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What Does it Mean?

It has never been necessary for the present editor and publisher of the PRESS, during the many years we have been connected with this journal, to find fault with the treatment Emporium has received at the hands of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; in fact this great corporation has always been very considerate of the few requests made by Emporium and willingly granted every request, when properly laid before them. Recently things seem to have taken a sudden change, greatly to the injury, detriment and loss to our business men.

What Emporium considers unfair treatment constrains us to protest vigorously and requests fair play at the hands of this corporation, which we feel is due us when the undisputable fact is clear that Emporium turns into the treasury of the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., more money for freight than any other station between Harrisburg and Erie—not excepting either Williamsport or Lock Haven—the major portion coming from the blast furnace and the three dynamite plants, to say nothing of C. B. Howard Company's lumber industry, and Emporium Flouring Mills.

Why do we protest? In the first place the present depot, erected when the road was first built, is not in keeping with the demands of Emporium, is entirely void of any conveniences and utterly out of date, when compared with other towns of less importance. We should have a substantial brick depot.

Second.—The evening train from Buffalo, recently discontinued, should be placed back on the schedule, as it has been for many years a convenient local train, well patronized. The present plans leave only one train daily from the north, that not giving business men time to walk up town, one mile, and transact business at the bank or court house and return until the following day. In addition to replacing this train, both the noon train and the evening train, as well as the morning train which leaves Emporium Junction at 8:00 a. m., should be run to the upper depot or Emporium proper, thereby accommodating the travel on the middle division, which is not now making connection with the morning train from Ridgway. Since this latter day nuisance went into effect, passengers have been obliged to remain here more than five hours, missing connections for northern points. Again, passengers who are obliged to remain at the Junction are not very amiable, that point not being permitted to enjoy the luxury of a depot, except a shed erected during Pan American days. A comfortable depot should be erected at the Junction for the accommodation of the public, especially those passengers who are obliged to remain in that dark, dismal and dangerous place at night while awaiting night flyers, to say nothing of the stranger who arrives and is dumped in the wilderness of darkness, often between tracks.

We feel that we are being ill treated and cannot imagine why Emporium is treated thusly and our people, especially the business men who pay very many thousands of dollars yearly into the coffers of this railroad Company, enter a solemn protest and have a right to demand that all local trains on the Buffalo division are run to Emporium as formerly, and a stop put to this "penny wise and pound foolish policy." Our stock of patience and endurance is about exhausted and we suspect, if the injustice is not righted, an appeal may be taken to the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Pennsylvania Railroad Commission.

We hope the officials of the Pennsylvania R. R. will see promptly the injustice that has been placed upon Emporium and grant prompt relief, which will not only benefit Emporium but be a convenience to the general public. We cannot believe that the general management has been made cognizant with the true facts in this case.

A Great Convenience.

The establishment of the F. E. Rowley lumber yard at this place, on the vacant lots east of the coal yard, where extensive buildings have been erected, are now well stocked with everything needed in the building line, especially interior finish, flooring, siding, ceiling, shingles, lath, doors, windows and window frames. In fact anything you may desire in erecting that new house or remodeling the old one. Mr. Rowley, the proprietor, is a reliable, genial gentleman and will treat you fair and honorable. Drop into his office get acquainted and look over his extensive warehouse. See his adv. in another column of the PRESS.

Sprained Foot.

John Hogan sprained his left foot last Thursday, at Emporium Lumber Company's mill at Keating Summit. He is around on crutches, but improving.

Sweedish Services.

Rev. E. Rendahl, of Dagus Mines, will preach in Emmanuel Parish House, Saturday evening, May 8th. The public will be welcomed.

Struck by Ball.

While watching a ball game last Saturday afternoon, at East Ward grounds, Carl Nystrum, aged about 12 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nystrum was struck on the right temple by a base ball, rendered unconscious and confined to his bed until Monday, under the care of Dr. Smith.

May Queen Contest.

The votes for the May Queen, who is to be crowned at the May Carnival to be held for the benefit of Mr. and Mrs. Trotter on May 12th is as follows up to Wednesday evening:

Miss Julia Bair, 21 votes.
Miss Marion Judd, 11 votes.
Miss Caroline Cox, 18 votes.
Miss Bessie McQuay, 5 votes.

