

WEST VIRGINIA

Inability to get Armor Delays Construction of the Cruiser.

CONSTRUCTION BUREAU CHIEF

Gives This Official Information to the Intelligencer, and Adds That the Time of the Vessel's Construction and Details of her Plan are not Yet in Shape to Announce—Local Interest in the Big Warship.

Wheeling took a great interest in the construction and launching of the little gunboat, Wheeling—in fact a large party of Wheeling people crossed the continent to place the boat in commission two years ago.

Just now there is as much interest in Wheeling—and throughout West Virginia, as well—in the big armored cruiser West Virginia, whose tonnage of 12,000 or more is 2,000 greater than any of the battleships. There being no definite information as to the time of the vessel's completion, the Intelligencer a few days ago addressed a letter of inquiry to Hon. John D. Long, the secretary of the navy, and yesterday the following rather unsatisfactory reply was received from the chief of the bureau of construction and repair:

The Intelligencer, Wheeling. SIR:—Your letter of the 7th instant, to the honorable secretary of the navy, has been referred to this bureau for action. In reply, the bureau begs to inform you that the plans for the armored cruiser West Virginia are as yet in the preliminary stages of preparation, owing to the fact that the contract has been unable to contract for the armor within the limit fixed by the appropriation. In consequence, the bureau is at the present time unable to furnish you the somewhat detailed information sought, nor can it at present fortell when such information will be available. Very respectfully, DARIUS A. GREEN, Acting Chief of Bureau.

LAURIER DENIES

That he Said he would not Accept an Invitation to Chicago.

CHICAGO, August 10.—In a personal letter to H. H. Kohlsaat, of the Chicago Times-Herald, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, denies the truth of an interview recently given out by F. W. Fitzpatrick, of the treasury department, Washington, in which Mr. Fitzpatrick asserted that Premier Laurier had stated to him he would not accept an invitation to the Chicago autumn festival, believing the somewhat strained relations between the two countries might result in some unpleasant incident during his visit. In his letter Premier Laurier says: "You are at liberty to say that I have paid no attention to an interview published recently in a Washington paper, in which the reporter purported to give to the public words not spoken to him by me, but to somebody else. Life is too short for a busy man to take notice of this kind of any kind of hearsay evidence. If I had any communication to make to the public, I would prefer to make it directly and in my own words."

"It seems to me that I need hardly add that the invitation of the Chicago authorities will receive from me the most courteous consideration. A meeting of the committee on invitation and arrangements will be held Friday, at which time Chairman Trux, who has been in Washington, where he went to extend a formal invitation to attend the festival to President McKinley, will be present and the Canadian premier will then be cordially invited to attend the festival. This will be the first invitation extended to Premier Laurier, as the members of the committee deny that Mr. Fitzpatrick had any authority to invite the premier or that he is in any way connected with the festival."

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Probing Railroad Pools—Rebates to Favored Lessees.

CHICAGO, August 10.—The sub-committee of the Federal Industrial Commission, convened in open session today and resumed the investigation of the alleged elevator combine. Railroad pools and defects in the inter-state commerce law were also the subjects of hearing. Edward S. Richards, a retired shipper and grain dealer, made a written deposition to the committee, in which he gave the inner workings of the so-called elevator combine. The witness also declared positively that roads have a system of issuing rebates to favored lessees and owners of grain warehouses and discriminating against the private and independent buyers and shippers, who in this state, according to the evidence presented, have combined in the Illinois grain dealers' association to fight the elevator known as class "A." The inter-state commerce law was also designated as a farce and useless so far as it affected the rates of inter-state commerce regulations of the country. As a result of Mr. Richards' statements, Senator Kyle sent to a prominent eastern road for blank forms of the bill of lading used by the company.

Case Against "Sun" Dismissed.

NEW YORK, August 10.—The case of the four former stereotypers of the Sun who charged Business Manager Paddock, of that paper, and detectives of a private agency with having assaulted them on Tuesday night, as they were preparing to leave the building, having relinquished their positions, was dismissed in police court to-day, the plaintiffs not being present when the case was called. The four men appeared later and asked to have the case reopened, but Magistrate Brann refused to do this.

