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**DETAILS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA'S PENSION PLAN.**

It is Estimated That It Will Require an Outlay on the Part of the Company of More Than \$300,000 Per Year—Improvement of Locomotive Firebox Designed by Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr.—Meeting of the Lehigh Valley Men Held in Granahan's Hall, Pittston.

Details of the plan by which the Pennsylvania will pension its old employees has been given out at Philadelphia. The pension fund is to be established January 1, 1900, and the railroad company is to contribute the money necessary for its operation. A board of officers has been created and invested with full power to make and enforce rules and regulations as to the care and disposal of the fund, and to adopt such means as may be necessary to determine the eligibility of employees to receive benefits therefrom, and to fix the amount of allowance to be paid in each case. This fund will affect the entire force of employees east of Pittsburgh and Erie.

Employees 70 years of age and over will be considered as having attained the maximum age limit for active service and will be retired and placed upon the pension fund roll, while those whose ages range from 65 to 69 years, and who, in the opinion of the administrators of the fund, have become physically disqualified or otherwise permanently incapacitated, after 30 or more years of service, may be either voluntarily or arbitrarily retired and pensioned. That is to say, retirements may be both voluntary and involuntary, the basis of retirement being both age and service. The plan of pension allowance will provide for an amount in each case to be determined on the following basis: For each year of service a fixed percentage of the average regular pay for a specific period immediately preceding retirement, with a minimum monthly allowance. Such employees as are members of the relief fund, upon retirement, will be granted an additional allowance on a fixed basis in proportion to the amount they contributed while a member of the relief fund, such allowance being provided for out of the interest on the relief fund surplus.

It is also proposed to amend the regulations of the relief fund so as to secure disability benefits at half rates, to be paid in case of sickness or disability to pensioners, irrespective of the duration of the disability. It will thus be possible for an employee, when the retirement age is reached, to secure a superannuation allowance from the relief fund, in addition to his pension allowance.

An important feature of the regulations governing the pension fund is a means of protection afforded such by the fixing of an age limit for admission to the services of the company. This restriction provides that after January 1, next, no person shall be permanently employed who is more than 35 years of age, or who cannot pass the required physical examination. An exception to this rule permits former employees desiring reinstatement to re-enter the service at the discretion of the board of officers, provided they meet the requirements of physical examination and possess other necessary qualifications. The company may also employ men temporarily, regardless of the age limit and physical condition, for a period not exceeding six months subject to requisite extension when engaged upon temporary work. It is estimated that the fund will require an outlay on the part of the railroad company exceeding \$300,000 per year.

**William Maxwell Has Resigned.**

The resignation of William Maxwell, superintendent of the framing shop of the Dunmore Iron and Steel company, at Dunmore, has been presented to President George B. Smith, and was accepted with much regret. Mr. Maxwell resigned on account of old age, having

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been in the service of the Pennsylvania Coal company and the companies that grew out of it for more than fifty years. Mr. Maxwell's connection with the Pennsylvania Coal company commenced in Hawley more than half a century ago. He is a carpenter and his service was in the line of his trade. When the shops of the company were removed to Dunmore more than thirty years ago, he followed them and was made superintendent of the framing shop. When the shops were transferred to the Dunmore Iron and Steel company, it was still Pennsylvania Coal company property and there was no disturbance in his department. Mr. Maxwell is one of the most highly respected citizens of Dunmore.

**Meeting of Lehigh Valley Men.**

An evening last week a number of Lehigh Valley brakemen and conductors met in Granahan Hall, Upper Pittston, to take steps to have adjusted some grievances that recently arose. The principal one of these grievances was created by the recent scale made regulating the salaries and hours of engineers. This scale was secured by the engineers sending a committee to Bethlehem.

The committee laid its case before the proper official, who took up the matter and considered it, and the result was a satisfactory adjustment. But it seems what satisfies the engineers does not altogether agree with all of the firemen, conductors and brakemen. They complain that while the engineers will work longer hours for a day's work, they will be paid for it, but that the conductors and brakemen will have to work those hours for the same pay that they received for ten hours' work.

What transpired at the meeting cannot be learned. Those who were there say that nothing of importance was decided upon, but from another source it was learned that a committee was appointed to bring the matter before the proper officials.—Wilkes-Barre Record.

**Cornelius, Jr.'s Engine.**

Satisfactory results attended a test run last Wednesday on the Mohawk division of the New York Central of an engine built on the lines of an improvement in firebox and boiler, according to plans designed by Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr. The firebox is cylindrical instead of pear-shaped. It can be removed without taking off the cab, and in less than half the time required in the type of engine now in use, as no cutting or stay bolts are required, and it is held in place by slingsays from the boiler.