Friends of the contestants will please get busy and send in your votes as the contest will close May 8th.

Big Contract.

Elmer E. Whiting and brother, Milton W., of Sterling Run, transacted business in Emporium yesterday and visited their many friends. The Whiting Bros' rank with the most successful lumbermen in the country and always busy. Elmer has just closed an extensive contract with the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company on Laurel Run, near Tyler, where still remain about 60,000,000 feet of hemlock owned by the Tannery Co., and Goodyears. This will be an extensive job and will close out all of the standing timber in that section.

Has Located Here.

Dr. E. O. Bardwell, as announced in last week's PRESS, arrived in Emporium on Tuesday and is busy locating his furniture in his rooms adjoining Dr. L. R. Felt's dental rooms. He will be in apple-pie order by Monday ready to attend to calls. The Dr. feels at home here and will stay here, for his friends are legion in Cameron county, where he resided so many years before moving to Buffalo. Dr. Bardwell is one of the best read physicians in the country and a close student, safe counsel, sensible and one of those physicians who does not believe in filling you full of medicine. His cordial reception here is certainly gratifying to the Doctor.

Commencement Exercises.

The Emporium Public Schools will close on Wednesday, May 5th. The special exercises marking the close will be as follows:

Baccalaureate services in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, May 2nd at 7:30 o'clock. Sermon by Rev. Paul J. Lux.

Class Exercises on Wednesday evening, May 5th, in the Opera House at 8:00 o'clock.

Commencement on Thursday evening, May 6th, in the Opera House, at 8:00 o'clock.

On Wednesday evening all of the members of the Class of 1909 will have part on the program. Music will be furnished by the Fisk Juvenile Band.

On Thursday evening, Franklin Spencer Edmonds, Esq., of Philadelphia, will lecture on the subject, "Education for the Twentieth Century." We are very fortunate in being able to secure Mr. Edmonds for the occasion, several unsuccessful efforts having been made in the past to bring him to Emporium. An orchestra has also been engaged for this evening. It is hoped that all patrons of the schools and all who are interested in education will attend.

In order to defray expenses, a charge of 25 cents admission for adults and 15 cents for pupils of the schools will be made on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings. There will be no reserved seats.

Fixing Up.

Mine host Harry W. Smith of New Warner, continues to make improvements. He has just completed the improvements in the dining room and waiting room, which adds greatly to a neat and attractive job and was done by F. H. Pearsall, the decorator and paper hanger.

Will Erect Home.

F. H. Pearsall, has broken ground for a new home on Broad street, between Fifth and Sixth streets. W. H. Cramer has the contract for the erection of the house.

WILLIAMSPORT'S GREAT LUMBER BOOM IS CLOSED

Where Cameron County's Millions Where Ground Up—Forty Million Logs Valued at \$150,000,000 Held in Leash During Sixty Years of the Structure's Existence—Forest Hills Barren.

From Lock Haven Express.

The Susquehanna boom at Williamsport, which for years has played the leading role in the industries of that city, will soon be but a memory. The last log that will ever find lodgment there floated in last week, and the work of the boom was ended.

The few million feet belonging to the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company and Brown, Clark & Howe will be rafted out, and the then famous structure, which has been the banker of Northern Pennsylvania, will be demolished. There will be no more drives down the West Branch, destined for what was once the largest lumber city of the east, and what little is remaining in the boom will be manufactured.

Williamsport has been preparing for this closing event for years. A quarter of a century ago saw mills were the main industries of the city, and all the money was made in timber. This was considerable. But by reason of activity of business men in obtaining other manufacturing enterprises its passing will be but little noticed in commercial circles, whereas a quarter century ago it would have been a blow that the city would never have recovered from.

Williamsport held its place as a money center through the boom in its early days, and for what it is to-day the boom is largely responsible, although its geographical location would have made it a thriving place.

LUMBER VALUED AT \$150,000,000.

