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THE PACIFIC RAIL ROAD.

This wonder of the nineteenth century is just now being pressed forward with a celerity which is as surprising as was the daring of its conception. Not much has been said about it, and the masses of the people really have but little conception of the extent to which it has already been pushed. Its projectors have been men of action rather than of words, and so while but little comparatively has been said upon the subject, the more has been really done, until to day the long tracks lie hundreds of miles beyond the outermost verge of what we had called civilization. No class of difficulties has been able to intimidate the courageous men who are at the head of the enterprise and no discouragements have been too great for success to overcome. At one time it was thought that the enterprise must lie still for want of cross ties. There was no wood suitable, none at all, except such as was so soft as to be utterly valueless, and the possibility of transporting it from the Mississippi by wagons, over a country where there were no roads and filled with swamps, was not worth the discussing. But a scientific engineer invented a process by which the soft wood was hardened so as to be as valuable as any other kind and the work went on. The whole work appears like a romantic novel. The country through which it passes is entirely new. Provisions, forage, tools and everything have to be carted fabulous distances; the workmen live in the wilderness, the failure of one among their hundred ways of transportation would bring everything to a dead stand. Yet such is the marvelous accuracy of detail that characterizes the management that scarcely, if ever, is a day lost from their work from such a cause. The forests are being leveled; the swamps solidified; the mountains tunneled; the gorges filled; the track grades laid running gear experimented all at one and the same time, and all in that exact ratio that enables one day's progress to exactly reach the line of progress laid by pioneers of the day before, and if nothing occurs to impede the work more than in the past two years more will give first class Railroad communication between the ports of Atlantic and those of the Pacific ocean, while diverging lines will network the whole district through which the main track will pass.

The Indians are about the only serious obstacle to success, as no track would be safe to run whenever they were hostile, and the probability is that they will be removed to other localities where they can hunt and scalp each other without serious interruption. It is certain that one of two things must be done in reference to them in that country. Either we must abandon it or they must, for experience has always demonstrated, and never with more certainty than in the past few years, that the two races cannot, or what is its equivalent, will not live in common, while the Indians are permitted to be savages. Our own belief is that this kind of nationality has been permitted long enough to them, and that the true plan is for the government to enclose them somewhere within the walls of civilization and gradually teach them the arts of civilized life just as it has already been done for the Cherokees. But that as it may, it is certain that they will have to be removed from the line of the road and it is probable that the present war will result in exactly this measure. We do not want the Indian harmed but it is ridiculous to allow such great world enterprises as the one of which we have spoken to come to a stop because the red men of the forest will feel it an infringement upon their liberty to be imprisoned upon their ability to practice their agreeable business of killing and scalping the race who are now dominant upon the continent. There have no doubt been many wrongs and outrages committed against them, but if the necessities of the Pacific road compel their removal to some such position as that of the Cherokees, many of those wrongs will have been atoned, while at the same time a great national benefit is secured.

ACCIDENT AND NARROW ESCAPE.

On Saturday morning last Mr. Dunke of the firm of McKurdy & Dunke, of Philadelphia, met with an accident, but fortunately escaped without any serious injury, except the breaking of the pole of a carriage into several pieces. Mr. Dunke had been taking a drive in the country with his wife and some friends, and was returning down Pearl street with one of the best turnouts in this city, from Holmes' stable. In crossing Commerce St. Mr. D. reined up his horses, in order to let a carriage pass, which was coming up Commerce Street, when the wheel of the carriage coming up the street came in contact with the pole of the other carriage, breaking it in several pieces. The horses were skillfully managed by Mr. Dunke, and prevented from doing any further damage. A small lad was in the carriage with him at the time of the accident, but escaped without injury.

NEW INVENTION.

The Messrs. Dickinson, of Woodstown, have just introduced a most valuable invention, called the "Marl Digger." It is a kind of flat bottomed boat, fitted with a twenty three feet, and is connected with an apparatus worked by an engine of forty-five horse power, that will dig five hundred tons of marl each day, with only three men to work her. The machine will be a great improvement upon the laborious plans of the past, and the Dickinson brothers deserve great credit for their spirit of enterprise in this matter.