Army of Potomac Reunion.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., August 10.—J. M. Ray, secretary of the local committee of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, makes this announcement: "The Society of the Army of the Potomac will meet in Pittsburgh on Wednesday and Thursday, October 11 and 12. Because of the reception to be given to Admiral Dewey upon his arrival at New York, September 26, or October 1, it was deemed advisable by the local committee to change the date from October 4 and 5 to that above mentioned. Circulars will be sent out by Colonel Horatio C. King, recording secretary of the society early next week."

A. P. A. Officers.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., August 10.—At this afternoon's session of the grand lodge of the American Protestant Association at Moorhead's hall, the following officers were elected: James Thompson, of Philadelphia, right worthy grand master; Fred Hutzler, of Cincinnati, vice right worthy grand master; Henry C. Gill, of Philadelphia, right worthy secretary; James Scott, of Philadelphia, right worthy treasurer; Rev. C. A. Herman, of Hamilton, Ontario, chaplain. The officers were installed immediately after their election and the grand lodge adjourned to meet in Philadelphia next August.

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BRIEF MENTIONINGS.

Events in and About the City Given in a Nutshell.

Base ball this afternoon—Wheeling vs. Youngstown.

Yesterday, in Clerk Robertson's office, one deed of trust was recorded.

The Opera House band will give the third of its somnambulist acts at Wheeling Park on Thursday evening, August 31.

Mill men found it difficult to withstand the heat yesterday. At the Laughlin, ten out of fourteen mills were off on account of the high temperature. Officer James McGuigan, of the police department, became suddenly ill last night, and is temporarily off duty. His indisposition, it is hoped, is not serious.

A special criminal court grand jury has been called for Monday, August 14. No September term of court will be held, an August special term being held instead.

Mayer's band gave its annual outing at Mozart Park yesterday, and a large number of the band's friends attended in the evening. Dancing was the chief diversion.

The Epworth League of the German M. E. church had an enjoyable social gathering last night on the grounds of Mr. George Rentch's home, at Pleasant Valley.

Clerk Robertson yesterday issued a marriage license to Hiram M. Kessel, aged twenty-two, of Wellsville, Ohio, and Maggie Williamson, aged twenty-five, of Sardis, Ohio.

George M. Snook & Company yesterday purchased the stock of the Yester-Lingamann Company from the receiver, Col. J. A. Miller, for \$7,550. The sale was made at public auction.

Last evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Kirchgesser, occurred the death of Mrs. Christina Happy, in the eighty-third year of her age. Deceased was the mother of Mr. Fred Happy.

Mr. Charles D. Vaas and Miss Emma Fisher were married last evening at 8:30 o'clock at the German Lutheran parsonage by Rev. Hoh. The wedding was very quiet, and was witnessed by only a few friends.

The Wheeling Butchers' Association will run an excursion to Canton on Sunday, August 27, and a tremendous crowd is expected. On the same day the Wheeling and Youngstown base ball teams play a championship game at Canton.

The city board of equalization and appeals held a short session yesterday morning, and completed its labors by accepting the supplemental personal returns offered by Assessor Heisker of the district north of the river. The board will meet to-day to formulate its report to council.

After a lull of two days, Mayor Sweeney will have two cases at this morning's police court. Corner Jones having been arrested last night for drunkenness in the Eighth ward by Officer Buckley, and George Ruffers by Officer Arthur Ingram for throwing waste paper into a public thoroughfare.

Last evening, in the presence of a select company at the parsonage of St. German M. E. church, by a Rev. L. A. Allinger, Mr. Albert Vanderslice Hibberd and Miss Sarah E. McClannahan were married. The groom is a son of Mr. George Hibberd. Mr. C. D. Calvin was best man and Miss Maggie E. McClannahan was the bridesmaid.

Yesterday, Chief of Police Clemons appointed two new officers as successors to Officers Gardner and Marshall, just released. William Turner, colored, succeeds Gardner on the Second ward beat, and Extraman Wells beat, while John Donovan is appointed an extraman. Donovan is the well known ball player, who was with the Wheeling team for a short time this season. He is a brother-in-law of Councilman John W. Kindelberger.

