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**WHO WILL SUCCEED MR. CASSATT**

FRICK, McCREA, GREEN AND OTHERS MENTIONED—CONSERVATIVES PICK McCREA.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 29.—Who will succeed A. J. Cassatt as president of the Pennsylvania system? James McCrea, according to best informed and most conservative men in railroading or out of it. H. C. Frick, according to reports circulated widely by persons who take little cognizance of its meaning, but reports that were described by Mr. Frick as being absurd. Samuel Rea, say others, especially some eastern railroaders and financiers. Capt. John P. Green has also been mentioned, while other names that have been spoken of are George F. Baer, Oscar G. Murray, Joseph Ramsey and others.

Mr. McCrea is recognized as one of the great railroad managers, possibly second only to Mr. Cassatt through his being in a minor position. He has the confidence of the directors and stockholders, while financiers respect his word as law in anything pertaining to railroading. The selection of a successor to Mr. Cassatt will undoubtedly be made in a few days.

Of this there is no doubt. The Pennsylvania railroad system will not "go to sticks" because of the death of Mr. Cassatt. There are strong men to step into Cassatt's office and handle the presidential duties. When Mr. Cassatt's predecessor, the late Frank W. Thomson, died, there was mourning in fear that the Pennsylvania would go to pieces. An able man was found in Mr. Cassatt.

On the subject of the succession, a Philadelphia special telegram to The Gazette Times says: "From three men it is said a successor will be chosen for Mr. Cassatt. These are James McCrea, Samuel Rea and John P. Green. Those who believe Mr. Rea will become the president base their opinion on the fact that he has been very close to Mr. Cassatt, probably the closest of the vice presidents. For a long time it has been understood Mr. Cassatt wished to have Mr. Rea succeed him. As for Mr. McCrea, it is thought that Henry C. Frick will support him for the place, and this, taken in connection with the fact that every one connected with the railroad directorate recognizes his superior ability, makes many incline to the opinion that he will be chosen.

"Mr. Green is mentioned as a possible successor because he has but two years to serve until he will retire under the Pennsylvania railroad age limit. This fact is the basis for both the belief that he will get the position and that he will not get it. On one hand it is argued that after years of splendid service, the directors will be anxious to give him the honor of the presidency before his retirement, but on the other hand it is pointed out that at this time the Pennsylvania railroad cannot afford to select anyone for temporary service, but must choose a man with a firm hand who will assume the reins now and be young enough to hold the position for some years to come.

"For some time there have been rumors that Henry C. Frick, himself, would become the president. But it was said last night by a high official of the Pennsylvania railroad that there is no ground for such assertions. It was pointed out that the Pennsylvania has usually made it a practice to choose the president from the active official list, and that while Mr. Frick is eminently fitted in most respects to fill the post, it is not believed that even he would desire the position."

Under the charter of the Pennsylvania railroad a new president must be chosen at once. The meeting of the directors for this purpose will, however, be postponed until after the funeral, which will be held on Monday afternoon. The directors will probably meet on Tuesday to choose the successor to A. J. Cassatt and in the meantime Col. John P. Green, first vice president, will be acting head of the lines east of Pittsburgh and James McCrea of the lines west.

**WATTS APPOINTED.**

Well Known Man Secures Position as Wharfmaster.  
Charles E. Watts, who made application for general wharf agent for the Monongahela and Ohio Packet Company, and who received the endorsement of many of the business men of this city has received his appointment to act for the packet company. Mr. Watts is wharfmaster for the city also. In Mr. Watts the city and the packet company both have a very efficient man; one that is thoroughly acquainted with river traffic.

One Plain Drunk.  
Charles Willis was the only name that came before the mayor to-day. He was a plain drunk. He came here from Morgantown and was thirsty. He put up a forfeit for the fine.

Piles get quick relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment. Remember, it's made alone for Piles—and it works with certainty and satisfaction. Itching, painful, protruding, or blind piles disappear like magic by its use. Try it and see! E. A. Billingsley & Co.

**SOCIETY**

**Girls of America.**  
This evening at 7:30 at the Manly Hotel there will be a meeting of the principal characters in the opera "Girls of America," which will be produced here for the benefit of the Humane Society on January 26th. On next Wednesday a meeting of the chorus will be held at the same place. The following is the cast of characters:

- Otto Schmidt—A retired brewer, Mr. Gus De Vries.
- Tom Lovejoy—A young N. Y. Lawyer, Mr. Clarence R. Kinsey.
- Fred'k Du Rant—Who suffers for arts sake, Mr. John Saunders.
- Sam'l Shade—A Rural Sleuth, Mr. J. Clyde Kinsey.
- Crip—A Romantic Footman, Mr. LaMar Satterfield.
- Mrs. Otto Schmidt—With Social Aspirations, Miss Ida Stone.
- Evalina—Her daughter, Miss Gertrude Dobson.
- Carlotta Deane—Evalina's friend, Miss Pauline Stewart.
- Rita—A stage struck maid, Miss Minnie Fleming.
- Annie O'Brien—A Cook, Miss Margaret Shinn.
- Jessamine—School friend of Evalina, Miss Mary Crowell.

