

RAILWAY PROPERTY WORTH BILLIONS

Value Established by Official Work.

REACHES \$11,244,852,000

Pullman Cars Worth \$51,000,000 and Private Cars \$72,000,000—Pennsylvania Leads States.

The commercial value of railway operating property in the United States, computed for the year 1904, was \$11,244,852,000.

This is exclusive of the physical value of Pullman cars, which is estimated at \$51,000,000, and private cars, estimated at \$72,000,000. This stupendous total presents the results of an extended inquiry in regard to the commercial value of railway operating property in the United States, conducted by the Bureau of the Census, operating with the co-operation of the Interstate Commerce Commission, under the supervision of Prof. Henry C. Adams, statistician to that commission. By commercial value is meant the estimate, based upon the worth of the property regarded as a business proposition—that is, the market value.

Pennsylvania First.

Among the States, Pennsylvania ranks first in the commercial value of railway operating property with a total of \$1,200,000,000, or 15.23 per cent of the total. New York is second, with \$888,222,000, which is exclusive of the Jersey City ferries of the Pennsylvania railroad system, whose value is estimated at \$5,698,000; Illinois third with \$305,057,000; Ohio fourth, with \$289,797,000.

The ratio of value as assessed for purposes of taxation to commercial values is highest in Connecticut, where the assessed value, \$120,493,648, is 11.4 per cent of the commercial value, \$1,053,369,000.

Wisconsin's Status.

The State ranking second in this regard is Wisconsin, where the assessed value, \$218,024,900, is 76.5 per cent of the commercial value, \$284,510,000. It is lowest in Wyoming, with 7.5 per cent.

The total number of Pullman cars "available for the business of the country" on July 31, 1904, is given as follows: Standard cars with sleeping accommodations, 2,963; ordinary or tourist cars with sleeping accommodations, 547; parlor cars, 461; composite, dining, and other cars, 55. Total, 3,967.

DEATH FROM NATURAL CAUSES.

Yesterday afternoon Silna Herbert, colored, thirty-five years old, of 425 Ridge street northwest, died without medical attention at his home. Coroner Nevitt was notified of the death, and gave a certificate declaring death due to natural causes.

HUNDRED REMAIN AT CAMP ORDWAY

Detained by Packing Equipment.

TO BE PAID WITHIN WEEK

Signal Corps Busy Boxing Instruments and Putting Wire on Reels—Everything Carefully Handled.

Although the infantrymen of the District militia have returned from Camp Ordway, on Bolivar Heights, W. Va., there are still about one hundred persons connected with the guard on the camp site.

They are members of the commissary and quartermaster's department and the Signal Corps. It is believed, however, that they will leave the camp about noon today.

Lieutenant Locklin and the members of the Signal Corps went to Bolivar two days before the infantrymen, and installed a perfect working telephone and telegraph system. Persons in camp frequently telephoned to others in Washington, and were also "called up" by Washingtonians.

In addition to this, the headquarters of General Harries, Acting Adjutant Gen. C. Fred Cook, and the commanders of each regiment, as well as the mounted camp, and other places, had telephones, and much time was thereby saved.

Three Operators.

Three telegraph operators, Benton, Martin, and Green, were always on hand in the office to send messages to any part of the United States, and many thousands of words were sent over the lines by them during their stay in camp.

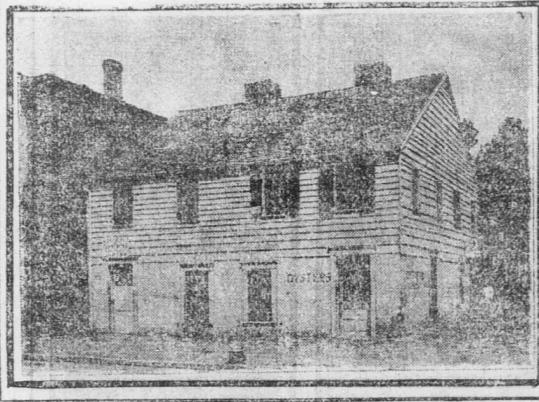
This year the Signal Corps did the work in two days. The Signal Corps did three or four and the systems did not work well. The lines have to be taken down carefully and all the wire wound on large reels. The telephone instruments have to be packed in boxes filled with excelsior so as to insure their safety during shipment.

Hundreds of poles have to be pulled from the ground all around the camp and down on the banks of the Shenandoah river, where the pumping station and bathing place are located. The wigwags also have a lot of delicate instruments, tools, and machines to pack, and for that reason they usually have to work two or three days after the soldiers take their departure.

