

WITH THE RAILROADS

The Pennsylvania's Purchase of N. & W. and C. & O. Stocks.

An Authoritative Statement of What the Deals Mean—Coal Prices Under the Control of the Railroads—Notes Gathered Here and There.

Captain John P. Green, first vice-president of the Pennsylvania railroad, has given out further confirmation of the report that the company had invested largely in the stock of the Norfolk and Western railroad. The statement that 100,000 shares of preferred and the same amount of common stock had already been bought is, he said, an exaggeration. Yet it is evident that the purchase is sufficiently large to warrant the belief that the Pennsylvania will exercise an important influence on the future policy of the Virginia company.

The Pennsylvania was, said Captain Green, largely impelled to make the investment by the favorable outlook for the export trade, and the important position that the Norfolk and Western will hold in that trade. "We are," he said, "interested in the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, which is the same general field as the Norfolk and Western. In the past the two roads, as they have come close together, have naturally rubbed against each other, and doubtless will in the future. But we want to see that the competition is sensible, rather than cut-throat. We shall exert our influence to have the two companies work harmoniously.

The outlook for the export bituminous coal trade is very bright, and in it these two roads will take an important part. England has come to find herself out of the contest. Her mining is deep, and in many other ways we have the advantage. We are already seeing the beginning, and the business in the near future will undoubtedly be large. These two roads should do a great part of the carrying. The Chesapeake and Ohio operate the New River line in West Virginia, and the Kanawha district, while the Norfolk and Western operates the Pocahontas district. Both are fine coals; the veins are thick and easily mined. The roads have superb harbors and are all other facilities situated. The Northern companies have, of course, a very large home demand, so that it is natural to believe that the Norfolk and Western and the Chesapeake and Ohio will play a very important part in supplying the demand from the other side of the mountain.

"The Norfolk and Western has issued \$90,000,000 of stock, and of course, the Pennsylvania has not bought a controlling interest, nor has it bought 20 per cent. of the stock. It cannot dictate the future policy, nor can it prevent them from doing so. We will endeavor to have the management in the future conservative and wise. The road is now admirably managed, and there will, of course, be no change in the general office at Norfolk and Western. Whether or not the Pennsylvania railroad will be represented on the directors remains to be seen. The matter has not thus far been considered."

Yesterday's Richmond Dispatch says: "Coal prices are now absolutely under the control of the railroads," said a prominent railway official yesterday. "That is one result of the recent acquisition by the Pennsylvania of large holdings in the Baltimore and Ohio, Chesapeake and Ohio, Norfolk and Western. The Pennsylvania also controls now all the coal-carrying roads of Pennsylvania. If you will look at the map you will see there is not a coal field east of the Mississippi, of any importance, which is not tapped by a line dominated by the Pennsylvania. Even away down in Alabama, the Mobile and the Louisville and Nashville, and the Morgan roads do the coal carrying. Of course this was one of the objects of the combination. I think it likely, however, that the general public has not fully realized it."

The following comparative statement of the gross earnings of the Chesapeake and Ohio for the fourth quarter of March has been issued: For 1899, \$400,452.76; 1898, \$334,994.72; increase, \$65,458.04. For the month of March, 1899, \$1,026,130.65; 1898, \$1,007,482.76; increase, \$18,647.89.

The connecting link between the old Seaboard Air Line and the Florida Central and Peninsular from Cheraw, S. C., to Columbia, has been completed, and a freight service is now being operated. Passenger trains will be running on the 28th instant. This makes about twelve miles between Richmond and Norfolk, all that is lacking to connect Richmond and Tampa by means of a single through line. The work on the viaduct through Richmond is three-quarters done.

The Southern railway makes the somewhat novel announcement that it will declare excursion rates for the eclipse of the sun on May 28th. The line of totality strikes the Southern at Norfolk, and follows the line all the way to New Orleans. A rate of 4 cents a mile for the round trip has been declared on the application of parties representing citizens and scientific organizations for ten or more persons travelling on one ticket.

CARD FROM W. J. BEASLEY.

Blackstone, Va., April 7th, 1900.

To the Editor of the Virginia-Pilot: In refutation of the rumors and reports lately circulated about me in this city, I desire to state that while certain parties have instituted criminal proceedings against me for a matter which should more properly and more readily and more easily have been settled and determined by a civil suit, yet, as soon as such proceedings were commenced, the good citizens of this town promptly furnished for me such security as the Courts required and to substantiate what I say, I publish below the certificate of the Sheriff of Nottingham County, Virginia, in and to wit: I only request the public to suspend all judgment in this matter, until the case has come before the Court for determination, which has as yet not been done. Very respectfully,

W. J. BEASLEY.

Blackstone, Va., April 7th, 1900.

