Hyde and James W. Alexander. its chief official, for the stock of the society.

As a result of this struggle Hyde was forced out of the ownership of the society and sold it to Thomas F. Ryan.

The late E. H. Harriman testified at the insurance investigation that he attempted to induce Mr. Ryan to sell him a part interest in the society, but Mr. Ryan declined, and Mr. Harriman. when asked if he had squared the account with Mr. Ryan for his refusal.

answered, "Not yet." After retaining its ownership for several years Mr. Ryan sold control of the society to J. P. Morgan in 1909, and Mr. Morgan is now believed to be its owner.

## BIG KRUPP EXHIBIT.

Miniature Coast Defense Works For

Panama Exposition. The Krupp firm will exhibit at the Panama canal exposition at San Francisco in 1915 a miniature coast defense works. The exhibit will be erected at Golden Gate about the time of the opening of the canal. The Krupps intend to make a great display of their various inventions and machines, especially their war machines.

They also expect to supply the material for the huge tower at San Francisco, which is to be a few feet higher than the Eiffel tower.

The Zeppelin Airship company will also be represented at the exposition with various sir craft and apparatus.

the old frame shantles used by watchmen and gatemen, at Hawley, at its crossings with concrete structures which are more substantial but smaller in dimensions. The rete buildings are only large enough for a stove and one person. A port-ly watchman, it is said, would test the capacity of the house.

### A Shipper's Response.

Every little shipper has a feeling all his own.

Thinking his consignment should have preference, alone. And whether it be a case or carload, If it's shipped o'er the Eric Railroad, He knows it will receive attention, Through a service that's quite his

OWD -Blanchard.

Building a Railroad All By Himself. Jetmore, Kan.-Rudolph Myers, he man who is building a railroad west from this city all by himself, has purchased more right of way and is pushing his grade westward. Myers' objective is Garden City, 54 miles southwest of Jetmore. Already he has graded more than four miles of the roadbed, most of which required heavy cutting and filling. He expects to build at least 10 miles the coming year, most of the right of way being over level land. Myers confidence since he began work on the road. He has used only his own money and his own labor, and he appears to have all the money he He has never employed any help, doing all the grading himself with a four-mule team and a wheel-

of his plans. All he has ever said is that he is grading a railroad to All he has ever said Garden City. years ago and about three years ago began acquiring the right of way for this road, his first purchase being 30 He was the president of a complex acres, for which he paid \$30 an acre. There was one hill 30 feet in height n this right of way, through which Myers has cut, using the earth exavated to make a fill over a ravine some 40 feet deep. For the re-mainder of the distance there are

Locomotives With Two Whistles. The Erle Railroad has equipped about 100 of its locomotives, running n suburban passenger service at the ew York end of the road, with twoach single-bell chime whistles, in ddition to the ordinary whistle, and as instructed the enginemen to use smaller and less noisy whistle Crane. on all occasions except where the ander one is required as a measure

few hills or ravines.

### Pitcairn Shops Busy.

The 2,300 men at work in the Pitairn shops of the Pennsylvania railpring. during the past four years. It is said that 15,000 cars are being brought here from the west for repairs

China now has 7,200 miles of rallways, the greater part of which has been built and financed by foreign cap-

The Japanese have sent railway men to Berlin to study the German system and the various safeguards used on German railway lines. .

In Australia there are 7,000 miles of railway of three feet six inch gauge, 4,000 miles of five feet three inch gauge and 3,600 miles of four feet eight and one-half inch gauge. The four feet eight and one-half inch gauge is the standard in New South Wales, and present indications point to this gauge becoming universal in Australia.

## The Cookbook.

When cooking potatoes in their jackets pierce them with the prongs of a silver fork.

Butter and sugar may be creamed more rapidly if the butter is first put through a ricer.

When next cooking lima beans, only parboil them; then brown them in butter or bacon fat.

For the roast of cold lamb course try serving an egg salad, sprinkled with minced mint leaves.

Cold boiled cabbage baked in a dish sprinkled with grated cheese and baked makes a substantial dish.

## Edison's Latest.

How'd you like to walk into the rocker of one of Tom Edison's concrete chairs in the dark?-Washington

When Mr. Edison's concrete furniture comes into general use, what pleasure is there going to be in going home and smashing things?-Denver Republican.