Quartermaster Williams and Assistant Quartermasters Ludlow and Fisher are still drawing rations from the commissary department. Major Neumeier, commissary general and quartermaster, is looking out for all the food left over from camp, and the tent and other camp equipments.

At the Center Market Army veter-

FAMOUS OLD LANDMARK IN GEORGETOWN TO GO UNDER THE AUCTIONEER'S HAMMER



SUTER'S TAVERN.

A Favorite Stopping Place for Travelers on the Stage Road Which Passed Its Doors. Has Sheltered Washington and Other Big Men.

day afternoon, Lieut. William Duvall, quartermaster of the Third Battalion, who also has charge of the armory, stated that he had not received any of the camp equipments except the personal belongings of the officers.

Lieutenant Duvall does not expect the camp paraphernalia until tomorrow or Tuesday.

Most of the Government property, such as stoves, tents, cots, cooking utensils, wash basins, cups, bed sacks, and other things, were sent to Halltown, about three miles from camp, and packed in the three or four cars held in waiting there. All possible care will be taken by the men in handling the property, so as to return it to the armory as good as it was when taken out before camp.

Acting disbursing officer, Capt. Andrew Parker, stated before leaving camp that the guardsmen, all of whom have signed the payrolls, would be remunerated for their services in camp within the next week. The guardsmen were under the impression that they would be paid on Friday, but they learned differently on Thursday night.

SUCCESS FROM THE START.

Citizens of Washington who have the future welfare of the National Capital at heart are much interested in the notable success of the United States Realty Company, especially as it demonstrates that the people throughout the United States feel a personal pride in the city of Washington by sending capital here for investment and, incidentally, for improvement of property in the District of Columbia. The nation is yet in its infancy, and naturally Washington is destined to rank among the great capitals of the earth, both in population and wealth.

Investors from many parts of the country are making inquiries about the United States Realty Company's insurance holdings, and eagerly investing in the proposition it is offering.

Washington Landmark Goes Under Hammer

Once Famous "Suter's Tavern" Ready for the Auction Block—George Washington Used to Stop There.

Another landmark of Washington is to go under the hammer when the houses 3101 and 3103 K street will be sold at auction.

Upton Mackall, of Georgetown, bought the houses two years ago when they were occupied by John Cook, a restaurant keeper. They were offered for sale last Wednesday, but as there were no bidders at that time, the sale was postponed until next week.

The buildings are of especial interest not only to Washingtonians but to visitors to the Capital, for they were once a famous hotel, "Suter's Tavern." That was in the days of George Washington, when he and other famous men of his time journeyed from the temporary Capital in Philadelphia to old Georgetown.

They came by stage or in private conveyances, but everybody stopped at Suter's Tavern, and it was within its walls that Washington purchased the site for this city, and where the commissioners met to complete plans for the design of the future Capital of the United States.

Several persons who have been interested in the Georgetown of early days, declare Suter's Tavern was located on the northwest corner of Thirty-first and K streets, but there is good authority for the statement that the famous history was in the two buildings which are soon to be up for sale. The old pictures of the tavern bear a striking resemblance to the now dilapidated houses.

ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Aug. 12.—Information was received at police headquarters tonight by Captain Webster that a colored man named Robert Reeves, or Reed, residing near the south end of Columbus street, had shot his wife.

A policeman was sent at once to the place, but there was considerable delay in securing an ambulance and the woman was, for a while, considered to be in a desperate condition. She was finally sent to the Alexandria Hospital.

BOTELER WITHDRAWS.

It is reported in this city that George H. Boteler, of Alexandria county, has withdrawn from the contest for the Democratic nomination for this house of delegates.

This will leave the contest between J. R. Caton and J. H. Trimyer, of this city. Next Tuesday is the last day on which those wishing to be candidates in the primary on the 22d inst. can present their names to the Democratic committee.

PAINFULLY INJURED.

Mrs. Frank Hall was painfully injured by falling into her cellar last night at her home on Prince street, between Lee and Fairfax streets. Mrs. Hall was closing a window blind, when she slipped and fell into a hole that had been made into the cellar for the purpose of relaying water and gas pipes.

DAMAGE SUIT.

In the circuit court for the city, Judge Nicol presiding, arguments were concluded yesterday, in Manassas, in the

case of Mrs. Catherine Makely against the Southern Railway Company.

