

Railroad Time Tables.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

IN EFFECT AUGUST 1, 1897.

Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Division Time Table.

Trains leave Driftwood EASTWARD

9:10 a. m.—Train 8, weekdays, for Sunbury, Williamsport, Harloton, Portville, Scranton, Harrisburg and the intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m.; New York, 9:30 p. m.; Baltimore, 6:00 p. m.; Washington, 7:15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

4:03 p. m.—Train 6, weekdays, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:30 a. m.; New York, 7:30 a. m. Pullman Sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York, Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

9:23 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia, 6:52 a. m.; New York, 9:52 a. m. on week days and 10:38 a. m. on Sundays; Baltimore, 6:20 a. m.; Washington, 7:40 a. m. Pullman sleepers from New York, Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington. Passengers in sleeper from Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport. Passenger coaches from Erie to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore.

WESTWARD

4:41 a. m.—Train 8, weekdays, for Erie, Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and principal intermediate stations, leaving Driftwood 4:41 a. m.

9:43 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and intermediate points.

5:43 p. m.—Train 15, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR DRIFTWOOD FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

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HE PLAYED BARBER.

SHAVED A DEAD MOONSHINER, AND THERE WAS NO "NEXT."

The Job Tendered, With Some Emphasis, by Friends of the Deceased—The Traveling Man Accepted, but Now Sells Over Another Route.

"It was in Tennessee," said the traveling man, "that happened, on one of those back country roads which I was traveling on my way to a town where I had a fine list of customers. The night was closing in, and I was wondering how long it would take me to reach a place where I could spend the night. I knew that I was among the moonshiners, for the jug on a stump with the money under it was in evidence along the road. I had no thought of being molested in that country, where the only warfare is against the revenue officers, and of no one would have suspected me of complicity with the government.

"A slight noise startled my horse, and I leaped out of the buggy to look into the chamber of a revolver. At the same time I saw two figures, one on each side of me, and, checking my horse, I tried to assume a bravado I was far from feeling as I asked:

"Well, gentlemen, what is your will with me?"

"You can imagine my surprise when a boyish voice asked:

"Kin you shave yourself?"

"I answered that I always shaved myself. Without lowering his revolver he looked across me to his pal on the other side.

"He us will do, Jim. Hop in an I'll lead the horse."

"Having made up my mind not to be dragged off in any such ignominious manner, I said:

"If you are going to shoot me, I suppose I must give up my life, as I am unarmed. If it is money you want, I'm—"

"Tell him, Jim," said the one who was leading my horse.

"Yer won't be killed nor robbed nor nothin', if yer don't try ter give us the slip. Shet your mouth now, mister, an you'll know more right soon."

"We must have gone a mile before we came to a turn in the road that brought us out in front of a cabin much larger than any I had seen that day in my travel. A woman stood at the door crying.

"Hev yer fous somebody, boys?" she asked anxiously.

"Yep, morn, an he'll do the job up slick 'bout askin' much pay."

"I wondered if I was to be compelled to murder some one. The boys were headless mountain loafers—I had met their type often, but I never knew them to be desperadoes.

"I was shown into the cabin by the woman, one of the boys following with the revolver, while the other waited to fasten the horse to a scrub oak. I saw a figure stretched on a settle, and the idea flashed into my mind that I was mistaken for a doctor.

"I am not a medical man," I began to explain, when the woman cut me short.

"You uns 'ud a been tew late of you uns was a doctor. He passed outen afore daylight, an it's bother kind of job we wanter hev done. Yer see, we uns is a goin tew hev the biggest fun'el everah was in these yank parts, an we wanter hev the ole man shaved for the first time, an there ain't a man no-where aroun as shaves himself or enny-body else."

"The revulsion of feeling which came over me was not altogether pleasurable, for I did not fancy the idea of playing barber to a dead man, but when I looked at the cadaverous countenance and tangled gray beard of the deceased I felt a sort of professional pride in making him look more like a mortal being and less like a wolf. I had always been an abstainer from strong drink, but I filled up an crude spirits that would have killed me on an ordinary occasion and tackled my silent customer with a feverish and hysterical alacrity. This was in part due to the close proximity of the two boys and their revolvers. But as soon as I had the old mountaineer shaved the revolvers were laid aside and I was treated with the utmost hospitality. The work itself had not been half as gruesome as I had imagined, and I had to fight a ludicrous temptation to pour barber talk into the deaf ears. He was such an improvement over himself when alive—as I judged by the family lingo—that I wanted to ask him to look in a mirror. I declined the fee tendered me by the boy Jim, and, supplied with a jug of moonshine whisky, I was set in the right road and permitted to leave.

