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A Correction

DISPATCH FROM ELKINS CONTAINED ERROR CONCERNING B. & O. PASSENGER SCHEDULE.

The following letter to the editor of the West Virginian from Mandel Sener, press agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, shows that there was an error in our issue of the 24th relative to the schedule of trains on the Grafton and Belington division of the B. and O. Mr. Sener's letter makes the question very clear and we give in full as follows:

Mr. M. C. Lough,
Editor the West Virginian.
Fairmont, W. Va.

My Dear Mr. Lough:

An article in your issue of the 24th has just come to my attention, bearing an Elkins date line, and to the effect that under the new passenger train schedule, which became effective last Sunday, passengers leaving Elkins early in the morning will have to remain some time in Belington to catch a train for Grafton. This is not correct, as reference to the enclosed time table will show. Passengers can leave Elkins daily at 6:30 a. m., running straight through to Grafton and arriving at 8 55 a. m., as heretofore. and leave Grafton, returning at 6:55 p. m., running straight through and arriving at Elkins at 9:25 p. m. This gives the people of Elkins and points along the Grafton and Belington division a first class service of being able to spend all day in Grafton. There is also a morning train out of Grafton leaving at 9:15 and arriving at Elkins at 11:15 a. m. The afternoon train over the West Virginia Central & Pittsburg railroad— the Western Maryland line—leaves Elkins at 3:20 o'clock, and hence no longer makes connection with the B. & O. train at Belington which leavs there two hours earlier—at 2:05 p. m.—in order to give passengers, so desiring, the advantage of making a connection with train No. 55 at Grafton. The only change from the old schedule, therefore, is in the running of this afternon train, and this gives people on the branch line the opportunity of making a close connection with a fast train on the main line This certainly does not bear out the expression contained in the last sentence of your article from Elkins.

Very sincerely yours,
MANDEL SENER.

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J. R. SWEARINGEN,
Trustee of C. E. Hunter & Co.
This 21st day of November, 1906.
Nov. 21-1 mo.

Dressed turkeys at Robb's. tf

Love is a Dream

CHICAGO PROFESSOR DECLAIMS AGAINST MARRYING PRETTY FACES.

From the Chicago Record-Herald.

"If the people of America would keep the coming generations from inhabiting madhouses they should abolish indiscriminate marriages, forget that hallucination called love, and choose their life partners on the same principle that a successful cattleman choose his stock.'

In the above sentence Dr. Julius Grinker, professor of nervous and mental diseases at the Chicago Post-graduate Medical school, last night voiced a warning to the American public of the great dangers which may confront it in the near future. He spoke in the Public Library building, under the auspices of the Chicago Medical Society, on 'American nervousness: Its cause and cure." A large audience listened to the address.

Dr. Grinker eliminated all scientific terms from his lecture and told his audience in plain words of the nervous diseases which were slowly, but surely, eating their way into the lives of the people of his country. Considerable stress was laid on the subject of marriage and heredity, and the great evils which result from bad marriages were shown.

"Like begets like" said he, "and the nervous system bows to the law of all life—the law of heredity; the law that governs your life and mine. If we are bundles of unstable nerves and abnormal susceptibilities, it is but little trouble to trace the cause back to our forefathers. The youth of to-day should be educated and compelled to choose his mate in the way that fine horses and cattle are chosen. When a man comes to marrying, he should choose his wife in the same way that she chooses a new dress.

"Love is a wonderful thing. It is a hallucination, an illusion provided by nature to cause men and women to mate and to procreate the species. But love should be thrust in the background and relegated to the scrap heap of worn-out adages if the health and security of posterity is to be taken into consideration. Do not have your children afflicted with the evils that have been inflicted upon you. Stop falling in love with a pretty face. and get a wife who is healthy, and will rear strong and wholesome children.

"If there could be a law passed in this country by which men and women would be compelled to undergo physical examinations and have the physical records of their ancestors investigated before a marriage would be allowed, it would be the best thing that could possibly happen. If it were possible that this law could be passed, hundreds of diseases, ailments, and ills would be eradicated from the race."

Dr. Grinker spoke of the prevailing causes of nervousness, and told of the numerous little things by which the neuresthenic could be easily distinguished. America, he said, had more nervous people than any country in the world, almost one member of every family in the United States being afflicted with some form or other of nervousness. Among the most nervous class, he said, women predominated.

"You see thousands and thousands of nervous women on the streets every day," said he, "and about ninety-nine out of a hundred should be in a sanitarium. The shopping habit is one of the great causes."

Besides heredity, Dr. Grinker said that environment had much to do with the prevailing nervous epidemic. The bringing up of children, he said, was the most important and the most ignored phase of the situation.

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HOULT JOTTINGS.