After Mr. Edison has made his cement furniture popular, perhaps he will turn his attention to the manufacture of asbestos gowns, mica waistcoats and gun metal pajamas.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"What have they put up that scaffolding round the church tower for?" "It's for shortsighted people who want to know the time."-Pele Mele.

With increasing amusement he laughed Because of his daughter's wild laughter. He said, "Though I seem to be daughed, I'm sure that my daughter is daughter.

## R. T. CRANE WAS **FOE OF COLLEGES**

## The Erie railroad is supplanting Advocated Burning of Higher Educational Institutions.

## A BIG CONCERN.

Gave Employment to Six Thousand Persons-Carnegie His Pet Aversion, His Sensational Attacks on Harvard and Other Colleges.

Richard T. Crane, head of the Crane company of Chicago, who died recently, was a fee of universities and higher educational institutions.

"Burn the colleges and use the money they spend for better purposes," declared this self made ironmaster. College men of all classes, he believed. tended both to inefficiency and immorality, and in his last years be spent much time in attempting to prove his assertions.

The autocratic manufacturer's pet aversion was Andrew Carnegie, brother ironmaster, but giver of libraries and supporter of universities. And indeed in most respects the two men were the direct antitheses of each other. Crane was a man of powerful has never taken anybody into his frame, thickset, sinewy and agile almost to the day of his death at eighty years. The square head and thick neck showed a bullheadedness of purpose which the keenness of eye stamped as competent of carrying out.

It took this man more than fifty ed scraper. The people hereabouts are very curious, but Meyers has never given them the slightest idea. When it was done it was called the When it was done it was called the Crane company, but the "company" was to the last Richard Teller Crane. Myers is 50 years old, a Kansan Other Cranes there were in the busi-orn. He came to Jetmore four ness, but "o.d R. T.," as he was known

He was the president of a complex corporation, yet knew how each machine should run and was likely to step at any workman's bench and give him a sharp rebuke for some shortcoming. Yet he was as quick to seize the grimy hand of an old employee in friendly greeting and talk with him like a fellow workman. Most of his men he knew by their first names. He

was a democrat and autocrat in one. "Academic learning beyond the essentials of the grammar grades in publie schools is waste of time and waste of money for the boy who is to enter commercial life," was the dictum of

In a volume he published early in 1910 Mr. Crane told of the results of an investigation into the methods, uses and expenses of "higher education" of all kinds. He charges that the millions spent annually on universities. road are rushed with work and colleges and technical and agricultural employment is promised for schools and law and medical schools in them throughout the winter and general are swallowed up in one of the There are now more men at most gigantic "swindles" of the age. work in the shops than at any time Among other things he says: "The college men talk as though they knew all about every other man's business and that they could manage affairs better than the business men them-

"College professors and teachers are prepared to give advice on all subjects. As \$2,000 a year teachers they tell us how to turn out \$5,000 and \$10,000 a year business men. Isn't it a bit strange that it never has occurred to these smart college fellows to go into business for themselves? Why draw a small salary for telling young men how to draw big salaries if you are capable of drawing the big salary yourself?"

Last September he came out with his most sensational attack, when he assailed the morals of the higher institutions of learning. At Harvard, he declared, 95 per cent of the students drank more or tess and 15 per cent went completely to the bad. He found conditions bad at Yale and Princeton and worse at Columbia. Cornell was also a particular target. He found all sorts of immorality rampant in all centers of learning. The storm of protest this aroused among college men has bardly yet died away.

## HISS PLAYS YOU DON'T LIKE.

Harvard Professor's Scheme to Elevate the Stage.

Professor George D. Baker of Harin alternate layers of white sauce vard university, head of the Drama League of Boston, believes in drastic measures to force theatrical promoters to produce a higher class of plays. He said that the most expressive manner in which to show the disapproval of a play was by the hissing of persons occupying orchestra seats. Several years ago the hissing might be left to the galleries, but the old gallery attendance now puts in the time at moving picture shows.

Professor Baker said the only man ner in which the Drama league could be a success was to have a special committee attend all first nights and after the performance issue a bulletin on the play if it deserved laudable mention. If unworthy of notice in a bulletin, the special committee should lead the hissing. No mention was to be made of the plays hissed, this publicity being left to the newspapers.