POLITICS.

Just now there is a lull in the political storms which for the years past have steadily convulsed the nation. Congress has assembled and passed its supplements to reconstruction in such a form as defies misinterpretation, and adjourned. The president has contented himself with powerless votes, made up of logic and sarcasm, and settled down into quiet again. The impeachment committee have apparently given up their labors, finding it impossible to follow our erratic president through all the sinuosities of his official career. The commanders of the different military districts though standing in avowed opposition to the presidential views, still retain their offices and execute zealously the requirements of their position. Even "Little Phil. Sheridan" has, in fact, removed obnoxious governors and levee commissioners without hindrance. The registration of the voters in the South is proceeding with unexampled rapidity, proving what we have often said, that if the southern people were given definitely to know what was required of them, without the hopes of presidential interference, they would at once accept the situation and conform to it with the best grace that was possible, and it is now certain that if no more obstacles are thrown in their way by their unfortunate friend, the President, the states of the South will speedily be represented again in the Congress of United States. Mr. Stanton still retains his place in the cabinet, although differing largely with the rest as to the proper measures to be taken in the crisis. For some unexplained reason he is not dismissed, probably because they cannot conduct the war department just now without him. In our own state the only event which attracts much attention is the "Equal Suffrage Convention," in whose doctrines it is decided to give the privilege of voting to the colored man, without distinction of color, who pay taxes to support the government. The issue is too recent for us to be able to give its exact status, but from the numbers standing, and enthusiasm of those who composed it, it would appear to have a strong hold upon many of the leading minds of the State. The weather is too hot, however, for the people to get up much excitement about anything, and the fever of contention will not likely reach its raging point again until the cooler season is upon us.

JOY COE & CO.

Among the worthy and reliable newspaper agents, we have no hesitation in recommending Joy Coe & Co., of Philadelphia. Having had dealings with them for many years and being personally acquainted with Mr. Coe, who is the principal business man of the firm, in that city, we can truthfully say that all their transactions with us have been of the most honorable kind, and among our numerous acquaintances in and out of the editorial fraternity of this State and Pennsylvania, we have never heard one of them express an unfavorable opinion of the above named firm. There are a number of newspaper agents in Philadelphia and other large cities who should be exposed by all the papers in the country, as they are no better than so many thieves or highwaymen. They deceive the parties who advertise through them; and rob the publishers of their just dues. Messrs. Webster, Delp, and Joy Coe & Co., of Philadelphia, with several others in New York we could mention are not of this class and we shall give the names of some before long which it will be well for publishers to be on their guard for.

Accident with a Feather Renovator.

Farnor & Allen, of Burlington, introduced one of O. J. Pennell's Patent Feather Renovators in this city last week, and commenced renovating feather beds one of which we had "put through" in a very successful manner. While in our city Mr. Farnor met with quite a serious accident. Supposing that the steam was turned off the tin boiler, he was about extracting a large cork when it with his teeth, (having done so frequently before without injury) when the steam escaped suddenly, scalding him badly on the face and neck, fortunately his eyes escaped without serious damage. His face was badly disfigured, but it is hoped will be spoiled his pleasant countenance, as Mr. F. is a young man and has his fortune yet to make. He says he has got enough of patent rights to last him for some time. He sold out to Mr. Richard Pithian, of this city, who has the exclusive right in Cumberland County of renovating feather beds, which that machine is capable of doing in good style.

COMMUNICATIONS DEFERRED.

Notwithstanding we endeavor to be as obliging as possible with our columns to correspondents, yet it is impossible at times to insert all the same week they are received. This week we are compelled to defer several interesting articles until next issue. Two of them are of some length, and in reply to our Maricottown correspondent who expressed himself in such a manner as to stir up the advocates of the Normal School, and the New School law. We shall give them all fair play in our columns. Our Vineland friends also shall have a hearing before long. They are an enterprising people and deserve success. Those who wish anything inserted in the Pioneer should bear in mind to have it in early, as we close our forms on Wednesday, and print early Thursday morning.

