INTERESTING CAREER OF JOHN I. BLAIR

AT 97, THE RAILROAD BUILDER STILL THINKS OF WORK.

Diplomacy Needed to Keep Him in His Home at Blairtown—Means by Which a Country Lad Accumulated a Fortune of $50,000,000—Activity That Began When He Was 10 Years Old and Continued Till a Year Ago—His $5,000,000 Bond.

From the New York Sun.

"Blair, of Blairstown," has been known among railroad men and financiers for nearly three-quarters of a century. The owner of the name is practically the owner of the town, and both are interesting. John Inslee Blair is interesting because of the years he has lived and the work he has done. The town which he founded and in which he lives is interesting because of its inaccessibility to the rest of the world and because from it one man has directed the building and operating of more railroads than any other one man in this country has ever built or controlled. Perhaps if John I. Blair had a notion when he was a young man of the work he was to do in the world he would never have settled down at Blairstown.

It is quite possible that thousands of men with whom Mr. Blair has had to do business have wished more than once that he could have looked further into the future when he chose his abiding place. Blairstown is in the northwestern corner of New Jersey. Really a stranger ought never to go there at all. He runs long chances of never being able to return to those who love him. He ought certainly never to go there in winter. The site of the town is a little valley among the New Jersey hills on the Susquehanna and Western railroad. It may be that the railroad connections between the town and the outside world are good in summer. To reach it in winter it is dollars to doughnuts that one will have to ride on a freight train, in a sleigh, or go afoot. But, as with Dartmouth college in the days of Webster, there are probably those who love Blairstown. It is absolutely certain that its founder believes it to be the paradise of the world. It has been said of John I. Blair that he is he only one of the very rich men in this country who has directed all his affairs and accumulated a vast fortune from headquarters outside of a great city. Be that as it may, there are few men who have had a wider knowledge of this country, its possibilities and its development than he.

BEGINNING OF A CAREER.

John Inslee Blair was born on Aug. 22, 1802, at what was then a little settlement in the woods, two miles below Belvidere, N. J., on the Delaware river. His ancestors were Scotch Presbyterians. The founder of the family in this country was John Blair, who came from Scotland and settled in New Jersey in 1720. He and his brother, Samuel Blair, who came to this country a year or two later, were both clergymen and were among those who procured from Governor Belcher the original charter for Princeton college. John Blair became the professor of moral philosophy in the college and Samuel Blair vice president and professor of rhetoric. John I. Blair's grandfather, Samuel Blair, a son of the Princeton professor, was the manager and one of the owners of the old Oxford iron furnace in the centre of Warren county, N. J. The iron from the furnace had to be shipped by Delaware river boats. Somebody had to attend to the loading of the boats and the general shipping of the iron, and so Samuel Blair sent his son, John I. Blair's father, to the point on the Delaware river where the iron was put on the boats. This was known as Foul Rift.

WANTED TO BE RICH.

When John I. Blair was old enough he attended a school in the neighborhood for a few winters. He was far more interested, however, in the busy life about the iron furnace and the shipping place than in an education. The one thing that he desired was to make money. One day, shortly after his tenth birthday, he said to his mother:

"Mother, I have got seven brothers and three sister. That's enough in the family to be educated. I am going to get rich."

The first money he earned was by trapping muskrats and rabbits and selling their skins at $1 for sixteen. Before he was 11 years old he was a clerk in the general store of his cousin at Hope. At 14 he was considered the best storekeeper in that part of the country. He thought he was himself, and at 17 he owned a store of his own. The store was situated on what was known as Grand Hill, which is now within the confines of Blairstown. He took his cousin John for a partner and they opened a general store. It is said that the capital put into the business was $500. A couple of years later Mr. Blair borrowed some money from his mother and bought out his cousin. In two years he was able to keep a clerk, and he brought his brother James from the home farm. Two years later he started a branch store at Marksborough, where he made James his partner. Then he opened another store at Johnsonburg and put Robert, another brother, in as his manager. By 1830 he had five general stores in operation. The others were at Paulins and Huntsville. In each of these stores he had some of his brothers or brothers-in-law employed.

PLAN OF BUSINESS.

His plan of doing business was this: There was no ready money in that neighborhood, products being the currency. Mr. Blair would buy the crops of the farmers in all the surrounding counties as cheaply as possible, paying for them in merchandise from his stores. Then he would market the grain and other crops in this city or in Newark. To do this he had to employ a great number of teams and his wagons were always on the road. His drivers were also supercargoes, and if they could make a successful deal on the road they were instructed to do so. It was not unusual for them to buy a load of pork or buckwheat when only half way or less on the road home from market. Immediately upon loading the grain or the pork, back they would start for market again.