HOULT, Nov. 28.—It now looks as if we would have a little of the regular Thanksgiving weather.

Mrs. Huffman whom we reported last week as sick is very ill, having typhoid, complicated with a sort of nervous breakdown. Her family and friends almost despair of her recovery.

Mrs. Harry Johnson has returned from Stafford and reports that Ettie, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bailey, is improving.

Mr. Ezra Daugherty, of Uniontown, was calling on his father-in-law, Liston Burnworth, and daughter, Mrs. Sylvanus Burnworth, Sunday.

Mrs. Florence Swisher, of Cook's Hospital, was home on a short call Monday.

Paul and Lawrence Satterfield who work at Highland were home on a visit Sunday.

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WILL B. & O. RAISE EMPLOYES' WAGES

QUESTION FOR DIRECTORS TO DECIDE NEXT MONTH — SOMETHING MAY BE DONE.

Are Baltimore and Ohio railroad employes to secure any increase in wages. This is a question which is becoming more prominent as the date for the meeting of the directors next month draws near. It is thought the matter will be discussed at that meeting, although there is no intimation on the part of any official which would warrant the statement that an increase will be authorized.

Howevr, there is reason to believe that the employes of the Baltimore & Ohio consider themselves as well, if not better, off at the present time and under the present wage scale than those men on other roads who have received increases. This feeling of contentment is the direct result of the merit system, installed by President Oscar G. Murray. Previous to the incumbency of Mr. Murray it was the custom, as it is to-day on many roads, to fill vacancies in the ranks from outside sources. The result was that men who had worked long and faithfully in their positions saw others brought in to fill vacancies ahead of them, a situation which minimized an employe's chances for promotion. President Murray changed this and put the men squarely upon their merits. To-day when a vacancy occurs promotion is made from the ranks. The faithful and conscientious employe has a chance to demonstrate his worth, and may rest assured that sooner or later he will be given whatever recognition he has won. So, while no general increase in wages has been made since President Murray took office, his installation of the merit system has, it is safe to say, rendered the employes of the road more satisfied and contented than any 10 per cent. raise in wages could do.

Employs 57,000 Men.

The Baltimore and Ohio employs on its entire system about 57,000 men. Of this number about 10,500 live in and around Baltimore. Thy are employed at the terminals at Locust Point and Curtis Bay, the freight yards in South Baltimore, the ware houses at Camden, the stations, at the Central building and at the Mount Clare shops. Should the directors of the road vote an increase of wages and follow out the plan of the Pennsylvania, whereby all employes who earn less than $200 a month are given a 10 per cent. increase, it would cost the company an enormous sum. A readjustment of wages was made in 1903, when some men received an increase of 10 per cent., while others got as much as 25 per cent. Mr. Murray has manifested a keen interest in the welfare of his employes, a fact which is evidenced by the popularity he enjoys among them.

The Chicago Tribune, in a recent editorial on "The Resurrection of a Railroad," touches upon some interesting points, and pays an excellent tribute to the hand which has been powerful enough to lift the Baltimore and Ohio out of the depths of insolvency to the acme of prosperity. It says:

"Under the elder Garrett the Baltimore and Ohio railroad prospered greatly. He extended it to Chicago. He imparted to it a dividend-paying power that apparently could not be shaken. Under the reckless management of the younger Garrett the road speedily lost its high standing and became involved in almost inextricable difficulties. The intensity of competition, which he had been partly instrumental in provoking by rash enterprise, cut into its revenues. If the road was to carry freight as economicaly as its competitors, much money had to be spent on roadbed and rolling stock. It was impossible to get the money, and 10 years ago the Baltimore and Ohio went into the hands of receivers. There it remained for three years, and then began a reorganized existence.

"The upward progress of the road since it got out of court has been even more startling than its downward march under he younger arrett. The receivers added nothing to its mileage, which in 1899 was 2,047 miles. Today it is 4,030 miles. The gross earnings have advanced from $28,400,000 to $77,400,000, and the net earnings from $7,400,000 to $31,300,000. Operating expense have sunk from 76 per cent. to 63 per cent., and dividends on common stock have risen from nil to 6 per cent. The surplus, which was less than $1,000,000 in 1899, is now $9,890,000. Several causes have contributed to this amazing conversion of beggared into an affluent railroad. One is the expenditure on equipment and roadbed, which has reduced operating expenses. Another is the intelligent extension of mileage. Points where great volumes of freight can be secured, as at Pittsburg, and in the coal regions of West Virginia, have been made tributary. But these causes would not have been sufficient to raise the ton mileage of the railroad from 5,137,000,000 to 10,714,000,000 units and the freight receipts from $20,000,000 to $60,000,000 if it had not been for the industrial prosperity of the country. That prosperity makes freight, and it puts money in the treasury of a railroad. While the freight recipts were trebled, those from passenger business were only doubled.

