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PENNSY PLAN TO RUN RAILROAD APPROVED

Public Service Commission to Announced Favorable Decision on Plan

NO OPPOSITION OFFERED

Approval was given by the Public Service Commission Saturday to the first step n the plan of the Pennsylvania Ralroad to rehabilitate transpeninsula service on the Eastern Shore.

This plan aims to make of parts of the old Maryland, Delaware and Virginia, and the Baltimore Chesapeake and Atlantic rail lines a single road extending from Love Point to Ocean City.

Would Issue Stock

The matter was the subject of a hearing before the commission, at which no opposition developed. The hearing was on the question of granting permission to the Baltimore and Eastern Railroad Company to exercise a franchise to operate a line from Love point to West Denton.

Applications also was made to grant permssion to this company to issue $230,000 worth of its stock, and for permission to the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Alantic to acquire this stock.

Counsel Outlines Plan

C. R. Heiserman, general counsel for the Pennsylvania system, outlined the plans of the new company. While these plans do not go ao far as the plans outlined by the Warfield commission for the rehabilattion of the old Maryland Delaware and Virginia, they are not in conflict with that plan.

It was the plan of the new company, he said, to operate a service from Baltimore to Love Pont by steamboat, then to operate the rail line from Love Point to Queen Anne, lne from Love Pont to Queen Anne, thence by connection wth the Oxford branch to Easton, and thence by the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic to Ocean City.

ORPHANS COURT

In the matter of the estate of Armond L. Andrew and John E. Andrew, minors, on petition and order of court, Annie E. Andrew, mother of said minors was authorized and empowered to deposit in the Denton National Bank certain moneys belonging to said minors until said minors arrive at the age of twenty-one years.

John Shulties and J. Calvin Smith, admiinstrators of Catherine Shulties, deceased, filed an account of sales of the personal property of said deceased.

John Shulties and J. Calvin Smith administrators of Catherine Shulties, deceased, filed their first and final administration account and distribution.

Lida William, administratrix of W. Frank Williams, deceased, filed inventory and appraisement of the personal property, and an order to sell was granted.

Fred R. Owens, executor of Tilghman, Harvey, deceased, filed an interest account, sperate debts list, first and final administration account and distribution.

Isaac L. Dukes, admisistrator of Laura S. Garey, deceased, filed his first account of sales which was approved and passed.

Harvey L. Cooper, aministrator of Jude W. Field, deceased, filed releases from William G. Field, Benjamin F. Field and Sara F. Ringgold, children of Jude W. Field, deceased, and also a release from Adella F. Field, widow of said deceased.

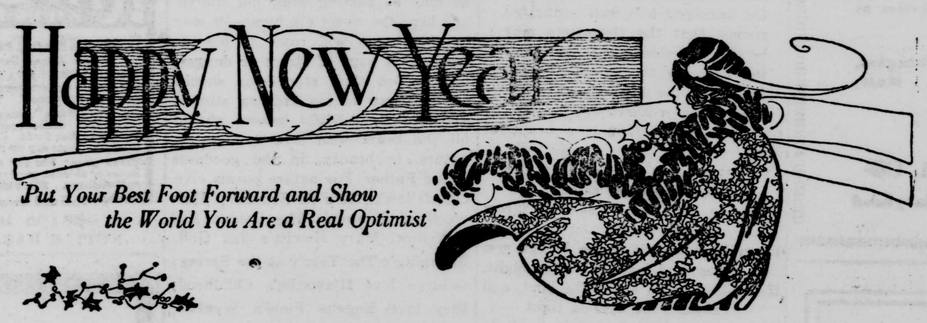
Easton Paint House Burns

Easton, Md., Dec. 23.—Fire broke out in the paint and varnish house of the Easton Furniture Manufacturing company's plant here this morning at 3 o'clock and caused $10,000 damage. The entire stock was destroyed. Large casks exploded.

The main building of the factory, 1000 yards away, was saved.

The origin of the fire is mystery. No one had been working at the plant since yesterday noon and it is believed an incediary is at work here. Last Sunday night a barn not far from the factory was discovered "set" for a blaze. Before that a stable at the Hambleton property was burned. All three appear to be the work of an incendiary.