Many are the stories still told in Blairstown of John I. Blair's early experiences in trade. One of these is about the first money he made quickly. It was when the Morris and Essex canal was being built and large numbers of men were employed upon the work. The great market for their supplies was at Paterson. Blair was trading cotton yarn for butter, and selling the butter for a shilling a pound at Paterson. His drivers reported to him that the workmen on the canal preferred strong butter to sweet. Immediately upon receiving this report Mr. Blair bought all the rancid butter he could find and mixed it with good butter. He found a ready sale for the mixture and made $1,000 clear in one year. A short time after that a cargo of cotton from New Orleans came up the Delaware river. The cotton had been wet in transit and it was offered at a very low price to anybody who would pay cash for it. Mr. Blair examined some of the damaged bales, made an offer and got the cargo. When the cotton was unloaded it was found that a comparatively few bales had been damaged. On that deal the young merchant cleared $14,000.

RAILROAD VENTURES.

Mr. Blair laid the foundation of his fortune while a storekeeper, but it will be as a railroad man that he will be remembered. As his business grew opportunities for investing his money increased. In 1829 Mr. Blair, through George W. and Joseph Scranton, became interested in the iron mines of Pennsylvania. He became convinced that there was money in iron. The Scranton brothers settled at Slocum, Pa., and in 1846 Mr. Blair's money helped them to build a large rolling mill. This done, Blair induced Moses Taylor, William E. Dodge, Gardner Colby, Israel D. Condit, Christopher Robert, Marshall O. Roberts and Robert C. Winthrop to go into the iron business. Slocum became Scranton and Scranton had to have an outlet for its product. Mr. Blair and his associates bought a road which led from Oswego, N. Y., to Ithaca. It was a poor sort of affair and Mr. Blair insisted upon building it over again. That was the beginning of his career as a builder of railroads.

Since then he has built, either entirely with his own capital or with the capital of others associated with him wholly or in part, nearly thirty railroads. These roads include the Oswego and Ithaca; Leggett's Gap; Warren; sections of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western; the Lackawanna and Bloomsburg; Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern; part of the Union Pacific; Sioux City and Yankton; Sioux Falls and Dakota; Chicago and Northwestern; Chicago and Pacific; Chicago, Iowa and Dakota; sections of the New York, Susquehanna and Western; St. Louis and Hannibal; Bangor and Portland; Kansas City and Southern; Cayuga and Susquehanna; Cedar Rapids and Missouri River; Green Bay, Winona and St. Paul; Green Bay and Stevens' Point; Sioux City and Pacific; Iowa Falls and Sioux City; Chicago, Iowa and Nebraska; Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley; Maple River, Sussex and Mount Hope; Kansas City, Osceola and Southern.

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From the first railroad which he built Mr. Blair, with others, developed what is now the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western system. It was not until 1860 that he undertook railroad building in the west. In that year he was sent as a delegate to the Chicago convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the presidency. After the convention he and other delegates were invited to ride over the lines of the Chicago, Iowa and Nebraska railroad. The railroad officials were anxious to extend the line further west, and, knowing that Blair was a very wealthy man, they wanted to interest him in the road if possible. He looked the road and the country over, liked what he saw and decided to put money into the scheme. One of the railroad officials asked him who he thought would be the best man to look after the building of the extension of the road to Omaha.

"John I. Blair," was the answer.

Soon after that Mr. Blair took all the construction work off the company's hands and built the road. That road is now part of the Chicago and Northwestern system. A few years ago Mr. Blair with considerable pride made the statement that he had built every road with which he had ever been connected for cash and without putting a dollar's worth of its stock on the market to raise money. He calculated that in his railroad operations he had spent $26,000,000, all of which he either advanced himself or raised among his friends. In the building of all his western roads Mr. Blair secured enormous land grants as premiums. In connection with his work on the Union Pacific he got 1,000,000 acres of land in Iowa. For finishing the Iowa Falls and Sioux City road he got 700,000 acres. For building the Sioux City and Pacific road, from Sioux City to Omaha, and the Blair cut off from Missouri Valley junction, on the Chicago and Northwestern, connecting it with the Union Pacific at Tremont, he got 640,000 acres of land. He built a railroad up the Niobrara Valley in Nebraska and took the premium offered by the state of 100,000 acres of land.

LAND OPERATIONS.

With all this land on his hands, received as premiums for building railroads, Blair had to do something with it. He formed land companies, and these companies, under his direction, have laid out the sites for what are now more than 100 flourishing cities and towns in the west. In his railroad building it was usually Mr. Blair's custom to take a road that somebody had begun and failed to complete, rebuild it entirely or complete it, and then lease it or sell it to a trunk line after connecting it with the trunk line. In this way he made a profit on the railroad building, acquired great quantities of valuable land, and made more money by selling or leasing the road he had thus rehabilitated.

The last road that Mr. Blair built was the Kansas City, Osceola and Southern. This road was completed only last year, and the finishing touches were put on under a direction other than his. Before the road was completed Mr. Blair leased it to what railroad men call the 'Frisco Line, and the terms of that lease show what kind of bargain he was accustomed to drive. No one else owns a dollar in the road. The 'Frisco Line wanted it for a connection, and he told the managers that his property was not for sale, but that he would lease it to them at a monthly rental of $2,000 with 40 per cent. of the gross receipts in addition. The road is 110 miles long and connects Kanoche Junction with Osceola, Mo. The directors of the 'Frisco Line laughed at the old gentleman, and he told them that he didn't care a hang whether they took his road or not. They took it.