**Dance at the Tavern.**  
Miss Blanche Malone, who is spending the Christmas vacation at her home in the city, was the guest of honor at a delightful dance given last evening at the Tavern by Messrs. Charles Vaught and Raymond Fast. The spacious dining room was utilized by the dancers and a programme of 22 dances and extras was carried out. An orchestra from Clarksburg directed by Prof. Shaw of this city, furnished music. Punch was served throughout the evening and during the intermission tempting refreshments were served. The chaperones were Mrs. L. L. Malone, Mrs. Preston Crowell, Mrs. M. A. Jolliffe and Mrs. W. S. Haymond. Among the out of town guests present were Misses Helen and Florence Kirkland, Gail Smith, Margaret Beatty, Lucy and Lena Prichard, Messrs. Birch Koen, Albert and Lawrence Beatty, Don Barnhart, all of Mannington, Miss Florence Cavender, of Conellsville, Pa., Miss Caroline Abbaticchio, of Latrobe, Pa., and Miss Mary Virginia Sands, of Wheeling.

**A Watch Party.**  
Mr. Robert Snider has issued invitations for a watch party for Monday evening to be given at his home on Madison street. The invitation reads: T. Robert Snider, Ring out the old, Ring in the new, Monday evening, thirty-first.

**The Misses Smith Will Entertain.**  
Invitations have been received by a number of people to a reception to be given by Miss Mollie Virginia Smith and Miss Cora Smith at their home in Clarksburg on Monday afternoon of next week. Mrs. Alston Gordon Dayton, of Philippi, will be the honor guest of the occasion.

**Mrs. Jones Entertained Circle.**  
Mrs. E. C. Jones entertained the Elizabeth Hayes Circle of the Presbyterian Church on Friday afternoon at her home on Locust avenue. The circle is planning for a reception for their new members which will be given on Thursday evening, January the 10th.

**Will Keep "Open House."**  
The members of the Sicilian Thimble Club will keep "open house" on New Year's day at the residence of Miss Lucy Barnes in the First ward. The hours will be from two until four and an invitation has been extended to their friends to call.

**ALL IS WELL**

ON ISLAND OF CUBA, WRITES GOVERNOR MAGOON TO SECRETARY TAFT.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Secretary of War Taft this morning received most reassuring information from Cuba regarding the situation there. Civil Governor Magoon in a letter dated Dec. 23, says there is no danger of general uprising; believes that civil government established by the United States will continue to exercise its functions peaceably.

**Paved Street is Slipping.**  
The paved street on Walnut avenue near the Baptist Church is slipping toward Coal run. Some of the street was made by dumping dirt taken from the foundation for the Y. M. C. A. building. The bricks are sinking for three or four rods.

**The Devil has sport**  
With the long-faced sort, That BAW'S like a motherless calf: But the Devil will beat A hasty retreat When you open your face and laugh.—Captain Jack Crawford.

**Notice.**  
Person who took suit of clothes either by mistake of design, from Smouse & Echols' store, First ward, should return same at once to avoid arrest. H. F. BRAND, City.

**Special prices on watches at W. A. Fisher's.**

**The Marvels of Science.**

When we hear of rays of light capable of achieving photography through a foot thickness of solid iron, of the charting of the sky itself on such a scale that a thousand million members of the firmament can be recorded each in its appointed place, of the discovery of something like the sense organs of human knowledge on the roots, stems and leaves of plants; of the tracking of diseases which decimate humanity to their obscure source in the parasite of a parasite and of the process by which two patient and humble scientists working upon a few grains of an element in a mere secondary form managed to revolutionize our whole conception of the most stupendous forces of the physical world it seems indeed a mystery that the appetite for surprise and sensation should turn aside from what the pursuit of truth can offer and prefer to regale itself with the petty products of trumpeter, invention and ingenuity. — Pall Mall Gazette.