What is the Game?

GREENSBURG, Pa., Aug. 10.—A syndicate of Greensburg people will enter into the mining of valuable metal on the Poe mountains in Bedford county. They are John Griffin, J. G. Lawson and T. C. Myers. The trio has leased 2,000 acres of land upon which gold, silver and lead in paying quantities have been found. An analysis of sample ores from the region was made this week by chemists at the Pittsburgh laboratory and shows 47 1/2 per cent of lead to the ton; \$1,800 worth of gold, and \$2,500 worth of pure silver. They will organize a company and begin developing the land at once. Mr. Griffin made the discovery in an old California mine. While on a hunting trip recently the miner was struck by the great similarity of Poe mountains to the great quartz producing ranges in California.

Condition of the Crops.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 10.—The August report of the statistician of the department of agriculture shows the following averages of condition on August 1: Corn, 89; spring wheat, 83; barley, 93; spring rye, 89; buckwheat, 93; potatoes, 90; timothy hay, 86.7. Average condition of corn improved 3.4 points during July, and on August 10 it was up 2.9 points higher than at the corresponding date last year, 5.7 points above the mean of the last ten years. The averages for the principal states are as follows: Ohio, 90; Indiana, 94; Illinois, 91; Iowa, 82; Missouri, 88; Kansas, 106, and Nebraska, 99.

The average condition of spring wheat declined 5.1 points during July, and on August 10 it was 12.9 points lower than at the corresponding date last year, 21.1 points lower than on August 1, 1897, and 2 points below the mean of the August averages for the last ten years.

Flint Glassworkers' Scale.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., August 10.—The wage scale committees of the American Flint Glassworkers' Union and manufacturers, who have been in session for a week, adjourned to-night, after having settled all the scales except the chimney scale. Advances have been granted the workers in some of the branches, while others will be operated on last year's scale. It is said by a general advance of 5 per cent. Notwithstanding the fact that the chimney scale remains unsettled, the manufacturers say they will start their plants on August 15 and depend on the chimney machines to carry them through if the workers do not come to terms. The workers are holding out, but it is probable another conference will be held next Tuesday to settle the matter.

A Pittsburgh Consolidation.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., August 10.—The stockholders of the Columbia Chemical Company to-day organized by electing W. L. Clause, general sales agent of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, president; H. G. Whinnell, secretary; Edward Pitcairn, treasurer; Artemus Pitcairn, controller. These officials will be the new officers of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, which will form the board of directors. The new company is owned by the controlling element in the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, and the two great concerns will work in harmony. A large plant for the manufacture of soda ash will be built at a site near the harbor. It will probably be erected at Harborton, Ohio, and be completed before the contract for soda ash now held by the Pittsburgh company has expired.

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FIRST KLONDIKER

From This Section to Return Home is Will H. Egerter

WHO ARRIVES THIS MORNING

From Seattle—He has been in the Frozen North for About Two Years, and it is Whispered that he Comes Back Bearing a Not Inconsiderable Quantity of the Gold Dust That has Attracted so Many Thousands.

This morning on the 7 o'clock Pan Handle train from the west, the first returned Wheeling Klondiker will reach home, and needless to state his friends are preparing to give him a very warm reception. The young man in question is Will H. Egerter, son of Mrs. Adelaide Egerter, of North Main street, who left Wheeling for the Frozen North about two years ago when the Klondike excitement was at its height. At rather infrequent intervals his relatives and friends in Wheeling have been favored with interesting letters descriptive of the Klondike region and the terrible rigors of the winter there, some of which have appeared in the Intelligencer.

Mr. Egerter landed at Seattle, Wash., a few days ago, and went to St. Louis, where he was the guest of friends for a few days. Yesterday morning telegrams were received from him at St. Louis stating that he would reach Wheeling this morning, via the Pan Handle, and as stated above, his friends will be at the station in force to give him a hearty welcome home.