ANECDOTES.

Any number of stories are told of Mr. Blair illustrating the kind of man he is. One is in reference to the only active part he ever took in politics. In 1868 the Republicans of New Jersey persuaded him to run for governor. The campaign is said to have cost him $90,000 and the Democratic candidate was elected. Some of his Republican friends, after the election, were talking with him about it and endeavored to console him for his defeat. They told him it was a shame and a disgrace and all that kind of thing, and that the Republican politicians had simply sold him out.

"Oh, don't worry about that," said Mr. Blair. "I'm not worrying a bit. I have had the benefit of a lot of experience. I wouldn't begin to part with that experience for what it cost me. You see, I was like the fellow down in Missouri who raised hogs. He had always marketed them in St. Louis. Somebody told him that he could get a good deal more money for his hogs in Chicago. So he set out to drive a lot to Chicago. When he got there he found the market had just switched around and hogs were worth much more in St. Louis. When he found this out he remarked: 'Well, if I haven't got any money, I've had the society of the hogs.' I wasn't elected governor, it is true, but I have had the society of the finest lot of hogs you ever saw."

GOT A NEW ROAD.

Several years ago Mr. Blair leased one of his western roads to another railroad company. According to the terms of the lease, the lessees were to return the road in as good condition as when they took it, and, in the meantime, were to make all repairs at their expense. When the lease expired and Mr. Blair inspected the road, he found that its condition was far from as good as when he leased it. He demanded that the damages be repaired. The lessees refused and Mr. Blair brought suit. The state where the case was tried and through part of which the road ran was noted for its freshets. During the trial, while Mr. Blair's lawyer was making the argument for the plaintiff, the old gentleman strolled out of the court room into the street. It was raining—it was the spring of the year, or, rather, just at the breaking up of winter—and Mr. Blair thought he saw signs of an approaching freshet. Quickly returning to the court room, he pulled the coattail of his lawyer and in a low voice said:

"Withdraw."

The lawyer didn't understand and Mr. Blair repeated:

"Withdraw. Give up. Tell 'em we won't contest."

The lawyer didn't understand what his client was getting at, but he knew Mr. Blair's wishes were not to be disobeyed and so he made a little speech to the court in which he said that his client was a peaceable man; that he was getting along in years, and that he desired him to discontinue the suit. The defendant didn't know what to make of it, but the suit was discontinued and they were in high feather. That night the floods descended and the winds blew, and one of the worst freshets ever known in that part of the country occurred. Whole sections of Mr. Blair's railroad were washed away, ties, tracks and all. Much of the rolling stock, even, was destroyed. The result was that Mr. Blair got practically a new road and a lot of new rolling stock at the expense of the lessees.

ALLEY VS. BLAIR.

At one time the late John B. Alley was associated in business with Mr. Blair. Differences arose between them and they separated. Then Alley sued Blair to recover $2,500,000. When the case came to trial Mr. Blair was not ready and his counsel asked for an adjournment. The request was granted, but the court directed that the defendant furnish a bond for double the amount of the sum in dispute. When the announcement was made Blair arose and said:

"As I understand it, the bond required will be for $5,000,000." He was assured that his understanding was correct, and he then said: "I rather expected something of this kind would be necessary, and so I came armed. I suppose these will answer in lieu of a bond."

With that he went down into a small satchel and brought out $5,000,000 in government bonds. The judge looked at Mr. Blair and then looked at the bonds, and when he had recovered from his astonishment he said:

"These are quite satisfactory, but I will make you the custodian of them, with the distinct understanding that none of them shall be used while the bond is in force."

"Your Honor need not be uneasy on that score," said Mr. Blair. "I brought these here for this especial purpose. I will have no need of them until this suit is decided."

RETIRED.

Mr. Blair has not been particularly active in business affairs for the past four years, but not until a year ago did old age compel him to give up his business. For nearly a year he has not left his room. A trained nurse constantly attends him, and it is only for a part of the day, three or four times a week, that he is helped from his bed to a great armchair near the window, from which he looks out over the town he founded. He sleeps most of the day and is awake nearly all night. During his waking hours he will talk all the while if there is any one to talk to him. His vast business interests are now entirely looked after by his son, DeWitt Clinton Blair; his private secretary and nephew, Dr. W. H. Vail, and Conrad Miller, who lives at Nazareth, Pa., and succeeded Mr. Blair in the active management of the railroads in which he is interested. Most of Mr. Blair's business is now transacted at the banking house of Blair & Co., of which firm he is the senior member, at 33 Wall street. He has one son, one daughter, several grandchildren, two nephews and several great nieces and nephews. He also has, perhaps, $50,000,000.

