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RAILROAD DEALS

Still form a Principal Topic of Conversation in

LOCAL COMMERCIAL CIRCLES

THE LARGE SALES IN CLEVELAND, LORAIN & WHEELING STOCK GIVE THE STORY OF ITS ACQUIREMENT BY THE FEDERAL STEEL COMPANY PLAUSSIBILITY—THE BALTIMORE & OHIO DEAL—COWEN SAYS THERE WILL BE NO CONSOLIDATION.

In local commercial and manufacturing circles, railroad talk still predominates, and both the Baltimore & Ohio reorganization and possible consolidation with the Great Northern, and the probable acquirement of the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling by the Federal Steel Company are being discussed with great interest.

Indications multiply that the Federal Steel Company will soon acquire the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling road, and of course that means the extension of the road to the Conneville coke regions, with possibly the acquisition of the Wheeling Bridge & Terminal system on the side. If this road is not acquired, a very expensive bridge across the river and right of way through or around Wheeling will be necessary.

The manner in which the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling stock figured on the New York stock exchange last week is interesting and significant, when taken in connection with the rumors of the acquisition of the road by the Federal Steel Company. The sales of preferred stock on the exchange last week amounted to 14,000 shares, and of common stock 6,700 shares. The preferred stock sold at 53 cents, and the common stock at 16 cents. This is a much heavier transaction than has ever before been recorded for the stock of this road. Compared with the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling sales of stock during the week, the Wheeling & Lake Erie, which has made a much heavier increase in earnings this year, did not make so good a showing, the sales of common stock aggregating 1,455 shares, and of preferred stock 2,790 shares.

As to the Baltimore & Ohio reorganization and consolidation, there is still much contradictory expression of views on the part of persons interested, and it is deemed by Receiver Cowen that the consolidation or close relations with the Great Northern will be consummated. On the other hand, there are statements made in Chicago that the consolidation will follow the reorganization.

NOT A TRANSCONTINENTAL.

Says a Chicago dispatch: The Baltimore & Ohio-HMI combination turns out to be a Baltimore & Ohio deal exclusively. This is confirmed, not only by P. D. Armour's assertion, but by James J. Hill. More Chicago people are interested in the Baltimore & Ohio reorganization than N. B. Ream, P. D. Armour and Marshall Field. John W. Gates and his following, known as the Illinois Steel crowd, all of whom are wealthy men, and have large means at their command for any deal that they may enter, are also heavily interested, and have been for months. It is understood from parties very close to Col. Gates that the Chicago capitalists have formed a connecting link between J. P. Morgan, Speyer & Co., and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., assisting in the reorganization. They went into Baltimore & Ohio when the stock was around the bottom. They laid one assessment, and made the others out of the advance in the stock. It is considered a good property, and while some of the speculative holdings have been sold out, the extent being 30,000 shares by one party, their holdings are still large, and they will see the deal through.

J. J. Hill's connection with the Baltimore & Ohio will be simply as a director. N. B. Ream, who is to go into the executive committee, has developed a liking for railroads within the past few years. His first ventures were as a speculator in securities. Then later he became interested in street railways. Now he is an executor of the George M. Pullman estate, and one of the heaviest stockholders in the Pullman company, and is gradually working into larger railroad interests, which he finds more profitable than what he speculates in, in which he made his original speculations. The Baltimore & Ohio, Wisconsin Central, or Chicago Great Western, and the Great Northern would make a good transcontinental line, but would be far from a first-class one, as the Lake Shore, Northwestern and Union Pacific, all of which are controlled by the Vanderbilts, as well as the other eastern lines, in connection with the Santa Fe, are superior transcontinental lines, with which the new combination would have to compete. They are all good properties, taking them singly, but the combi-

nation is not looked upon with favor by the railroad people, and will hardly be made.

