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WHERE THE ROAD COMPETES

With Electric Lines—Officers of the Company are Now Investigating the Matter, and will Probably Put in the First Line Between Ulrichsville and New Philadelphia—Another Line Out of Bridgeport is Quite Probable.

Following the lead of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Company, the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling Railroad Company is considering the matter of an electric service in connection with its regular steam service.

The officials are now looking into the matter and it is expected that something definite will be known in the near future. This step has been brought about by the competition of electric lines that parallel the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling at a number of places, and which have taken from it a large proportion of its local passenger traffic. It is to compete for this traffic that electric lines are to be operated in connection at several points on the road.

It is proposed to run the electric cars on the track already in use, either with cars of standard gauge, or with cars of the usual street railroad gauge which would necessitate the use of a third and independent rail.

It is said a line will be operated out of Cleveland to Chippewa Lake, a resort about forty miles south of the Forest City. Another line is contemplated between Ulrichsville and New Philadelphia, where there is a large local traffic that has been diverted to a recently constructed electric line. It is also said there will be an electric line out of the southern terminus, Bridgeport, to a point north about twenty miles. This latter line is of more interest to Wheeling than the others, for it would bring much retail trade to Wheeling that is kept away at present through a comparatively poor passenger schedule of the steam road.

It is hoped the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling people will see their way clear to make the proposed electric line improvements.

A Connecting Link.

CANAL DOVER, Ohio, May 19.—A gang of eighty men were put to work two miles south of here, by the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad Company, in starting to grade for the laying of a six-mile stem from the present terminus of the road into the Beaverdam Valley. The laborers were brought from Pittsburgh on a special train, and the work will be pushed with all rapidity until completed, which it is thought will not require more than sixty days with the number of laborers employed. More will be added if necessary to complete it in that time. This is the first link in the steel chain which will bind together the main line of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh and Pan-Handle, and after this stem is completed, there will remain an untracked space of but four miles to the main line of the Pan-Handle at Ulrichsville. The construction of this stem is being hurried in order to develop extensive coal fields in the Beaverdam Valley, but it is said by those in position to know that the tracking of the rest of the link will not be delayed.

Railroad Rates Compared.

A comparison of the rates charged on American and foreign railroads for 1892 produced the following results:

For passenger mile—United States, 2.14 cents; Prussia, 2.39 cents; Austria, 3.05 cents; France, 3.36 cents; Belgium, 2.25 cents.

For freight per ton per mile—United States, 0.97 cents; Prussia, 1.32 cents; Austria, 1.56 cents; France, 1.59 cents; Belgium, 1.39 cents.

English railway accounts are not stated per ton per mile, and their rates usually also include cartage. A comparison is therefore difficult, but a treatise by Edward Bates Dorsey upon "American and British Railways Compared," which was awarded the Norman medal of the American Society of Civil Engineers, said of the freight rates in 1886:

"The rate as given from Liverpool to Birmingham, 97 miles, on grain and flour, is \$3.91 per gross ton, and the rate as given from Chicago to New York, 1,060 miles, is \$5.69 per gross ton." (It is now \$4.48.)

New Railroad Bureau.

It is probable that on and after June 1, persons traveling on mileage books over the Eastern or Ohio river lines, will have to deal with a bureau, which will be independent of any of the transportation companies. The mileage bureau plan of western roads has caught the eye of the Eastern passenger representatives, and a proposition for the adoption of a similar arrangement has been submitted to them. A meeting for its consideration has been called for tomorrow.

The plan is the creation of Commissioner Donald, of the Central Passenger Association, who has been authorized to take up the matter at a recent meeting of representatives of Chicago and Ohio River, Cincinnati and St. Louis, Cincinnati and Toledo, and Cincinnati and Columbus lines.

American and Foreign Wages.

Comparing the wages of American and foreign railway labor, the following statement will suffice, as the same ratio extended substantially through other branches of railway service:

	Per day.	Per month.
U. S.	\$2.50	\$75.00
England	1.25 to \$1.87	37.50 to \$56.25
France	1.00	30.00
Germany	.81	24.30
Belgium	.81	24.30
Holland	.81	24.30
Hungary	.81	24.30

This comparison is yet more favorable to American railway labor, when the longer hours and more onerous conditions which constitute a day's work abroad, are properly considered.

Reduced Rolling Stock.

The auditors of Franklin, Guernsey, Noble, Belmont, Perry and Licking counties met at Newark and appraised the Central Ohio and Shawnee divisions of the Baltimore & Ohio. The appraisal was a duplicate of that of last year, save that the rolling stock was reduced from \$1,900 to \$1,850 per mile.

The auditors fixed the road from Belaire to Newark at \$7,500 per mile. Newark to Columbus \$6,000, second track, \$2,500, and sidings at \$2,000 per mile. Rolling stock was fixed at \$1,850, tools at \$25 per mile, structures, improvements total \$106,625, and fixed machinery \$11,500. The Strasburg division rolling stock \$506, tools, etc., \$15, main track \$1,000, and side tracks \$1,500 per mile.