LICENSE APPLICATIONS

LICENSES—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following named persons have filed their application for licenses for the sale of vinous, spirituous, malt or brewed liquors at retail, also wholesale dealers, brewers, bottlers, distillers, rectifiers, compounders, store keepers and agents dealing in intoxicating liquors, either spirituous, vinous or malt, in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of Lackawanna, and that the said applications will be heard by the Court aforesaid on Monday, March 13th, A. D. 1899.

RETAILERS.

ARCHALD BOROUGH.

First Ward—Hotels.

H. D. Linderman, Main street.
Joseph Rudlewitch, Ridge street.
William H. Ball, Main street.
Bridget Moyles, Main corner Monroe st.
Mark Price, Prov.-Carbondale turnpike.
Herman Roginsky, Wild Cat road.
Jacob Wagner, Main street.
B. Rosenfeldt, Scott road, res. Olyphant.
Michael Baltus, South Main street.
John Dubee, Main street, res. Winton.
Julia Cecela, Simpson, cor. Pierce street.
Waclaw Balukewitz, Ridge cor. Archbald Road.
Christopher Linde, Main street.
Andrew Degutis, Ridge street.
Thomas D. Davis, Main street.
Samuel Ringsdorf, Prov.-Carb. Turnpike.
Abraham Howells, Ridge avenue.
John Miglin, Eighth avenue.
Thomas F. Wells, Prov.-Carb. Turnpike.
Peter Bezewitz, Miller street.

Restaurants.

John Witko, Ridge cor. Weston avenue.
George Jurko, Main cor. Ridge street.
Martin Miglin, Ridge Road.
Martin J. Prial, Main street.

Third Ward—Hotels.

George Reminskie, Main street.

Restaurants.

John M. Burke, Church cor. Bridge st.

BLAKELY BOROUGH.

First Ward—Hotels.

John Szerszen, Main street.
M. D. Betts, Main cor. Cemetery street.
E. D. Huhn, Main street.
Julius Egreszky, Main street.

Restaurants.

O. D. Secor and William Gunn, Main cor. Depot street.

Second Ward—Hotels.

Joseph Davenport, Scott Road.
Charles Allen, New Scott Road.

Third Ward—Hotels.

E. J. McHugh, Main cor. Academy st.; res. Filmore street, Scranton.

BENTON TOWNSHIP.

Hotels.

M. D. Potter, Fleetville.

CARBONDALE TOWNSHIP.

Hotels.

John J. Caffrey, Mayfield Yard.
E. L. Cole, Hubbard Turnpike.
Luke White, Main Road.

Restaurants.

P. J. Toolan, Carbondale Turnpike Road.
John Polko, Canaan street.
John J. Higgins, Carbondale Road.

CARBONDALE.

First Ward—Hotels.

William D. Howard, 77 Dundaff street.
S. H. Williams, Main street.
Edward J. Healey, 78 Dundaff street; res. Fell Township.
D. J. Collins, 90 Dundaff street.

Restaurants.

Zopher C. Lee, 51 North Main street.
Santo Pugliano, 98 Dundaff street.
Anthony H. Letts, 53 Salem avenue.

Second Ward—Hotels.

Sarah M. Gardner, 26 Salem avenue.
John J. Monahan, North Main and Park streets.
Thomas Casey, 41 South Main street.
M. J. Healey, 14 North Main street.
Frank P. Brown, 26 Main street.
Louis Rehkop, 39 South Main street.
L. A. Patterson, Main cor. Sixth avenue.

Restaurants.

J. M. Cheevers and P. T. Cheevers, 58 South Main street.
Z. C. Bell, 18 Main street.
Thomas E. Campbell, 28 Salem avenue; res. 70 Mill street.
John J. McNulty, 44 S. Main street; res. 124 Pike street.

Third Ward—Hotels.

James B. McTighe, 58 South Main street.
M. Joseph Judge, 53 South Main street.

Sixth Ward—Hotel.

Louis Brunner, 47 Belmont street.

CLIFTON TOWNSHIP.

Hotel.

Emma Gersbacher, Gouldsboro Road.

DALTON BOROUGH.

Hotel.

A. Z. Charles, Main Road.

DICKSON CITY BOROUGH.

First Ward—Hotels.

Florinda Callahan, Boulevard Road.
Alice C. Lloyd, Main street; res. 316 Spruce street, Scranton.
Henry Whitall, Prov.-Carbondale Road.
Bryan Fallon, Lincoln cor. Halstead st.
P. H. Gallagher, Main street.
Anthony Petterson, Boulevard Road.

Restaurants.

John Hall, Lincoln street; res. 525 Wales street, Scranton.
Michael Mahon, Boulevard cor. Storrs avenue.

Second Ward—Hotels.

Michael Zawitski, Jackson street.
John Pressman, Storrs cor. Main street.
P. J. O'Connor, Lincoln street.
Frank Wontrouska, Carmalt street.
James J. Logan, Main cor. Jackson street.
Louis Vesnesky, Lincoln street.
T. J. Foley, Main street.
Jacob Sarnowski, Carmel street.