Recovery in Freights.

"Growth in traffic and economics in operation are not the only causes assigned by railroad experts for the well-being of the Baltimore and Ohio. Another cause is the recovery in freight rates. In 1893 the average rate per ton mile was .656. By 1899, under the strain of competition, it had fallen to .190. It has risen from that low figure to .560. It is asserted that this recovery has been greatly assisted by the practical cessation of rate cutting by the great railroads of the country. Unquestionably there has been less rate cutting under the 'community of interest" policy. While large blocks of the stock of the Baltimore and Ohio were held by other great roads, it was not likely that it would lower rates to get business away from them. The question is, whether the elimination of competition has not raised the rates from a point where they were perhaps unfairly low to one where they are probably unfairly high.

"To what extent the Baltimore and Ohio has been paying rebates is unknown. The natural effect of their abolition would be an increase in the avearge rate per ton mile. But the payment of rebates has ceased or greatly decreased only within a comparatively recent period and as the rate per ton mile of the Baltimore and Ohio was higher in 1905 than in 1900, the presumption is that the new departure as to rebates has had no appreciable influence.

"There may be a dispute over the fairness of the freight rates of the Baltimore and Ohio. There can be no dispute over the fact that it has been lifted with extraordinary rapidity out of the sloughs of insolvency and made a wealthy and powerful road. It has the facilities for handling great volumes of traffic and is so happily situated that it can command the traffic. It is so strong that it would take many years of management worse than that of the younger Garrett to bring it to the straits it was in seven years ago."
—Baltimore American

MEN AND WOMEN.

The Austrian Emperor has more titles than any other monarch. He is a king nine times over and a duke 18 times.

Prof. L. H. Bailey, director of the College of Agriculture, Cornell University, was elected president of the Association of Agriculture Experiment Stations at its recent meetings at Baton Rouge.

Champ Clark, the somewhat erratic Missouri congressman, has two ungratified ambitions. As a boy he yearned to be either a college professor or a prize fighter, but instead developed into a politician.

Lord Rothschild, who is taking a prominent part in the commission which is considering as to the best territory for Jewish colonization, is the wealthiest member of the wealthiest and most famous banking house in the world.

Hon. Oscar Straus, of New York, who is to become secretary of commerce and labor, has leased the beautiful Italian palace, just completed by former Senator John B. Henderson, where he will live during his residence in Washington.

Miss Phoebe Cousins has taken up her winter residence in Washington, where she will work for restoration of the canteen to the Army. Miss Cousins enjoys the distinction of being the only woman who ever was a United States marshal.

The doyenne of women doctors is probably Miss Elizabeth Blackwell, who received the first medical degree ever conferred upon a woman in this country. She was born in England, to which country she returned in 1868 after practicing for some years in New York.

Indiana State Superintendent of Public Schools Fassell A. Cotton has compiled one of the most complete histories of the public school system of his State ever gotten out by a commonwealth. It contains a resume of all the work done by the schools as well as a complete history of the various State superintendents.

Frank H. Mason, the American consul general at Paris, has been designated by the State Department as an additional member of the American Commission now in Germany to investigate tariff conditions. Mr. Mason is a tariff expert of wide experience and is especially well posted in all matters pertaining to textile trade.

Largely because of his name and his unfailing good nature considerable fun has been had by the newspapers with James M. Griggs, of Georgia, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee. Some newspapers have dubbed him "Grim Jiggs," though he is generally regarded as an able member of the House. He served his people on the district bench several years before coming to Congress, and is a lawyer of first-class ability.

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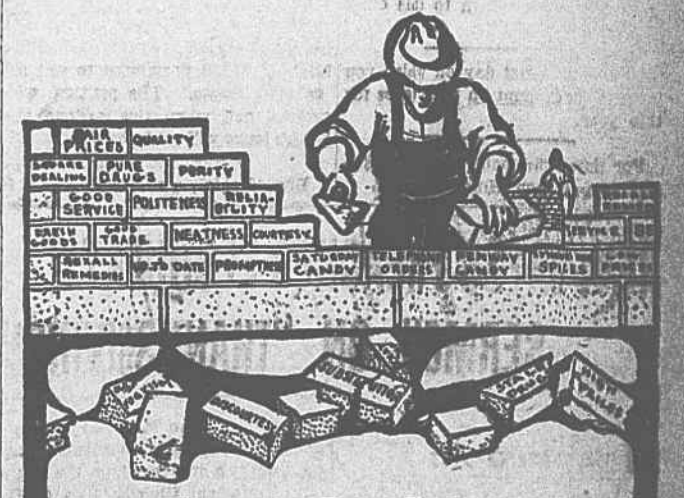

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