Eat More Wheat



NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

By THE CRACKER

Once more the old gent with his scythe, has clipped another year, and left a record of our lives in mingled joy and tears and now another round we face and know we must not mope, if we're to hold our rightful place and stay inside the ropes. Of failures of the year just past; 'tis useless now to wail, the resolutions we amassed a year ago are stale, all broken in their infancy as resolutions must be broken for the doggone things were never made to rust.You can record a temperance pledge and vow you won't get high; or have a wobble in your legs when the cider barrel's dry.But when the summers apple crop is nicely in ferment; "O well we'll let the matter drop, the kick was elegant." The gentle mule shall be immune from wicked blows and welts, until his tail your eye balls prune; "and then it's some thing else." No rancid words will ever come you'll never rave or cuss, "but when the hammer hits your thumb as sometimes hammers must." In tones of candor you will speak and with the truth comply, 'til wife finds "rouge" upon your cheek and asks the reason why. But resolutions must be filed with every cycle's round, no New Year's day would be in style without their gladsome sound, and with them come refreshing thoughts and aspirations high,; and failure may not be your lot for each day some men die.

HARMONY

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Donaho and daughter Dora of Mardela; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Donaho and children, of Hebron and Mr. and Mrs. Brice Twilley and little daughter, of Cambridge, were all guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Donaho on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dean, of Baltimore are spending the holidays with Mr. Dean's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Hurst, of Wilmington, spent Christmas with Mr. Hurst's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hurst.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fry and daughters, of Greenwood, Del., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hurst on Christmas day.

Mr. Melvin Williamson, of Wilmington, was the guest of his uncle Mr. Earnest Williamson, on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Hickey, of Wilmington are Christmas visitors of Mrs. Hickey's mother, Mrs. E. Stoery.

Mrs. Carrie Collins and daughter Mildred were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fishel, near Concord.

Mr. Arthur Baker, of Baltimire, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Nora Kelley.

A Christmas entertainment was held in the church on Christmas night which was well attended. An interesting program was rendered by the children. A pretty Christmas tree with its bright trimmings gave the church a Christmas look. And Santa Claus himself added much to the pleasure of the small small children.

Mrs. Bell Dean was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Duhadway. to a turkey dinner on Christmas.

Mrs. Fanny Franthom's funeral was held in the church here Monday. She was a lifelong resident of this place, but went to Newark to her daughter's Mrs. Albert Murphy where she died. She had been in poor health for some months. She was 74 years old and leaves eight children, all married. She was the widow of the late Charles Franthom.

Wedding invitations and announcements, either printed or engraved, at The American Union.

NEW POLICE OFFICER NAMED BY COMMISSIONERS MONDAY

At a special meeting of the Town Commissioners of Denton on Monday evening, William McMullen was appointed to the office of street commissioner and bailiff, to take effect January first.

In the first named office hi sduty will be to keep the streets clean and in good repair and the latter office will be to keep peace within the borough limits, succeeding John Clark.

TOWERS—MINTER

Norfolk, Va. papers announce the wedding of Miss Anita Elizabeth Minter, daughter of Mrs. Capitola and the late Charles E. Minter, Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy, to George W. Towers, Jr.,son of Mr. and Mrs. George Towers of this county on Wednesday afternoon, December 26th, at 5:30, at the home of the bride's parents, Norfolk, Va.

Rev. Dr. Grinnan, pastor of Colly Memorial Presbyterian church performed the impressive ceremony.

The drawing room of the Minter home was decorated with palms, holly and mistletoe. The ceremony took place before an improvsed altar of holly, ferns and mistletoe, with potted poinsetta's at intervals. In a corner directly back of the altar stood a beautifully illuminated Christmas tree. The way to the alter was outlined with chains of evergreen caught up at intervals by tall baskets banked with feathery ferns and lighted with cathedral candies, and together with the soft radiance of the lights on the Christmas tree enhanced the beauty and solemnity of the occasion.

The dining room was simply, but tastefully arranged. The table was covered with fillet lace over pink, and centrally decorated with a cut glass basket of pink rosebuds mounted on a reflector. From each corner of the table were ropes of evergreen extending to the chandelier above, from which a large wedding bell was suspended. The huge mantle was banked with holly and potted plants with cut flowers in profusion.

The wedding march was played by Miss Cora Drew, and just before the ceremony, Miss Helen Riddle sang, "Because" and "At Dawning".

The bride wore a handsome traveling suit of marveline with viatica squirrel trimmings, with accessories to match, and carried a shower bouquet of Opkelia roses.

A formal luncheon was served, immediately after which the bride and groom amid showers of rice and hearty felicitations, departed on a ship of the Chesapeak- Steamship Company for a northern trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Towers will reside at 1545 Whitney street, Agusta, Ga.

Delaware Grange to Celebrate

Plans were launched at the annual meeting of Deleware State Grange for the celebration of the golden jubilee of this organization in observance body, on December 10,1924. Three places in which the elaborate program will be staged are in view, Wilmington, Dover and Milford and the decision as to which city is best suited for such an occassion will probably be made soon.