RECEIVER COWEN TALKS.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 20.—Receiver John K. Cowen arrived in Baltimore from Chicago early this morning. In reply to questions, Mr. Cowen said: "It is true that a large interest, a very large interest, in the Baltimore & Ohio, has been purchased by Messrs. Field, Hill, Ream and Armour, as well as other influential interests. As to those concerned and the amount of their purchase the reorganization managers can only answer. "It is difficult to define a control. The class of men who have become interested in the property is of a character that would exercise an influence. With them the stock of the Baltimore & Ohio is in stronger hands than ever before in its history. They are strong factors in the business world and their interest in the road will be a decided advantage to the property. "Anything that will improve the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will be the very nature of the case benefit Baltimore, as this city is its chief terminus. The talk of moving the general offices and Mount Clare shops from Baltimore is all moonshine. "The progress of the reorganization of the property will not be affected in the slightest. Foreclosure proceedings and the legal formalities will be pushed, and as soon as they are settled the organization of the new company will be completed. The new interests went into the property on the basis of the plan of reorganization. They looked carefully over the field and, believing the interest in the road to be a first class investment, purchased it. The question as to the personnel of the new directors will be settled hereafter, and the new interests will be largely represented. "Their purchase of the stock does not mean any railroad combination. It does not mean a transcontinental system in connection with the Great Northern. What it does mean is the fullest development of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. The road will not be tied to any road in the northwest, but will continue to deal with all roads and take business wherever it is found. The policy of betterment will be carried out and the maximum traffic aimed after by providing the best facilities for handling the business."

TO PURCHASE CONTROL. NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—An authority in Chicago Great Western said to-day concerning rumors of the company's absorption with the Baltimore & Ohio: "It is true that an offer has been made by a prominent banking house to purchase control of the Chicago Great Western. That is all that can be said on the subject at this time."

HANDLAN.

Military Opening Sept. 23 and 25. City Bank Building, Market street. All are invited.

BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD.

Knights Templar Triennial Conclave Pittsburgh, Pa., October 10-14 1898. For the Knights Templar Triennial Conclave, to be held at Pittsburgh, Pa., from October 10 to 14, 1898, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will sell tickets from all points east of the Ohio river at One Lowest First Class Fare for the Round Trip, good going on October 8 to 13, inclusive, and good returning leaving Pittsburgh to and including October 17, 1898, except by depositing ticket with Joint Agent at Pittsburgh not earlier than October 13 nor later than October 17, and on payment of fifty (50) cents, the return limit of ticket may be extended to leave Pittsburgh to and including October 31, 1898. Solid Royal Blue Vestibled Trains run daily from New York, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Baltimore, Washington and intermediate points, elegantly equipped with Pullman Sleeping Cars, Observation Parlor Cars and unexcelled Dining Car Service. For tickets and full information, apply nearest Ticket Agent, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Excursion Tickets to Pittsburgh Exposition.

The Pennsylvania lines will sell excursion tickets to Pittsburgh Thursday of each week until October 20. Tickets good returning three days, including date of sale. Rate, \$2.25, including admission to exposition. t.u.w.

Relief in 48 Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder disease relieved in six hours by "New Great South American Kidney Cure." It is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in bladder, kidneys and back, in male or female. Relieves retention of water almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is the remedy. Sold by R. H. List, druggist, Wheeling, W. Va. t.u.w.

Washington, Pa., Pa.

September 20 to 23, inclusive, the Baltimore & Ohio will sell excursion tickets to Washington, Pa., and return, for \$1.25, including admission to the fair, good returning until September 24, inclusive.

A JOINT DEBATE

Between Candidates Dovener and Blair was Suggested

IN CHALLENGE ISSUED TUESDAY

BY CHAIRMAN S. G. SMITH, OF THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE—MR. POST, THE DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN REPLIES, DECLINING THE PROPOSITION, AND CLAIMING THAT IT WOULD INTERFERE WITH THE PLANS ALREADY MADE.

Chairman S. G. Smith, of the Republican congressional committee of the First district, last night mailed to Chairman M. D. Post, of the Democratic committee, the following letter, which explains itself:

Melville D. Post, chairman Democratic congressional committee for First district: Wheeling, W. Va.

Dear Sir:—The Republican congressional committee for the First district of West Virginia, on behalf of our candidate, Hon. B. B. Dovener, hereby invite your candidate, Hon. J. V. Blair, through your committee, to a joint discussion of the issues of this campaign in each of the seven counties of this district, and to meet at the court house of the respective counties, and the dates of such meetings to be arranged by the chairmen of the respective committees. We are ready to meet and arrange at once the dates and other details for said meetings.