L. D. M. Jones, Sheriff of Nottingham County, Virginia, do certify that since the institution of certain proceedings against him in this County, Mr. W. J. Beasley has not been confined in any jail or prison in this County.

E. M. JONES, Sheriff.

THE LIVING FLAG.

PROGRAM OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS' CONCERT.

Below is presented the program of the "Living Flag" entertainment at the Academy of Music Monday night, a full statement of which will be found in the Art and Music column. The program speaks for itself:

PROGRAM. Overture—"A Queen for a Day" (Adams), Kieker's Orchestra. March—"The Singing Girl" (Herbert), Orchestra. Chorus—"American Hymn" (Keller). Chorus—"The Flag!" (H. Womersley). Chorus—"The Star-Spangled Banner" (Francis S. Key). Recitation—"The Little Miss Columbia" (J. W. Carryl), Miss Amber Crozier.

Chorus—"Rule Britannia" (Dr. Thomas Arne). "Gangs—"Men of Harlech" (Joseph Barnby). Recitation—"The Light on Dead Man's Bar" (—), Frank W. Richardson. Chorus—"The Campbells Are Coming" (Finlay Dun).

Recitation—"La Glo Condo" (Poncilli), Orchestra. Chorus—"The Harp That Once Chorus—"That Harp That Once Through Tara's Halls" (M. W. Ralfe). Recitation—"The Price of Peace" (Claude E. Harrell), Jessamine Lyon. Chorus—"Watch on the Rhine" (Carl Wilhelm).

Chorus—"Austrian Hymn" (J. Hayden). Recitation—"Jimmy Brown's Prompt Prompt Obedience" (—), Hilda Taylor. Solo and Chorus—"Sing Me a Song of the Sunny South" (James V. Casey), William Heatherston. Recitation—"Mickey O'Flathery's Oaf for a Soldier" (—), Miss Annetta Riccardi.

Chorus—"My Old Kentucky Home" (Stephen Foster). Chorus—"Georgia Camp Meeting" (Kerry Mills). Chorus—"My Country, 'Tis of Thee" (Henry Carey). Chorus—"Dixie" (Dan D. Emmett). Chorus—"The Man Behind the Gun" (Souza), Orchestra.

BRAMBLETON.

Rev. Wm. Leleacher, of Thibet, whose visit to this city some two years ago produced a profound impression, will be in Norfolk the latter part of the week. Dr. Wilson, of New York city, will accompany him. There will also be other Christian workers with them, and their meetings will be held at the Park Avenue Baptist Church commencing Thursday evening and continuing for several days.

Mr. O. J. Spann has returned from Mathews county, whither he went for the benefit of his health, with little or no improvement. Mr. S. E. Hall, a prominent business man of Toronto, Canada, is expected to reach here Monday morning to spend a few days with his brother, Dr. J. J. Hall, of Park avenue.

Mr. P. U. Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church, will have its regular weekly meeting Monday night at 8 o'clock. Atlantic Lodge, No. 8, Independent Order of Mechanics, will have work in the first, second and third degrees Monday night. This lodge is growing very rapidly in numbers. It anticipates giving an entertainment in the near future, to which all the members and their families will be present to enjoy the music and the feast to follow.

BRIEF ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Mr. Henry A. Christian, of Lynchburg, was here yesterday. The former Camp, of Franklin, is registered at the Atlantic. Mr. J. D. Elliott, of Hickory, N. C., is in the city.

Mr. A. B. Johnston, of Warsaw, is here. Messrs. G. H. Wright and F. F. Eakin, of Buell, Va., are in the city. Messrs. B. H. Camp, of Richmond, and T. D. Berry, of Bedford, are registered at the Monticello.

Mr. Richard B. Davis, of Petersburg, is in the city. The members of the Volunteer Y will meet Tuesday night at No. 299 Freeman street at 7:30 o'clock to attend the Union Mission service.

Mrs. S. Schiffman and sons, of Greensboro, N. C., are visiting Mrs. J. Anthony, on Freeman street. Mr. Seymour Mandelbaum, of Baltimore, president of the Southern States Telephone Company, accompanied by Mr. S. B. Sonnesson, of the same city, director of the company, came to Norfolk yesterday.

The property of the Port Norfolk Investment Company is building up very rapidly. Fourteen new houses have been contracted for, and about one hundred lots sold within ninety days. An advertisement of the property appears in another column.