A limited number of tents for either the Barabors' or Pittsgrove Camp-meetings can be rented at three, five and eight dollars, according to size. Apply by letter to Rev. A. E. Ballard, care of J. B. Ferguson, Bridgeton, N. J.

The Millville Republican having failed to reply to our last article, we consider it cruel to "him again" until he again "pitches into" us. The attention of persons wishing print is called to the card of the Pecora Co.

The Vineland Camp Meeting.

The first camp meeting in the world which has ever been held for the specific purpose of the promotion of holiness, as a distinct and positive experience, has, as our readers are already aware, taken place in the town of Vineland. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, although ministers and members of other denominations were largely represented and participated in the exercises. Rev. Mr. Ballard presided over the meeting except when called away by official duties elsewhere or in his family, when his place was most efficiently supplied by Rev. Mr. Street of Millville. The order of the meeting was most excellent. Indeed it was the universal opinion that no camp had ever been held in New Jersey where the order was as perfect as this one. Except in a very few instances, there was no smoking on the ground. There was an almost entire absence of the usual strolling and idling about the grounds. There were no wranglings, and no noisy and boisterous characters, among the outsiders, and most of all, so far as we can learn, not a drunken man was seen either around or within the enclosure. This may fairly be attributed to the unflinching determination of the Vineland people to allow no liquor to be sold within their precincts, for at all other convocations of this kind, where religious people meet to exercise the spirituality of their nature, by the operations of the spirit of God, some of the irreligious people are pretty sure to exercise themselves by the use of the spirit of rum. The committee who assisted the Presiding Elder, expressed themselves, in the fullest terms of approbation, upon this point, and the Vineland people may rest assured that the same discipline will be maintained in the future. The states of the South will speedily be represented again in the Congress of United States. Mr. Stanton still retains his place in the cabinet, although differing largely with the rest as to the proper measures to be taken in the crisis. For some unexplained reason he is not dismissed, probably because they cannot conduct the war department just now without him. In our own state the only event which attracts much attention is the "Equal Suffrage Convention," in whose doctrines it is decided to give the privilege of voting to the colored man, without distinction of color, who pay taxes to support the government. The issue is too recent for us to be able to give its exact status, but from the numbers standing, and enthusiasm of those who composed it, it would appear to have a strong hold upon many of the leading minds of the State. The weather is too hot, however, for the people to get up much excitement about anything, and the fever of contention will not likely reach its raging point again until the cooler season is upon us.

REV. A. C. VANDEWATER.

It is always a source of pleasure to take by hand one of our old citizens who has long been absent, and especially so when that citizen is one of the noblest spirits of the age. The pleasure of meeting him is not only in the pleasure of meeting him, but in the pleasure of seeing him in the midst of the work to which he has been called. On Sunday morning last, Mr. Vandewater preached in the Commerce St. M. E. Church to a large and attentive audience, many of whom were his old hearers and spiritual children. In the evening he preached in the Central M. E. Church, to a good congregation, notwithstanding a storm which prevailed at the time. The discourses of Mr. V. were very interesting and eminently practical, which is characteristic of his man. His sound logic, forcible and apt illustrations, practical applications of the truth, impressed upon the hearts of his hearers by a powerful voice and finished elocution, with words gushing from a warm heart and sympathetic nature, cannot fail to have their designed effect upon the minds of his hearers. He is a man of high standing in the West, he has more the physical appearance of a Western man, than when he left this section of country. His tall, erect and commanding form is no less tall and erect, but his manly features have been added to his weight. Mr. Vandewater's services as chaplain in the Union army, during the rebellion, and consequent loss of a leg, and the fact that he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, (especially hunting), has given him a healthy color and added to his manly appearance. The tooth of time has made but little impression on his brow; his dark hair, piercing eyes, and powerful voice are unchanged. 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