Although there is no direct information from the young man himself on the subject, it is whispered that he comes out of the Klondike with a not inconsiderable quantity of the elusive gold dust that has attracted so many thousands into the Far North.

HON. HINKY DINK,

Chicago's Most Influential Democratic Alderman Leaves the Breezes of Lake Michigan for the Confidances at Saratoga.

CHICAGO, August 10.—The Inter-Ocean to-day says: Where is Hinky Dink? His friends in Chicago say he has gone East, and will not return until September. In Saratoga, New York, Bathhouse John Coughlin is growing anxious over the non-appearance of his little compatriot from the First ward. His anxiety is misplaced, and when H. Dink drops into the summer house society center of the Empire state Bathhouse is going to take to the woods in sheer despair, for Michael Kenna has his friend, to use the expression, skinned seven ways from the jack in the matter of wearing apparel.

While John dazzles Saratoga with a green dress suit, and a blood-red vest, Michael had a blue dress suit, a velvet waistcoat, a shirt covered with a roulette wheel design, and other suits that will start an epidemic of hydrophobia in the East.

Kenna has gone from Chicago. His bartender said yesterday that he had left the first of the month for New York, Saratoga, and the seashore. It might have been that the little alderman would have taken with him a modest as a church deacon's had it not been for Coughlin's terrible plunge in raiment.

Before taking his departure Hinky Dink confided to a friend the intelligence that he was going down East being invited to the annual convention of the "society guys" with the intention of showing that the dress reform instituted by Bathhouse John was being fruit.

John left plans for Hinky's clothes and togs," the friend said, yesterday. "They are up-to-date and original, and fixed up so a fellow can be told from a waiter. After Hink and John come back from the East they are going to take in all the swell doings in Chicago, and before long they expect that all the swell folks will be after clothes like they wear. Both of 'em are going to attend the receptions and balls given to the President during the fall festival. Why, Dick Croker won't be without in halling distance of Hink. He took a big bank roll with him, and is going to play the races at Saratoga, and make bets that will scare the bookmakers into convulsions. You'll hear from both of them before long."

At the time Bathhouse was having his outfit carpentered Kenna got wind of it. Secretly the latter went to Coughlin's tailor and said: "Look here, I beg you are making some pretty fancy rag what he's got. I want you to skin your own work, see. I want to make him look like a deuce. Money won't cut any carpet with this deal. Now you go to work and while me out an outfit that will make an automobile shy and you'll get the check. I'm gosh East."

It took something like half a day for the tailor to go through the tailor's stock and list of samples and get what he wanted. He had ordered two dozen shirts some weeks before but as the kind he wanted were not made by any manufacturer the order was somewhat defective. The shirt that he wanted one made with a picture of the ballet scene from "Semiramide" embroidered on the bosom, but the salesman convinced him that it would take too long to fill the order. Hinky therefore confined himself to simple designs of floral wreaths, horse shoes, sunbursts and moonlight on-the-waves effects. On the tag of each shirt Kenna stamped the crest and motto to be stamped. The arms are two stiers rampant, surmounted by a lead pipe, argent. Below is a ballot, couchant and beneath all the motto: "Absque Argente Omnia Vana."

Just what Hinky Dink's eastern friends he did not divulge before he left. It is evident, however, that he has gone to west from Coughlin the laurels he has won as a Beau Brummel in Saratoga.

"Yes," said the alderman's tailor, speaking of Kenna's outfit, "the clothes he bought were original. As to whether they lay over those of Bathhouse John I cannot say, that would be a matter of individual taste. Kenna is a smaller man than Coughlin, and perhaps the blue in the dress suit is better suited to his style of architecture."

"Of course, there were three or four fancy vests. One was a heliotrope, with gilt buttons and yellow dots. Another was a robin's-egg blue, with a other was a delicately climbing toward the lapels. Kenna suggested having a couple of robins, painted on the top pockets, but I dissuaded him, not knowing what action the humane society might take."

"For the seashore the alderman has a suit of tan, with a cream stripe, and there is a Scotch plaid suit for general wear that is certainly a warm one. I think he is going to try and make a hit with some of the swell Eastern golf clubs."