Every member of the Grange in Delaware will be asked to invest 25 cents at the beginning of the new year and this, with the accumulated interest, will be used to defray the expenses of the celebration. It is hoped to make the jubille observance one of the biggest occasions the State Grange has ever attempted.

Three deputies, one for each county in the State, were named, to create and foster a more general and a deeper interest in Grange affairs in this State. Those appointed are: Walker Pennington, Marshallton, for New Castle county; A. F. Walker, Woodside, for Kent county; E. C. Vaughn, Coolspring, for Sussex county.

Birthday Cards The American Union.

DENTON LOSES TO BARTON 3-0

On Saturday at 10 a. m. the state championship soccer game was played at Patterson Park between Denton, the Eastern Shore champions and Barton, from Alleghany county. The game was played on a field ankle-deep in mud.

In the first half Denton was able to hold Barton to a tie score of 0-0. But in the second half, three goals were scored by Barton. The first two were scored by Barton's center forward. Denton's weak pont was too much individual playing. Barton had a strong forward line which won the game for them although it was evident that Denton would be defeated after being scored on three times they kept up the fight to the last, and when the final whistle blew, the ball was in front of Barton's goal.

Mrs. EMILY DEFORD

Mrs. Emily DeFord, aged 68, died at her home on Franklin street, Sunday night at 12 o'clock.

She was ill for three months, being paralized three times during her illness.

She was born in Quenn Anne's county, and was the oldest child of Francis Albert and Martha Bartlette. She was taken in the church at the age of twelve wherein she has been an active member until her illness.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. James Carter, of Carmichael, Mrs. John Bailey, Queenstown, and Mrs. W. D. Anthony, of Phladelphia; one brother, Mr. Joe Bartlette, of Centerville. She is the mother of nine children; Mr. Franciss Albert DeFord, of Tuckahoe Neck, Mrs. J. J. Beasley, of Coleraine, N. C., Mrs. Walter Hicks of Washington, Mrs. J. L. Elkins, of Way Cross, Ga., Mrs. R. F. Pierce and Mrs. G. C. Roane, of Newport News, Va., Mrs. Louis Cole and Mrs. A. G. Packard, of Baltimore, Miss Caroline DeFord, of this place.

Funeral services were held in the M. P. Church at two o'clock on Wednesday, interment was made in the family square in Denton cemetery. Rev. J. A. Dudley officiating, assisted by Dr. Ward and Dr. Benson, of Baltimore.

THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE

THE OTHER night
I ATTENDED a banquet.
WHERE THERE were a lot of business men.
AND BANKERS and manufacturers.
AND I saw a good many take out their flasks.
AND POUR something into their glasses.
AND DRINK it.
THEN A speaker was introduced.
WHO TOLD us.
ALL ABOUT the Reds.
AND THE Bolsheviks.
AND OTHERS.
WHO HAD no respect.
FOR LAW and order.
AND HE said that the country.
EVERY DAY in every way.
WAS GROWING worse and worse.
AND THE government.
SHOULD PUT all these lawless people.
IN PRISION.
AND KEEP them there.
AND EVERYBODY applauded.
AND THE men who had flasks in their pockets.
APPLAUDED MOST of all.
AND I wondered.
WHICH LAWS I should obey.
AND WHICH I could violate.
AND STILL be a good citizen.
AND WHY the other fellow.
HAD NOT the same right.
TO PICK and choose.
THE LAWS to be respected.
AND SO far.
I HAVEN'T found the answer.
I THANK you.

—Intercollegiate Statesman.

A TRIP IN CHANGCHOW

A Christmas letter was received from Miss Margaret Rue, a sister of G. H. Rue, who is a missionary at Changchow, China. Miss Rue left in August of 1922 for the China mission fields and has beem workng there since. Her letter is a most interesting portrayal of the customs of the Chinese republic, and the work she is doing.

Merry Christmas to you all. Of course it is always merry with you, and we want you to know that China has a merry time, too, for I found it out last year. It's gong to be a very different kind of merry this year, for I shall not be in a school, but we are planning a lot of things. I'll tell you all about them later.

Just to let you know what we shall be doing I am going to take you with me on a trip to our new Trinity Institutional church. We must start from our compound rather early for it is about a mile to the church. We'll gather some flowers to take with us, but perhaps we shall not have many by the time we reach the church for so many of the children will ask for them and it will be hard to refuse them. We like to walk down by the canal best of all for it is more open. Very near our house is a beautiful tree that spreads its graceful branches over the water. It is not much wonder that the Chinese think that one of their gods would enjoy living in it, and so they worship it. You can see the little red candles fastened to a little board with some mystic words written above. Some very wealthy families like this canal, too. And we pass some alluring looking doorways, guarded by great stone lions. A high wall is built in front of the doorway so that the evil spirits can not come in. It is called a spirit wall. Of course there is a very high wall around the house and garden and you spend your time wondering just what is going on inside.