The plaintiff was represented by Edmund Burke and F. L. Smith, while C. C. Carlin, of Alexandria, and R. B. Tustall, of Norfolk, represented the railway company.

VISITING PREACHERS.

A large number of out-of-town ministers will occupy pulpits in the churches of Alexandria tomorrow, as many of the Alexandria pastors are away on their vacations.

The Rev. Dr. Micou will preach at Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, at St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church the Rev. L. R. Combs will preach at all the services.

The Rev. J. G. Buskey, a Virginia Theological Seminary student, will conduct the services at Grace Protestant Episcopal Church.

At the Second Presbyterian Church the Rev. D. H. C. Scanlon will occupy the pulpit.

The Rev. F. A. Stokley will conduct services and preach at Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church.

GOOD FERRY HOUSE.

The ferry house of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company, in this city, has been almost completed, and is considered by all who have seen it as an up-to-date ferry house.

The driving of the piles for the slip has been completed.

NEW RESIDENCE.

W. T. Bean has awarded to Belov and Smith the contract for the erection on the old courthouse grounds of a handsome residence.

The plans for the new house were drawn by W. L. Clark, of this city.

SHOPLIFTERS IN SWELLDOM

British Aristocracy Said to Abound With Them.

LONDON SHOPS THEIR PREY

Daughters of Poverty-Stricken Scotch Countess Go Cribbing Together.

Just now every fashionable London shop is holding its July "sale," and smart women are in vigorous quest of that delight of the feminine mind—the bargain. Few have any idea of the amount of aristocratic stealing that goes on on these occasions—that is, few except the tradesmen who suffer by it.

One of these, a prominent West End draper, tells me that quite a large number not only of "smart," but actually of titled, women are known to practically every West End tradesman as inveterate shoplifters.

"There is one well-known dowager duchess," said he, "who is notorious in this respect. Twice every year when the sales are on, and at other times as well, she goes from shop to shop, dressed in a long, loose cloak, picking up bits of lace, gloves, and such odds and ends as can be easily secreted.

Detectives Must Be Blind.

"Of course, our detectives see it all, but they have strict orders not to arrest her. Such an episode would be a fatal advertisement of our business, for the smart set is clamorous in the extreme, and to expose the weaknesses of one of its members is not soon forgiven by the rest.

"Another well-known shoplifter," continued the tradesman, "is the wife of an official in the Prince of Wales' household, a pretty woman on the right side of thirty. Some years ago a fuss was made by a West End shop over her thieving, but it was declared by a fashionable physician that she had undoubtedly kleptomania, and her husband promptly paid for the unique collection of odds and ends with which she had managed to make way.

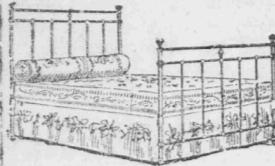
Husband Pays Bills.

"She still does it, but it is quite a recognized thing now and the bills are sent in to her husband, who pays them without a murmur."

Two pathetic young figures are also well known to the detectives at the London sales. They are sisters, the daughters of a poverty-stricken Scotch countess. They go about together, and "crib" together, and their small berries are winked at, for notwithstanding their paltry incomes—they do not spend more than £10 a year of honest money on their clothes—they go among the best people. They are twins, these two, and wonderfully alike, and whether their aged mother knows of their doings it is difficult to say. She has been seen, however, wearing some of their booty.—New York Press.

Iron Bed, Mattress and Spring

\$6.98



Heavy brass rail and knob trimmed iron bed, high head and foot board. Mattress with cotton top and good tick, woven wire spring, hard wood frame, closely woven, and hand supported. Regularly worth \$12.

The Store of Quality

MAYER & CO.

415-417 Seventh Street

WE WILL TRUST YOU

\$27 Solid Oak Dining-room Suite

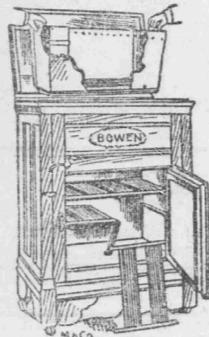
Special, \$18.98

Large, Solid Oak Sideboard, neatly carved and large mirror. Six-foot long extension table, with five legs. Four solid oak brace arm, cane seat, high back chairs.



Standard Refrigerators

25% Bowen, New Discount Progress, Lenox



Equalled by few, surpassed by none; economic in consumption of ice, dry air circulation; all parts removable; the embodiment of simplicity, strength and durability.