Has Six Ivational Guard Armories. New Mexico owns six handsome national guard armories-at Santa Fe. Las Vegas, Las Cruces, Roswell, 8il ver City and Albuquerque. During 1911 a large annex was built to the state's handsome capitol building

Married At Honesdale 19 Years Ago. Jeremiah Alvoid Doyle, died at his home on the Thompsonville road in

Monticeilo, N. Y., recently, after an illness of six weeks, of heart trouble. Mr. Doyle was born at Hancock, N. Y., 59 years ago, and when a young man learned the carpenter's trade.

At the age of 20 years he went west, and traveled considerably through Colorado and Arkansas, returning east 21 years ago, to look after his father, who died a year lat-

In 1893 Mr. Doyle was married to Miss Caroline Keesler, of Damascus, at Honesdale, and most of the time since has resided at Monticello, where he has worked at his trade, and was considered an experienced carpenter and miliright.

The funeral services were held the home Sunday afternoon at o'clock, Rev. Walter I. Stecher, of the Episcopal church officiating. The church choir was also present and sang "Lead Kindly Light," and "Peace, Perfect Peace." Interment in Rock Ridge cemetery.

#### ECLIPSES FOR 1912.

In the year 1912 there will be four eclipses-two of the sun and two of the moon.

A partial eclipse of the moon, April 1-2, Invisible. Visible to Europe, Asia and Africa, and in part to the northeastern tip of North America, South America, except the northwest portion, and the western portion of Australia.

 A central eclipse of the sun, April 17. Visible to the eastern por-tion of North America, the northern and northeastern portions of South America, Europe, northwest Africa, and the western part of Asia.

3. A partial eclipse of the moon, September 26. Visible to the central and western portions of North America, Australia and the Pacific Ocean, and in part to the eastern and central portions of Asia.

4. A total eclipse of the sun, Oct. 10. Invisible. Visible to the south-east of the United States, the southern part of Mexico, Central America, the West Indies, South America and the southern end of Africa.

#### Pert Personals.

Elbert Hubbard says that he "feeds his soul with white hyacinths." How Elbert's soul must dread mealtimes!-Detroit Free Press

King George is said to have greatly cujoyed a tiger bunt in India. Some of the English ladies who do not like Queen Mary were mean enough to hint that it was a welcome relief from ordinary domestic life.-Rochester Times.

Congressmen who visit the isthmus look with astonishment and almost with awe on Colonel Goethals. It is lifficult to understand a man who is of trying to make a million for himself out of the situation - Minneapolis Journal.

## State Lines.

There are nor members of Protestout chur bes in Pennsylvania than in sny other stat. in the Union

quantities to the aggregate value of

Massachus tis bays chilm to some 1600 acres of cranberry bog. New Jermy has \$,000 and Wisconsin 6,000. in point of area these states are followed in turn by Rhode Island, Connecticut | Herald and New York

## The Schoolroom.

America's first town school was extablished at Hartford, Conn., in 1642. Woman schoolteachers in the higher schools of Russia have been put on the same wage schedule as man teachers. with the same rights in respect to

pensions. In the schools of Holland it is part of the course of instruction to teach French, German and English. When a pupil reaches the period of graduation he must take an examination in these languages.

## Cost of Living.

It is about time for some one to found an Ancient and Honorable Order of Those Who Used to Eat Eggs. New York Tribune.

Which reminds us that the goose that laid the golden eggs was, compared to the present day hen, a mere piker.-Detroit Times.

The Washington Post wants it made more difficult to get married, but the butcher and grocer are attending to that right along.-Denver Republican.

## The Twenty Lists.

Good morning! Have you fixed up your list of twenty greatest people for this month?-Detroit News.

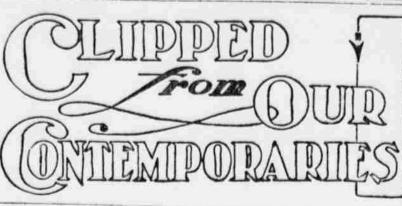
And every good husband no doubt is sure that he is married to one of the twenty world's greatest women. Detroit Free Press.

Now somebody should submit a list of the world's twenty greatest hens, since we are going in for the honoring of philanthropists.-Chicago News.

To measure and record the vibrations of a machine or building photographically is the purpose of an apparatus invented in England.

A hot water bottle so shaped that it can be heated by the insertion of an cemetery. electric light bulb in a pocket has been patented by an Oregon man.