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A SLACKTOWN ROW.

Unknown Troughs Fire Several Shots at Boys who were Manning a Coal Barge as Watchmen—Sheriff Richards Called to the Scene.

Last night about 10 o'clock there was a telephonic call from the water works pumping station at Slacktown, for an officer to arrest a gang of toughs, supposed to be thieves, who had fired several shots at two young men who had been placed on board a coal barge a short distance above, in the capacity of watchmen. Lieutenant Supper told the man who telephoned that the city could not act, the scene of the disturbance being outside the city limits.

Thereupon, Sheriff Richards was notified of the occurrence, and he, together with two deputies, went up to Slacktown in a buggy. They scoured the neighborhood for the gang, but were unable to locate them, and returned to the city at midnight without having accomplished more than frightening away the crowd.

The shots that were fired at the boys did no damage, the aim of the toughs being decidedly wild.

Says Otis is Incompetent.

CHICAGO, August 9.—A special dispatch to the Tribune from Victoria, B. C., says: Commander St. John, of the British cruiser Peacock, who arrived here from Manila by to-day's Empress, en route home, declares that General Otis is utterly ignorant of the necessities or responsibilities of a campaign in the tropics. He has five thousand dead to his account, the British officer declares, and his hesitation has already shown his forces that he has no grasp on the situation.

Stove Combine.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., August 10.—A stove combine which has been hanging fire for some months was finally consummated here to-day, when nine of the principal stove companies in Pittsburgh and Allegheny united to form the Pittsburgh Stove and Range Company, with a capital of \$2,000,000.

WELLSBURG.

Doings of People in the Brooke County Metropolis.

Dr. H. V. Givler, of Tarentum, Pa., passed through town yesterday on his way to Bellview camp ground, where he last night opened the assembly of '99 with his lecture, "Benten Gold." The meetings continue until August 27, with a sermon and lecture each day by first class talent, and Bible readings, children's music drill and blackboard exercises. Rev. Cartwright, of New Brighton, Pa., and Prof. Lynch, of Cleveland, have charge of these latter features during the entire series. There will be special programmes on Epworth League Day, August 17, Missionary day, August 18, and Children's day, August 26. Dr. Givler will again lecture to-night, Dr. M. M. Sweeney, of Bellevue, Pa., on Saturday night, and on Sunday there will be preaching by Drs. Givler and Sweeney, and a choir, of the church, of Canonsburg, Pa. There is now large attendance on the grounds and the prospects are bright for a successful assembly.

William Huggins, an employe of the Riverside glass works, died at an early hour yesterday morning. He had been ill for about a week and on Monday an operation was performed on the appendix, but he failed to rally from the effects. The deceased was a son of Robert Huggins, about thirty-eight years of age and leaves a widow and two children. He was a member of Friendship Lodge No. 24, A. O. U. W., and also of Brooke Lodge No. 5, I. O. O. F. The funeral will take place to-day at 3 p. m., and will be attended by both orders.

There will be no services at the Methodist Episcopal church during Bellview camp meeting, as Rev. R. T. Miller is in charge of the assembly.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church held a largely attended and enjoyable lawn fete at the residence of J. E. Curtis last evening.

H. W. Paul, of the Eagle Glass and Manufacturing Company, has returned from a sojourn at Mt. Lake Park. Photographer H. H. Yingling and family left yesterday for a visit to their former home in Pennsylvania.

Railroad Agent E. H. Kipp, with his family, is spending a two weeks' vacation in camp on Buffalo creek.

Miss Lucie Brown, of Ohio county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Samuel Jacob.

S. R. Caldwell and Charles Beall left yesterday for Atlantic City. Solomon Combs is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever. J. F. Cree, esq., is in Richmond, Va., on legal business.

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MARRIED.

HIBBERD—McCLANAHAN—On Thursday evening, August 10, 1899, at the parsonage of the German M. E. church, by Rev. L. Allinger, ALBERT VANDERSLICE HIBBERD and SARAH E. McCLANAHAN, both of this city.

DIED.