Restaurants.

Thomas McGuire, Main street.

Third Ward—Hotels.

George Miskovitz, Pancoast street.
A. J. Uder, Lincoln street.
John Kryzanofski, Main street.
John Minarke, Main street.
William McLaughlin, Main street.
John Roth, Lincoln street.
Peter Porzkaitis, Main street.
Alko Mitruyszin, Pancoast street.
Charles Hertz, Carb.-Providence Road.
John Rembecki, Main street.
Powel Wiorkowski, Carbondale Turnpike.
Walter Kalezienski, Carbondale Turnpike.
S. K. Koehler, Carbondale Turnpike.
John Mako, Pancoast street.
Thomas Meehan, Lincoln street; res. Second ward.
Joseph Koupst, Lincoln street.
George Ferio, Harris street.
John Babuszis, Carb.-Prov. Turnpike.
John Koslowsky, Carmalt street.
Philip Rosser, Main cor. Pancoast street.
Richard M. Owens, Carb.-Prov. Turnpike.
John Stern, Olga cor. Pancoast.
Joseph Karolin, Main street.
Fred Keifer, Main cor. Scott Road.

Restaurants.

Stanislaus Goosenski, Lincoln street.

DUNMORE BOROUGH.

First Ward—Hotels

John E. Gibbons, Drinker street.
M. J. O'Boyle, 207 E. Drinker street.
Thomas Dougherty, Drinker street.
John Powell 510 Throop street.
James H. Kelly, Drinker street.
John Hizen, Apple street.
Edward D. McDade, 103 Drinker street; res 259 Apple street.

Restaurant.

William Zorn, Jessup avenue.

Second Ward—Hotels.

George Walika, Drinker street.
Patrick Kane, Main cor. Drinker street.
Dominick Vocaro, 411 Smith street.
Edwin Banfield, 111 Chestnut.
Michael F. Harrington, 740 Drinker street.
John J. McDonnell, 219 Drinker street.
John Astock, Drinker street.
James A. Harrington, Chestnut cor. Ambrose street; res. Apple street.
George Allison, Apple cor. Drinker street.
P. J. Teevan, Drinker street.
Thomas Golden, Chestnut street.
Vito Gerardi, Willow street.
Patrick F. O'Boyle, Chestnut street.
Maria Valentino, Elm street.
Salvatore Valanzano, 513 Centre street.

Restaurants.

Rinaldo Lalli, 234 Willow street.
Antonio Ferresi, Elm cor. Mortimer st.
Febrizio D'Andrea, Spencer cor. Mortimer street.

Third Ward—Hotels.

John M. Dyer, 144 Potter.
Patrick J. Regan, Drinker cor. Blakely street.
John J. Flynn, Chestnut street.
John C. Egan, Blakely street.
P. L. McDonnell, 312 Chestnut street.
John W. Rogan, 405 Blakely street.
Mrs. F. M. McGowan, 344 Chestnut street.
Philip Wagner, 831 Prescott avenue.
August Wahlers, 136 Grove street.
W. H. Smallridge, Main street.
Charles F. Pellence, Butler cor. Third st.
John J. Brogan, Chestnut street.

Restaurants.

John N. Loch, 345 Blakely street.
Henry Klassner, William street.

Fourth Ward—Hotels.

Alex Stevenson, Drinker Turnpike.
Thomas O'Malley, Drinker street.

Fifth Ward—Hotel.

P. J. Doudican, Antrim cor. Donegal st.

Sixth Ward—Hotel.

Andrew Wargo, 529 Larch street; res. 318 Gibson street.
Nicholas Betzhold, Blakely street.
Michael Ruddy, 703 Quincy avenue.
Jennie E. Brink, Blakely cor. Drinker st.
Martin J. Judge, 711 Madison avenue.
John Hadden, Adams cor. Larch street.

ELMHURST BOROUGH.

Hotels.

Jacob W. Schiebel, Nay Aug Boulevard.
E. N. Cornell, Main street.
Joseph Ruff, Main cor. Sterling Road.

FELL TOWNSHIP.

Hotels.

Kristina Kenney, Belmont street.
Anthony Galavitz, Belmont street.
Alex Tysko, Main street.
Robert Walker, Belmont cor. Harrison st.
Martin Dunn, Main street
Samuel Updyke, Forest City Road.
Thomas F. Callaghan, Belmont street.
Philip Gogotz, Milton and Oswego Turnpike.
Akym Haveran, Rittenhouse Place.
Michael Mahoski, Belmont street.
Peter Dulsky, Belmont street.
John Ohotnicky, Belmont street.
Margaret Davis, Belmont street.
Horton J. Gardner, Fall Brook street.
Frank Gallick, Belmont street.
Joseph Sheck, Dundaff Road.
James F. Corrigan, Clifford Road.
S. T. O'Neill, Main street.
Catherine Krotky, Forest City Road.
John Bosak, Main street, Warren Tract.
Mary Farrell, Main Road.
Peter Butler, Vandling.
George P. Ross, Tannery Road.
James J. Lavin, Forest City Road.