For disinfecting books a Missourian has invented a revolving stand to hold them open while they are being whirled against a jet of some gas that is a



Stringent Restrictions.

six children, as follows: Ruth, aged \$15,000,000 in 1911 by forgeries, active and also one brother in Michigan.

New York.—The banks of the United States were swindled out of \$15,000,000 in 1911 by forgeries, according to Albert Osborn, a hand-writing expert, and because of this the funeral service. New York .- The banks of the have adopted the most tsringest restrictions

The most drastic of the new regulations is that no bank shall open an account with any one not personally known to some officer of the bank or vouched for by a depositor.

#### Finds Fortune on Beach.

Brockton, Mass .- George B. Bolling, city chemist, recently told William H. White, Brooklyn, that the piece of ambergris which White found on Christmas day while walk-ing along the beach near his sum-mer cottage at Nantasket Beach was worth \$19,200, the lucky finder is said to have fainted from happiness. Since he recovered he has been blessing the whale which coughed the precious twenty-pound

Mr. Bolling said that he felt sure the find, at the standard rate for am-bergris of \$60 an ounce, would be purchased for \$19,200.

R. D. Carriers "Out of Politics," Several thousand rural free delivery letter carriers are barred from active participation in politics by an executive order signed by President Taft on Monday. The order forbids the rural letter carriers from pernicious activity in politics, and empowers the civil service commission to dismiss any of them found to be so engaged.

#### Has Bible 313 Years Old.

D. A. F. Cressman of Springtown, Pa., has an old German Bible printed in 1599 at Frankfort-on-the-Main. It is therefore 313 years old. It is a large volume, the paper is eight by twelve inches. It is substantially bound with boards, covered with embossed leather in near design with six stout ropes in back and clasps grew up, always in each other stone six stout ropes in back and clasps grew up, always in each other stone in front. About 150 illustrations, pany, and when the time came they in front a balf by six inches are married sisters, lived as neighbors, married sisters, lived as neighbors, and confour and a half by six inches are inserted throughout the Bible, all of which are surrounded by ornamental scroll work.

On the first leaf is the statement that this edition was the last read over carefully and corrected by Maroccurred in 1546.

There is a possibility that Mr. Pierson may move to Hancock in the spring. It is hoped that he will, for he is a hustler, and where he is there is al-ways "something doing."—Hancock

which is to be built from Honesdale and Miss Jennie Tunstail. Their to Milford are surveying in this section this week. The borough was Tribune-Republican. tion this week. The borough was reached on Monday. The route leads down Main street to Spring to Bellemonte avenue, thence to the silk mill and over the turnpike to Wilsonville.-Hawley Times.

## Found Indian Grave.

An Indian grave was found on the farm of Samuel Best. in Beaver township, Clarion county, recently while locating an oil well. Slicker and Charles Kline made the discovery, the grave being marked by a mound and headstone. On digging to a depth of about six feet bones of a man together with several tomahawks, bows and arrows, a string of beads and a rose ring were found. The bones indicated the man had been fully six feet tall He had evidently been an Indian chief who had been gathered to years ago

## AGED RESIDENT IS

Mrs. Christian Schenzer Dies at the Age of Eighty-Nine.

Mrs. Christina Schenzer, one Carbondale's oldest and most highly respected residents, passed away into Eternal Rest at 6:30 o'clock Thursday evening following a brief She had been in a very serillness. lous condition for the past few days and her death was not unexpected. Mrs. Schenzer was born in Germany in March, 1822, and was therefore eighty-nine years of age. had been a resident of Carbondale for the past sixty years and was well known and esteemed, especially among the older residents of the

health permitted. Her only surviver is one daugh-ter, Christina. The funeral took place Friday afternoon. Servi were conducted at the house at Services o'clock by Rev. Charles Lee, D. D. and interment was made in St. Rose

Presbyterian church and attended

church services regularly when her

She was a member of the First

#### PLAN A CONVENTION SO GIRLS MAY POP.

To give impetus to leap year proposals it has been arranged to hold a bachelors' and maids' convention at La Grange, Georgia, at which the unmarried will gather from all parts wanda, Pa.

of Georgia and Eastern Alabama. A number of prominent citizens are in-

terested in the undertaking. Mayor John E. Edmundson has promised to preside, while Justices J. D. Gaffney and Robert L. Young will be on hand to perform marriage ceremonies. Cut rates on licenses will be given during the convention. The county commissioners have donated the use of the court house auditorlum during the last two days in Jan-

A number of bachelors and bachelor girls in Troupe county have en-tered heartly into the plan. Those back of the movement are of

the opinion that bashfulness is the only reason why there are bachelors in the county at all, and that if the girls are given the proper opportunity during leap year there will be a speedy change in conditions.