B. & O. CHANGE

B. W. Austin Appointed Western General Passenger Agent.

CHICAGO, May 19.—B. W. Austin, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific railroad, has been appointed general passenger agent of the Baltimore & Ohio lines west of the Ohio river, effective June 1. Manager of Passenger Traffic Martin said today that L. S. Allen, assistant general passenger agent, would probably remain with the company. Mr. Martin is regarded as one of the best of the western passenger men.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

The Y. M. C. A. boys' hare and hound race resulted in Alexander crossing the tape first and Miller second.

A break-down occurred in the La Belle plate mill yesterday morning, and the mill will be off probably all week.

The following council committees meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock: On Finance, on salaries and on markets.

The Y. M. C. A. cyclists will have a club run this evening, from the association building to Triadelphia, on the National road, and return.

Bernard Meehan's place, Sixteen and South streets, has undergone a thorough overhauling, and fresh paint and handsome wall paper increase its attractiveness.

Alex Bachmann was held for the grand jury yesterday by Squire Rogers in default of bond. Bachmann's wife was pipe from Kitty Lee's old place on Main street, and badly damaged the chandeliers.

Yesterdays arrests included James Smith, drunk, by Officer Bauers; James Dixon, disorderly, by Officer Schrader, and Maud Smith, who raised a racket at her house on Twenty-first street, by Officer Schrader.

The funeral of Stella Virginia Winder, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Winder, of the Island, is to take place this afternoon from the family home, No. 23 North Huron street. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

Mrs. Kratz, of Thirty-seventh street, an aged woman, supposed to be insane, was taken to the county jail yesterday afternoon for medical examination. Her husband was killed on the railroad some years ago, and she has grieved over the occurrence ever since.

In a letter to the Intelligencer, Dr. Paul Gibber, of the New York Pasteur Institute, announces the cure of a little Martha Schell, accompanied by her aunt, for the preventative treatment, which the Intelligencer hydrophobia relief movement enables her to take.

The Gibson pictures, to be exhibited by the Wheeling park Casino, June 3, for the benefit of the City hospital, promises to be a brilliant event, artistically and socially. Following that entertainment, the latter hours will be given up to dancing to the music of the Opera House orchestra.

Marshal Moore, of Elm Grove, last night placed in the county jail two young men, Elkey and Austin, charged with assaulting another young man, Boyd, at a recent entertainment. This is the third time they have beaten Boyd. They will be taken out to Elm Grove this morning to have a hearing before Mayor Butler.

THE IMPERIAL JAPS.

They are Giving a Fine Performance at the Park Casino.

The largest audience of the week saw the Okabe Imperial Japanese troupe at the Wheeling Park Casino last night, and a most cordial reception was given the performance.

It is no exaggeration to say that the company which is now appearing nightly at the casino, is the best ever seen in this city. All of us have seen fine exhibitions in a slack-wire walking, juggling tricks and acrobatic feats, but the performance of these Japs is most novel, original and marvelous, something indeed quite out of the ordinary. They do not do things in the hackneyed line and their performances possess a newness that is decidedly refreshing. The Okabe company has an international reputation. It has given many entertainments and delighted even the jaded tastes of the inveterate seekers after novelty and wonder in Paris and London. On this side of the water the company had a most favorable impression from the outset and repeated the successes made in Europe. In the days of the pyramids the Phoenicians were delighted with the arts of the juggler and the juggler. The Phoenicians did not disdain the prowess of the acrobat and the wrestler. Thousands of years have not changed human nature and feats of strength and skill still delight everybody.

To-night the company will be seen again. The special motor leaves at 7:30 and the performance begins at 8:15. The prices are very low, 15c for adults and 10c for children. You can't afford to miss it.

The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

From the Fairhaven, (N. Y.) Register: Mr. James Rowland, of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had used ever did her as much good. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by druggists.

PERSONAL.—The gentleman who annoyed the congregation last Sunday, by continually coughing, will find instant relief by using One Minute Cough Cure, a speedy and harmless remedy for throat and lungs. Charles R. Goetze, corner Market and Twelfth streets; Bowie & Co., Bridgeport; Peabody & Son, Benwood.

Carnival of Dancing.

One hundred pupils of the Parker Dancing Academy in National, Character and Delsartean dancing at the Opera House, Thursday evening. Don't miss it.

Excursion to Parkersburg and Blennerhassett Island, Sunday, May 23, 1897.

Sunday, May 23rd, the Ohio River railroad will run a special train excursion to Parkersburg and Blennerhassett Island. Rate for the round trip from Wheeling will be \$1.50, which includes a steamboat ride and admission to the island. Special train will leave Wheeling at 7:45 a. m., Eastern time, returning will leave Parkersburg at 6:30 p. m. Correspondingly low rates will be given from all stations between Wheeling and Parkersburg.

DIED.

WINDER.—On Tuesday, May 18, 1897, at 8:30 p. m., STELLA VIRGINIA, daughter of John H. and Mollie A. Winder, aged 6 years, 3 months and 23 days.

The funeral will take place from the residence of parents, No. 23 North Huron street, this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Peninsular Cemetery.

STEELE.—On Monday, May 17, 1897, at Weston, W. Va., EDWARD STEELE, aged 73 years.

Funeral from Third Presbyterian church, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment private at Peninsular cemetery.

BAXTER.—On Wednesday, May 19, 1897, at 8:30 o'clock p. m., ELIZABETH, wife of Gottlieb Hayha, in her 60th year.

Funeral notice hereafter.

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