Yesterday's Richmond Dispatch says: Bishop James B. Funsten and his wife are in the city. On Sunday the Bishop will preach here, and on Monday he will leave for his bishopric in Idaho. Mrs. Funsten will not go to her Western home until the fall. The steamer Baltimore, of the Chesapeake Line, arrived here yesterday in place of the steamer Augusta, which broke her rudder on her trip to Baltimore Thursday night.

The Ocean View railroad will put on a 9 o'clock train to and from Old Point to-night. H. C. Parker, of Franklin, was in Norfolk yesterday. There is said to be considerable difficulty in securing persons to take the position of census enumerators for this city.

The Equitable Life Assurance Society, through its manager, Major A. Myers, has paid to the heirs of John W. Saunders, who was murdered by a negro Cotton, the amount of policy on his life in that company.

Mrs. S. Schiffman and family, of Greensboro, N. C., are visiting her parents, No. 377 Freeman street. The colored Y. M. C. A. will hold a rally meeting at St. Luke's A. M. E. Church this afternoon. An address on the subject, "The Y. M. C. A. Versus Clubs," will be delivered by Rev. R. H. Bowling, pastor of the Bute Street Baptist Church.

Miss Ella Virginia Bishop, of Raleigh, N. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. W. Wyatt, No. 67 Clay street. Mr. Charles Andrew McCann, of Baltimore, is spending some time at the Monticello, en route to his home in Baltimore, after spending the early spring in the South.

H. B. Braswell, head bellman of the Atlantic Hotel, left for Goldsboro, N. C., yesterday to attend the funeral of his mother.

Captain George W. Bunting, of the down-town fire department, was taken suddenly ill yesterday afternoon and was removed to his home in a carriage. He was reported to be resting easy at a late hour last night.

LITERARY NOTES.

GOSSIP CONCERNING NEW PUBLICATIONS.

HER LETTERS.

I love the books that round me wait, Great words of men the name great, I love my brier, (degenerate)— Banned by my betters— I love to blaze I dream before the door, But more than all,—ah! so much more— I love the letters. —Warwick James Price in the April "New Lippincott."

THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW for April contributes to the magazine readers its usual quota of high-class articles on weighty and timely subjects. A casual glance over its table of contents convinces one that there is reading matter in the Review which can not be passed by without loss. Emily Zola heads the list, and with characteristic earnestness of spirit and brilliancy of style he denounces war and predicts that, when the increasing destructiveness of modern weapons, offensive and defensive, shall have made war no longer possible, the world will address itself to the correction of the evils of which the laboring man still remains the victim. Among the other articles are "The United States and Fort Rico," by Joseph B. Foraker, of Ohio, and "A French General's Defense of the Boers," by General Count Du Barail, formerly French Minister of War.

OUTING for April is here, with an entirely new cover design—very pretty indeed. Its contents are, as usual, very interesting, and embrace articles on nearly every class of sport and recreation.

KEITH'S HOME BUILDER is a necessary book for any one who is contemplating building. Full of plans, designs, illustrations of interiors and exteriors, it is a very valuable little book. W. J. Keith, Minneapolis, Minn.

THE SOUTHERN WORKMAN, published by the students of the Hampton Institute, is a very creditable and interesting monthly.

The April number of SUCCESS is indeed a journal of inspiration, progress and self help. One of its most interesting personal sketches is that of H. H. Vreeland, who has raised himself from the obscure position of railroad switchman to the presidency of New York's great street railway system.

BRUSH AND PENCIL has a number of articles this month which will be well worth perusal by those who are interested in art, and it is well illustrated, too.

Arrangements have already been made for the dramatization of "Janice Meredith," by Paul Leicester Ford. There were five bidders for the dramatic rights.

"David Harum" is to be produced on the stage next May, and dramatists are at work on "When Knighthood Was in Flower."

FROM THE SANSKRIT OF BHARTRHARI. One saith, "Surely this is Paradise To lie close tented in her tender eyes." And one, "For me the nightingale and rose." And one, "For me the converse of the wise."

Yea, all these things are pleasant in man's sight; But those there are that hunger for the height Of silence and the brotherhood of stars In cool, calm spaces on the mountain height. —THEOPHOS GARRISON In the April "New Lippincott."

Miss Ellen Glasgow's "Voice of the People" is a novel of present, or very recent, Virginian life and is just from the press of Doubleday, Page & Co., New York.