When Major James H. Perkins came to the West Branch Valley in 1845 his foresight brought about the building of the boom that made Williamsport the lumber city. He little realized, however, the importance of his undertaking. It is not probable that even his keen penetration into the future ever told him that in the life of the boom 40,000,000 logs, representing \$150,000,000, would be driven in and rafted out of the structure, of which he laid the foundation in a few sunken cribs in the river.

When one comes to talk of the history of the boom, it is in figures past all human comprehension. Since 1862, the first year that figures were kept of its contents, there have been rafted out of the boom logs that totaled over 7,000,000,000 feet. Estimating the number at \$20 a thousand, its worth is more than ten times the assessed value of Williamsport.

The boom was incorporated in 1846, when the Susquehanna Boom Company was organized with 100 shares of stock at \$100 a share, and apportioned as follows:

John Leighton, 1 share; John DuBois, Jr., 25; Matthew DuBois, 25; James H. Perkins, 24; Isaac Smith, 20; Elias S. Lowe, 5. John DuBois, Jr., was elected president.

December 8, of the same year a contract was let to Isaac Smith for abutments for twenty piers, 19x20 feet each, to be completed by March 1, 1850. The

Resnad Ball and Banquet.

We notice by a neat program, now in course of printing in the PRESS jobbing department, that the business committee of the Resnad Club has arranged for a very fashionable social event, in the way of a dance to be given in the Opera house, Monday evening, May 3rd, 1909, and in connection with this a banquet will be served at the New Warner, both functions to be at the expense of the Club.

This organization has given a series of semi-monthly dances throughout the season, each of which was a decided success. The above committee, consisting of Messrs. B. G. Erskine, M. J. Harris and C. C. Thompson, deserve inestimable credit for the careful management of these events.

The famous Germania Orchestra, of Lock Haven, has been engaged and everything looks promising for an enjoyable time for all those who may have the pleasure of attending.

District Quarterly Meetings and Sabbath School Convention.

District Quarterly Meetings and Sabbath School convention will be held at the Free Methodist Church at this place, from April 25th to May 2nd. Forty four visitors from distant places, including 13 ministers, have already signified their intention of being present.

Latest up-to-date Straw Hats at C. B. Howard & Co's.

Loyalsock boom was organized a few months after that of the Susquehanna, to take care of the logs below the dam. Trouble arose between the two companies, which lasted until 1858, when a consolidation was effected.

The first mishap was the spring flood of 1860, when the boom was broken and 5,000,000 feet of logs escaped. During that summer 54 new cribs were built and the boom was greatly strengthened. For the season of 1866 the company erected its boom at Linden by connecting the two islands there. From time to time other repairs were made, till now the piers, or cribs, which constitute the boom number 130.

As salvage the boom company received \$1 per 1000 feet on all logs rafted out. This would indicate that since 1862 it was paid \$7,133,000. Maintenance expenses were heavy, but there was a handsome margin of profit. When the lumber business was at its height the company had 150 employes and its yearly payroll totaled \$50,000. It is estimated that \$40,000 was spent annually in repairs.

The banner lumber year was in 1873 when the boom held 318,342,712 feet. On only one other year did it reach 300,000,000 feet, 1883. The latter showed the largest number of logs in the boom, but they were smaller than in 1873.

FOREST HILLS ARE NOW BARREN.

The boom again gave way May 31, 1889, the day Johnstown was swept by flood, and 300,000,000 feet of logs escaped, entailing great loss to lumbermen. The total of logs dwindled until in 1898 the average was above 1,000,000 feet a year. Now there remains but 5,000,000 feet to close the history of the memorable enterprise.

Knowledge of the geography of the country with Williamsport as the key to the lumber industry was recognized by Major Perkins. He foresaw the timber of Tioga, Potter, Bradford, Elk, Forest, Cameron and contiguous counties must come to Williamsport on flood tide to be manufactured.

The northern tier hills, once covered with pine and hemlock, are barren now. Only bear, deer, rattlesnakes and the huckleberry and brook trout are found there. Much of the land is sterile waste.

The state, tardy in getting control of its forests before the lands were stripped, has undertaken the vast project of restoration, a slow process. Lands that once produced the finest pine and hemlock are to be replanted with their kind, and the child is alive who may see these hills once more crowned with their former glory. The rafterman, his logs, the arks and their drives are tied up forever.