Restaurants.

Daniel Healy, Simpson.
Adelbert Corby, Belmont Road.
Charles Zilinsky, South Side street.
Thomas Hayvan, Belmont street.
George McCloskey, Vandling.

GLENBURN BOROUGH.

Hotel.

Napoleon Nothacker, Main Road.

GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP.

Hotel.

P. F. Devine, Clifford Road res. 19 Scott street, Carbondale.

JERMYN BOROUGH.

First Ward—Hotels.

J. E. Pedrick, Main street.
Alfred Butterworth, Main street.
Snyder & Edmunds, Main cor. Scott road.

Restaurants.

William Dunn, Main street.
James H. Timlin, Main street.

Second Ward—Hotels.

Marcella Maxwell, Main street.
M. S. Collins, Main street.
Andrew J. Gavin, Main street.

Third Ward—Hotels.

Michael Rusiniak, A street.
Martin Murphy, B street.

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP.

Hotels.

William H. Bell, Wimmers.
A. L. Compton, Drinker.

LACKAWANNA TOWNSHIP.

Hotels.

Charles H. Gaul, Kizer avenue.
Martin McDonough, Center street.
Louisa Fassold, Main street.
Mary Mullen, Main Road.
John J. Coyne, Center street.
Adam Fassold, Greenwood.
James Cuffney, Ford street.

Restaurants.

George Janes, Williams cor. Keyser st.

MADISON TOWNSHIP.

Hotel.

Philip O. Dixon, Mill street, Moscow.

MAYFIELD BOROUGH.

Hotels.

Ozym Dzwonczek, Hill street.
Michael Haggerty, Lackawanna avenue.
Kirey Kwiecawa, Hill street.
Yatsko Adamiak, Maple cor. Hill street.
Edmund F. Edmunds, Lackawanna cor. River street.
Mary Edmunds, Prov.-Carb. Turnpike.
Susan Sharak, Hill street; res. Scranton.
A. A. Nagoski, Hill street.
John Medon, Hill street.

Restaurants.

Theodore Wachna, May street.
Anthony Kilker, Lackawanna street.
James McLoughlin, Main cor. Turnpike.

MOOSIC BOROUGH.

Hotels.

Samuel Altemus, Main street.
Thomas F. Walsh, Main cor. Spring st.
James Butler, Main and Spring streets.
William H. Loftus, Wyoming avenue.
P. F. Leonard, Main Road.

OLD FORGE TOWNSHIP.

Hotels.

Fred Naylor, Lackawanna.
John Lacinski, Hickory street.
John F. Dougher, Carbon Hill.
John G. Kehr, Sibley Mines.
Mary Yahorda, Franklin street.
Philip Schwartz, Maple street.
Mary J. Fallon, Main cor. Moosic street.
Jacob Goodman, Maple cor. Williams st.
James Mara, Albion street.
Isaac Melma, Albert cor. Maple street.
Catherine Burke, Main street.
W. H. Davenport, Front cor. Drake st.
Joseph Sommers, Hickory street.
Thomas N. Davis, Back Road.
Andrew Ignatz, Maple avenue.
William Sowden, Back Road.
Peter Tonetti, Ripple street.
Wesley Johnson, Back Road.
Wallace Ormston, Main Road.
George D. Mitchell, Main Road.
Thomas Stephens, Main cor. William st.
Frank Greco, Oak street.
Ellen Kehr, Back Road.
Anthony Chelland, Main street.
Mathias Puhala, Church and Sanderson streets.
Max Rosenbluth, Maple street.
Thomas M. Lynch, Main street.
John Alplanalp, Main street.
Michael F. Clark, Main street.
Frank Morock, Barbertown Road.
Edward J. Fallon, Pine street.
William Stualkowski, Austin Heights.
Wasco Gambal, Albion cor. Hickory st.
Joseph Hunold, Hickory street.
Vincenzo Costanzo, Main street.
Jacob Poplowski, Franklin street.
Mary Smith, Main Road.
John Surber, Main Road.
Daniel T. Cotton, Main Road.
D. A. Dougherty, McClure cor. Main st.
Charles J. Keogh, Main street.
Vitaliano Cimino, George street.
George Hous, Main cor. Spring street.
John M. Holland, Main Road.
Ellen H. Green, Back Road cor. Kresge street.
James Sheridan, Main Road.
Paul Pramuk, Austin Heights.
Antonio Castanza, Main Road, Old Forge Township.

Restaurants.

John Pendell, Grace street.
William Evans, Oak cor. Thomas street.
John Dugas, Austin Heights.
Dominico Schiavo, Stewart street.
William Surpolis, Barbertown.

OLYPHANT.

First Ward—Hotels.