The story is the career of a strong man without social standing. He grew up on a barren farm on the outskirts of perhaps the most aristocratic old town in the world; and the novel has to do with his triumphant struggles for success—in love, for social recognition, and in politics. Social forces and political methods run together through the story. The aristocratic element of society runs through the book along with a description of the life of the poor whites and the negroes, so that the picture of contemporaneous Southern life is complete.

From the beginning, the narrative moves, through light scenes and strenuous ones, towards the great tragedy with which it ends. —"THE OBSERVER."

AMUSEMENTS.

"THE ADVENTURE OF LADY URSULA."

One of the most charming of the season's attractions was the presentation of Anthony Hope's comedy, "The Adventure of Lady Ursula," by Mr. William Morris, supported by Miss Francis Drake and a well selected company of artists, under the management of Daniel V. Arthur. It is to be regretted that such an excellent entertainment should have been witnessed by only a small audience, as it was one of a full house on each performance.

Mr. Hope has clothed a unique and intensely interesting plot in a garb of choice dialogue, and has thrown in a series of decidedly interesting situations, while Mr. Arthur has provided a caste fully competent to meet every aspiration of the author in the production of his play. He has also staged and costumed the play in keeping with its merits.

Mr. Morris is a finished actor, graceful in his action, and is blessed with a charming voice and manner. Miss Drake is not only a beautiful woman, but shares with Mr. Morris every honor in the production impersonating the difficult role to a degree bordering on perfection. In fact, the entire caste has been selected with unusual care.

KELLOGG BIRD CARNIVAL. To-morrow evening and Tuesday matinee Mr. Charles D. Kellogg will give for the first time in Norfolk his "Bird Carnival" at the Y. M. C. A., one-half the proceeds to be given to local charities.

The Boston Times thus describes Mr. Kellogg's performance: BEWARE OF GREEN FRUIT.—Now in the heated term people should pay attention to their diet, avoiding unripe fruit and stale vegetables which invariably bring on cramps, cholera morbus, or diarrhoea. Children are particularly subject to complaints of this kind, and no mother can feel safe without having a bottle of FAIN-KILLER. It is a safe, sure and reliable cure. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Fain-Killer, Perry Davis'. Price 25c and 50c.

"Words are inadequate to describe the originality and variety of this novel entertainment. Mr. Kellogg has made a study of the bird life and songs of the varieties of song birds in Europe and America, and by the aid of a stereopticon the audience were enabled to see the birds in all their gorgeous colorings and surroundings, while simultaneously with the appearance of each bird Mr. Kellogg made the scene life-like by giving an exact reproduction of its song and call. Mr. Kellogg was born with this wonderfully formed throat, and by recognizing this divine gift he has become so proficient in his art that he alone gives an entertainment both interesting and instructive, besides enthusing his hearers with a love for those songsters not otherwise obtained. Nothing so reaches the heart as a spontaneous outpouring of nature's gifts, and this unique entertainment only proves that there is no limit to what man can do if he only recognizes his own talent and holds to his ideal as Mr. Kellogg has done."

SHIPPING NOTES.

A RUMORED SALE—LOSES BOW-SPRIT—ACCIDENT—NOTES.

The talk of marine circles yesterday was the rumored sale of the Old Dominion Steamship line to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and though General Manager Gilliland scouted the idea and did not believe it was not able to say positively that it was a hoax. Events in Railway and Steamship combinations come so rapidly nowadays that unless one is in the big pool it is impossible to say anything is hoped for or apparently that the O. D. officials' statements are based on facts and not on wishes. It is claimed the company is operating its lines to good advantage and doing good business with a fair profit. The story comes building up, however, as the Celluloid Fact-stock-jobbers water-haul.

Captain Barlow, formerly of the Schooner Jesse Barlow, arrived in port yesterday from Boston on his new acquisition, the Schooner S. C. Tripoli, a larger and more modern vessel than the one she replaced. She ran into the forty-knot gale of Thursday and lost her bowsprit but sustained no further injury.

Adron Granted, boatswain of the Danish steamer Vinelands, Captain Hogarth was crushed to the deck of the vessel, by an enormous sea which broke over her, as he was stooping at his work, and had nearly every bone in his face crushed. Arrived at Norfolk he was sent to St. Vincent's Hospital where he remains until the steamship comes here on her return trip from Vera Cruz, to which port she is bound from Cardiff, Wales, with a cargo of patent fuel.

Yesterday's Baltimore Sun says: The Pinkneys, of Sunderland, England, have developed a steamship line from Norfolk to Rotterdam, the Niagara vessel, she ran into the forty-knot gale of Thursday and lost her bowsprit but sustained no further injury.