Among the men who have run the river and driven the logs, with all their attendant hardships, the smell of spruce, pine and hemlock bring happy memories of days that are no more.

Special Sunday Dinner.

Mine host Harry W. Smith of New Warner, is making elaborate preparations for next Sunday's dinner, to meet the wants of his patrons, as well as any of our townspeople, who may desire to partake of the hospitality of the New Warner. His chef announces the following

MENU.

Canape De Princess, U. S. A.
Potage, a la Reines
Broiled Maryland Shad, au Old Point Comfort
Chilled Kalamazoo Celery en Branches
Florida Cucumbers, Iced
Sliced Tomatoes, Shaved Ice
Fillet De Beef, Champignons
Roast Spring Chicken, Country Feed,
Sauce Like Ma Ma
Stuffed Spring Lamb Chops, au Petit Pois
Roast Pork Tenderloin,
Mit a Whole Baked Apple, Tokoy Wine
Queen Fritters, Peach Sauce
Peach Puffs, Brandy Sauce
Baked Sugar Cured Ham, Westphalian Style
Braised Sweet Breads, au Creoles
New Potatoes, Delmonico
Culiflower en Cream
White Mountain Potatoes, Flaked
New Asparagus on Toast
New Green Peas
Apple Pie
Cherry Pie
Lemon Pie
Strawberry Short Cake, Hotel Walton
Angel Cake, au Princess
Gold Cake a la Royal
Assorted Nuts
Bisque Ice Cream, De Franklin
Cocoa
Milk
Coffee
Swiss and American Cheese

The popular Italian orchestra, now on its annual visit to Emporium, will return to Emporium and render delightful music during the meal hours. Save your good wife one day's labor, go to church and stop at New Warner at one o'clock and enjoy a good dinner and listen to the fine music.

Just a few 14c and 16c Gladiator Hose left at C. B. Howard & Co's.

Water Company Busy.

For several weeks the officers of Emporium Water Company have been quietly planning for the construction of a larger reservoir on Salt Run, with sufficient capacity to retain a satisfactory supply of water to meet the demands of Emporium for fire and domestic purposes. For several years, during the dry seasons, the water supply has been inadequate, and beastly filthy, endangering the lives of our citizens. It is high time that something was done to remedy the fault.

Mr. Howard Murphy of Philadelphia, an expert hydraulic and sanitary engineer, has been here for two weeks, examining the company's water sheds and from what we can learn of the gentleman's ability to handle the great problem, we believe the Water Company have received the right authority. Being desirous of giving our readers light upon the question, a PRESS representative called on Mr. Murphy at his room at the New Warner, and while we found him a pleasant and entertaining gentleman, he politely refused any information as to the wishes of his clients, upon the ground that it would be a violation of professional confidence and courtesy to do so.

Naturally we wished to know if the gentleman was competent to solve the problem of Emporium's water supply and found much to our delight, that he is, from professional connection with the design and construction of over one hundred waterworks and sewerage systems, a man of large hydraulic experience. We find that he was graduated from the scientific department of the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1872, with subsequent additional degree of master of science and that he served practical apprenticeship in hydraulic work, from draughtsman, rodman and foreman of laborers and mechanics, to chief engineer.

The following are a part of his professional record:

Eight years and six months in the engineering office of department of surveys of Philadelphia, engaged on the sewerage of that city; having opportunity to become familiar with municipal engineering in general and keeping up in water works practice.

For twelve years secretary and treasurer of the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia, and editor of its proceedings.

Over seven years engineer member of State Board of Health of Pennsylvania and chairman of its standing committee on water supply, drainage, sewerage, topography and mines.

Seven years hydraulic engineer of the new public buildings, Philadelphia, introducing the very extensive water supply of the new city hall.

Made the examination and report for the new water supply of the city of Reading, Pa., and consulting engineer during its construction.

Organized the Schuylkill Valley Sanitary Association and was chairman of its executive committee.

Designed and executed important work on the Norfolk and Western railroad system in Virginia, notably the water works at Roanoke; Radford and Richlands.