"I found it true that in all that community not a man had ever been shaved, and it was only in deference to a whim of the old mountaineer, expressed on his deathbed, that he was made such a curious exception. I did not mention my part in the transaction until I was far beyond that county line, for I was not sure that a precedent being set, they might not again demand my services, and another salesman has that route."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Strikes occurred centuries ago, and their outcome was just as disastrous as that of the present day work struggle. In the year 1329, says an old paper, a strike of brassworkers was initiated in Breslau, Silesia, which lasted a year.

SOME ROYAL DOGS.

Nearly All the Sovereigns of Europe Are Fond of Canine Pets.

Nearly every one of the sovereigns of Europe, it appears, has one or more pet dogs. The collies of Queen Victoria, the fox terriers of Princess Beatrice, with Jock as prime favorite, are known at least by hearsay to everybody.

The emperor of Russia is also a great lover of dogs. A London paper reports that he is always accompanied in his walks by a couple of fine Danish hounds, whose strength and vigilance their master considers his best safeguard. The grave czar is often seen playing with these monster pets. He himself has taught them their tricks, and they are nearly always about him.

The king of Greece shares the czar's taste for the Danish hounds, which are as intelligent as they are strong, and which, with hardly a bark to announce their intentions, will fly at the throat of any one whom their master may point out to them in case of need.

When the empress of Austria goes on her long walks or rides, several pet dogs always accompany her. But perhaps the most widely known of all the "royal dogs" of the present day is Black, the pet dog of the Russian Grand Duke Alexis.

Black is a sportsman's dog, of no very aristocratic breed. Indeed, if the truth must be told, he is a member of the race of mongrels which the fishermen in the south of France take out to sea, employing them to recapture any wily fish that may fall through the meshes of their nets or slip suddenly back into its element after it has been once landed on board the barge. Black is still rejoicing in the days of his youth, but his record, not only as a common fisherman but as a "fisher of men," is already great, for he has saved no fewer than six persons from a watery grave.

Some three or four years ago the Grand Duke Alexis was staying at Biarritz. One stormy night he went out on the cliff to get a view of the angry sea. A boat was just being wrecked below, and he saw a dog dashing with angry growls and barks into the water and bringing to land, one by one, three drowning men, while the crowd cheered the brave mongrel to the echo. The grand duke approached to caress the dog, and the animal's master then offered Black to him, refusing to accept any payment.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

CURIOS INSECT.

A Butterfly That Enjoys Only Five Hours of Life.

It is in August that the naturalists observe the marvelous insect which is born, reproduces and dies in the period of a single night, on the banks of the Marne, of the Seine, and of the Rhine. It is the ephemere of which Strammar-dan has written and which is spoken of in Aristotle.

The life of this insect does not last beyond four or five hours. It dies toward 11 o'clock in the evening, after taking the form of a butterfly about six hours after midday. It is true, however, that before taking this form it has lived three years in that of a worm, which keeps always near the border of water in the holes which it makes in the mud.

The change of this worm in the water to an ephemere which flies is so sudden that one has not the time to see it. If one takes the worm in the water, the hand cannot be taken away before the change is made unless by pressing the worm slightly in the region of the chest. By this means it can be taken from the water before the change takes place.

The ephemere, after leaving the water, seeks a place where it can divest itself of a fine membrane or veil, which entirely covers it. This second change takes place in the air.

The ephemere assists itself with the point of its little sails as firmly as it can. It makes a movement similar to that of a shiver, then the skin on the middle of the back breaks apart, the wings slip out of their sheath, as we sometimes take off our gloves by turning them inside out. After this stripping the ephemere begins to fly. Sometimes it holds itself straight up on the surface of the water on the end of its tail, flapping its wings one against the other. It takes no nourishment in the five or six hours which are the limit of its life. It seems to have been formed but to multiply, for it does not leave its state of a worm until it is ready to deposit its eggs, and it dies as soon as they are deposited.

