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An Evening Echo.

America is the golden key with which God has unlocked the new millennium.—Dr. Thomas E. Green.

Railway Accidents.

In the year ending June 30, 1908, there was a remarkable falling off in the number of casualties to both passengers and employees, due to some extent to diminished traffic on railroads generally, according to the annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission transmitted to Congress today. As appears from a summary published in the report, the number of passengers killed in train accidents was 165 in 1908, as compared with 410 in the previous year. There is also a gratifying decrease in the number of employees killed and injured. The number of employees killed in conning accidents shows a reduction of 20 per cent from the previous yearly record.

Attention is called to the necessity of legislation authorizing an investigation, under direction of the Commission, of train accidents, for the purpose of obtaining light on the question of preventive measures for the future.

By the terms of an act approved May 30, 1908, it is made unlawful for any common carrier engaged in interstate or foreign commerce by railroad to use any locomotive in moving interstate or foreign traffic that is not equipped with an ash pan which can be dumped or emptied and cleaned without the necessity of any employee going under such locomotive, on and after the 1st day of January, 1910, and the Commission is charged with the duty of enforcing the provisions of this act. Numerous plans of inventions calculated to solve the difficulty involved in obtaining an efficient device applicable to all types of locomotives have been presented to the Commission and have been referred to its block signal and alarm control board for examination and report. It has been the view of the Commission that devices of this character come within the terms of the supervisory civil act of the last session of the present Congress, being devised to promote the safety of railroad operation.

With the possible exception of power brakes the conditions of safety appliances is steadily improving. It is not clearly understood why the maintenance of the brakes does not keep pace with progress of improvement of other details of equipment, but it is probably attributable to the following situation: The safe requirement of the present law in regard to power brakes is that no train subject to the present act shall contain less than 75 per cent of cars equipped with power brakes in operative condition. Cars not exceeding 25 per cent of the total in the train may have their brake equipment "cut out" of the connection, and no liability ensues to the carrier if the remaining brakes are sufficient to control the speed of the train. There is an imperative need for regulation governing cars that are equipped with both hand and power brakes, operating in opposition to each other. Any action of Congress looking to this end will be of great and lasting value in promoting the safety of lives, limbs and property.

All For Submission.

Judging from the record of the hold-over senator from this district and of the two delegates elected from Harrison county and the utterances of the senator-elect from this district, the county and district will not be found against the submission of the prohibition amendment. Two

years ago Senator Ashburn and Delegate Hart and Riblett all voted for submission, and no one has heard that they have changed their minds. Besides the State platform this year promises it. Senator Coffman stated in his speech of acceptance that he would vote to submit the question if that proved to be the will of the people, and the last election in the State proved conclusively that submission is in line with the will of the people. Senator Coffman's position is elucidated in an interesting article in the Wheeling Intelligencer, whose correspondent in noting the presence of Mr. Coffman in Washington says: Senator Coffman gives the impression that he will pay heed to the suggestions of Governor Glasscock when that worthy citizen takes hold at Charleston and it is also apparent that Coffman believes in carrying out the pledges of the platform adopted by his party in the state convention. That means the consideration and adoption of some sort of a local option law. It is a pleasure to meet a young statesman who believes in a party carrying out its promises as put forth in a party platform and it is the further observation of Senator Coffman that an amendment to the constitution for state wide prohibition will be given consideration during the coming session. Such an amendment will, of course, have to be submitted to the people at the election two years hence, but it will be up to the present majority in the legislature to enact some law providing for the submission of the aforesaid amendment.

Senator Coffman thinks very well of the district primary law, suggested by the Intelligencer and submits that it is not a good plan to do away with conventions for the actual nomination of state or local tickets. It is the idea of Senator Coffman that the delegates to district and county conventions which in turn can elect delegates to state conventions is a better plan than a direct nomination by primary vote. "It keeps up the party enthusiasm to have conventions," is the way Senator Coffman puts it and he added: "We need the stimulating rivalry and effect of a convention to arouse the voters and to maintain the proper interest in public affairs." The senator has talked over the topic with some of the best political leaders of the state and finds a very general sentiment in favor of retaining the convention idea in West Virginia politics.

The Need of Play.

Commenting upon the need of play, Editor George Harvey in the current issue of the North American Review declares that it is the simplest thing in the world for man to keep his physical machinery in good working order and that this very simplicity is the chief obstacle to his keeping well and efficient. "If health and efficiency were a rare commodity obtainable only in remote fastnesses and at a vast price," writes Mr. Harvey, "undoubtedly we should be oversupplied with it. But it lies at every man's hand. He has only to take it and it is his. Of course he will not take it. He will have none of it till gout or rheumatism or appendicitis has gripped him and barred him from his daily vocation. Then he will endure pain and expend much time and money in acquiring what he should never have lost."

This is quite true. The business or professional man, too busy looking after the affairs of his occupation and endeavoring to attain success as rapidly as possible, throws away his health and does not realize it until it is too late.