The short time remaining before the election prompts us to ask that you give this invitation your prompt attention and an early reply. Very respectfully yours, S. G. SMITH, Chairman Republican congressional committee, First district of W. Va. Wheeling, Sept. 20, 1898.

Captain Dovener authorized this communication yesterday and in a statement made to an Intelligence reporter last night said that he hoped the offer would be accepted by his opponent, Mr. Blair. He stated further that he thought now, before the campaign is formally opened on either side, was an opportune time to issue such a challenge, since the itinerary of neither candidate has been announced, and any arrangement made cannot interfere with an announced programme of either concerning future engagements, as might be the case later on.

It was hoped Chairman Post would reply as soon as he ascertained the desires of Mr. Blair in the matter. As stated in the above letter, the time is short and it was felt the Democratic candidate would appreciate the request for an early reply. The proposition is plainly for one discussion in each of the county seats, making eleven debates in all.

The Republican committee will be at work within a day or so at the headquarters which will be located in the Callin building, 1413 Chapline street, where all business will be conducted, as announced yesterday. The secretary-treasurer of the committee is Mr. Hugo Loos, whom everybody knows where to find at 1200 Market street.

The proposition that Chairman Post of the Democratic committee would first communicate with Candidate Blair and learn his wishes before replying to Chairman Smith's letter, was away off. The Intelligence heard through a prominent Republican politician last night that he declined to accept the challenge for a joint debate on the issues of the campaign by the two candidates. It was ascertained that this declination was in the shape of a letter to Chairman Smith.

The Intelligence asked the Register for a copy of the Post letter, but the member of the editorial staff of whom the request was made denied any knowledge of such a letter being in his hands of the paper. No doubt he will be surprised when he sees it spread to the breeze this morning.

The Intelligence was determined to learn whether or not Mr. Post had written a letter in response to the Republican challenge, and at 2 o'clock this morning a representative of this paper called at the home of Chairman Post, 127 Fourteenth street.

Mr. Post came to the door wearing a dressing gown and a bored expression. The reporter apologized for routing out the object of his quest at such an unearthly hour. Mr. Post received the explanation with the suavity for which he is justly famed.

"Have you decided to accept or decline the challenge issued by Mr. Smith?" was the opening wedge of a conversation that was entirely too one-sided to suit the newsgatherer.

Mr. Post knitted his brow in reply. "Have you written a letter in reply to the challenge?" was the reporter's next query at enlivening the occasion.

Mr. Post glanced at the arc lamp that was the sole illumination of the scene. He also gently stroked his upper lip.

"Can we have your order on the Register for a copy of the letter?" said the reporter in growing desperation and fear that he was destined to be scooped.

"I have nothing to say for publication," answered the First district Democracy's chairman.

The interrogator felt encouraged. Mr. Post had actually said something, even if it was not for publication. In his eagerness and exultation over the remarkable progress he was making, the Intelligence man sprung several questions in a row.

"Why you are cross-examining me," was the observation of Mr. Post. This was a rare good humor, for Mr. Post is some shucks himself, in the cross-examining line.

The "man who wanted to know" felt encouraged again, but he was doomed to disappointment. Mr. Post declined to say a word that would make of him an Intelligence news-prosecutor.

"It's politics, you know," he said, and gently closed the door.

Mr. Post's next literary effort—after the campaign, of course—may be entitled, "How Not to be Interviewed."

However, Intelligence readers will not be disappointed. The Register, be it understood, issues a midnight edition, and after consulting some antiquities, the Intelligence reporter secured a copy. On the first page, under the head, "A BLUFF," were printed the letters of Chairman Smith, issuing the challenge, and Mr. Post's declining. With profuse apologies to the esteemed Register, Chairman Post's reply is printed in full below:

September 20, 1898. S. G. Smith, Esq., chairman of the Republican congressional committee of the First district of West Virginia.

Sir:—I had the honor to receive your note at 6 o'clock this evening. In reply permit me to state that the Democratic congressional committee of this district has arranged its plans of campaign. I shall not now interfere with even the minor details of that plan. I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant, MELVILLE D. POST, Chairman.

