

## Old Railway Time Table.

Queer Document Recently Discovered by Lackawanna Officials—Speed Not a Requisite of Travel in the Year 1836.

This month the Lackawanna railroad is entering the seventy-fifth year of its existence, for in January, 1828, the Ithaca and Owego railroad, now a part of the Lackawanna system, received its charter, says the New York Times. The Lackawanna officials recently recently came across an old time table, which is a queer-looking bit of printed paper with a picture of an old-fashioned locomotive with two freight cars. It was published in July, 1836, and announced a new arrangement "while finishing the road," which proves that it took over ten years to complete the first twenty-nine miles, the length of the completed Ithaca and Owego road.

The train was called a "transportation train" and left Ithaca daily at 4 p. m., except Sundays. It stopped at "Howe's Turnout, Whitcomb and Wilsey's Mills to take and discharge loading and receive cars" that might be "in readiness to join the train." The train from Ithaca went only as far as Gridley's, where it arrived at 8 p. m., taking four hours for the trip. From there another train left at 4 p. m. for Owego, arriving in that town at 7 a. m. Freight cars were called "burden cars," and only those regis-

tered in the secretary's office were permitted to run on the road. Such cars had to have a certificate of fitness from the engineer. Cars not belonging to the company were hauled on condition that they carry a "waiver of liability" and pay toll at the gates at the rate of three cents per ton per mile.

It was no uncommon thing to see a horse trader sitting in the last car holding the halter of his horse, the animal trotting along the track behind. To-day the Lackawanna locomotives are among the most powerful in the east. The rails of the early days consisted of flat bars of iron, two and one-half inches wide, five-eighths of an inch thick and were laid on timbers running lengthwise. Across the car floor was an iron sheathing, to prevent loosened rails from flying up and injuring passengers.

As engines had no whistles, the only warning the engineer could give was to raise the safety valve balance and let the steam blow off. Trains would stop for passengers at any place along the line; all the traveler had to do was to stand by the rails and wave his hand and often trains slowed down to allow the fireman to jump off and chase chickens from the track.

## Why He Declined Office.

Alabama Negro Refuses Political Appointment Through Considerations of Friendship for the Widow of His Former Owner.

Not all the negroes of the South are anxious to hold office. There are some among the more intelligent of the race who cannot be prevailed upon to accept such preferment. Among these is A. D. Wimbs of Birmingham, a negro Republican leader, who has been offered and has declined the appointment as deputy collector of internal revenue. Behind that simple announcement is a narrative that will be read with interest and appreciation by every person who understands the feeling that existed between the races before the civil war.

Wimbs, it seems, is an ex-slave and a man of considerable ability. Upon becoming a free man he studied law, and has won a position as an attorney and counselor, and is now connected with one of the most important legal firms in his state. When he was tendered the federal job the firm, feeling that he was too valuable a man to lose, immediately increased his salary by a neat sum, on the condition that he should not sever his connection with it and should decline the appointment. He held this proposition in abeyance. He felt that he owed it to himself to take the office and thus

secure advancement. But then came an appeal to hold office. There are some among the more intelligent of the race who cannot be prevailed upon to accept such preferment. Among these is A. D. Wimbs of Birmingham, a negro Republican leader, who has been offered and has declined the appointment as deputy collector of internal revenue. Behind that simple announcement is a narrative that will be read with interest and appreciation by every person who understands the feeling that existed between the races before the civil war.

It is such characteristics as Wimbs displayed in this beautiful incident that cemented the friendship between the "old-time" negroes and whites of the South. Unfortunately such incidents are becoming fewer every year. In the north, where blood runs cold, Wimbs' sacrifice for sentiment will not be understood or appreciated, but in the South the people will understand it.—Exchange.

## The Scourge of Typhoid.

One of the Most Easily Preventable of All Ills—Ignorance or Carelessness Responsible for Its Dreadful Ravages.

Of the ills that flesh is heir to typhoid fever is among those most easily avoidable. Even in the complete civilization of to-day it should be of rare occurrence and in that age of reason which the scientific world will recognize as the true millennium, when common sense shall prevail, it will no longer vex the human race. It may be said with truth that every death from this dreadful malady is a contribution either from ignorance or carelessness to the graveyard. The former is inexcusable; the latter little less than criminal.

Like death of which dread specter it is too often the forerunner, typhoid fever is no respecter of persons, says the New York Sun. The barriers of society do not stop it, nor is there safety in the isolation which wealth secures. Its victims are among the high and low, and in its wide sweep it gathers in the millionaire and the pauper, for the chief distributor of its germs the water we drink.

At one period or another during each year it is not improbable that the

water supply of at least three-fourths of the population of the United States contains the germs of typhoid, and in the late summer and autumn and early winter months, the dryer seasons of the year, when springs are low, so much more prevalent is this scourge that it might well be called "the low-water fever." In one group of 6,000 tabulated cases one-half occurred in the autumn months, 1,500 in the summer and 1,500 in the rest of the year.

While it is true that the germ of typhoid may find its way into the system from other sources than from drinking water, careful scientific investigations have demonstrated beyond the possibility of doubt that this is the chief agent of infection. Streams or lakes, along the shores of which dense populations exist, are more polluted, and therefore more poisonous, than are the reservoirs from isolated mountain streams or sparsely settled water sheds, and yet the germs of a single case of typhoid in any locality may find their way into the sources of supply and cause widespread dissemination of the disease.

weeks, in pure Hebrew; another young man told it in Yiddish, which is the Hebrew language as it is spoken by most of the people of that race from Eastern Europe. A young woman told it in Roumanian, another young woman told it in Polish, and a young man told it in Russian! It was only a day or two before Christmas, and many of the members of the class were working in the stores during the shopping season, or it might have been told in half a dozen more dialects, the evening schools having at least twenty different nationalities and languages represented in their various classes.—Hartford Courant.

### Cause and Effect.

Old Doctor—"I hear you have given Sloboy up. Is there no hope for him?" Young Physician—"I'm afraid not. He won't pay his bill."

Heaven lies about us in our infancy—the neighbors attend to the matter later.

## VERY SAD END FOLLOWED.

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### Up-to-Date Anatomy.

A young medical student at Bowdoin college once asked the late Prof. Parker Cleveland if there were not some more recent works on anatomy than those in the college library. "Young man," said the professor, measuring the entire mental caliber of the youthful scholar at a glance, "there have been very few new bones added to the human body during the last ten years."—New York Sun.

### Extortion From the Inexperienced.

"It cost me \$1,000 to get my divorce," said the Boston woman. "You were swindled," replied the woman from Chicago. "That's about twice as much as I ever paid for any of mine."—Philadelphia Record.

### PATENTS.

List of Patents Issued Last Week to Northwestern Inventors.

Thomas Adams, Mandan, N. D., corn planter; Johan Byro, Hanska, Minn., stack knife; Conrad Glaum, Audubon, Minn., horseshoe; Charley Lind, Isanti, Minn., currycomb; William Little, Duluth, Minn., fish hook; William Spillane, Red Lake Falls, Minn., shovel attachment; F. Straub, Flatiron, S. D., hose clamp.

Lathrop and Johnson, patent attorneys, 911 -912 Pioneer Press Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

### Involved Fuel Relations.

Nora—The lady next door wants to borrow a bucket of coal, ma'am. Mrs. Blank—Nora, tell her that we are already borrowing our coal from the people on the other side of us.—

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