## TUNSTOLL TWINS TALK OLD TIMES.

John and Stephen, Aged Eighty-nine Each, Hold Family Reunion.

The Tunstall twins-John and Stephen-lived their eighty-nine years over again last Thursday among a little party of friends and neighbors at the residence of John W. Pellio, of 822 Vine street. Mrs. Pellio is a daughter of Stephen Tun-stall, and, in honor of the anniversary of father and uncle, who are the oldest living twins in the country, she got up a dinner at which sat the remarkable twins, family mem-bers and the Pellios' neighbors.

The twins have always been so alike that Stephen used to sometimes get mixed up, himself, and write John's name in the copybook at school, and John would scribble down Stephen's. When they were babes their mother didn't dare let them out of sight even when they were tucked away in the cradle unless she first tied a red ribbon around the neck of Stephen so that she would know which from which. From babehood to boyhood the attended the same church, and continue to so live to the end.

The twins were born in Peekskill. N. Y., Jan. 14, 1823. They went to school together and when old enough over carefully and corrected by Mar-tin Luther before his death which Together they worked, and being of Together they worked, and one sympathy and feeling, it was not strange that simultaneously they fell the daughters of Mrs. On Monday last Arthur S. Pierson in love with the daughters of Mrs. purchased of Frank J. Dennison of James Lent, of Peckskill. Stephen Hawley, Pa., his property in the village of Hancock, located on the Brooklyn side, including the saw came to Scranton and erected a mill, tools, etc. Mr. Pierson takes foundry in North Scranton. There immediate possession and will start they made chutes, plates and cast-the mill just as soon as a sufficient lings. For ten years they ran the Georgia produces twenty-three dif-ferent kinds of minerals in commercial mill. He is now in the market for central city. For many years John timber lots, and will also purchase conducted a confectionery store on logs of those having them to sell. Wyoming avenue on the site of the Odd Fellows' building, and Stephen for years was the representative of the Singer Sewing Machine company. When age began to creep upon them, John went to live with his son, W. C. erald Tunstall, of Quincy avenue, and Stephen went to live with his daugh-Surveyors for the state highway ters, Mrs. Pellio, Mrs. Ella Winton

> Mrs. John W. Pellio, the daughter of Stephen Tunstall, is the wife of a former Honesdale man, John W. Pellio, who is a brother-in-law of Fred Schoell, the barber of this place

### SPRING PRIMARIES WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, APRIL 13.

No Local Officers Can Be Elected

This Year-About Candidates. George D. Thorn, chief clerk in the State Department, has compiled his annual pamphlet of election infor-mation for the present year. It is full of valuable information, covering the following matters:

The February elections having been abolished, the election business pertains to the spring primaries and happy hunting grounds" many the general election in November, ago. No county, city, borough or township officers can be elected this year.

DENT IS In the State at large there are to CLAIMED BY DEATH. be elected 38 Presidential electors four Congressmen-at-Large, an Auditor General and a State Treasurer. In each Congressional district there is to be elected one representative in Congress; in each odd numbered Senatorial district, one State Senator, and in each county or representative district, members of the State House of Representatives. There can be no other elections this year, unless a vacancy should occur in the Supreme or Superior court two months before

the election. Because this is a Presidential year the spring primaries will be held early, so as to provide for the election of delegates to the national convention of the parties. Saturday, April 13, is the date for the pri-Saturday. maries. At these primaries delegates and alternates to the national conventions will be elected in each Con-

gressional district. With the April primaries but three months away, the thoughts of the vo-ters are turning toward the polls and wondering who the candidates

C. Fred Wright, of Susquehanna county, will in all probability be a candidate to succeed himself as state treasurer; Homer Greene, Hones-dale's famous author, poet and lawver, will probably be a candidate for Congressman at large, and Congress-man Ainey will be a candidate to succeed himself .- Reporter-Journal, To-