Literally this statement is true. It is learned that at the time of the meeting of the Democratic congressional committee here recently, it was decided that under no circumstances would the committee allow its candidate to take the stump against Captain Dovener. Last night's declination means that the Democrats will make the "still hunt" campaign, which they have been credited by the Intelligence with the intention of making.

MR. ASHBAUGH, The Fur Man, will be at the Windsor Hotel, September 21, 22 and 23. Give your order now for new Seal Jacket now.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS.

A Number of Volumes Recently Placed on the Library Shelves. Librarian Wilson yesterday gave out the following list of new volumes just placed upon the shelves at the public library:

- Appar, A. C.—Birds of the United States.
Banks, J. K.—Ghosts I Have Met and Some Others.
Boias, T.—Glass Blowing and Working.
Clarke, H. R.—The Old Compendium.
Dove, R.—Cuba, Past and Present.
Dor, Mrs. J. C. H.—In Knags Houses.
Du Bois, H. P.—Pearl Necklace of Thoughts of Women.
Field, E.—Lullaby Land.
George, H.—Science of Political Economy.
Gould, S. B.—Blads of the Stewponey.
Hassall, A.—Louis XIV and the Zenith of the French Monarchy.
Henry, Stuart—Hours with Famous Parisians.
Kaler, J. O.—Signal Boys of 75.
Kest, Gwendolyn—Life is Life, and Other Stories.
King, E. F.—Ten Thousand Wonderful Things.
Le Queux, W.—Whose Findeth a Wife.
Lockyer, N.—The Sun's Place in Nature.
Lys, Christian—The Hepworth Millions.
Oliphant, Mrs. M. O. W.—History of Scotland for the Young.
Personal Recollections of the War of the Rebellion.
Redding, M. W.—Antiquities of the Orient Unveiled.
Russell, T. O.—Beauties and Antiquities of Ireland.
Sergeant, A.—The Lady Charlotte.
Smith, R. H.—The Calculus.
Stimson, J.—Mrs. Knollys.
Stuart, R. Mc. E.—Moriah's Mourning.
Tiernan, Mrs.—The Chase of an Helress.
Tirebuck, W. E.—Meg of the Scarlet Foot.
Tweedie, Mrs. W. E.—Through Finland in Carts.
Woodbury, W. E.—Cyclopaedic Dictionary of Photography.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

P. F. Haberstick has a neat pen and ink original sketch, on exhibition at Nichols' art store, on Market street, and his work attracts universal praise.

The Orpheus Male Chorus held its second rehearsal of the season last evening, and there was an encouraging attendance of the members.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Strangers in the City and Wheeling People Absent.

E. H. Russell is a Mannington citizen at the Stamm.

Jacob Koonz and wife, of New Martinsville, are at the Howel.

Isaac Loewenstein, of Charleston, was a guest of the Windsor yesterday.

George Linnaman has returned from a trip to Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

Andy Hoelscher, of the Eighth ward, returned yesterday from Cincinnati.

John Tonkin, of Oil City, an old man well known in this state, was a McClure arrival last night.

Miss Catherine Flood, the South Side "Central," has returned from her vacation, spent at Pittsburgh.

Captain R. S. Irwin returned last night from New York, after spending a week there and two preceding weeks at Atlantic City.

Charles Sims, of Company K, First West Virginia Volunteers, left last night for the camp at Knoxville, Tenn., after visiting relatives here for a few days.

Send Home Compliment for One.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Sept. 20.—Company K, of the Ninth regiment, arrived at Bethlehem early to-day, and was greeted by thirty thousand enthusiastic citizens. Captain Adams and his seventy-seven soldier boys were escorted by six bands of music, as many drum corps and twenty civic societies and 1,000 firemen to Municipal hall, where a reception was held. In the jam at the depot as the train bearing the soldiers came in Mrs. M. Talbot, sixty-five years of age, whose son is a private in Company K, was pushed under an engine and ground to pieces.

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Our Carpet Department is a store in itself. The stock is simply perfect in every detail. We have scoured the factories and wholesale houses for the latest patterns and the richest colorings. There isn't a "cheap" quality, from the Brussels at 65c a yard to the most expensive Velvets. Ingrains begin at 35c a yard, and we can guarantee service that will be satisfactory. Every Carpet bought in this house is Made, Lined and Laid Free.

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