Canals are much in demand in China. Everything is washed there. This means the food, the clothes and all the household utensils. Needless to say the water is far from clear and it is very low. It gives you a rather queer feeling when you realize that your own "wash-clothes-shop-man" must resort to the same method. One of the most fascinating spots is a near-by shop where you can see idols in the making. Great ugly creatures made of mud are shaped into the semblance of a man and then covered with paint, gold leaf or other material. If you want to ask about anything you say, "What's east and west?" We are almost certain to pass a wedding procession or the carrying of the bride's dowry, which is more interesting to me. You ought to see the gorgeous display. Everything is carried through the streets without any cover, furniture, dishes beautifully fastened to tables with cord, fruit and other food is fastened likewise, so that you might sit down and eat if the processon stopped long enough; piles of lustrous silk quilts, chests of bed linen and clothes. A recent bride from our church had over one hundred dresses in her trousseau! There isn't any chance to see the bride for she is always carried in a goregeous glittering chair that is closed from all curious eyes.

It is too bad that we can't avoid going down one block of the market street, but perhaps you can stand that much of t. It is very crowded and you have to be careful not to stumble over the great baskets of shrimps, crabs, chickens dressed and then painted with red lacquer for future use, great tubs of something that looks like boiled noodles and baskets of rice. If you want some of the slippery noodle-looking stuff, a man will kindly tie a string around the middle of a portion and you will carry it down the street without any cover over it. The rickshas crowd you into the buildngs and the stones are so wet you want to be very careful as

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URGES U. S. TO HOLD COURT AT DENTON

Representative Goldsborough Introduces Bill in House for District Branch

TO AID EASTERN SHO'MEN

Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough of Maryland, last week introduced a bill in the House to authorize the holding of United States Court at Denton twice each year. Mr. Goldsborough said that Eastern Shore litigants are entitled to have their cases tried before a tribunal nearer home than Baltimore.

At present, Representative Goldsborough expained, United States District Courts in Maryland convene only in Baltimore and Cumberland. The Cumberland sessions, which are heid twice a year are a convenience to litigants from the western portion of the State. Mr. Goldsborough asserts that a similar convenience should be extended to persons of the Eastern Shore.

Used As Draft Center.

"The bill I offer today," said Mr. Goldsborough, "would authorize the holding of United States courts at Denton, central Eastern Shore point, on each third Monday in January and first Monday in July. Denton was used as draft board headquarters during the war.

"There is no reason why Eastern Shore litigants and witnesses should be compelled to go to Baltimore to attend a session of the United States Court. Such a journey entails a loss of time and money.

Will Urge Action on Bill

"The business of the United States courts on the Eastern Shore warrants the holding of a court twice a year at Denton, just as Cumberland now has two sessions a year as a matter of convenience for persons who, otherwise would be required to go to Baltimore.

"I shall press for passage of the bill for a Federal District Court on the Eastern Shore."

COMMUNITY EXERCISES

The community Christmas tree and the carol singing were enjoyed by a number of people from town and the surrounding country, on both Saturday and Monday evenings last. The tree, which was a beautiful specimen of cedar, was donated by Mrs. Solomon Hurst, of Harmony, who is a member of the Denton Community club. It was erected by Mr. D. W. Davis, with the assistance of some of the electric light force. Owing to some trouble in the town lighting system, the electric light company was unable to wire the tree in time. for it to be lighted on Saturday night, but did place two large lights in a convenient place for the carol singing.

On Monday night, however, the tree was a blaze of lghts and has been lighted every night since.

The school children had been drilled in singing the various carols by Mrs. Kemp Stevens, county supervisor of music and were assisted by members of the choirs of the different churches, led by Rev. Alward Chamberlaine, who made a most excellent leader. About half a dozen different carols were sung and were greatly enjoyed by all who were there.

An occasion lke this greatly arouses the Christmas spirit and increases the community feeling. Rev. J. A. Dudley as well as many others, were active in the arrangements for the success of the undertaking.

Donations of vegetables were placed beneath the tree, and were distributed when they were needed by a committee appointed by the Community club.

CONCORD

Mr. Alex Lord and family has moved from American Corner to a farm he has bought, formerly owned by Raymond L. St. Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright spent Christmas dy with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lord.

Mr. D. Edgar Todd has purchased a new Ford coupe.

William Beulah

William Beulah, colored, a very highly respected young man died in Philadelphia, Pa. hospital, December 14th. His body was brought down to St. Paul church for b

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