HAPPY—On Thursday, August 10, 1899, at 6:30 o'clock p. m., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John Kirchgesser, No. 1 Baker street, Mrs. CHRISTINA HAPPY, aged 82 years, 1 month and 26 days. Funeral notice hereafter.

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THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES. Marietta...URANIA, 8 a. m. Pittsburgh...GREENWOOD, 3 p. m. Parkersburg...BEN HUR, 11 a. m. Matamoras...JEWEL, 11 a. m. Sistersville...RUTH, 3:30 p. m. Clarington...LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville...T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY. Marietta...URANIA, 8 a. m. Sistersville...RUTH, 3:30 p. m. Clarington...LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville...T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW. Charleston...GREENWOOD, 6:30 a. m. Marietta...URANIA, 8 a. m. Parkersburg...BEN HUR, 11 a. m. Matamoras...JEWEL, 11 a. m. Sistersville...RUTH, 3:30 p. m. Clarington...LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville...T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

Along the Landing. From Warren, Pa., to New Orleans in a sloop is a trip proposed by Albert A. Root and a party of friends from Warren. Wednesday a letter was received by Maj. Charles F. Powell, United States engineer in Pittsburgh, from Mr. Root, asking for information regarding the stage of water in the Allegheny river below Warren. They will reach the Mississippi river about the time the wild ducks and geese are migrating, and expect great sport. Major Powell sent Mr. Root all the information he had regarding the river, and said the sloop would be brought from Warren without difficulty.

The Greenwood passed up at 3 p. m., but will not be able to reach Pittsburgh on account of the low water. She will be here Saturday at 6:30 a. m. for Charleston.

The marks at 6 p. m. showed 3 feet 9 inches and falling. Weather, cloudy and warm.

Pittsburgh River News

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 10.—Rivermen generally commend Maj. Charles F. Powell for the action he has taken in reference to regulating the operations of sand dredgeboats. A representative of the Iron City Sand Company, the largest concern in the business, was the first caller to consult Major Powell in reference to the order.

Major Powell said: "A representative of the Iron City Sand Company consulted me and made out an application to the secretary of war to be permitted to continue in the business. These sand companies will not be permitted to dump the stone removed from the river back into it. They must take away everything removed from the river bed. This is absolute. If the dredgers are given permission to continue in business it will be under my supervision. The boats have been working at random heretofore, and if some one could direct their movements, the boats could be made a benefit to navigation. The manner in which some of them operate does navigation serious injury and destroys the river channel in places."

"Some of the boats get close to bridge piers. This is dangerous. I know of one case of the kind. It was through

my suggestion that the river gravel was saved. The firms have found a profitable trade for it. They can also find a profitable place for the stone removed from the river. There is no better stone. It could be used for railroad ballast, macadamizing or concreting. It would be a splendid thing for the building of country roads. If the movements of the boats are properly directed they will prove a source of benefit to the river, as they can dredge out good channels and would thereby save the government some money and improve navigation."

"It is not my intention at all to try and force these people out of the business, but if they are given permission to continue in it they must not violate the law. The representative of the Iron City Sand Company is the only one thus far that has called."

The dredgeboats are working as usual to-day. It is said that the crews of some of the boats place the crafts in the streams so as to obstruct navigation. This Major Powell intends to regulate also.

Lake to Ocean Canal.

The deep waterway commission is considering the final surveys made for the contemplated water route from the great lakes to the Atlantic at a cost of at least \$200,000,000. The route to be followed will be through the Sault Ste. Marie canal to Lake Huron, through the Erie canal to Lake Erie, then by the Erie canal to the Niagara Falls to Lake Ontario. From that point two canal routes are suggested, both using the Hudson river. One is known as the Oswego-Mohawk route and the other as the Champlain-St. Lawrence route. The Oswego-Mohawk route is to start at Oswego and proceed along the Mohawk valley, taking in such cities as Syracuse, Rome and Utica, going thence to Troy, where it will connect with the Hudson, necessitating a deepening of the Hudson. This route will practically obliterate the Erie canal, though it will take up some of its waterways.