Patrick Cannon, Dunmore street.
John J. Kilcullen, Dunmore street.
William Bell, Dunmore street.
John J. McAndrew, Dunmore street.

Second Ward—Hotels.

John Check, 107 Race street.
Joseph Kropilyak, Race cor. River street.
Andrew Witko, River cor. Race street.
Thomas Patten, Jones cor. Susquehanna street.
M. E. Walsh, 211 Lackawanna street.
J. W. O'Brien, Lackawanna cor. River st.
Michael W. Grogan, Lackawanna street.
George Prokopovitch, 201 Jones street; res. Race street.
Ellen Mahon, Lackawanna and Hudson streets.
John Swallow, River street.
Edward Owens, Susquehanna street.
John J. Fadden, Lackawanna street.
P. J. O'Donnell, Lackawanna street.
Thomas R. Williams, Hudson street.
Adelbert Reynolds, Jones cor. Delaware street.
J. Robert Linney, Lackawanna street.
J. F. Gilday, Lackawanna street.
Stephen Kuzmiak, Jones cor. River street.
Thomas P. Jones, Lackawanna street.
Antol Galinski, Jones cor. Willow street.
Joseph Osenlak, 128 River street.
Maggie Moyles, Lackawanna cor. Susquehanna street.

Restaurants.

William J. Evans, Lackawanna cor. Delaware street.
D. W. Harris, Lackawanna cor. Delaware street.
Anthony Muchnicki, Willow cor. Lackawanna street.
George Chichura, River street.

Third Ward—Hotels.

Abraham Berger, Susquehanna street.
M. J. O'Halleran, Delaware street.
Patrick F. Callahan, Delaware cor. Ferris street.
Thomas Donnelly, Moosic street.
A. F. Gillespie, Delaware street.
Stephen Olenlak, 114 Delaware street.

Restaurant.

Michael Kollar, Susquehanna cor. Ferris street.

Fourth Ward—Hotels.

William Rogan, Dunmore Road.
John Flesher, Hill cor. Cross street.
Frank Marusin, New cor. Conner street.

ROARING BROOK TOWNSHIP.

Hotel.

Eliphalet Simonson, Simonson Road.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP.

Hotel.

Mrs. Francis A. Loomis, Montdale.

SCRANTON.

First Ward—Hotels.

Edward Loftus, 316 West Market street.
John J. Martin, 2727 North Main avenue.
Thomas Harrington, 2825 Marvin street.
Martin Clark, 118 West Market street.
Llewellyn L. Bright, 116 W. Market street.
John Koch, 25 Race street.
David Twiss, Wayne cor. School street; res. Bates street.
Thomas E. Jones, 202 William street.
George W. Mabey, Main cor. Market st.
John B. Phelan, Main avenue, opp. Dean street.
Charles Raine, Boulevard and Olyphant Road.
John F. Casey, 2716 North Main avenue.
John K. Jones, 130-132 West Parker street.
David W. Thomas, 229 WestMarket street.

Restaurants.

Michael W. Gilboy, 400-402 W. Market st.
John J. Loftus, 242 West Market street.
John J. and Edward Loftus, 302 West Market street; res. 409 Leggett.

Second Ward—Hotels.

Thomas John and George E. Williams, 1835 North Main avenue.
Elmer Chermak, 1101 North Main avenue.
John Lukan, 1898 Brick avenue.
John Foley, Garfield avenue; res. Throop.
M. V. Morris, 1827 North Main avenue.
Michael Gilbride, 1819 Brick avenue.
Albert Buchta, 1201 Lloyd street.
M. W. O'Donnell, 1122 Albright avenue.
John J. Thomas, 1329 North Main avenue.
John J. Walsh, 223 West Market street.
Stephen Maslyar, Summit cor. Lloyd st.; res. Clearview street.
M. L. Langan, Court street.
Thomas P. Reagan, 342 West Market st.
John Regan, 1777 Brick avenue; res. 1803 Brick avenue.
Peter Lipowicz, 1837 North Main avenue.

Restaurants.

Michael J. Leonard, 111 W. Market street.
Henry Chappell, 113 W. Market street.
Herbert W. Arndt, 1431 North Main avenue; res. 1931 North Main avenue.
Max G. Garnell, 1344 Providence Road.

Third Ward—Hotels.

John T. Cusick, 797 W. Market street.
William Cusick, 824 W. Market street.

Fourth Ward—Hotels.

Christian Flehler, jr., 501 Bromley avenue.
James S. Gallagher, 1816 Jackson street.
Michael J. Fahey, 303 North Main avenue.
Simon Thomas, 409 North Main avenue.
Anthony McAndrew, 513 North Main ave.
Charles A. Voos 115 North Main avenue.
Rebecca Colby, 371 North Bromley ave.

Restaurants.

Wiegant Stern, 1307 Price street.
Charles Kimmick, 1121 Swetland street.
Edward Barnett, 1424 Lafayette street.

Fifth Ward—Hotels.