St. Peter's, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Christian, Church of Christ (Disciples) and Christ Scientist publish their hours of Sunday services in Saturday's issue of this paper.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Christ, corner Freeman and Cumberland streets, Rev. D. C. Grammer, rector—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m. Evening prayer at 5 p. m. St. Paul's, Church and Cove streets, Rev. Dr. B. D. Tucker, rector—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m. Evening prayer at 5 p. m. St. Luke's, corner Granby and Bute streets, Rev. Flournoy Boldin, assistant rector—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 8 p. m. Emmanuel Chapel, corner Wide and Calvert streets, Rev. John H. Dickinson, rector—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 8 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

CATHOLIC. St. Mary's, corner Holt and Chapel streets, Rev. Father John Doherty, pastor—Early mass at 7 a. m. Children's mass, 9:30 a. m.; high mass, 11 a. m.; Evening vespers and benediction, 8 p. m. This being Palm Sunday the palms will be blessed and distributed before the 11 o'clock mass.

Sacred Heart Church, corner York and Dumore streets, Rev. Father B. Drake, pastor—Low Mass, 7:45 a. m.; high mass, blessing and distribution of palms at 11 a. m.; vespers and benediction at 5 p. m.

BAPTIST CHURCHES.

Freemason, corner Bank and Freeman streets—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Taylor, D. D., at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Morning subject, "The Kingship of Jesus. Evening, "Two Thieves." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Seats free. Strangers welcome.

Park Avenue, Brambleton—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Hall, D. D., at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Morning subject, "A Pastor's Joy and Exhortation." Evening, "Jesus Christ the Hope of Man."

Grace, corner Princess Anne avenue and Church street—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. Dr. A. E. Owen, at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Morning subject, "Christ in You the Hope of Glory." Evening, "Evangelistic Sermon."

Central Avenue, Atlantic City—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. E. E. Dudley, at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. First corner of Freeman and Grand streets—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. E. B. Hatcher, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Spurgeon Memorial, Windsor avenue, Brambleton—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. L. R. Christie, at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Burrows Memorial, Lambeth Point—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. George W. Cox, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA. Hall, corner of Brambleton and Maitland avenues—Services at 11 a. m.

Closing Revival Services. The revival meetings which have been in progress at the Church of Christ on Freeman street during the last three weeks will close to-night. The pastor, Rev. Ben C. Herr, did the preaching, and it was faithfully, earnestly and eloquently done, resulting directly in seventeen additions. To-day he will preach on the following subjects: At 11 a. m. on "Paul's Determination" and at 7:45 p. m. on "The Commission of Saul of Tarsus." These meetings, it is expected, will be interesting and impressive occasions.

A Postoffice Burglarized. Graham Station, N. C., April 7.—Burglars broke into the postoffice here about 2 o'clock this morning, blew open the safe and stole about \$400 in stamps and cash. No clue to the robbers has been discovered as yet.

Blood Troubles. Cancer, Scrofula, Old Sores, Rheumatism, Contagious Blood Poison, Chronic Ulcers. As the blood contains all the elements necessary to sustain life, it is important that it be kept free of all impurities, or it becomes a source of disease, poisoning instead of nourishing the body, and less of health is sure to follow. Some poisons enter the blood from without, through the skin by absorption, or inoculation; others from within, as when waste products accumulate in the system and ferment, allowing disease germs to develop and be taken into the circulation. While all blood troubles have one common origin, each has some peculiarity to distinguish it from the other. Contagious Blood Poison, Scrofula, Cancer, Rheumatism, Eczema and other blood diseases can be distinguished by a certain sore, ulcer, eruption or inflammation appearing on the skin. Every blood disease shows sooner or later on the outside and on the weakest part of the body, or where it finds the least resistance. Many mistake the sore or outward sign for the real disease, and attempt cure by the use of salves, liniments and other external applications. Valuable time is lost and no permanent benefit derived from each treatment.

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Invited to Virginia. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Washington, April 7.—General Dan E. Sickles and General Horatio King called at the White House to-day and invited the President to attend the meeting at Fredericksburg, Va., May 25 and 26, of the Society of the Army of the Potomac. General Sickles will deliver the oration. The President said he would attend if nothing happened to prevent.

Big Mill Burned. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Proctorville, O., April 7.—The large flouring mill of G. D. Pugh caught fire to-day and from this a conflagration resulted which destroyed half the thriving little town. The fire destroyed two blocks of residences and business houses. The loss is estimated at nearly \$200,000, with but a thirty per cent insurance.

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