We are glad our home Water Company have retained such a competent gentleman to examine and report upon their property. Let us hope for a better water supply system here.

Serious Operation.

The many Cameron county friends of Mr. C. G. Minick will be pained to learn that he is confined in Ridgway Hospital, having passed through a serious operation for the removal of gall stones, from which he had been suffering for some time. His many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Handy as a Pocket in a Shirt.

If you are the owner of a baby carriage and have trouble to keep the tire on the wheels go to LaBar's Furniture store and purchase one of those handy devices for retiring the wheels.

Disagreeable Storm.

Last night this section was visited by a snowstorm, covering the ground eight inches deep. To-day is one of the worst ever—rain, thunder lightning, slush a foot deep. Awful.

May Make Repairs.

The furnace may close for a short time to make much needed repairs, after a long, steady run, without losing an hour.

Pure Salad Oil at C. B. Howard & Co's.

Just received fresh invoice of Tomatoes and Peas, 3 cans for 25c, at C. B. Howard & Co's.

THE WEATHER.
FRIDAY, Showers.
SATURDAY, Fair.
SUNDAY, Fair.

ASSETS
First National Bank,
EMPORIUM, PA.
At the close of business, April 28, 1909.
\$819,645.64.

PLUCK
and perseverance usually prosper.
Very often, this prosperity has its beginning in the opening of a saving account.
Allow us to assist you in starting.
\$1.00 Starts an Account.
3% INTEREST PAID ON SAVING BOOK ACCOUNTS AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT.

DR. LEON REX FELT,
DENTIST.
Rockwell Block, Emporium, Pa.

DR. H. W. MITCHELL,
DENTIST,
(Successor to Dr. A. B. Mead.)
Office over A. F. Vogt's Shoe Store,
Emporium, Pa. 12y

Death of Congressman Barclay's Wife.

MRS. MARGARET A. L. BROOKS-BARCLAY, aged 64, died at Elmira, N. Y., Sanitarium on Wednesday, after an illness of several years. Deceased was the second eldest daughter of the late Hon. John Brooks. Funeral will be held Friday p. m., at 2:00 o'clock, from the late residence at Sinnemahoning. The deepest sympathy of our people goes out to the bereaved husband and family.

FOR SALE—Carriage, Top Surrey, new; and 12 ft Extension Table.
Mrs. J. A. JOHNSTON.

Emporium Summer Normal School
May 10th to June 18th, 1909. For information, address,
C. E. PLASTERER, Principal.
BOARDING WANTED.
Boarding places desired for students, address as above.

Big Works Hustling.
The Climax Powder Co., last Friday made the largest output in the history of the plant, besides working two nights a week and Sundays. They were never so busy.

Both the Emporium and Keystone Powder Companies are doing nicely. New orders coming in daily.

Mr. Henry Auchu, general manager of Sinnemahoning Powder Co. informs the PRESS they have now completed their electric plant, which drives all machinery and lights the plant. They are doing well and no kick coming.

The Emporium & Rich Valley R. R. Company, are building two miles of road. That means more timber for the mill here.

And the furnace still runs. May she always run.

Railroad News.

Ninety-nine per cent. of the 8,764 trains operated on the Western Pennsylvania Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad in March arrived at their destinations "on time," according to a report issued to-day by the General Superintendent at Pittsburg.

Of the total number of trains operated on this division in March, 8,538, or 98 per cent. made schedule time, though 252 of these trains did not arrive on time. Two hundred and twenty-six trains, or about three per cent. of the total, lost time.

These records derive added significance from the fact that 5,421, or 65 per cent. of all the trains operated on the Western Pennsylvania Division in March, ran over the Pittsburg Division, which has the heaviest grades on the Pennsylvania System, and 92 per cent. of these trains were on time. The Conemaugh Division operated 2,442 trains and had 99 per cent. of them on time, while the Monongahela Division had 95 per cent. of its 901 trains on time.

Tickets Now on Sale.
The tickets for the May Carnival are now offered for sale. The prices are ladies 25c and gentlemen 50c. Be sure and purchase your tickets early. Master Whiteley Howard has charge of the tickets and will canvass the town. Watch for him.