Catherine McDermott, 1939 Jackson street.
James T. Kearney, 1623 Jackson street.
Enoch Evans, 1111 Jackson street.
Patrick P. Cannon, 1727 Jackson street.
B. B. Smith, 1035 Jackson street; res. Dalton.
Nicholas Connell, 804 Scranton street.
Albert Henne, 110 South Main avenue.
M. J. Gibbons, 2024 Luzerne street.
Thomas Carroll, 1602 Luzerne street.
Patrick Lynn, 2124 Luzerne street.
Patrick Taylor, 1117 Jackson street.
Almira Evans, 1610 Washburn street.
William Deckelnick, 346 South Main ave.
George E. Fairchild, 129 South Main street
John R. Edwards, 1144 Luzerne street.
Thomas F. McDonough, 903 Scranton; res. 349 South Main avenue.

Restaurants.

Mary Jones, 1602 Washburn street.

Sixth Ward—Hotels.

John Bandura, 121 Broadway.
Patrick Golden, Railroad avenue cor. Luzerne street.
John F. Maloney, 535 Broadway.
Patrick F. Calpin, 557 Fourth street; res. 553 Fourth.
John F. Cloherty, Fourth cor. Bellevue Lane; res 542 Third.
John B. Davis, 66 Bellevue street.

Seventh Ward—Hotels.

Bridget Walsh, Phelps cor. Wash. ave.
Michael J. Gordon, 102 Carbon street.
John R. Kelly, 902 Capouse avenue.
James J. Padden, Wash. ave. cor. Phelps street.

Restaurants.

Dennis J. and Thomas H. Roche, 801 Capouse avenue.

Eighth Ward—Hotels.

Edwin J. Horn, 122 Franklin avenue.
Fred S. Godfrey, Wyoming cor. Spruce st.
Louis Lohmann, 325-327 Spruce street.
Jacob Harris, 422-424 S. Washington ave.
G. Theodore Morris, 220 Spruce street.
John Lohmann, 219 Lackawanna avenue.
Christ. Gomeringer, 235 Penn avenue.
Joseph A. Cassese, 103 Lackawanna ave.
John P. Roche, 7-9 Lackawanna avenue.
Holznagel & Kinback, 111 Wyoming ave.
Rudolph Blesser, 201-203 Penn avenue.
Daniel W. Vaughn, 421 Lackawanna avenue; res. 539 Willow street.
Frank J. Mangan, 302 Lackawanna ave.
Patrick B. Higgins, 430 Lackawanna avenue; res. 1001 Mulberry street.
E. J. Fish, 227 Penn avenue; res. 612 Adams avenue.
Thomas J. Lane, 312-314 Spruce street.
Peter Rosar, 124 Penn avenue.
John Carroll, 327 Lackawanna avenue.
John T. Kennedy, 344 S. Washington ave.
John J. Scott, 226 Lackawanna avenue.
Michael Bannon, 245 Penn avenue; res. 448 Phelps street.
Patrick P. Jordan, 252 Wyoming avenue.
Catherine and L. P. Zeidler, 112 Franklin avenue.
W. H. Dwyer, 340-342 S. Washington ave.
Thomas F. Clark, 229-231 Wyoming ave.
John J. Morris, 145 Penn avenue.
John P. Coar, Hickory cor. Wyoming avenue; res. 1114 Linden.
Lovene Frable, 130-132 Franklin avenue; res. 431 North Ninth street.
Philip H. Coyne, 501 Lackawanna avenue; res. 502 Adams avenue.
Langan & O'Hara, 36 Lackawanna ave.
Michael McGovern, 218 Lackawanna ave.
Henry F. Mahoney, 232 Lackawanna avenue; res. 1209 Linden street.
Andrew Campbell, 424 Lackawanna ave.
Patrick H. Durkin, 214 Lackawanna ave.
Thomas C. Melvin, 120 Penn avenue.
Frank S. Koons, 105 Lackawanna avenue.
L. Zang, 316 Linden street.
Edward J. Jilkins, 115 Penn avenue.
Victor Koch, 206 Lackawanna avenue; res. Madison street.
John J. Skelly, 122 Penn avenue.
Charles Kaufman, 217 Wyoming avenue.
Thomas McCourt, 404 Washington avenue; res. 720 Monroe avenue.
William H. Thomas, 31 Lackawanna ave.
M. P. Flynn, Lackawanna cor. Franklin avenue.
Fred Durr, 313 Lackawanna avenue.
John J. Higgins, 109 Penn avenue.
Frank Thompson & Co., 18 Lackawanna avenue.
Ignatz Uram, 502 S. Washington avenue.
Jenkin Harris, 320 Centre street.
Grimes & Flannery, 201-205 Spruce street.
W. J. Boland, Franklin cor. Linden street.

Restaurants.

Neary & Jennings, 105 Wyoming avenue; res. do. and 332 Mifflin avenue, resp.
M. J. Norton and Seth Jones, 301 Spruce street.
J. W. Barnes, 414 Sp