Our Guarantee: Perfect satisfaction or money refunded

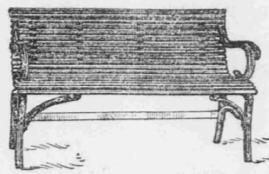
Ice Chests
\$4.50 Ice Chest \$2.69
\$7.50 Solid Oak Chest \$4.49
\$11.00 Solid Oak Chest \$6.69

The Final Effort to Close Out Summer Furniture

This Rocker, \$1.29



Double cane seat and back, heavy maple frame, mirror finish, high back, strong and well made. Worth \$1.98.



This Lawn Settee, \$2.59

Four feet long, bent wood, red finish, nicely striped, strong and comfortable.



This Rock r, 79c

Maple frame, broad arms, double cane seat, spindle back, fine finish, strong and comfortable.

This Solid Oak Chair

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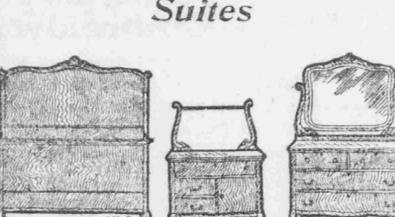


Cane seat, of selected stock, brace arms, turned spindle back, neatly carved, strong and well made.

\$2.50 Box Seat Dining Chair, \$1.69

Selected oak, French legs, cane seat, highly polished, strong and well made.

Special Sale Bedroom Suites



Selected Oak Bedroom Suite, full size, large bevel-plate glass, neatly carved, well made and finished. Worth \$23. Special trade-making value,

\$13.95

Solid Oak Bedroom Suite, swell drawer dresser, extra large bevel-plate glass, nicely carved, well made and finished. Worth \$29. Special trade-making value,

\$21.49

Full quartered Oak Bedroom Suite, large French pattern plate glass, handsomely carved, shaped drawers. Fine construction and highly polished. Regularly \$45. Special,

\$34.75

China Closet Sale



This Quartered Oak China Closet, \$19.89

Full swell front, bent glass ends, mirror top, French legs, highly polished and finely made. Regularly \$27.

Solid Oak China Closet, \$12.95

Selected stock, bent glass ends, mirror top, French shape legs, well made and finished.

Sale 100-piece Sets



\$12 Dinner Set, \$7.89

100 pieces; good china, prettily decorated in all colors and well finished.

\$15 Dinner Set, \$10.69

100 pieces, good quality, nicely decorated and finished.

\$23 Dinner Set, \$16.69

100 pieces, handsomely decorated, finely shaped and finished.

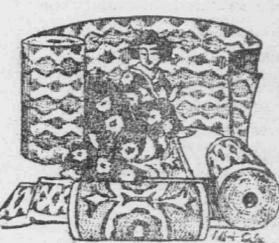
\$27 Dinner Set, \$18.98

Fine China, beautiful decorations, pretty shapes and handsomely finished.

Stock-Reducing Sale of Matting

25% Off

The opportunity of the season. Every roll of China and Japanese Matting included in the sale. Neat checks, fancy figures and large block patterns. It's new, perfect goods, of the closely woven, well-wearing kind.



Laid Without Charge

Parlor Suites Reduced



Three-piece Parlor Suite, neat frame, upholstered in fancy damask, strong and well made. Regularly \$18. Special, \$11.95

Three-piece Parlor Suite, handsome frame, upholstered in green Verona velour, finely made and finished. Regularly \$29. Special, \$19.98

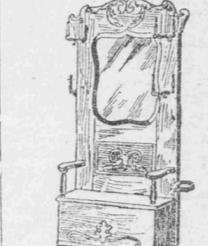
Five-Piece Suites

Large Five-piece Parlor Suite, upholstered in green Verona Velour, heavy frame, well made and finished. Regularly \$30. Special value, \$21.69

Fine Five-piece Parlor Suite, upholstered in green velour, nicely carved, spring edge, handsomely made and finished. \$29.95

Very fine Five-piece Parlor Suite, upholstered in fine Verona Velour or Gobelin Tapestry, highly polished and fine construction. Regularly \$54. Special price, \$41.65

Hat Racks



\$5 Oak Rack, \$2.98

Solid oak, four hooks, nice size bevel plate glass, umbrella stand and well made.

\$15 Quartered Oak Rack, \$10.98

Highly polished stock, four hooks, large French bevel plate glass, shoe box, umbrella stand, and fine construction.