**Beauty of Clouds.**  
It is not of first sight easy to say why people so rarely give more than a passing glance to the realm of air above them. Is it because we cannot have a finger in this department of the wonders of nature, cannot net and label anything in those blue fields, pin it down on cork or fatten it in Canada balsam; cannot here annihilate distance with our ingenious instruments, that we neglect the phenomena of the sky? There above us, always ours for a lift of the eyes, is beauty in endless change for the contented mind and for the restless one the challenge of the ceaseless thaumaturgy which seems little nearer being found out than when the world began, and yet in comparison with such lines of research as are offered by cuckoo's eggs or the "protective devices" of caterpillars the region of the clouds may be said to be unexplored.—Saturday Review.

**Still Marks on China.**  
Hunting for still marks on old china is often good fun in itself. Almost every old piece of furniture—i. e., plates, platters, saucers, etc.—shows three little rough spots more or less clearly marked on both sides, usually on the margin. These spots were made in the firing by the cocksput of stiffs, the little tripods used between the plates in piling them up in the kiln. The three points where the cocksput touched the plate caused a defect in the glaze. Unfortunately still marks are not as sure a guarantee of authenticity as some collectors have supposed, for they are not only easy to imitate, but they are sometimes imperceptible on the old Staffordshire. Furthermore, they appear very frequently on modern tableware of the cheaper sort and so are no sign of antiquity.—Country Life in America.

**Weight of Air has often been tested by compressing it in receptacles by the air pump. That it really has weight when so compressed is shown by the fact that the weight of the vessels is increased slightly by filling them with compressed air, and that such vessels become specifically "lighter" as soon as the air contained in them is exhausted. Many elaborate experiments on the weight of air have proved that the cubic foot weighs 536 grains, or something less than one and a quarter ounces. The above experiment on the weight of air is supposed to be made at the surface of the earth with the temperature at 50 degrees F. Hented air or air at high elevations is much lighter.**

**A Deferred Call.**  
In a certain town in the county of Wexford there is a house the door of which must be raised a little to be opened, and for this purpose the hatchet is generally used. One night lately a knock came to the door, and a youngster was sent to see who was there.

"Who is there?" he inquired.  
"Me," said a voice outside.  
The youngster, knowing the voice, shouted back (in such a tone that the person outside could hear him):  
"It's Mrs. Murphy. Get the hatchet!"  
Needless to say Mrs. Murphy didn't wait.—Pearson's Weekly.

**He Wouldn't Wake.**  
One evening last week Mr. Poindexter, a travelling man, had a remarkable dream. He seemed to be exploring an old and unvisited attic in his dwelling house. Presently he uncovered an ancient chest. He opened it and found it full of gold and silver.  
So strong was the impression upon him that he realized at once the utter folly of waking up. Thereupon he slept on and continued to dream.—Chicago Tribune.

**Bad Error.**  
"That was a rather serious mistake the types made in speaking of young Gelightly."  
"In what way?"  
"Changed a 'u' into an 'a' and said he was a rugged specimen of athletic manhood."

**An Exception.**  
"I never heard such a lot of gossip. The walls in that boarding house have ears, haven't they?"  
"Yes; everywhere except about the dumb waiter."—Baltimore American.

**In the Swiss Mountains.**  
"Ethel, that awfully handsome guide kissed me a moment ago. Do you think I ought to deduct something from his pay or add to it?"—Filleagende Blatter.

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**JAMES J. HILL TO RETIRE.**  
President of Great Northern Railway Will Be Succeeded by His Son Next July.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 29.—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, will retire from active business and active management of his many mammoth enterprises July 1, 1907. This announcement comes from Mr. Hill himself. His successor will be his eldest son, Louis W. Hill, now first vice president of the Great Northern. For 50 years or ever since he came to St. Paul from his Canadian birthplace at the age of 18, Mr. Hill has followed steadily his dream of the development of the new empire in the northwest, and at the age of 68 he will retire with his work accomplished.

**ALL ELEVATORS**

In City Must Quit Using Water Until Monday.  
Owing to the shortage in the water supply for this city the mayor has ordered all elevators running by water power to be stopped until Monday noon in order to help ascertain the cause of the present troubles. It is thought that the needless waste of water by careless people is the cause of the scant supply. A diligent search by the Water Commissioner has brought no light upon the matter. There seems to be no brake in the returning main from the reservoir to the city.

**BRONCHO'S PHILOSOPHY.**

When a bit of sunshine hits ye, After passin' of a cloud, When a fit of laughter gits ye, And your spleen is feelin' proud, Don't forget to up and fling it At a soul that's feelin' blue, For the minute that you sling it It's a boomerang to you. Yours in clouds or sunshine, CAPT. JACK CRAWFORD.

Two Prominent Catholics Dead.  
ROME, Dec. 29.—Two high prelates were lost to the Catholic church to-day in the deaths of Cardinals Cavagolis and Trippi. Paralysis was the cause of death in each instance.

**Deafness Cannot Be Cured**  
by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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