In three days' time one sees appear and die all species of ephemeres. They last sometimes until the fifth day, for the reason that some malady has affected some of them and prevents them from changing at the same time as the others.—Exchange.

A Difficult Problem.

"What kapes ye ahtill so long, Dolan?" inquired Mr. Rafferty.

"Oim thryin to convince meself that it's no harder to push a wheelbarrow on the level than to push me bicickle up hill an Oi can't do it."—Washington Star.

Great quantities of sulphur are mined in the craters of several extinct volcanoes in Mexico.

Massachusetts annually imports from beyond her border eggs to the value of \$5,000,000.

Scotty's Reckless Generosity.

On his first visit to Aberdeen an English commercial traveler, having received some marks of kindness from one of its inhabitants, exclaimed in an offhand way on his departure:

"If at any time you or any of your people come up to London, don't put up at a hotel, but come to us."

"Oh, thank ye!" replied the Scot laconically, and away the southern went.

Six months passed, and the Englishman had long forgotten the incident, when, to his surprise, he received one morning the following note:

MY DEAR FRIEND—As myself, my wife and four children are coming up to London for a fortnight, we will be glad to avail ourselves of your kind invitation.

Facing the situation with unquestionable courage, the southerner put himself to unutterable inconvenience to accommodate his guests. He took them everywhere, paid for everything, and at the end of the stipulated time they announced their departure. The host accompanied them to the station and in the fullness of his gratitude at the exodus invited the father to have a parting drink.

"Come along, old fellow. What is it to be—whisky and soda, as usual? Two Scotches and soda, please, miss."

"Na, na!" replied the Scot solemnly. "Name o' that. Ye've been vera guid to me and mine durin the last fortnicht—hae ta'en us everywhere and paid for everything. Na, na; we'll hae a toss for the last."—London Answers.

On the Pronunciation of Peeps.

The Hon. Walter Peeps has collected 17 varieties of the spelling of the name, and he lays some stress upon the French form Peyp as authority for the pronunciation favored by him. Peeps seems to follow the usual practice, as Weems for Weens, and, moreover, it is that adopted by the descendants of the diarist's sister Paulina, the family of Peyps Cockerell. Peeps is also the traditional pronunciation adopted at Cambridge. Here is, I think, strong evidence in favor of Peeps. At the same time I believe that in this name, as in other words, the pronunciation of the vowel e has changed since the seventeenth century, and that the name in Peyp's own day was actually pronounced Peyp. This opinion is grounded on the phonetic spelling Peeps and Peyps which have come down to us, and both these would represent Peyp; e—a, as in eye, break great; ey—a, as in obey and they. In this matter, however, I have not the courage of my opinion, and I am not, therefore, prepared to adopt this pronunciation.—Notes and Queries.

Electro-magnetic Voice.

Professor W E Ayrton of London stated recently that "there is no doubt the day will come, maybe when you and I are forgotten, when copper wires, gutta serena coverings and iron sheathings will be relegated to the museum of antiquities. Then, when a person wants to telegraph to a friend, he knows not where, he will call in an electro-magnetic voice, which will be heard loud by him who has the electro-magnetic ear, but will be silent to every one else. He will call, 'Where are you?' and the reply will come loud to the man with the electro-magnetic ear, 'I am at the bottom of the coal mine, or crossing the Andes, or in the middle of the Pacific.' Or, perhaps, no voice will come at all, and he may then expect the friend is dead. Think what that will mean. Think of the calling which goes on from room to room, then think of that calling when it extends from pole to pole—a calling quite audible to him who wants to hear, absolutely silent to him who does not."

Japanese Self Sacrifice.

On board the Matsushima one man, who had been shot in the abdomen and whose intestines were protruding from the gaping wounds, refused to be carried to the surgeon's ward, because, he said, he did not want to take any of the fighters from their work in order to carry him below. Another, after having had his body burned out of all recognition in attempting to extinguish a fire, stood by helping all he could till the flames were put out, when he died.