The idea is not new, as it is used in marine engines, but previous attempts in Germany and this country to apply it to a locomotive have not been successful. Mr. Vanderbilt, who has left the motive power department of the New York Central, is now in that of Chief Engineer Wilgus. When he completes his training he will be a thoroughly practical railroad man, for it is understood to be his intention to become familiar with all the branches of the service.

His designs for the engine improvement were made in connection with his work in the Sheffield Scientific school, and a patent has been applied for.

**Still They Come.**

The Lackawanna road has called another western railroad man to do service in one of its local departments. He is Michael McGuire, of Chicago, and was with the Illinois Central road, last night he assumed the position of head clerk of the transfer line at the freight house.

Mr. McGuire, who succeeds J. R. Lewis, resigned, is a former Scranton boy. He was born and raised on Orchard street in the Twelfth ward and is well known in this city.

**NATIONAL EXPORT EXPOSITION PHILADELPHIA.**

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The National Export Exposition, which opens at Philadelphia on September 14 and continues until November 30, will be the most interesting and important event occurring in Philadelphia since the Centennial Exhibition of 1876. In addition to its valuable commercial exhibits it will present many features of popular interest and amusement. The United States Marine Band, Sousa's Band, the Banda Rosa, Innes' Band, Danzons' Orchestra, and other celebrated bands will furnish music alternately, and a Midway Pleasure, equal if not superior to the famous World's Fair Midway at Chicago, and comprising a Chinese Village, a Chinese Theatre, acrobats, and vaudeville, an Oriental Village, London Ghost Show, Hagenback's Wild Animal Show, Blarney Castle, and many other unique presentations, will furnish abundant and diversified amusement. Arrangements have also been made for Mandolin, Guitar, and Piano concerts, and for a grand chorus from the German Singing societies.

For this occasion the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets from all points on its line, to Philadelphia and return, at rate of fare and a third for the round trip plus price of admission. These tickets will be sold during the continuance of the Exposition and will be good for return passage until November 30.

For specific rates and additional information apply to nearest Ticket Agent.

**BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.**

A Conference to Be Held at Asbury Park Early in September.

The chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew of the dioceses of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Newark, New York and Long Island are to hold a conference at Asbury Park on September 2, 3 and 4, the last named being Labor day. Bishop Potter, Bishop Scarborough and members of the Brotherhood National council will be among the speakers. The conference will open on Saturday afternoon with reports from all local assemblies, eight in number, and be followed in the evening with a service preparatory for the Holy Communion, and conducted by the Rev. J. O. S. Huntington of the Order of the Brothers of Nazareth. At the corporate celebration early on Sunday morning Bishop Scarborough will be the celebrant.

Sunday afternoon there will be dis-

cussions on "Prayer" and "Service," the two brotherhood obligations, and in the evening a mass meeting will be held, with Bishop Potter, of New York, and G. Harry Davis of Philadelphia, as speakers. Labor day will be devoted to an educational conference, and other features of brotherhood conventions. In the evening a second mass meeting will be held, with G. Harry Davis, Silas McBea and John P. Faure as speakers. The conference sessions will take place in a hall, and the religious meetings in Trinity church.

**IS HOME FROM CUBA.**

What a Wilkes-Barre Soldier Thinks About Situation There.

"John J. Walsh, who served in the Ninth regiment for one year, and who re-enlisted in the United States Regular service after leaving Chickamauga, is at home from Cuba" says the Wilkes-Barre Record. "He is now a member of Troop L, Second United States Cavalry, stationed at Pinaras, Cuba, where he has been doing service for the past seven months. Speaking of that country, he says the Cubans are bigoted and selfish and their hatred for the Americans and the American soldier is plain to be seen. They are treacherous also.

"They are of the opinion that the Cubans could have whipped the Spaniards and get vexed when told that the victory was secured by the United States soldiers. In many discussions of this kind men have been shot down. He also remarks that in some small places the war is apparently not over yet.

"Cubans want their freedom and want to rule, and this sentiment may be heard in all the provinces and the time, says Mr. Walsh, will yet come when the Americans will have a clash on this point if they do not soon get out."

**PHILADELPHIA AND RETURN.**

Account Grand Army Encampment, Via the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

Tickets will be sold for all trains (except the Black Diamond Express), September 3 to 5, inclusive, and will be limited for return passage to September 12, inclusive, except that by deposit of ticket with Joint Agent at Philadelphia between September 5 and 9, and payment of fee of 50 cents, return limit will be extended to September 30. One stop-over will be granted in each direction. Consult Lehigh Valley Ticket Agents for further particulars.

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