But, what is to be done? Editor Harvey finds the great remedy in play. Man should have a certain amount of play every day. Play should not be carried to an excess, but the human body craves it, demands it and its indulgence gives occasion for exercise of the muscles and a relaxation of the mental activities which greatly help man to keep his physical machinery in good working order. A daily walk is suggested, also boxing, fencing, tennis, handball and other similar pastimes and sports. Amusement is needed in play and the spirit of competition provides it so those pastimes that are competitive are the most valuable. The remedy is simple and pleasant. Those who are throwing away their health without realizing it should take Editor Harvey's advice.

It looks very much like the Big Stick has cornered the Pitchfork. Senator Tillman now deplores the alleged loss of important papers and telegrams from his desk in Wash-

ington. It seems strange that a few "important" papers and telegrams could explain away some of the things the senator is charged with, such as the franking of a typewriter and private communications by mail, not to mention his efforts to grab eight or ten quarter sections of land in Oregon for himself, his secretary and members of his family.

Members of Congress. It is said, have sworn to make President Roosevelt bow, as a result of the Tillman exposure and the President's attitude on the secret service. In reply to congressional threats, President Roosevelt says that the man who starts to wipe him off the map had better have plenty of ammunition and have it where he can get at it quick, and, in view of his past presidential record, there are many who most likely agree with him.

Astronomers at the Harvard Astronomical Observatory are actively engaged in a search for the planet that is believed to be beyond Neptune and announcement is made that their efforts may possibly be rewarded within a few days. Meanwhile the country awaits the discovery in breathless expectancy.

Amidst all the fuss and furor in Washington, what has become of that man Jeff Davis who was going to "eat 'em alive" and "burn 'em up" when he reached the capitol?

Claus Spreckles left only a paltry ten million dollars. Remarkable how the fortunes of the billionaires shrink after they die.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY

Gratifying.

The fact that Thomas L. Lewis is assured of re-election to the presidency of the United Mine Workers of America is very gratifying to his friends in this locality, whose name is legion.—Wheeling Register.

A Grand Sight.

It was a grand and exhilarating sight yesterday to see the big tows of coal passing down the river on their way to southern ports. The amount of business activity which this peaceful commercial armada represents would be hard to estimate. At a rough calculation there were over twelve hundred thousand tons requiring forty thousand freight cars to handle the product. There will be a big bunch of people made happy by the arrival of these immense black cargoes at their destination.—Wheeling Register.

Grafton Wants a Fair.

Now that the poultry show has proven so much of a success in Grafton, why not proceed at once to organize a county fair association and arrange for the holding of a big, old-time, always-enjoyable fair and races in the city next fall? Grafton is the ideal location for a fair. It would draw from all points and quarters of the State. Why not the Poultry association resolve itself into a Fair association?—Grafton Republican.

Very Popular.

From North Carolina, through Georgia and Alabama, to the western side of Mississippi the most popular poem just now is: "Drink to me only with thine eyes."—Washington Herald.

Pledged and Wanted.

There's not a bit of use discussing the matter—the Republican party is pledged to a submission of the prohibition amendment proposition. And then—there's that promised primary election law. It simply must come at this session of the legislature. The party promised it; the people surely demand it.—Grafton Republican.

Numbering and Outnumbering.

A report comes from Parkersburg that the West Virginia Liquor Association is getting busy. Petitions are being circulated asking for the passage of a model license law. It is said the Association pays a handsome price for solicitors. The legislators will not be caught by such tactics. The no-license petitions will outnumber the model license papers about seven to one when the show-down comes. Of course a good many people will sign the model license petitions for there are a good many whiskey people, but they are not in the majority by several odd thousands.—Fairmont West Virginian.

Pays Good Interest.

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Hardly.

Is it fair, is it exactly right, to complain of violations of the written laws when the violations are with the knowledge and consent of those charged with the duty of prohibiting them?—Parkersburg Sentinel.

A Splendid Bargain.

It is two months since the election, but the people some time ago realized that they received a big bargain at the polls.—Grafton Sentinel.

Must Give Something.

The days of the legislature are nearing. Those who are seeking nice little jobs, with nothing to do, and plenty of pay, are packing their grips and borrowing money enough to get to Charleston. After they are there the politicians will either have to give them a job or give them sufficient funds to get back home. They have this consolation, if they don't get a job, they have had a nice little outing.—Martinsburg World.

The Mail Do Not.

The Mail don't want ever to have anything to do, officially, with the new county jailer, but it is not out of place to remark that the appointment made by Sheriff Smith is a mighty good one.—Charleston Mail.

Piggish Sistersville.

Now if Jim Strickling is just elected speaker of the house of delegates Sistersville will have had enough political honors for one year.—Sistersville Oil Review.

Way Is Clear.

West Virginia needs a public service commission and the way being clear, the legislature should proceed to give us one.—Wheeling News.

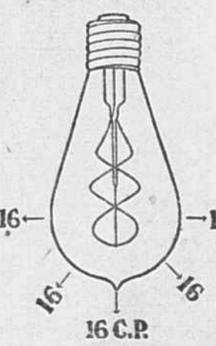
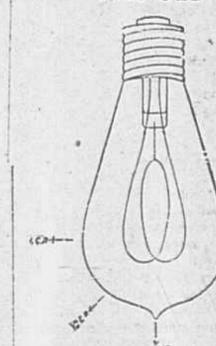
Thomasa Hennegan has gone to Sistersville, owing to the death of his brother, William Hennegan.

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